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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

UNITED STATES MINISTER HALL telegraphed to the State Department from Guatemala announcing a revolution there and stating that a state of siege has been declared.

SECRETARY MANNING is in receipt of requests from all parts of the country for five and ten dollar notes in large quantities. He says the supply of these notes is sufficient to meet all demands. There was no immediate prospect of a resumption of the issue of one and two dollar notes.

The Secretary of the Treasury has appointed N. B. Bacon superintendent of the custom house at Toledo, O. Mr. Bacon is a brother-in-law of President Cleveland.

REV. JEREMIAH O'SULLIVAN, of St. Peter's Church, Washington, was consecrated Roman Catholic Bishop of Mobile at Washington on the 29th.

The office of Chief of the Post-office Inspectors has been tendered by the Postmaster General to William A. West, of Mississippi, a prosperous farmer living near Oxford, Miss, and formerly a successful merchant in St. Louis and New Orleans, and President of a bank in Oxford.

SECRETARY LAMAR, who was confined to his house with a severe attack of influenza, was reported as being somewhat better. His physicians, while entertaining no apprehensions of serious results, have urged the Secretary not to leave his house for several days.

The President recently ordered the court-martial which tried and sentenced Paymaster Smith to be resumed. The court-martial sentence was suspended for two years' suspension from service. Surgeon-General Wales had been tried on a similar charge a short time previously and was sentenced to five years' suspension, and it was understood the President did not approve of the inconsistency of the verdicts.

COMMISSIONER SPARKS, of the Land Office, has refused to honor surveyors' accounts held by Western banks because of irregularities in land surveys.

A MEETING of independent citizens of the Fifth Congressional District, New York, was held the other night in behalf of Stephen Merritt, undertaker in the Grant funeral, who was nominated to the State Senate on an independent ticket.

PRESIDENT DEWEY, of the New York Central Railroad Company, has denied the truth of the statements published in Pittsburgh to the effect that his road had been purchased by the Pennsylvania Company.

An outbreak similar to that of Plymouth fever, has made its appearance in Nanticoke, Pa. The epidemic was said to be caused by the use of well water, polluted in some unknown manner.

SMALL-POX has broken out in a Grand street tenement house, New York.

RUCKAN & Co.'s shirt factory, Troy, N. Y., burned the other night. Loss, \$75,000; covered by insurance.

UNITED STATES COLLECTOR SMALLEY, of the Vermont District, has reduced the salaries of a number of Deputy Collectors \$200 a year, and the wages of a number paid by the day from \$10 to \$2. The effect is a saving of \$2,000 per annum in his district.

BARNUM'S big tent fell upon the audience at Tusculum, Pa., recently. The people cut their way through the canvas. No one was seriously injured.

In the New York Republican convention, held at Saratoga, on the 23d, Hon. James W. Husted was elected permanent chairman. Only one ballot for Governor was cast, when the convention adjourned till next day.

The Rev. Howard Crosby in a recent letter to the New York Post-Express says: "I am in favor of the insertion of a high-license plank in the platform of the Republican convention."

CAPTAIN NATHANIEL PERCY, of the ship Standard, who was convicted of cruelty at Philadelphia, and who was sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment and \$300 fine, has been pardoned by President Cleveland.

The Smith-American organ works were destroyed by fire at Boston the other evening. Loss, \$100,000. Insured.

TWO ACCIDENTS, resulting in three deaths, occurred on the new aqueduct at New York one day recently.

Off the coast of Maine, near Eastport, during a fearful gale on the 23d, a party of men, numbering ten or twelve, were drowned on the wreck of the Spanish steamer Humacao, lost six weeks previously.

FOUR MINERS were drowned on the 23d in an old mine at Houtzdale, Pa. The victims were John Mohan, Peter Folk, Joseph Hampe, a Hungarian, and John Forsythe. The Genesta was the 300 mile yacht race and the Bennett international cup. The race took place through heavy fogs and storms. The time was 48:07.03.

IRA DAVENPORT was nominated for Governor of New York, in the Republican convention held at Saratoga on the 23d; Joseph B. Carr, for Lieutenant-Governor; Anson J. Wood, of Franklin, for Secretary of State; James W. Wadsworth, of Livingston, for Comptroller.

The Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange has admitted to the list \$1,200,000 first mortgage 6 per cent. bonds of the Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company, application having been made in July last.

A SHIPYACHT, Puritan, was sold at public auction at New York on the 23d for \$13,000 and Edward Burgess, who designed the yacht, was the purchaser. After the sale he stated that he had bought the Puritan for a gentleman in Boston.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY W. C. PERRY, of Kansas, has received instructions to make personal investigation of the cases now pending against the Oklahoma "boomers," and if in his judgment he found that the "boomers" had left the Indian Territory, to dismiss all of the indictments.

The committee having in charge the examination of the wheat in the Union elevator, St. Louis, reported 110 bins in good condition and eleven bins weevil. The reports of weevil in St. Louis had depressed the wheat market considerably. The report of the committee restored confidence.

A VERY malignant form of so-called hog cholera was reported making its appearance in several localities in Taylor County, Iowa.

The British Columbia authorities recently refused to allow fifty Chinamen to land when they were returned by United States officers until the \$50 per head license was paid, and they are now confined in the penitentiary at Fort Townsend, W. T., pending instructions from Washington. The difficulty is a mutual one and will have to be settled by diplomatic means.

The jury in the Marquis de Mores murder trial at Bismarck, Dak., returned a verdict of not guilty.

The last census returns having shown that the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis possessed a population in excess of 75,000, those cities have been raised to the first grade in the free delivery service.

A new conflict between different factions of the St. Hedwig's (Polish) Church Society, Milwaukee, on the 29th, in which a number were cut with knives, wounded with stones and clubs or seriously injured in other ways.

The Cleveland (O.) rolling mill strike ended by a split in the ranks of the strikers, a great number of whom went to work on the terms of the employers.

The threatened trouble in the Dakota Constitutional Convention was adjusted by the adoption of a substitute for Campbell's bill of rights, which declared all political power inherent in the people and that the Federal constitution was the supreme law of the land.

A RIOT broke out against the Chinese recently in Huntington, Ore. No one was killed, the mob being dispersed with driving the Celestials out of town.

At the session of the Cigar-makers' Union in Cincinnati the report of the President showed that during the past two years it had cost the union over \$20,000 to support members during strikes and lockouts, of which there had been 152. Sixty-nine of these strikes had been successful and sixty-nine unsuccessful.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM JONES, of the life boat service at Racine, Wis., was drowned recently while out practicing with his crew under direction of Superintendent Rogers.

FIVE CHINAMEN implicated in the murder and robbery of Daniel Frazier in Pierce City, Idaho, were taken from jail by citizens the other night and hanged to convenient trees.

HARRIS have been received of four schooners wrecked at various points on Lake Michigan during the storm of the 22d, the crew being rescued in each case. Fears were felt for the safety of a number of other vessels.

THE BANKERS' Convention at Chicago, on the 23d, passed resolutions condemning the strike of the Pullman porters, who left the Chicago reservation with Garmon, crossed the reservation line the other night and stole away two squaws, carrying them off to the mountains. The squaws were the same two that originally went with the band and were captured by the Mesquero police and returned to the Apache reservation.

A NEGRO rapist, of Elletts City, Md., was recently lynched by men of his own color. His victim was a girl seven years old.

At Dutch Mills, near Fayetteville, Ark., the mistake of a druggist, who put up morphine for quinine, was the cause of the death of two children of a widow woman.

The convicts who escaped some time ago near Little Rock, Ark., were reported making their way to the Indian Territory.

DURING a heavy rain storm which prevailed at Dublin, Conhoma County, Miss., recently, lightning struck a cotton house in which were sheltered Charles Smith, his wife and son, Henry Isaac and Tom Neely. Neely, Smith's wife and his son were killed and the others knocked senseless.

The Shenandoah Iron Company at Millers, near Harrisburg, Va., has defaulted on the payment of some of its indebtedness. The liabilities of the company are about \$900,000, \$500,000 of which is first mortgage bonds.

REPORTS have been received at Eagle Pass, Tex., of the confiscation of the Las Cruces silver mines, in the Carmen Mountains, Mexico, by Mexican soldiers, upon an alleged trumped-up claim by a Mexican sergeant, antedating General Stapp's and all other American claims.

The sixty-first session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows opened at Odd Fellows' Hall, Baltimore, on the 21st.

The boiler in the Fabre Soap factory at Louisville, Ky., exploded the other day. Edmund Earnest, the engineer, was instantly killed, his body being thrown into the creek, fifty feet distant. The damage to the building was \$15,000.

A DETECTIVE recently arrested Albert Waller, at Nashville, Tenn., who was wanted for train robbery and murder committed at Coolidge, Kan., on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, three years ago. Engineer Hilton was killed and George Todd, the fireman, was wounded in the affair.

TEX CONVICTS recently escaped in the Brazos Bottom near Hearne, Tex., by cutting through the roof of the prison house. They made their way to the town, and entering the Montgomery House while the guests were asleep, stole garments of the male members of the Stutz Theatrical Company, leaving the convict suits behind.

EIGHT MEN recently attempted to cross the Kentucky River a few miles below Frankfort, when the boat swamped and five of the occupants were drowned. Four of the unfortunate men were colored and one was white.

THIRTY MINERS were recently imprisoned in the Roane mines, near Rockwood, Tenn., caused by an explosion of fire-damp. They were all ultimately rescued. The damage done was considerable.

COMMODORE ALEXANDER A. SEMMES, Commandant of the Washington Navy Yard, died suddenly at Hamilton, London County, Va., on the 23d.

GENERAL

AN INSURRECTION broke out recently in Roumania against the Turkish Government, the insurgents demanding annexation to Bulgaria. It was alleged the insurrection was incited by Russia and was part of the programme agreed to at the Krimser interview between the Czar and the Emperor of Austria. Prince Alexander, of Bulgaria, has issued a proclamation accepting the sovereignty of Roumania. The Turkish Governor, Ghalib Pasha, was placed under arrest.

THE Pope was reported to have agreed to mediate between Germany and Spain which led to the Carlist question.

THE sanguine hopes regarding the condition of the Egyptian cotton crop have been somewhat lessened by recent reports. It is now said that rainy weather, fog and cold have reduced the expected crop 50 per cent.

THE rise in American railroad securities was general on the London Exchange during the week ended September 19.

CONTRACTORS and civil engineers, employed in the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, have been accused of defrauding the company out of hundreds of thousands of dollars by false measurement.

ANARCHY was reported at Albania. Turkish troops and a body of Albanians have had an engagement near Prizren.

The London police continue to break up Socialist meetings.

SEVERAL merchants implicated in the Cacerist movement have been banished from Peru.

BREAGANS near Salonica have captured an Archbishop's niece and another lady. They demand the sum of £5,000 for the ransom of the prisoners.

The Belgian Government is preparing a bill to authorize the sending of paupers to the Congo country as colonists.

The Hilton trophy, worth \$5,000, was shot for at Crocodrone recently by three teams of twelve men each—a regular army team and the New York and Pennsylvania State teams. The regulars won with 997 out of a possible 1,200 points, New York State team 988 and the Pennsylvania team 857 points.

ALARMING reports have been received at Paris to the effect that China is massing a large force of troops on the Tonquin frontier.

KING HUMBERT, of Italy, recently announced his determination to visit the cholera-stricken districts of Sicily if the plague continued.

The North German Gazette on the 23d described as a false statement recently made that Germany was coveting Cuba, but admitted that in the event of a war between Germany and Spain Cuba would be an important object of attack. It ridiculed the idea of permanent annexation of Cuba by Germany.

The Constantinople newspaper, La Turquie, officially announced on the 22d that the rebellion in Roumelia would be suppressed by the Porte. The Bulgarians were warning to resist the Turks and a general strike of all able-bodied citizens was ordered.

The insurrection was condemned in Germany, and it was thought in various quarters that the status quo would be restored by the powers without bloodshed.

YELLOW fever was reported decreasing on the 22d at Guaymas, Mex.

The illness of King Alfonso was reported serious. Officials of the palace endeavored to conceal his actual condition.

The semi-official statement was made at Berlin that the Powers would not look calmly on the breaking of the treaty of Berlin by Bulgaria, but would side with Turkey, and if Russia opposed them she would be isolated. Only after the Bulgarians had been restored to common sense could the Powers decide what should be done for Roumania.

Answers to the Associated Press from Birmingham, Ala., Ottawa, Ont., Rondout and Kingston, N. Y., Milford, Mass., Weirs, N. H., and Chelsea and Chester, Vt., reported falls of snow on the 23d.

CHRISTINE NILSSON recently gave a concert at Stockholm, Sweden. After the concert a crowd of 30,000 gathered before the Grand Hotel, to give her an ovation, and in the fearful crush seventeen persons lost their lives.

CRITE, the large island in the Molliteranean, belonging to Turkey, was reported in a state of revolt.

The United States steamer Junia, which was sent to inquire into the detention of certain American vessels by the Portuguese custom officials on the east coast of Africa, has called her arrival at Mozambique.

THE LATEST

JAMES C. PUSEY, the defaulting clerk of the Kansas Penitentiary at Leavenworth, fled guilty to embezzlement and was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment.

In the Supreme Court at Boston, on the 23d, Franklin J. Moses, ex-Governor of South Carolina, pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with obtaining money by false pretenses from ex-Mayor Cobb and others, in February, 1884. He had but recently served out a term in Middlesex County jail for a similar offense.

At Battleford, N. W. T., on the 23d, several Indians were sentenced to be hanged and to various terms of imprisonment for murder and other crimes committed during the recent troubles with Riel and his followers.

BUSINESS failures throughout the country for week ended September 24 numbered 185 against 178 the week previous.

The lumber yard of Gardner & Co., Chicago, was recently in flames. For a time the fire was so threatening, spreading to adjoining yards, that many persons feared a repetition of the disaster of 1871. Loss, \$100,000.

THREE coaches of a passenger train containing over 100 persons were thrown down a high bank near Warm Springs, N. C., recently. Twenty persons were injured. William Connelly, J. H. Wining and Miss Brayles, of Asheville, received fatal injuries.

REPORTS were received recently of a cyclone at Valencia, in which several ships were drowned and a great many persons were killed.

JOHN MORRISSEY, of Washington, D. C., was killed and three other workmen injured by a dynamite explosion recently at York Haven, near Harrisburg, Pa.

A STATEMENT prepared by Superintendent Bell, of the Foreign Letter Mails Bureau, shows that the weight of the foreign letter mail decreased 7,700 pounds during the last fiscal year, while the weight of the printed matter increased 33,319 pounds. The cost of ocean mail transit was \$27,170, or just \$28.50 less than the cost during the preceding year.

The President has appointed the following collectors of customs: Charles C. Sweeney for the district of Galveston, Tex.; Otto L. Threlkeld, for the district of Salina, Tex.; J. J. Cooke for the district of Brasas de Santiago, Tex.

Is the New York Democratic Convention at Saratoga, on the 25th, Fred Cook, of Monroe, was nominated for Secretary of State; Chapin for Comptroller; Dennis O'Brien, present incumbent, for Attorney General. Hon. R. P. Flower was reported as having declined the nomination for Lieutenant Governor.

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KANSAS STATE NEWS.

In the case of Christine Hughes, tried at Topeka for bigamy, the jury rendered a verdict of guilty.

Two printers named Organ and Rousen got into a quarrel at the Mallery at Topeka the other night, and all three went to bed in Organ's room. When Mallery awoke next morning his companions were gone and his valise, containing a gold watch and chain and other articles, was missing. Rousen was arrested but allowed to go because he reported that he had also been robbed by Organ, who skipped out.

PATENTS lately issued to Kansas inventors: Hiram Childers, El Dorado, combined anvil, drill and vise.

The State Inspector of Mines has reported to the Governor that he has visited, since his appointment, nearly all the mines in Osage, Cherokee and Crawford Counties. So far he has found plenty of room for improvement, but has found a willingness on the part of a majority of operators to remedy all the defects so as to comply with the requirements of the law. In some cases the law was being disregarded through the ignorance of the parties, but in a few cases through the misfeasance of the mine owners. These last class of mine owners, he states, are those most difficult to deal with. They think anything that costs money is unnecessary, and he notices that such operators do not run a very successful business.

The Directors of the proposed Kansas, Nebraska & Dakota Railway have chosen the following officers: John Francis, of Topeka, President; John Keller, of Lancaster, Pa., Vice-President; Alex McGraw, of Philadelphia, Treasurer; H. R. W. Bush, of Lancaster, Secretary; H. R. M. Whitman, of Philadelphia, Chief Engineer, and A. A. Harris, of Fort Scott, General Attorney. The prospect for the construction of this road is considered excellent, as a number of Eastern capitalists and railroad builders have interested themselves in the enterprise, which is also receiving substantial encouragement from counties along the line.

GUS SCHMECKLE, groceryman of Leavenworth, died recently under suspicious circumstances, and an investigation showed he had taken an overdose of acetone, whether purposely or not is unknown. He had taken enough to kill a dozen men. Schmeckle's physician, who prescribed the acetone the day before, told him the nature of the medicine, and warned him against taking too much.

TRAIL CITY is a new town on the line of Kansas and Colorado.

A State Veterinarian says that this year the hog cholera is more prevalent than at any time within the history of the State, and the losses will undoubtedly reach \$1,000,000 or more. The counties which have suffered most heavily are Brown, Marshall, Jackson, Osage, Bourbon, Butler, Lyon, Chase, Dickinson, Saline, Reno, Barton, Sedgewick, Sumner and Shawnee. Large numbers of hogs are being shipped to market that are infected with this disease, and as a consequence it is appearing in counties not before infected. He further says that the treatment of hog cholera, with the object of securing a recovery, does not pay. He urges that the animals be killed and burned the moment they show signs of sickness, and active measures taken for the suppression of the disease.

It is estimated that there are at least 72,000 acres of land seeded to tame grass in Labette County.

C. L. NASH, of Salt Creek, Reno County, has raised this season sixty acres of water melons. He clears about \$150 per car load by shipping them to the mountains.

Is a late quarrel in Shawnee County over a division of crops, J. W. Jones shot and killed E. H. White. Both are colored men, and Jones had been working White's farm on shares. White leveled on the crop of corn and in trying to effect a settlement on the farm a dispute arose with the above result. White was once a member of the School Board of Topeka, has edited the colored Citizen and Topeka newspapers and been quite prominent in local politics. Jones claims that he did the shooting in self-defense.

At Leavenworth the other day John Williams went to his work, leaving his wife apparently well and hearty. About eleven o'clock a neighbor informed him that his wife was very sick and told him to bring a doctor. He hurried home and found his wife in spasms. She died a few hours later. About six weeks previous Mrs. Williams bought some quinine. She took some of it and placed the rest in a tumbler and covered it with a saucer, where it had since remained. On the day of her death she began to feel as if she were going to have a chill, and took some of the quinine. In ten minutes she was taken with spasms, and in four hours later was a corpse. The symptoms were those of strychnine poisoning.

ALL doubt as to the trial of Minnie Wallace Walkup, for the alleged poisoning of her husband, taking place at Emporia has been dispelled by its being placed on the docket of the Lyon County District Court for October 10, and the statement of Hon. W. W. Scott, Mrs. Wallace's attorney, that he would insist on the case being tried at that time. Both the prosecution and defense will be represented by eminent counsel.

A GASOLINE explosion occurred in the rear of T. H. Randall's hardware store at Mount Hope the other afternoon, causing a serious fire and loss to a number of the inhabitants of the town. The following are losses: T. H. Randall, store room and stock of hardware amounting to \$8,000; insurance \$4,000; W. C. Richards, store room and stock of general merchandise, \$6,000; insurance \$3,000; S. C. Thomas, barn, with machinery, harness, etc., \$1,200; no insurance; the Farmers' and Drivers' Bank, \$5,000; Mentor printing office, \$500. The post-office, which was kept in the Randall store, and all mail matter and fixtures, etc., burned.

POPULATION of Newton, 6,500.

It is stated that Hon. W. C. Perry, United States District Attorney for Kansas, has received instructions from Washington to make a personal investigation of the cases now pending against the Oklahoma boomers, and if, in his judgment, he should find that all of the boomers had left the Territory, to dismiss all of the indictments against them at the next term of the United States District Court at Wichita.

A train supposed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion entirely destroyed at Ranck & Sprague's flour mill at Leavenworth on the afternoon of the 19th. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, \$60,000.

FRIGHTFUL GALES.

Storms Create Havoc on the Lakes—Spanish Vessel Lost—A Disaster at Nilsson's Concert.

CHICAGO, ILL., September 24.—A heavy northerly gale prevailed throughout the entire lake region yesterday and last night. Vessel masters who arrived during the night state that the storm was a terrible one, and that the sea was running higher than at any previous time this summer.

Reports have been received of four schooners wrecked at various points on Lake Michigan, the crews being rescued in each case. Fears are felt for the safety of a number of vessels known to be outside of port. Two unknown fishermen were washed from the north pier and drowned yesterday afternoon. The lookout at the life saving station saw them walking on the pier, and realizing the danger they were in, signalled them to return. They paid no attention to his warning, and had proceeded about fifty yards, when a tremendous breaker was lifted high over the pier and descended upon the timber with a crash, carrying off two men afloat. The life boat started to the rescue immediately, as did also two sailors who jumped from a vessel lying close by and ran along the pier in hopes of saving the drowning men, but these brave fellows were also swept in the lake and although the boat was immediately lowered from the vessel and sent to their assistance they would probably have been lost but for the opportune arrival of the life saving crew. The two fishermen, after being rescued with the vessel, were found dead, although the life savers made diligent search, their bodies were not recovered.

LOST IN A TERRIBLE GALE.

EASTPORT, ME., September 24.—Six weeks ago the Spanish steamer Humacao, bound for Nova Scotia, went ashore on Murr Ledges, nine miles off Grand Manan. The owners sent a crew of twenty men from St. John to wreck her. Yesterday afternoon a tug passed the wreck and offered to take the men ashore as a storm was threatening, but they refused the offer. A terrible gale blew up early in the morning and when it cleared off the people on Grand Manan noticed that the steamer had disappeared and there is no trace of the steamer or men. The vessel must have been broken to pieces during the storm and sunk with all on board. The crew all belong to St. John. So far as can be ascertained the following persons were on board the steamer when she went down: James Griffiths, St. John, one of the purchasers of the vessel's hull; James Napier, Portland, foreman of the gang of workmen; Robert Johnston, Portland, carpenter; James Strayhorn, Portland, caulker; James Clarke, Portland; Bartholomew Armstrong, Portland; Hartley Stockhouse, Portland; Jeremiah Daley; Alexander Scribner, Portland. It is possible there are one or two others.

FRIGHTFUL DISASTER IN SWEDEN.

LONDON, September 24.—Such an immense crowd attended the concert given by Christine Nilsson at Stockholm yesterday that the building, which was crowded to the roof, was crushed to death. Later—the accident occurred after the concert and while Mme. Nilsson was singing from the balcony of the Grand Hotel. The crowd numbered thirty thousand at the time of the accident.

TROUBLE AHEAD.

The Roumelian Revolt Causes an Uneasy Feeling in Europe—Prince Alexander Firm.

LONDON, September 2