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CURRENT TOPICS.

MRS. RANDOLPH CHURCHILL wears a star in her bang.

SANKEY has bought himself a home in Massachusetts.

AMERICANS have $125,000,000 invested in Mexican railways.

MICHIGAN has, by actual count, over 500 small inland lakes.

THE next orange crop in Florida is expected to be worth $2,000,000.

THE death rate from cholera in Spain is rising to alarming proportions.

AT Zurich the police do not allow the Salvation Army to parade the streets.

MRS. CHARLOTTE WOHLABER, a Brooklyn woman, is cutting teeth at the age of eighty-two.

NINETEEN years ago Lord Salisbury was an editorial writer on a London daily newspaper.

TWENTY-NINE murderers from the Indian Territory are confined in the United States Jail at Fort Smith.

THE young volcano discovered about one year ago ten miles south of Santa Maria, Cal., is still burning.

MORE than forty years ago the manufacture of molasses from melons was carried on in Central Illinois.

BY its conservative policy, the Cabinet of Lord Salisbury is rapidly winning the confidence of the people.

THE Egyptian Treasury contains only sufficient money to pay the expenses of the Government until September.

THERE is a plague of rats at the Inventors' Exhibition in London. What is the matter with the rat-trap inventors?

THE cherries from one estate in Kent, England, brought £1,700 ($8,500) this season, in spite of great damage by frost.

ACCORDING to the statistics in Philadelphia every third house in that city contains and maintains a nuisance prejudicial to health.

MIDDLETON, N. H., has no doctor, lawyer, nor clergyman. The last physician lived there in 1876, and the last clergyman moved away two years ago.

AN Iowa girl has an album in which she keeps a picture of all the young men who have flirted with her without coming to the point. She calls it her rogue's gallery.

F. S. CORNWALLIS, a youthful descendant of the British General of the Revolution, has recently, through the death of an aunt, come into an estate of $150,000 a year.

JOEL CHANDLER HARRIS, the author of the "Uncle Remus" papers, is described as a modest, retiring man, very much like Nathaniel Hawthorne, though his hair is inclined to red.

THE number of children in San Francisco under age, according to the last census, just completed, is 67,775, of which 33,823 are girls. Sixteen thousand of this number do not attend school.

AN acute observer says that trying to do business without advertising is like winking at a pretty girl through a pair of green goggles. You may know what you are doing, but nobody else does.

CURLED maple is only an accidental form of sugar maple, in which the grain is [illegible] and is highly prized by cabinet-makers and $1,000 has been given for a single tree.

AT Kaskaskia, the oldest town in Illinois, there is hanging in a rickety old church a bell which has hung there for one hundred and forty years. It was sent from France, and is said to be older than the Philadelphia Liberty Bell.

THE first two sentences of the preface to General Grant's forthcoming book are as follows: "Man proposes and God disposes. There are but few important events in the affairs of men brought about by their own choice."

THE bridge over the Suir at Waterford, Ireland, was built by Lemuel Cox, a native of Boston, Mass., who built several other notable bridges in that country. It is of American oak.

BAKERS are said to have always experience great difficulty in observing the progress of baking. This has been surmounted recently in London by lighting ovens with electricity and providing them with plate glass doors.

PLASTER mixed with newly-slacked lime in the proportion of six parts of plaster to one of lime, and afterward treated to a solution of sulphate of zinc or iron, is rendered very hard. It makes beautiful glossy flooring, like polished oak.

J. L. BUTTOLPH, of Middleburg, Vt., at a recent sheep-shearing at that place, carried off the honor of producing the heaviest fleece. A three-year-old ram yielded a fleece weighing 38 pounds and 13 ounces, with a growth of 364 days.

COIN abraded or effaced by natural use is redeemable at the U. S. Treasury. It is good for its face value so long as it can be recognized. Punching or cutting, ever so slight, destroys the face value. There are Treasury rules on the subject.

AN author, whose book has just been published in England, states that the subject of kissing is mentioned no fewer than fifty times in the Bible, and sets himself to prove that kissing, to be scriptural, must be between members of the same sex.

A RECENT report of the French Minister of Public Instruction shows that in January last 23,222 schools had a school savings bank, and that 488,624 schoolboys were depositors in these banks, and possessed there the sum total of 11,285,046 francs.

ANY official attempt to suppress fireworks on the Fourth must end in failure. They mean liberty and a good time. Take these from the small boy and his reverence for a republic will dry up and blow away and leave him a cynic or a demagogue.

A REMARKABLE case of violation of the Civil Rights bill comes from Chicago in the advertisement of an excursion, tickets for which will be sold "to colored people only." Will discrimination like this against a white man be tolerated in a free country?

NO time is lost by the Russian Government in the work of fortifying Sebastopol. Immensely powerful guns are being mounted on strong earthworks along the shore looking seaward, and about the town commanding the ground which was the scenes of the terrific struggles of the siege.

MR. WIDNOWS, who used to manage Ole Bull, says that thirty years ago the great violinist took an active part in our American political campaigns, and that Patti, who in those days belonged to his company, was an imperious and snappy little witch of thirteen, and received $100 a week for her singing.

THE pneumatic postal service in Paris, lately completed, cost over $200,000, and the length of the pipes is over thirty-four miles. The charge for transmitting a letter to any place within the fortifications is three cents. The service covers extreme points about seven miles apart.

A NEW YORK swindler advertises that he will inform anyone how to double his money in a short time. In return for ten cents and a postage stamp, the dupe receives this valuable information: "Take a new greenback and fold it up, and you will find your wealth in creases; and every time you fold it across, 'tis plain as the light of day that you double it."

LAKE ACCIDENT.

A Small Vessel Capsizes and Eight Persons are Drowned.

Fatal Ending of a Yacting Excursion on Lake Minnetonka.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 12.—Shortly after 5 o'clock, this afternoon, a heavy wind and rain-storm passed over Lake Minnetonka. A small steam yacht, the Minnie Cook, with eight persons on board, was capsized, and the entire party drowned. News of the accident spread rapidly and created the wildest excitement when it became known that all the victims reside here. The names of the unfortunate party are as follows: Ex-Mayor A. C. Rand and wife, Mary Rand, and two sons, Harry and Frank Rand; J. R. Coykendall and wife, Kate Coykendall, and George McDonald, engineer, all of Minneapolis. Two bodies have already been recovered. The storm is described by an eye witness on big boats, as terrific; the waves rolled high, spray, rain and hail filling the air. Large steamers put into shore with great difficulty. It was impossible for small crafts to live in the terrible sea and storm. Other boats and lives are believed to have been lost, but it is difficult to get details. The storm was severe at White Bear also, but no lives are reported lost there. A. C. Rand was Mayor of Minneapolis for two terms previous to Ames' incumbency, and was a wealthy and well known citizen. John Coykendall was a member of the firm of Coykendall Bros. & Co. There is great excitement in Minneapolis and St. Paul over the tragic end of the pleasure excursion.

HORRIBLE SUICIDE.

A Demented Man Cuts His Throat With a Broadaxe—The Third of Three Unhappy Deaths.

CINCINNATI, July 12.—Jack Wolf, aged twenty-six years, committed suicide at his mother's residence, six miles south of Covington, Ky. About six years ago a brother of the man was drowned in the Licking River while in bathing. The father was so overwhelmed by the loss of his boy that he got out of his mind, and while so afflicted destroyed himself. Jack had been an eye witness of his brother's death, and that with the subsequent misfortune which his father underwent, had the effect of unbalancing his mind. His disorder took a violent turn in a short time, and he made himself a terror to the saloon-keepers of South Covington and vicinity more especially. He was accustomed to assert that he had been ordained by God to wipe out and utterly destroy all saloons. He finally set about carrying his mission into practical shape, and nearly demolished one with an ax before he was arrested and put in jail. His subsequent trial on the charge of lunacy resulted in his being sent to the Lexington Asylum for the Insane, where it is understood he remained till last Tuesday, when his mother, who had a naturally strong desire to have him home again, gained permission to do so. At noon to-day the mother and a servant heard a noise in Jack's room. On going thither they were horrified to find the son stretched on the floor, his throat displaying a huge and ugly gash, from which the blood was issuing. A broad-axe lying at his hand showed with what the terrible work had been done. The frightened servant ran off to a neighbor's house to summon help. A physician was sent for, but before any could arrive the suicide had passed from life to death. His throat was fearfully slashed and he had evidently gone the work in intense earnestness.

Remarkable Surgical Operation.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., July 12.—Word has just been received here of one of the most remarkable surgical operations in the history of Indiana. For the past fourteen years Mrs Sarah Owens, mother of Congressman-elect Owens, from the Thirteenth Indiana District, has been suffering from a tumor located on the right of the abdomen. It had grown so large that she could not get about, until physicians informed her that death would follow within a few months. Upon examination she was told that she stood one chance in twenty of having it removed. As death was certain in a short time, she took the chance. At 11 o'clock she was placed on the table, and for five hours she was under the influence of ether. An incision twenty-two inches long was made from the navel down, when it was found that the tumor was of fatty substance. It required four men two hours and a half to remove the substance, which weighed fifty-five pounds. When she came to her senses the first feeling was in the heels, and she declared she knew nothing of the operation.

New Orleans and Yellow Fever.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Dr. Hamilton, of the Marine Hospital Service, says that there is a report in circulation that there are a number of yellow fever cases in New Orleans. He has not received any official information in regard to the matter as yet, but is now investigating.

NEW ORLEANS, July 10.—The Board of Health officially deny that there is any yellow fever in this city other than the one case reported some days ago, the sufferer from which is almost entirely recovered. The Board renews its assurance that any case of yellow fever occurring in this city will be promptly reported officially to other boards and through the press.

Serious Result of a Bee Sting.

SEYMOUR, IND., July 12.—Jonathan Robertson, a farmer, living near Ewing, this county, was stung on the wrist by a sweat bee yesterday. The arm at once began swelling which soon affected the body, passing into the other arm, then into the neck, and finally into the head. In an hour the entire body and extremities had become swollen to almost double their natural size. There is diversity of opinion as to the strange case, but the general belief is that the bee had been feeding upon poisonous blossoms.

Poisoned by Chicago Dried Beef.

KANKAKEE, ILL., July 12.—Sixty persons are reported to be poisoned at Momence, in this county, and their physicians declare that they were sickened by eating dried beef retailed by merchants there and and bought by them in Chicago. Twenty of the victims are said to be seriously ill. The remainder are not so sick, but most of them are confined to their beds. No deaths are reported.

A Bigamist Commits Suicide.

SHENANDOAH, PA., July 12.—Charles Dyer, a breaker boss at one of the collieries here, fatally shot himself this morning. He had three wives, and one of them was threatening to prosecute him for bigamy.

Escaped and Recaptured.

RICHMOND, VA., July 12.—Three convicts escaped from the penitentiary this afternoon, but were recaptured after a hot skirmish, in which two citizens and each of the convicts were wounded.

Fatal Fire.

BELFAST, ME., July 12.—This city was swept by a disastrous conflagration. Two persons were killed, twenty horses roasted alive, and property burned to the value of $50,000.

Oil Near Troy, N. Y.

TROY, N. Y., July 10.—Oil has been struck at the Galway oil-field, in Saratoga County, at a depth of one hundred feet. In boring, the drill passed through a stratum of salt, and afterwards struck a vein of gas. Oil spouted to a considerable height, and there is still quite a flow.

Small-Pox Panic.

BURLINGTON, IA., July 10.—A complaint comes from a small-pox infected district near Creston that it is impossible to get conveyances to carry the dead to the cemetery. People are panic-stricken. The dead lie unburied several days, and much indignation is expressed.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Forty Indians Killed—Action of the Government Towards the Suppression of the Troublesome Tribes.

TOPEKA, KAS., July 10.—General Augur, commanding this department, sends Governor Martin copies of two orders issued to the commanding officer of the troops now in Southwestern Kansas. Governor Martin states that the action of General Augur has been prompt, energetic and effective, and that with troops stationed as General Augur has directed he believes the Southwestern frontier will be protected and an Indian invasion will be made impossible. The first order directed Lieutenant Colonel Compton, now at Crossfield, the terminus of the route of the Southern Kansas Railroad, to move his command west to a point fifty miles south of Dodge City, where the road from that place to Fort Supply crosses the Cimmarron, there establish a camp [illegible] from that point scout [illegible] this frontier. The second [illegible] Major Sandford, commanding [illegible] at Kingman, Kas., to march to Crossfield, go into camp there and scout along the border in conjunction with Compton's command.

TOMBSTONE, ARIZ., July 10.—From Samuel Branan, jr., who arrived yesterday morning from Sonora, are learned the following facts: On the afternoon of July 2, the scouts under command of Captain Chaffee came upon a band of Apaches near Guasabus, on the Oporto River, in Sonora, and a spirited fight ensued, in which forty Indians were killed and three bucks and eleven squaws captured, the loss to Chaffee being one soldier and one or two scouts wounded. The prisoners have been taken to San Carlos in charge of sixteen Indian scouts, and should arrive here to-day if nothing happens. The same day one hundred Indians crossed the Coonaps Valley and entered the Sonora Mountains. They killed fifteen head of cattle while crossing the valley, and took the carcasses with them into the mountains, where it is evident they intend to stay. Captain Chaffee with his soldiers and scouts and 250 Mexican volunteers is in pursuit, and will try very hard to exterminate the entire band. Mr. Branan got these particulars from Oso Mar la Torres, a brother of Colonel Torres, who had just returned from the scene of the fight.

Man's Perfidy.

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 10.—Charles Chapman and wife of Lawrenceburg, Ind., registered ten days since at a hotel at Belleville, Ill. Saturday Chapman came to St. Louis and thence disappeared. The wife awaited his return several days and then searched his baggage and found a note saying: "I am married here. Have received you. My wife in Cincinnati is on to the racket. Good-bye." Chapman is a handsome portrait painter, five feet ten, with a big mustache, black eyes, fair skin. He met the lady whom he deserted in Lawrenceburg, Ind., and married her May 25, representing himself a single man.

To Educate Every Seventh Child.

PARIS, July 10.—The Chamber of Deputies this afternoon voted an appropriation of 800,000 to be expended by the State in maintaining and educating every seventh child born in French families. This action was taken to revive an obsolete law enacted during the French revolution in the interest of increase in the French population. The present enactment applies to either sex, and is confined to the children of parents in needy circumstances. An attempt to reject this later restriction was rejected by a vote of 200 to 141.

Revengeful Incendiarism.

PHILADELPHIA, July 10.—The people of the town of Indiana, Pa., are greatly alarmed lest the place be burned by Jack Sackett, who has just finished a term of imprisonment in the penitentiary. Sackett is a desperate character, and threatens to destroy the town in revenge for having been sent to prison for burglary. There have been half a dozen incendiary fires of late which are attributed to Sackett and his associates. People go armed, and have organized night patrols and vigilance committees.

A Week's Failures.

NEW YORK July 10.—The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days number for the United States 158, and for Canada 27, or a total of 185 as against 204 failures last week and 205 the week previous to the last. The Western, Southern and Pacific States furnish about two-thirds of the whole number. In the Eastern sections business troubles for the week are light and unimportant.

The Dolphin to be Accepted.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Attorney General Garland has given an opinion to the Secretary of the Navy on the question of law involved in the controversy with John Roach concerning the dispatch-boat Dolphin. Secretary Whitney declines at present to give the opinion to the press. It is understood, however, that it is of such a character that the Secretary will accept the vessel.

Now It's the Hessian Fly.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 10.—The Hessian fly has made great devastations in the wheat fields of various towns in Wayne County. In Arcadia the loss is estimated at $20,000. In the immediate vicinity of Lyons the loss is estimated by careful observers at $70,000. In some places the farmers are burning the wheat fields in order to exterminate the insect as far as possible.

Bicycling.

KINGSTON, ONT., July 10.—In the "Big Four" bicycle race from Arlington to this place, Stone was first to arrive, making his hundred miles in 8h. and 28m.; Meneger second, in 9h. and one-half second, and Webber third, in 9h. 6m. one-half second. The roads are in bad condition and the weather showery. The main body of the wheelmen arrived at 6 p. m., and after a short stay embarked for Clayton.

A Thief Makes a Complaint.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Mr. Hibbs, ex-Postmaster at Lewistown, Idaho, who stole $15,000, and came near securing $40,000, has written a letter to Attorney General Bryant, of the Postoffice Department, complaining that a registered letter he sent to a friend, containing $800, never reached its destination.

Riel Not a Traitor to the Queen.

TORONTO, ONT., July 10.—There appears to be a flaw in the indictment of Riel, through which he will be acquitted. He is charged with being a traitor to the Queen, while being her subject, but it is said that Riel is a citizen of the United States, having taken the oath of allegiance in Montana.

Spain's Scourge.

MADRID, July 10.—The total number of new cases of cholera reported from all points in Spain yesterday was 1,456, and of deaths 690. It is now hoped that Madrid will escape the scourge, as the disease is rapidly decreasing at Aranjuez.

Destructive Fire.

ALBANY N. Y., July 12.—Property to the value of $100,000 was destroyed by fire this morning. Four firemen were buried under a falling wall, one of whom, John A. Luby, died of his injuries, and Daniel Wheeler was killed.

No Reason for Their Dismissal.

CHICAGO, July 10.—The West Division Railway Company has reinstated fourteen of the sixteen men discharged from their service, and for whose reinstatement the recent strike was inaugurated. The President of the company declares that there was no adequate cause for the discharge of the men in question.

Mysterious Death.

CHICAGO, July 9.—Fred. Schlintzen, proprietor of the American House, at Lamont, Ill., was found dead in his hotel this morning with a bullet wound in his head. Opinion is divided as to whether he was murdered or suicided.

MORE TORNADOES.

Great Damage to Property of all Kinds by Wind and Rain.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., July 9.—To-night reports of damage from last night's storm continue to come in, and indications are that it will yet be several days before all small towns of the interior will be heard from. The storm appears to have passed entirely across the State, diagonally from northwest to southeast. At Sparta, which city appears to have been the greatest sufferer, the storm raged for over an hour, during the greater part of which time the air was filled with falling trees and flying debris. Although no lives are reported lost, many narrow escapes are reported from falling buildings. Along Court street a scene of desolation prevailed. Buildings were wrecked on every hand, shade trees torn from their roots, sidewalks demoralized and fences blown down. Several fine residences and a number of those less pretentious are a mass of ruins. Further than to place it well up in the thousands of dollars no estimate of the loss at that point is made. At Plainfield the storm was the most terrific ever seen. A large number of buildings were blown down or unroofed, and freight cars were smashed into splinters. Port Edwards, in Wood County, had a planing mill, store and five dwellings blown out of existence, lumber-yards scattered to the winds, and other property injured. The loss will aggregate $10,000. In Rock County buildings suffered to quite an extent, the principal damage being to tobacco sheds. About Edgerton more than two hundred tobacco sheds were demolished. Houses, barns and other buildings suffered a like fate, and considerable live stock was killed. A new Catholic church, a flax mill, residences and barns were downed at Appleton.

MONTICELLO, MINN., July 9.—A cyclone passed north of this place yesterday afternoon. The track of the storm was about five miles distant, and an ominous-looking cloud was watched by about every one in town. The cloud was of greenish hue and funnel-shaped, and as it danced across the prairie, now tearing up dirt from the ground and again rising some distance in the air, created a peculiar scene. A house between Big Lake and Becker was struck, and nothing was left to tell where it stood, pieces of timber and furniture being scattered along over the country. Among the things discovered near the place that was recognizable were some knives and forks, which were found about three hundred feet distance. Some distance further a gentleman, named Magee, was driving in a buggy. Magee saw the storm coming and had scarcely got into the shelter of a small clump of trees. Near the trees and between him and the storm was a knoll, which perhaps was what saved his life, as the cloud elevated and passed directly over him without doing any harm. In the cloud he could see pieces of timber and packages whirling about, but his account is rather meager. He admits he was too frightened to pay much attention to anything. About five hundred yards further on an old stable was lifted from the ground and carried away, a house standing near by being unharmed. A little child playing in the yard was picked up and carried some distance, but landed near a fence unharmed, aside from a few scratches. Reports are slow coming in, but so far no deaths have been reported, although several narrow escapes occurred.

A Horrible Accident.

CINCINNATI, July 9.—Just before midnight, Isaac Lederer went into the show-window of his millinery store, 234 West Sixth street, to turn off the gas. Standing on the floor of the window were a number of bonnet rods, which consists of a stiff iron rod pointed acutely at the upper extremity and held firmly in position at the base by iron bands. While reaching for the thumb-screw to shut off the gas, Mr. Lederer either slipped or took a fainting spell, and fell over sideways, and as he fell one of these deadly-looking rods entered the throat in the arch of the jaw-bone, and passed upward through bones and flesh a distance of nearly four inches, glancing out so as to escape the eye-socket. It required all the force of a stalwart man to withdraw the implement of death, which held its place with a vice-like tenacity. At an early hour this morning the victim was unconscious with slight hopes of his recovering.

First Comet of the Year.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 9.—Prof. Lewis Swift, of the Warner Observatory here, has received information that Prof. Barnard, of the Vanderbilt University Observatory, at Nashville, Tenn., discovered on the evening of July 7, a pretty, but very faint comet in Ophinchus. Its position was in P. A. 17h. 21m. 24s., declination south 44h. 57m. 8s. This morning at 2 o'clock Prof. Swift received another telegram from him, giving its daily motion as 58m. southwest. With the great telescope of the Warner Observatory, prof. Swift observed last evening that the surface of the comet was sprinkled over with very minute bright points like a resolved nebula. This discovery will clearly entitle the discoverer to the Warner prize of $200 for the first discovery of a new comet during the year 1885.

A Maniac Disposed of.

CHICAGO, July 9.—Several weeks ago the Polk Street Depot, this city, was the scene of a most startling tragedy. A man named Remeau, a passenger on an incoming train from Denver, went mad. When the train reached the depot his capture was attempted by a platoon of police. In the encounter which followed Officer Barrett was shot dead by the maniac. The latter was wounded, thought mortally, and taken to the hospital. This morning Remeau was taken into the County Court and declared insane.

An Insane Shoemaker.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—To-day Charles Knott, a shoemaker, entered the house of George Morris and asked Mrs. Morris to return a photograph which he had given the family. Mrs. Morris turned to get the picture, and as she did so Knott drew a revolver and shot her twice, the first ball taking effect in her head, and the second passing through her left lung. Knott then blew out his brains, dying instantly. Mrs. Morris is not expected to live through the night. Knott is believed to have been insane.

Saloons in Iowa.

DAVENPORT, IA., July 9.—The *Democrat* this evening publishes letters from the Mayors of twenty-nine leading cities and towns in Iowa on the workings of the prohibitory law which has been in force one year on July 4. The showing made is that there are open saloons in nineteen of the cities. Total number of places where liquor is sold 916, an increase of 146 during the year.

Opera-House Closed by a Humane Society.

PITTSBURGH, PA., July 9.—The opera-house was closed to-night by the Humane Society because the Rhinehart Juvenile Opera Company, which has been playing there this week, is composed of children under fourteen years of age. This is a direct violation of State laws, and Humane Agent Dean so notified the management. No more performances will be given by the company in this city.

An Infernal Machine.

NEWARK, N. J., July 9.—A mysterious-looking package was left at the house of George Krementz, a prominent jeweler of this place, by a stranger this morning. It was found to be a cigar-box wrapped in paper, and on opening the box a pistol, concealed in it was discharged, and Mr. Muithrop was struck by a bullet, but was not injured. No clue has been discovered by which to identify the man who left the box, or his motive.

She Died for Love.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., July 10.—Carrie Evans, aged fifteen, committed suicide because a young fellow whom she supposed was in love with herself gave an engagement ring to one of her school girl friends.

UNPRECEDENTED.

A Disastrous Fall of Water.

Western Pennsylvania Visited by the Severest Storm Ever Known.

PITTSBURGH, PA., July 13.—Shortly before dark this evening the Allegheny Valley was visited by one of the most disastrous storms ever known in that section. Rain fell in torrents for an hour, the wind blew a hurricane, and thunder and lightning was incessant. Reports of great damage have been received from various points along the Allegheny River, between this city and Titusville. At Harmonsville the lightning struck the telegraph office, killing instantly James McLeod, a student, aged twelve years, and remaining unconscious the operator, Miss Mary Hazlett. The building was partly wrecked. Miss Hazlett was removed to a neighboring house, and soon revived. She was not seriously injured. At Freeport four inches and a half of rain fell in an hour, flooding cellars, yards and streets, and covering the West Pennsylvania and Butler Branch roads with water to a depth of several feet. The tracks in some places have been washed away and in others debris is piled five feet high. Trains have been stopped in all directions. At Hite's Station a freight train ran into a land slide and was badly wrecked, but no one was injured, so far as known. Peter's Creek, near Leechburg, is swollen beyond its banks, and numerous oil and gas derricks were washed down stream. Kirkpatrick & Co.'s steel plant, at Lushburg, is under water, and the loss will reach many thousand dollars. The loss in grain and hay alone in this and surrounding districts is something fearful to contemplate.

TITUSVILLE, PA., July 3.—A cloud burst about one mile south of town at five o'clock this afternoon, and a stream entering Oil Creek near Center City rose to unprecedented height. Many houses were moved from their foundations, and several were washed away. A number of families had narrow escapes. Two bridges went down the creek, and roads were badly washed. No loss of life, but damage to property very great.

A Fatal Mistake.

PHILADELPHIA, July 13.—A strange and fatal case of poisoning was brought to the notice of the police of this city last night. On Friday night about 9 o'clock, Ezekiel H. Beatty, was asked by his wife to give her a glass of tonic, which she was taking for her nerves. He went to the closet where it was kept, and filled a wine glass from what he thought was the tonic bottle, and gave it to his wife, who swallowed it, and almost instantly said, "Oh, that's not my medicine; it tastes like poison." "Why, of course, it's your medicine," said her husband, and to show her that he was right, he half filled the glass and drank the contents. In a few minutes his wife was so ill that he hastened to call Dr. W. D. Robinson, and as the two started back, Mr. Beatty, who is about sixty years of age, began to vomit, and it was with difficulty that he was taken home. The doctor found that both had swallowed some "battery fluid," made up of sulphuric acid, sulphate of copper and chlorate of potash, which had been used in charging a small electric battery kept in the house. Mrs. Beatty survived until Saturday night, when she died. Her husband is still in a dangerous condition.

Diseased Dried Beef.

KANKAKEE, ILL., July 13.—A microscopic examination of dried beef, which caused the sickness of 60 or more persons at Momence, in this county, was made to-day. It revealed thousands of worms to the square inch in the meat. Some of the insects are represented as being black, others white, but all have antennæ or horns projecting from their head. There have been two deaths thus far, Mrs. Dr. Shrouts, wife of a leading physician, and Mr. Charles Wooster, a prominent citizen. The wife of Hannibal Worcester, the banker, is not expected to live. There are many other cases which are critical. It is reported that a Chicago scientist, to whom portions of the diseased meat have been sent, has said that all who have partaken of it must die sooner or later.

An Ohioan Cremated.

LANCASTER, PA., July 13.—This morning the body of Dr. Geo. S. Metzger, of Columbiana, O., was brought to this city for cremation in charge of Paul Metzger, son of the deceased, and his wife, of Salem, O., and George Vogelson, son-in-law, Columbiana, and his son Edward Vogelson. The body was taken to the crematorium from the train, and was placed in the retort at half-past nine o'clock. The incineration was complete in about one hour, but the ashes will not be removed from the retort until to-morrow morning, when they will be sent by express to Columbiana. The relatives left for home this afternoon. Among those who witnessed the cremation was T. G. Clausen, architect, of Davenport, Iowa, who is here in the interests of the Cremation Society of that place.

The Voice of Women.

LONDON, July 13.—A mass meeting of women was held in Princess Hall this afternoon to consider ways and means to protect young girls from the horrible pitfalls of London as revealed by the *Pall Mall Gazette*. Mrs. Booth and other ladies made eloquent addresses. The meeting resolved that the laws on the subject should forthwith be made more efficient, denounced the State regulation of vice, demanded the total repeal of the contagious diseases act, and that the age of consent be raised from thirteen to eighteen. The meeting also voted to send copies of the record of its proceedings to the House of Commons.

The Cholera.

MADRID, July 13.—There were 1,417 new cases of cholera reported in Spain yesterday and 667 deaths. The cholera has broken out in four places in the Province of Jaen. Forty-two new cases were reported yesterday in that province, and eighteen deaths from the disease. The official report shows a total of 30,000 cases in Spain since the inception of the scourge up to last evening, and a total of 13,000 deaths.

Destructive Storms in Austria

VIENNA, July 13.—Destructive storms continue in portions of Austria and Hungary. In many places all live stock has been killed, the crops entirely destroyed, and the people are confronted by starvation. The outlook for next winter in the devastated districts is terrible.

—A correspondent writes to the *Scientific American* describing an accident, by which a ten-year-old girl had two upper front teeth knocked out. She was taken to a dentist, who replaced the teeth and strapped up the jaw. For two days she could scarcely speak, and no solid food was allowed, but the operation was successful, and the teeth are as firmly set as ever. The the teeth are a little chipped, but later on, when it is safe to work on them, they can be patched with gold and be about as good as ever they were.

—The latest sensation in Tombstone is a high-toned Chinese wedding, one of the high contracting parties rejoicing in the name of Ah Dude. The local paper remarks that it was "the most recherche affair in the elite Mongolian circles" of the bonanza camp, and that "it passed off with great eclat."—*Phœniz (Ari.) Herald.*

—The homing pigeons Captain Cuff, William D. and Young Dandy, the latter having the best record in Philadelphia, all owned by Herman Thorbecker, made a fly on Saturday from Thompson's Hotel, at Gloucester, to this city, a distance of seven miles, in three minutes.—*Philadelphia Times.*

THE COMMONWEALTH.

Louisville Leaf Tobacco Market.

Burley tobaccos are more or less lower for all styles and grades, except the finest leaf. Medium leaf, all grades, is 50@$1 lower; good is about $1 lower, and low grades are off 25@50c. Dark and heavy styles have been in fair demand, and while there has been the same absence of eager buying that has been noticed since the regie awards, the current requirements have about equaled the offerings. On the whole, the steadiness of the general market in distributing and absorbing such large quantities of tobacco in so long a period has been phenomenal; and it does appear probable that a decline can be established at so late a stage of the season. We quote 1884 tobaccos as follows for full-weight packages:

	Dark and Heavy.	Bright.
Trash	$3 75@ 4 00	$ 3 50@ 4 00
Common lugs	4 25@ 4 75	4 00@ 4 50
Medium lugs	5 00@ 5 25	4 75@ 5 50
Good lugs	5 50@ 6 25	6 00@ 6 45
Common leaf	6 50@ 7 00	6 75@ 7 25
Medium leaf	7 75@ 8 25	8 00@10 00
Good leaf	8 75@11 00	12 00@14 50
Fancy leaf	13 00@17 00	15 00@28 00

Miscellaneous Items.

MARY KNIGHTS, Louisville, bitten by a dog some weeks ago, showed symptoms of hydrophobia, on the 10th.

JOHN PITTMAN, Louisville, burned at the asphalt fire, died on the 10th. John Harris may recover.

CHAS. THACKER met a terrible death between Cincinnati Southern cars at Danville Foot caught between ties and dragged him under.

A CATFISH weighing 250 pounds and measuring eighteen inches between the eyes, was caught on a trot line below Cairo lately. The lucky fisherman got $10 for it.

S. S. BARNETT, living three miles from Salem, thinks he has found a silver mine on his farm. The dirt assayed four ounces to the ton, and a shaft is being sunk to test the properties of the soil.

THE following postmasters were commissioned recently: Charles C. Lewis, Stamping Ground; Wm. M. Kendall, West Liberty.

TILFORD CHANDLER, of near Owingsville, accidently shot himself while repairing a pistol, inflicting a dangerous wound.

A BOURBON COUNTY barn is 100 years old. The sheathing is of oak plank fastened with home-wrought nails.

A COLLISION occurred between an omnibus, loaded with passengers, and a transfer wagon, in Covington, a few days ago. James Carrick, the driver of the omnibus, was thrown from his seat and struck head foremost on the curbstone, receiving serious injuries. The driver of the transfer wagon was arrested charged with reckless driving.

AT Hopkinsville, some workmen were removing the foundation of a building that had been used as a billiard room and restaurant, and was destroyed by fire last December. One of the workmen found a skeleton about six feet high. It was covered with dirt, and it was impossible to tell how long it had been there. The buttons upon the coat and vest which were worn at the time of its deposit, were found lying in a straight row just as they are always placed upon those garments. The coat buttons were steel gray, and well preserved, showing beyond a doubt that man had taken his departure in a white vest. Recent developments show that the skeleton was a part of the body of a murdered man. There was found in the grave a large bowie knife, probably twelve inches long. The only solution is that the man was foully murdered, and that the murderer was shrewd enough to bury the knife with his victim.

A SEVENTEEN-MONTHS-OLD child of Eugene Breedlove, Louisville, fell into a vault and was smothered to death.

THE Versailles grocers have adopted the cash system.

AT a sham fox chase about two miles back of Dover, a horse which John Poe was riding fell on him and killed him.

THE small boys of Georgetown are working in the tobacco fields at seventy-five cents per day. Better that than loafing about the streets.

THE trial of Craig Tolliver and others, for complicity in the Rowan County outrages was begun at Morehead on the 9th.

THE late D. A. Chenault, of Madison County, by will gives $15,000 to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, and $10,000 to the Baptist denomination in Madison County.

THE Columbia *Spectator* has found a natural ice-house also. There have been so many of these ice-deposits found of late that the public is growing careful about believing there are such things. The *Spectator* says: Near Albany, Clinton County, there is a natural ice-cave. The citizens for miles around are supplied with ice, as clear as crystal, from the cave. It was discovered some years ago while a party of young people were on an exploring expedition. The cave is quite large, and in one room only is ice formed.

THE infant mortality in Louisville, for the week ending July 4, was 48 under five years of age; 21 of these were from cholera infantum. This infant mortality is coincident with a superabundance of fruit and vegetables, which have been reasonably low in the regular market, and "dirt cheap" in the peddling trade.

THE other evening Patrick Riley and Miss Dora Powell were married in the Clerk's office at Nicholasville, Judge W. H. Phillips officiating, and quite a crowd of witnesses. It leaked out that they were Shakers from Pleasant Hill, Mercer County, who had concluded to give their faith the shake. The appearance of several elderly Shaker ladies at the depot in pursuit of them hurried up the lovers, who were married just as the seekers for the strays appeared in the court-yard. The newly married couple met them, with hand-shaking congratulations and even kissing were indulged in. It was a scene. The elderly lady smiled and escorted the young couple to the hotel, where they remained for the night. The once famed Shaker settlement is fast passing away.

NEAR Paducah, Bill Hedges maliciously and without provocation shot and dangerously wounded Captain Linah Cobb, clerk of the steamer Gus Fowler.

IN Fleming County the other evening, James Reynolds, who was a turnpike contractor, got into a difficulty with one of his employes, whom he was punishing unmercifully, when Cogan interfered to separate them. Reynolds turned on Cogan, who drew a small pocket-knife and stabbed Reynolds in the thigh, severing the femoral artery, from which he died within three minutes.

BILLY KERSANDS, the negro minstrel, was born in Louisville, and was a boot-black there in his youthful days.

GOVERNOR KNOTT has refused a pardon to Wepler, the Louisville saloon keeper, who shot Harry Clay.

AN eight-months-old baby in Henry County hung itself between the mattress and front board of the bed.

A LINCOLN COUNTY merchant had a clerk arrested for stealing two paper collars three years ago.

MISS SARAH BELLE TURNER, sister of Dr. W. N. Turner, late assistant physician at the Eastern Lunatic Asylum, committed suicide at Perryville.

THE PRESIDENT'S PLUCK.

Willing to Correct a Mistake When It Is Shown to Be One.

He is a plucky man who dares acknowledge an error in the face of the whole world, and equally plucky who can not be driven from a correct decision, however misunderstood and misrepresented that decision may be. Yet President Cleveland possesses pluck of this sort in a remarkable degree. Mistakes he may make, but if these be clearly pointed out he acknowledges and rectifies them; commendable acts may be twisted into exhibitions of intent on his part to fall short of duty, yet he is not swerved from his course.

Take a few cases in point. His latest exhibition of pluck in acknowledging an error comes in the form of a revocation of an unfit appointment in Copiah County, Miss. After the commission had been issued, President Cleveland learned on good authority that the appointee had been in some way connected with the troubles of two years ago, and the appointment was promptly rescinded. That was a manly, straightforward acknowledgement of error. Not long ago a similar frank admission of mistake was made in recalling the appointment of Meirere. And it is noticeable that in neither case did the President attempt to lessen his own responsibility by any insinuations of carelessness on the part of his Cabinet advisers.

A sample of pluck illustrative of his determination to stick to right action, despite of all the forces which political hatred, misrepresentation and ignorance could bring to bear, has been shown right here in New England, in his course on the appointment of Hon. Eben F. Pillsbury. Every one knows what a storm the Republicans made against the appointee, and every one knows how readily some of the President's friends f