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CURRENT COMMENT.

NEITHER HEWITT, Roosevelt nor George is more than five feet six in height.

THE chartered Mercantile Bank of India, at Shanghai, has been attacked by robbers, who stole a large amount of specie.

SIR WILLIAM WHITE, the British ambassador at Constantinople, upon presenting his credentials to the Sultan said he hoped there would be an increase in the traditional friendship and entente cordiale between the two nations.

A BAND of one hundred brigands was reported ravaging Salonica. The band entered the Turkish village and murdered seven women and pillaged and set fire to the houses.

THREE thousand three hundred and seventy dollars in Continental notes of the issue of 1878-9, in denominations of fifty-five, sixty, seventy and eighty, were recently sent to the United States Treasurer by A. M. Sewell, of Washington, for redemption.

In Charlestown, Mass., it is said, there is a family the paternal head of which is connected with the city works, two sons are policemen, one son occupies a position in a reformatory belonging to the city, one is a letter carrier, two daughters are clerks in the employ of the city and one daughter, the youngest, hopes soon to obtain a position as teacher in a public school.

WILLIAM H. DENNIS left Buffalo twelve weeks ago in a clinker boat eighteen feet six inches over all, four feet ten inches beam, and carrying an eleven-yard sail. His companions were a brace of pointers. His trip was to be by way of Lake Erie, the Miami canal, the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, the Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic ocean, Hudson river and the Erie canal back to Buffalo.

ABOUT the most cruel thing that has been reported from Connecticut lately was the conduct of three citizens of Norwich, who were on Niantic bay in search of ducks. A gale was blowing, and a boy of quail which had evidently been blown off shore, alighted on the duck shooters' boat, too weary to fly any further. The shooters deliberately shot ten of the tired little fellows, and the few that escaped went wearily winging their way out over the bay, and doubtless were drowned.

THE triennial assessment of taxable property in the District of Columbia, as given in the annual report of the assessors by the District Commissioners, shows that the assessed value of taxable real estate in the city of Washington has increased from \$85,151,430 to \$96,388,486. The total assessed value of all the real property in the District, including that owned by the United States, which is exempt from taxation, is \$222,105,191. The number of houses in the District is 34,750, of which 29,086 are in the city of Washington.

A CORRESPONDENT at Naples writes: "On the morning of October 5 I went early to Pompeii to see the new street of tombs discovered only a few weeks ago. I was amused to read on the outside of one of these tombs an election notice, which, on this high road to the neighboring Nucera, called upon the people of that town to vote for one Casianinus in this style: 'O Nucernians, vote for Casianinus!' Another sets forth in a single line of red paint that Mumentinus is a candidate for magistrate. On the tomb opposite a circus has 'painted the town red,' for it states that on a certain number of days in May (year not mentioned) 'ten pairs of gladiators will fight in the amphitheater.'"

FAILING to get hold of Stewart, who recently stole two thousand dollars from the Western Union Telegraph Company at Wichita, Kan., and fled to Canada, the company has commenced suit against him in the Winnipeg courts under the Dominion statute, which provides that any one bringing any stolen property, or property obtained by fraud, into Canada shall be subject to the same punishment as if the stealing had taken place in Canada. The prosecution will be required to prove that he had in his possession the whole or part of the money actually stolen. The case is attracting considerable interest, and the result may lead to other prosecutions under the same statute in which extradition has failed.

THE municipal authorities of Berlin some time ago caused to be compiled an elaborate work referring to the Hygienic and Medical Institution of Berlin. Copies were circulated among the members of the Congress of Scientists recently held in that city and a copy was sent to Prince Bismarck at Varpin. The Chancellor, in reply, thanked the municipality for the gift, but bluntly told them he would not read it because it was printed in Roman characters. The editors, who included Prof. Virchow, had so printed the work for the convenience of foreign readers. It is remembered that Prince Bismarck once denounced the authorities of Berlin as a "Radical ring," and this probably is the reason for the snub which he has now given them.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Glenned by Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

SENOR CASTELLAR, the Spanish statesman, was recently lionized at Paris. DAVID T. BUNKER, of Massachusetts, has been appointed United States Consul at Demerara.

M. DE LESSEPS was entertained at dinner in Philadelphia on the 24 by George V. Childs. The dining room was wonderful in its array of flowers and shrubs. The State railways budget submitted to the Bundesrath at Berlin shows: Receipts, 45,287,800 marks, or 2,153,900 marks less than in 1885.

MME. GERSTER-GARDINI has become insane in consequence, it is reported, of the loss of her voice after her recent confinement.

CONNECTICUT returns give Cleveland, Democrat, 58,674; Robinson, Republican, 56,581; Forbes, Prohibition, 4,819; Bate, Labor, 2,743. The Legislature, which will elect State officers and a United States Senator, stands: Senate, Republicans, 14; Democrats, 10; House, Republicans, 138; Democrats, 109; Labor, 2.

THE Republican State ticket in Minnesota was elected. McGill, the Republican nominee for Governor, had a very narrow majority over Ames, the Democratic nominee.

INDIANA Democrats claim a majority of two on joint ballot. PHILIPS, the defeated candidate in the Fifth Missouri district, has determined to contest the election of Warner on the ground of fraud.

MARTIN'S majority over Moonlight in Kansas was thought on the 4th to be about 36,000.

CAHILL claimed his election by 500 over Thoebe, the Labor candidate, in Kentucky.

OFFICIAL returns announced from the Ninth Congressional district of Missouri give Glover, Democrat, a majority over Frank, Republican, of 102, and assure the former's re-election.

LORD BRABOURNE, writing to the editor of Blackwood's Magazine, accuses Gladstone of serious misstatements and perversion of Irish history, without the courage to defend or the candor to withdraw them.

THE Sultan of Turkey gave a private audience to Joseph Chamberlain, the English Radical, recently, and presented him with a gold snuff box.

IT is reported in Constantinople that Constantine will be appointed to succeed Mr. Cox as Minister to Turkey.

IT was understood in Washington that the reasons that induced the President to suspend Governor Warren, of Wyoming, were that in his recent report he criticized, without stint, the policy of the Land Commissioner, Sparks, in suspending final action on land entries throughout the West. It was also understood that the reasons for foot up for Governor Briggs, Democrat, 13,542; Hoeffker, Prohibitionist, 7,832; for Congress, Pennington, Democrat, 13,877; Cooper, Prohibitionist, 8,388. The Legislature is solidly Democratic.

RETURNS from eighty of the eighty-four counties of Ohio indicate that Robinson, Republican, for Secretary of State, will have a majority of 11,000. The West Virginia Legislature will be Democratic by nine votes on joint ballot, insuring the election of a Democrat to succeed Senator Camden.

THE President has appointed George W. Baxter, of Cheyenne, Wyo., Governor of Wyoming Territory, vice Francis E. Warren, suspended.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ST. JOHN'S military academy at Haddonfield, N. J., was consumed by fire the other day.

THE Statue of Liberty in New York harbor was lighted for the first time on the night of the 1st.

EDWARD PIERSON, dealer in coal in Boston, Mass., has failed. He has not been seen for over a week. His debts were very heavy, being placed at \$125,000.

A SEALED United States express car on the Lake Shore road was broken open the other night on its way from Chicago and several packages of valuable merchandise were stolen.

THE rains prevailed on the 3d throughout Scotland. In Edinburgh the table of a new building was overturned and three workmen were killed and five injured.

AT Loogootee, Martin County, Ind., early on the morning of the 3d, the Ackerman Hotel, a two-story frame building, burned and three men perished in the flames. They were forgotten in the excitement until it was too late to save them. Two of them were John G. Gates and Michael Tracey, who were the day before elected treasurer and auditor respectively.

RIOTING began on Carrick Hill, Belfast, on the night of the 3d. No police were near when the outbreak occurred, but they appeared later and dispersed the opposing bands. Many rioters were struck by stones and badly hurt. The greatest excitement was caused by the disturbances.

THE Limerick Land League threatens to prevent hunting unless evicted tenants are reinstated and evictions cease. The Earl of Dunraven has granted his tenants an abatement of from 15 to 25 per cent. The tenancy on the Tully estate at Glenry, Wicklow, is held on a lease recently and decisions to pay rents unless granted a reduction of 30 per cent. Lord Massy has offered his tenants 30 per cent. reduction.

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CHARLES SKINNER, son of a prominent cattleman, was crushed to death between two cars at Benton, Tex. He was standing on the rear platform when another train backed down with great force.

ANDREW ROBERTSON'S 400 employees struck at Excelsior, Pa., recently, for an advance of 10 per cent. The operator says the condition of trade does not warrant the raise in wages and he will not grant it. The schooner Anna B. Hutchinson, which arrived recently at New York from Chagres, via Key West, reports on October 14, fifty miles south of Dry Tortugas, that she picked up the captain and mate and four seamen of the bark Treasurers, from Barcelona for Havana, upon a piece of the cabin house, they having been five days in that condition without food or water. The captain stated that the bark broke up and sunk October 10, during a hurricane. The balance of a crew of seven men are supposed to have gone down with her.

TWENTY-seven persons who were implicated in the recent revolt at Madrid have been sentenced to various terms of imprisonment at hard labor. A FASTING craze has broken out among Italian cranks.

B. F. FARRINGTON, a wholesale grocer of Detroit, fell down an elevator way recently and fractured his skull. He was wealthy and well known.

DR. VON HARLMANN, a solicitor of Hannover, Germany, has absconded with 200,000 marks.

THE Russian Finance Minister has ordered an issue of 125,000,000 paper rubles. The propeller Myles, with 45,000 bushels of wheat, from Duluth, struck a rock in Allen Shoal, near Kingston, Ont., recently. The Captain ran her to the Langston Foundry Wharf, where she now lies on the bottom in sixteen feet of water. The cargo was insured; the vessel was not.

THE police of Vienna so far have been baffled in their efforts to penetrate to the center of the anarchist plotters. Their failure is due to the fact that the conspirators are divided into groups of four each, who do not know the members of other groups. The source of anarchist pamphlets and printed matter has been traced to Paris, and of arms and dynamite to London.

SOFT STARBUCKS, Austrian Consul at Sofia, while on his way to Timova recently, seized by brigands and robbed of his money and uniform. The officers in London of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China know nothing of an attack on their institution at Shanghai and its robbery of a large amount of specie, which were reported in a Shanghai dispatch. The report lacks confirmation.

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KANSAS STATE NEWS.

THE other afternoon a little boy named Henry Blood, son of the engineer at the vinegar works in Topeka, was playing on top of a large vinegar vat, when he slipped on a loose board and fell in. His parents not knowing what had become of him caused the city to be searched, but he could not be found. His father looked into the vat that morning and saw the child's hat floating on top of the vinegar. Further search revealed the dead body of the little fellow.

LATE post-office changes in Kansas: Established, Ute, Sheridan County, Armstrong S. Carter, postmaster. Postmasters appointed, Cambridge, Cowley County, David L. Croft; Denary, Greenwood County, John A. Blair; Killemer, Shawnee County, Charles Corson; Orchard, Linn County, James T. Miller; Twin Falls, Greenwood County, H. L. Hale; Whitson, Finney County, George P. Gregory; Yale, Ottawa County, F. W. Thorp.

THE Woman's Suffrage convention, recently held in Fort Scott, resulted in the organization of the Bourbon County Suffrage Association. The following temporary officers were elected: Chairman, Miss Lucy E. Anthony; secretary, Mrs. E. G. Galloway; treasurer, Miss Bessie Randolph.

THE fifth annual convention of the Anti-Horse Thief Association of Kansas, opened its labors at Parsons on the 28th. The convention was composed of nearly 200 delegates, representing forty-seven lodges. An effort will be made to induce the Legislature to pass a law giving each member of the association the authority of a deputy sheriff to protect him in case a horse thief should resist and be killed.

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PACKERS FIRM.

No Compromise With the Strikers—A Few New All the Way.

CHICAGO, Nov. 4.—G. P. Swift, the beef packer, said last night: "I have 200 men now at work, and will have more to-morrow. I will hire any one who comes. If the strikers come back all right; if not their places won't be saved for them. If I am interfered with I depend upon the Town of Lake to protect me."

The packers, according to a three years' agreement signed last month, will stand together in this deal. Swift said also that the packers were preparing for a general strike.

At Swift's packing house killing was resumed to-day, but not on a very extensive scale. It was difficult to ascertain where the butchers came from. The strikers said they were clerks from the offices.

At Nelson Morris' packing house about 125 men were at work, but no killing was done. "We have sent out on hand," said one of the firm, "that we need. We don't want to kill any more just yet. We can get all the men we want. We have applications from all over for work."

"Do you expect your old men to come back?" "They can come if they want to, but we won't ask them."

"Have they made any formal demands on you yet?" "What have they to demand? If you ask them what they want they can't tell you, and, in fact, three-fourths of them would be back at work if they were not afraid of the other four."

The strikers were exercising their influence to-day to induce Armour's men to join them. In the big packing establishments visitors were not welcomed as they usually are, and at the doors of the beef packing department guards were posted to keep out everybody except employees. There was no disorder, however, to-day.

THE CHEROKEE STRIP.

Syndicate Drummers at Tablequah—Possibility of a Fresh Lease.

TABLEQUAH, L. T., Nov. 4.—J. B. Bissell and J. W. Wallace, of Leadville, Colo., representing a New York syndicate who want to purchase the Cherokee strip, arrived here yesterday. Bissell said: "We mean business in regard to buying the Cherokee strip and have funds subscribed to pay for it. The Cherokee strip, we apprehend trouble from Congress and we propose to offer enough for the land to make it profitable for the Cherokees to sell. Our proposition is an open one, and we intend to make it good. My opinion of the robbery is this: I don't believe the express messenger had any thing to do with the robbery and if an outside man were sharp enough to plan and successfully carry out such a robbery you can bet they will never catch him."

It is generally believed that there is no truth in the "Jim Cummings" ruse, as the last heard from him was that after the Glenide robbery he separated from the James boys and returned to Chicago, where he engaged in the stock business. He has since written to Chief Speers of Kansas City that he would return if he could be assured of fair treatment. He has not been in Missouri and it is believed he has not been in the State since he left. He would hardly come all the way back for the purpose of committing a robbery in a State where he is in danger of arrest.

INFAMOUS.

Attempt to Wreck a Passenger Train on the Illinois Central.

JACKSON, Tenn., Nov. 3.—Monday morning about 10:30 an infamous attempt was made to wreck the north-bound passenger train on the Illinois Central railroad. About half a mile from this city a negro man, who is in the employ of the Illinois Central railroad, was lying in wait. He heard a knocking on the high railroad bridge which spans the Forked Deer river. He slipped up near enough to discover three white men taking out the bolts and tearing up the cross-ties. The would-be murderers discovered the negro and ran off in the bottom. The negro reported it immediately to the officials of the road and the rails were replaced just in time to prevent a most horrible wreck. In ten minutes after the rails were repaired the north-bound passenger, which was behind time, came along at rapid speed of forty-five miles an hour. The object of the fends was to throw the train into the Forked Deer river, which would have been done had the negro discovered the help. Late in the afternoon the sheriff and a posse of men have been scouring the woods till this evening looking for the villains, but up to this writing they have not been caught. If they should be caught they will pull some long.

SHAKEN AGAIN.

Another Shake at Charlestown That Causes Excitement.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov. 6.—During the earthquake shocks which occurred here yesterday at 12:25 o'clock all the public schools were in session. At the most of the white schools the scholars stood the shock pretty well, but at several of the colored schools quite a panic took place. At the Bethel Church children, during the rush which was made for the doors, three children were thrown down and trampled upon and a little girl who jumped out of the window was seriously injured. In another school the colored scholars were more of the scholars were injured by falling plastering, none of the injured, however, being fatally hurt. The disturbance yesterday was very severe at Summerville, and was sharply felt throughout the State. Late telegraphic advices state that it was felt as far south as Savannah. At Savannah there was considerable excitement and one of two of the public schools narrowly escaped a panic. In this city no serious damage is reported. The shaking of a few brick walls and the tumbling down of a few chimneys. Yesterday's shock is variously estimated from 25 to 45 seconds in duration. Direction of wave was from south to north, and the motion was a complete rolling up and down, and from side to side. Although there has been no interruption to business in consequence of the disturbance, there is manifested a very general feeling of nervousness, much more so than was the case with the shocks of two weeks ago. No further shocks up to 9:30 p. m. Fears were felt of a rise in the sea level on account of the shock coming apparently from the ocean, which have been so far without realization.

MORMONS MAULSD.

ECKVILLE, Pa., Nov. 5.—An exciting time had down at Lambeth's lime-kilns near here Tuesday. A number of farmers know that the lime-kilns, situated in the place, operating among young women of the neighborhood, frequenting the gatherings of Sunday schools, and ingratiating themselves among the young single women, and the farmers determined to drive them out of the neighborhood. The elder of the two, Brother Etzig, as he was called, was seen emerging from Gray's meadow with young Lena Eckleberger, whom he was inducing to join a Mormon colony. Etzig was seized and dragged to the lime sheds and rolled in a bit of white lime dust and started on a run through the woods. Basing, the other suspected party, was also seized and ducked in a creek and scolded and started through the woods in the direction Etzig had taken. It appears that there was a concerted plan, according to which a number of deluded young women should all be ready to start West on a given day to join a Mormon settlement. At least a dozen young women have had their heads turned by all sorts of promises made by these fellows, and for a time it was difficult to secure hired female help in that region.

Positively No Admittance.

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Mysterious Robbery.

TOLEDO, O., Nov. 3.—The United States Express Company has another mysterious robbery on its hands to be cleared up and settled for. On the arrival of the Lake Shore train from Chicago last night it was discovered here that something wrong existed in express car that runs close and settled between Chicago and New York. An examination developed the fact that the car had been entered and sundry packages containing valuable merchandise were opened by robbers and an unknown quantity carried away. The express officials at once took steps to cover all evidences of the crime, and set about to find a clew to the robbery or robbers.

Harvard's Anniversary.

BOSTON, Nov. 3.—President Cleveland will leave Washington for Boston next Sunday afternoon, arriving in this city Monday morning, to attend the celebration of the 250th anniversary of Harvard College. He will be the guest of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will be tendered a breakfast by Governor Robinson. In the evening a reception tendered to the President by the City of Boston will probably be held in Faneuil Hall. He will probably leave for New York on Tuesday at two p. m. All the members of the Cabinet have been invited to attend the celebration.

Indiana Election.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 6.—Complete returns from all the counties in the State save one and one official, give Robertson, Republican, for Lieutenant Governor, 3,667 plurality. The Democrats have the Legislature by two majority on joint ballot, according to the latest advices. The figures are: Senate, Democrats, thirty-one; Republicans, nineteen. House, Democrats, forty-five; Republicans, fifty-five. Official returns from every county in the State show that Robertson, Republican, has 2,647 plurality for Lieutenant Governor. The Legislature stands: Republicans, 74; Democrats, 77, on joint ballot.

The Result in New Jersey.

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 6.—The leaders of Newark met in all the counties yesterday and canvassed the votes of Tuesday's election. In Essex County no result was arrived at and the board adjourned until to-day. A second election was ordered in the Second district, where Peter B. B. B. B