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SALE BILLS,
ENVELOPES,
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BILL HEADS,
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ETC., ETC
CALL AND SEE US.

CURRENT TOPICS.

ENGLAND has $500,000,000 in our railways.

CHARLESTON (S. C.) is to have a grand boulevard.

PHILADELPHIA has Sunday concerts in the parks.

THE American oyster is being introduced in Sweden.

A SINGLE watermelon patch in Georgia contains 800 acres.

ANACONDA has been selected as the capital of Montana.

OKLAHOMA territory is to be divided into twelve counties.

QUEEN VICTORIA is said to be very anxious to make a visit to India.

MR. AND MRS. GLADSTONE have passed their golden wedding anniversary.

ONE-FOURTH of the Virginia wheat crop has been ruined by heavy rains.

DR. NANSEN, the explorer, says that the ice in Greenland is 6,000 feet thick.

JOHN ASTOR of New York—worth $2,000,000[illegible]—makes a week cigar-making.

THE British Government has decided to increase the military force in Egypt.

SOMEBODY proposes putting Jno. L. Sullivan's picture on the back of the postage stamps as the only way of getting him licked.

AND now comes the serious announcement that the Florida orange crop is a failure.

NEW YORK is getting up a tremendous head of steam on the world's fair project.

A DISPUTE over the payment of twenty-two cents has led to a law suit in Pittsburgh.

THE New York Custom House has an efficient clerk, Wm. O. Fitzgerald, who is a deaf mute.

THE King of Senegal, one of the notables now in Paris, talks of making a visit to this country.

THERE are 342,000 miles of railroad in operation in the world, of which 181,000 are in America.

THE Panama canal will positively be done in four years more. That is what De Lesseps says.

KANSAS CITY is talking of employing no one on city work who has not a six months' residence.

EARL DUDLEY, of England, is an inveterate gambler. He recently lost $50,000 at cards in Paris.

THE wedding presents at the marriage of Princess Louise and the Earl of Fife are valued at $1,000,000.

THE indications now are that there will be a tremendous corn crop in the United States this year.

WHOLESALE fruit dealers in New York are preparing to form an orange trust to control the Florida crop.

A CALIFORNIA letter tells of a widow in Southern California who has just sold her orange crop for $16,000.

JAPAN covers an area of 157,000 square miles; not quite as large as California. It has a population of 38,000,000.

BROOKLYN can boast of having the largest bread bakery in the world. It turns out 70,000 loaves of bread a day on an average.

THE English monopoly that now controls the paper product of the world has threatened, it is said, to raise the price of that article.

JOHN CURTIS, alias John Thompson, a convict in the Oregon penitentiary, chopped his left hand off with a hatchet to avoid work.

BUFFALO BILL has written to a friend in Colorado that he has received proposals of marriage from twenty-seven wealthy Parisiennes.

THE hottest weather ever known in the United States was felt at Phœnix, Ariz., in June, 1883, when the thermometer marked 119 degrees.

A DIME savings bank for colored people is to be opened at Atchison, Kan. This is looked upon as a direct blow at the crap shooting and watermelon industry.

THE widow of John C. Little, a drummer of Pittsburgh, who lost his life in the flood at Johnstown, has sued the South Fork Fishing Club for $50,000 damages.

THE widow of John Morrissey, once immensely wealthy, is now "hemming collars and cuffs for a Troy manufactory and running a desperate race with poverty."

INCLUDING the accession of the Bee Line and Big Four's 1,126 miles of road, and the Chesapeake and Ohio's 1,029 miles, the Vanderbilts now control 13,488 miles of track.

CHICAGO is anxious to get the Columbus Centennial there in 1892. There are 174 square miles within Chicago's generous limits and only forty-three within those of New York.

THE Chattanooga City Railroad Company has sold franchises and lines, including twenty-one miles of road, to the new Electric Street Railroad Company, consideration, $450,000.

THE line of perpetual snow on the Andes is 14,760 feet above sea level. In Mexico the line is 13,850 and on the Teneriffe 11,405 feet. Although snow is always visible on some of the highest peaks of the Sierras none of them are lofty enough to be rated as regions of perpetual snow.

THE problem of the safety of passengers in an electric car during a thunderstorm has been satisfactorily and very agreeably solved by the experience of the Lynn (Mass.) people the other day. A practical test was then offered by the lightning, and not a passenger was injured or even shocked.

ELECTRICITY from a broken wire killed another mule in the streets at St. Louis the other day; and yet the New York experts fear electricity won't "remove" their murderers to a certainty.

THE largest ship in the British navy, the Trafalgar, launched two years ago, has at last tried her engines, with success. She is 345 feet long, 73 feet beam, and 12,818 horse power drove her 17.28 knots.

THE heat in Russia and other parts of Northern Europe has been intense of late. The Central observatory of St. Petersburg has not recorded such a high temperature at the same time of the year since 1774.

THE New York Evening World offers a prize of $100 to the mother who has the greatest number of living children.

SAWS have been discovered in Germany and Denmark which belonged to the bronze age. The metal of which they were composed was cast into a thin sheet and serrated by breaking the edge.

PAPER pulp is now being extensively substituted for wood in the manufacture of lead pencils. The toughness of the paper, which heretofore made it objectionable for the purpose because it could not be cut with a knife, has been overcome.

SHOT THE SEA-SERPENT.

The Monster of the Deep Was Eighty Feet Long

And as Big Around as a Barrel—Sank to Rise No More.

PANAMA, July 24.—Captain William F. Smith, of the bark Nautilus, reports that when off Cape Berkeley, Galapago Islands, the sea serpent was seen about thirty yards from the vessel. Captain Smith estimated the serpent's length at eighty feet, and he was about as large around as a barrel in the thickest part. The head was shaped like a snake's, only on the extreme end of the upper jaw there was a ridge or bunch. The head was about three feet in length, and about two feet back of the head was a mane of hair. No fins were seen. The tail was long and tapering, and shaped like that of an eel. We all had a good view of him while he was slowly coming toward the ship. The captain and mate leveled two bomb guns and banged away at him, and for about fifteen minutes there was quite a circus, the serpent lashing the water with his tail and running his head out four or five feet. At last he ran out his head, whisked around and sank, dead. Both bombs hit him. When he went down he was not more than twenty feet from the ship, and so, of course, we had a good look at him.

Irrigation of Arid Lands.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—C. A. Kenaston, of the Geological Survey, has been appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, a special commissioner of the department to visit France, for the purpose of studying the irrigation system of that country, with a view to the improvement of our own. The reclamation of the arid regions of the West is regarded by Secretary Noble as of such vast importance that an effort will be made to utilize the all available knowledge of the best systems in use in Europe.

Destroyed by Lightning.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 2.—At 12:30 yesterday morning a storm broke over the city, during which the city's railway stables, located just without the limits in the West End, were struck by lightning. The building took fire, the flames spread rapidly, and before aid arrived the structure was consumed, and sixty mules and horses were burned up. Seven street cars were also destroyed.

Sullivan Goes South.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—John L. Sullivan, who was arrested Wednesday, was taken before Judge O'Brien, in Supreme Court Chambers, yesterday, and through his counsel, Delancey Nicoll, admitted his identity as the person called for in the writ of extradition. He said he was willing to go South, and Judge O'Brien ordered that he be turned over at once to Deputy Sheriff Childs, of Jackson, Mississippi.

An Ice Trust in the South.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 2.—Information comes from Mobile, Ala., that the recent consolidation, in that city, of rival ice companies has led to the formation of an ice trust for the purpose of controlling the manufacture and sale of artificial ice in the South. Five large companies, one each in Mobile, Savannah, Charleston, Birmingham and Brunswick, are already in the combine.

Lightning out of a Clear Sky.

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Aug. 2.—Lightning struck H. L. Sowles' barn at Alburgh yesterday, shattering part of the building, killing two horses, injuring other animals and more or less prostrating a number of persons in the vicinity. The peculiar feature of the occurrence is that there was no storm within two miles of the spot where the lightning struck.

Rev. Flemon's Friends Riotous.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 1.—Rev. Flemon, the colored preacher charged with murder, left at 9.50 o'clock, in charge of two South Carolina officers. Threats of rescue and violence were made, and a large crowd of colored sympathizers surrounded the jail and station when Flemon was removed, but there was no outbreak, and he was taken to the train safely.

Decision Against Chinese.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Acting Secretary Batchelier to-day informed the Secretary of the Navy that the Chinese who enlisted as servants on the U. S. Steamship Alert, now on her way from Honolulu to San Francisco are laborers within the meaning of the Chinese exclusion act, and will not be allowed to land in the United States.

Fine Steamer on a Rock.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Aug. 2.—The steamer St. Lawrence, the finest of the Thousand Islands Steamship Company's line of boats, ran on a rock off Hog Island, in the Canadian channel, and is going to pieces. She had on board an excursion party of about 900 people, all of whom were taken off without accident.

Reward For Tascott Still Good.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—Mrs. Henrietta Snell, widow of the late Amos J. Snell, announces that the $50,000 reward for the arrest of William B. Tascott, the supposed murderer of her husband, will hold good for twelve months longer.

Harper's Case Goes to the President.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The Attorney General has sent a report to the President in regard to the case of E. L. Harper, of the Fidelity Bank, of Cincinnati, and the belief is general that the report is adverse to his pardon.

Smuggled Opium.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—John Williams, cook on the steamship Wellington, just arrived here, was arrested for smuggling 500 boxes of opium into port.

Snow-Storms and Floods.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—Snow-storms and icy rains prevail throughout Switzerland. The mountain passes are partly blocked. Extensive floods are reported in Silesia.

License Bill Passed in Rhode Island.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 2.—The license bill was passed by the Legislature to-day and the special session adjourned to meet according to law.

Mad Horse Runs Amuck.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—A horse with all the symptoms of hydrophobia ran amuck on Robey street yesterday. Two men were bitten and eight horses torn by the teeth of the maddened animal. A thousand people joined in the chase for the brute, who was finally killed by policemen's bullets.

Gold Discovered in Missouri.

MARSHALL, Mo., Aug. 1.—Indications of gold in paying quantities has been discovered on the farm of W. H. Dickson, near Arrow Road. The gold is deposited in a bed of rock.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL FIND.

Cities Once Inhabited by Millions Given Up to Ghosts.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—A City of Mexico special says: Recently returned explorers from the State of Chiapas confirm and add to the remarkable reports concerning important archæological discoveries. A fine, broad, paved road, built by prehistoric inhabitants, has been traced from Tonala down into Guatemala and thence in a curve up again into Mexico, terminating at Palenque. All along this road are still to be seen the remains of ruined cities, and a careful estimate of the population of these places is about thirty millions. On that part of the road near Palenque the ruins are of great magnitude. Houses four and often five stories high have been found in the depth of the forest. Many of these houses are pyramidal in form, and so covered are some of them with vegetable mold that large trees are growing from the roofs. In some of the houses greater employment has been made of stone beams of tremendous weight, and the architecture indicates a high degree of scientific attainments. In some houses visited bronze lamps have been discovered, and the interior and exterior mural decoration of the more important houses consist of panelings filled with elaborately carved figures almost life size, two types of men and women being represented, some plainly Egyptians and others genuine Africans. In front of one of the houses the explorers found fourteen sculptures of gods with folded arms. The explorers went to Chiapas on private business, but incidentally became interested in the work of exploring the ruins, and they suggest that the government fit out an expedition to make a complete map of this wonderfully interesting region, regarding which little, comparatively, is known, even after so many years since the white men became aware of its existence.

POPS THE QUESTION.

Mayor of Tacoma Formally Applies for All of Boston's 10,000 Spinsters.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—A special from Boston says: The 10,000 or more Boston spinsters, young, middle-aged and aged, grass widows, fair divorcees and lone females generally, felt their hearts flutter to-day with an indescribable sentiment. From the far Northwest, from the pushing, hustling Washington Territory, came some good news. It was an offer of marriage for each individual Massachusetts female who has been pining for the coming of some nice young man who would claim her. The offer came through Mayor Hart in the shape of a letter sent by Mayor Wheelwright, of Tacoma, which it is stated that the Territory of Washington, and Tacoma in particular, is filled with sober, industrious and enterprising young men who desire in the worst way to enter the matrimonial state, there being at present ten young men there to one young woman. Massachusetts has a surplus of females amounting to 80,000, of which number at least fifty per cent. are unmarried and with no prospect of a chance to get married. If Mayor Hart does not answer the appeal it is certain that many of the marriageable females here will answer it.

Another Man Gone Wrong.

WHEELING, W. Va., Aug. 3.—Harry Seybold, the teller of the Bank of Wheeling, who, with George Hennig, another employe, was arrested last night, charged with embezzling funds of the bank, made a full confession at 1 o'clock this morning. He exonerated Hennig from all blame and said he took the money on the tenth day of last May. The package contained $24,000 in cash and was removed from the vault to Seybold's home.

Thought Her Child Was Dead.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 3.—A special from Woonsocket, S. D., says: Mrs. Fred. Pheineking, a German woman, living on a farm sixteen miles northwest of this city, committed suicide by taking two teaspoonfuls of paris green. She was twenty-six years of age and her first babe was only four days old. She thought the child was dead and in her grief swallowed the poison. The babe is still alive.

Turkey Arming.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 3.—The Turkish Minister of War has ordered that 80,000 of the reserve troops be called out immediately. The Government is purchasing uniforms and military stores in large quantities, and largely-increased gangs of workmen are pushing active preparations in the dock-yards with almost feverish haste.

Relic-Hunter Starves In His Hut.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 3.—George Price, an aged colored resident, relic-hunter of this place, was found starved to death at his hut at the eastern portion of the city this morning.

Lead Mines Shutting Down.

CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 3.—Via Galveston.—The lead mines in Nuevo Leon are shutting down, owing to the imposition by the U. S. Government of duties on lead rose.

Young Lady Drowned.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 3.—Miss Louise A. Andrews, an estimable young lady of this city, was drowned while bathing in Devil's Lake yesterday afternoon.

Died in Jail.

POINT PLEASANT, W. Va., Aug. 3.—John Jones, who was stabbed here last week in a row with William McClintock, died in jail last evening at 5 o'clock.

Every Prisoner Gone.

BLOUNTSVILLE, Ala., Aug. 3.—All the prisoners in the county jail here escaped last night by climbing through the stove flue to the roof, and leaping to the ground. Among them was John Livingstone, who was charged with the murder of his sister.

Glass Companies Bought Up.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 3.—The United Glass Company, which already owns most of the window-glass works in this State and several outside, to-day, bought the Keystone Glass Works at Meadville, Pa., and the Diamond Glass Company's Works at Ravenna, O.

Torn to Pieces.

MARQUETTE, Mich., Aug. 3.—A terribly fatal explosion occurred at the Republic Mine yesterday afternoon. Two cases of giant powder exploded in Pit 6, killing two men and three boys. All the victims were torn to shreds. Their names have not yet been ascertained.

Frost in Illinois.

GALENA, Ill., Aug 3.—The low grounds in this section were visited by a frost early yesterday morning, which did considerable damage to growing vegetables. Corn suffered in most exposed places. Tobacco was also severely injured.

SUNDAY MORNING BATTLE.

A Low Dance Ends in a Frightful Melee.

Razors, Knives and Revolvers Used Freely—Half a Dozen of the Participants Fatally Wounded.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 5.—The village of Walton, Ky., eighteen miles south-west of here, on the Southern and Short-Line roads was the scene of frightful slaughter early yesterday morning. A dance had been given by the colored people of that neighborhood. About 2 a. m. a quarrel arose between two women over a man both claimed. The fight between the two dusky Amazons led to a general melee. During the melee pistols, knives and razors were drawn and freely used. Nearly fifty shots were fired, and fully half a dozen of the participants in the row were doubtlessly fatally wounded. The house, after the fight, looked like a veritable slaughter-pen. The floor, walls and furniture were bespattered with blood. Gory trails led in every direction. The fence had been broken down in many places, and the palings showed the print of bloody hands. It was thought yesterday that at least five of the wounded would die before nightfall, and that many others were almost as badly hurt. The affair has caused great excitement throughout that section. Angry colored men pursued two of the prominent participants in the affair, and who are credited with doing most of the bloody execution. If caught they will be lynched to the nearest tree. The white citizens of Walton are also terribly aroused, and are taking steps to prevent further bloodshed. Three years ago the town went "dry." Since then the lower classes of the population have made it a custom to club in Saturday and send to the city for whisky and beer by the wholesale. The consequence has been that some sanguinary encounter has occurred nearly every Saturday night. Following is the list of casualties: Fatally injured—Rube Finnel, shot through the abdomen; Harris Johnson, two bullets through left arm, another in right side; John Robinson, sixteen, bullet entered left breast near the nipple and another through stomach; Bartley Carson, two bullet-holes, one on each side of the spine. Seriously injured—"Sis" Mitchell, frightful cut on shoulder; "Nic" Williams, slash across right breast, right arm laid open from the shoulder; Martha Collins, cut across the back. Many others were wounded as shown by the trails of blood leading from the dance hall.

HELD UP.

Bold Robbery Near Kansas City—Two Road Agents Go Through a Wabash Train.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 5.—Passenger train No. 4 on the Wabash Western, which left Kansas City at 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening, was held up by two masked men five miles east of Kansas City and two miles west of Randolph Station, and the passengers in the two rear coaches were relieved of their money and jewelry. Immediately after the train left Harlem, a station just across the river from Kansas City, two men entered the St. Paul coach and passed through it and the Des Moines sleeper behind it, the latter being the last car in the train. When they reached the rear platform of the sleeper the men tied red handkerchiefs around the lower part of their faces, drew their revolvers and started forward, holding and robbing each passenger as they proceeded. There were only six passengers in the sleeper and eight persons in the St. Paul coach. One man with two cocked revolvers "covered" the passengers, while his partner robbed them. From a Kansas City gentleman, who was in the sleeper and his wife and young lady, they got $60 and a fine gold watch. From another man they secured a silver watch, and from another $4 in silver, getting out of the two coaches about $175 in cash, one gold and one silver watch, and some small articles of jewelry. None of the passengers offered any serious resistance, but devoted what little time they had after the bandits commenced their work and the alarm was given to securing their money. The robbers made their escape.

Bloody Flux Epidemic.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—A Herald special from Carthage, Ill., says: The epidemic of the bloody flux at Warsaw is unabated. Five deaths occurred Saturday, and it is feared that many of the invalids will not recover. Dr. Hunt has fifty or seventy-five cases of bowel complaint. He considers the epidemic very serious, and says it is caused by impure water, and the extremely hot days and cool nights.

Aged Female Burglar Captured.

BRAINTREE, Mass., Aug. 5.—A female burglar, about sixty-five years of age, was arrested after a severe tussel about 12 o'clock last night in the residence of Horace Abercrombie, having effected an entrance through the bulkhead. She would give no name, but stated that she had subsisted in the woods on berries for the past few weeks and had no home.

Big Injuns Sign.

STANDING ROCK, Dak., Aug. 5.—Much to the surprise of everybody at the Agency, John Grass, Mad Bear, Big Head and their bands to-day signed the treaty, and now six hundred names are all that are necessary for the opening of the reservation.

Went to Bed Smoking.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Aug. 5.—Maurice Dawner, aged seventy, went to bed Friday night with a lighted pipe in his mouth. It set the bed-clothes on fire, and when found he was lying unconscious, with one side of his body literally roasted. That side was partially dead, so that he did not feel the fire, and never woke up.

American Schooner Seized.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 5.—A dispatch to the American Consul General announces the seizure at Guysboro of the American schooner Vidette. No further particulars are given.

Child Hanged to Its Cradle.

CATLIN, Ill., Aug. 5.—An infant child of Captain Yount was found dead, hanging suspended by the bed clothing to the cradle this morning. It is supposed that it fell out of the cradle and its head caught in the bed clothing. Its neck was broken.

Catholic Convention Postponed.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 5.—The fifteenth annual convention of the Catholic Young Men's National Union, which was for August, has been postponed until September 3 and 4. It will be held at Providence, R. I.

IN ASHES.

The Heart of Spokane Falls In a Few Hours Laid Waste by Flames.

SPOKANE FALLS, Wash., Aug. 6.—The entire business portion of this city was destroyed by fire last night. Twenty-five blocks were reduced to ashes. The estimated loss is $14,000,000. The fire started at 7 p. m. in a lodging-house on Railroad avenue. The Fire Department came to the scene quickly, but owing to a lack of water, the fire quickly spread to adjoining frame buildings and was soon beyond control. The flames jumped across the street to the Russ House and the Pacific Hotel. By this time a strong wind sprung up, and it was evident the city was doomed. The flames spread with fearful rapidity. The firemen were powerless. Attempts were made to check the fire by blowing up buildings in its path, but it was useless. From the Pacific Hotel the fire swept across First street to the frame buildings in the next block, and soon it reached the heart of the city. The block in the story building, on the east side avenue was easily carried away. From here the fire communicated to the magnificent Hyde Block, a four-story building, taking in the whole square between Mill and Howard streets, on Riverside avenue. The fire next leaped across Howard street, and in a few minutes the block between Howard and Stevens streets was a mass of red-hot ashes. The next structure to succumb was the large Tult Block. From there the conflagration went whirling through the solid blocks of four-story brick buildings, including the post-office, between Stephens and Washington streets. At this point the fire burned out from lack of material. From the place of origin the fire had meanwhile taken another direction, leaping across Sprague street to the opera house, and thence over Riverside avenue to Brown's Bank, then both sides of the avenue were in flames. The buildings between Post and Mill streets were quickly licked up, including the Grand Hotel. From here the waves of flame poured into the adjoining square on the right, containing the Frankfort block, the largest building in the city. The Frankfort cost $250,000. It withstood the fire for some time, but finally disappeared. The Arlington Hotel was now enveloped in flames. Suddenly a man was seen to jump from the second story. He arose and started to run down Howard street, but was overcome by the heat and fell. Several people rushed to his assistance and carried him to a place of safety. He was a pitiable sight, having been literally roasted alive, the skin peeling off all over his body. The unfortunate man's name was Charles Davis. He died at noon to-day. Northward was the direction taken by the fire from the Arlington. It consumed the block between Howard, Main, Front and Stephens streets, burning east as far as the latter thoroughfare, when a vacant lot checked further progress in that direction. Everything in a northerly direction, including the Northern Pacific Express office, the Union Block and the Windsor Hotel, was destoyed.

A Crushing Defeat.

CAIRO, Aug. 6.—The victory of General Grenfell over the dervishes near Toski is complete. It was a terrible but one-sided engagement in which the brave rebels asked no quarter and devoted themselves to destruction in their fierce attacks upon the lines of Martini-Henry rifles. The Egyptian cavalry swept through their lines time and again, as they doggedly retired toward the hills. Wad-el-Jumbi, the leader of the dervishes, and twelve emirs were killed. The dervishes lost 1,500, fully half their number, killed and wounded. The Egyptian loss was small. Gunboats are pursuing the remnants of the dervish force. Nearly all their fighting men are slain, and the defeat is crushing. The Egyptian slain number about 100.

The Kentucky Elections.

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 6.—Results received from every section of the State, supplemented by conservative estimates in the race for State Treasurer between Sharp (Democrat) and Colston (Republican, indicates the election of the former by from 30,000 to 40,000 majority. Buckner (Democrat), for Governor, and Tate, for Treasurer, were elected by about 20,000 in 1887. The Republican's, encouraged by the distribution of Harrison's patronage and Tate's defalcation, went in to make an aggressive fight. This aroused the Democrats as they have not been stirred up for ten years, and the result shows an old-fashioned majority.

Iowa Town Almost Destroyed.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 6.—The little town of Delhi, in Delaware County, formerly the county-seat, was nearly destroyed by fire yesterday. Every business house but one was consumed. The fire caught in the Gleason House and swept both sides of the street. The loss is estimated at $80,000, on which there was little insurance. Twelve buildings were burned, with most of their contents.

Hyppolite Routed.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—The Haytian Consulate gives out the following: "The Haytian Consulate General is in receipt of news under date of July 28, from Port au Prince, per steamer Athos, that the rebel chiefs Hyppolite and Jean Jumeau, with their combined forces, made a concerted attack on Port au Prince, which resulted in a general rout of the attacking forces, which at last reports were retreating toward Saint Marc."

Startling News.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—A special from Winnipeg, Manitoba, says: It was learned last night from a British Columbia official, who was passing through the city, that the entire Pacific fleet of the British navy, with the exception of two torpedo boats, steamed out of Esquimault Harbor three days ago, bound for the recent seizure on Behring Sea.

Mother and Daughter Drowned.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 6.—Mrs. Margaret Ball and her ten-year-old daughter were drowned in a creek near Barnesville, N. C., to-day.

Twins Killed By a Train.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Aug. 6.—Mrs. Tine, the mother of three-year-old twins, missed her children this morning. Search for them revealed their dead bodies in the woods by the railroad track near the house. They had been struck by a passing train.

Boulanger Carried None.

PARIS, Aug. 6.—The second ballot for members of the Councils General in the Cantons throughout the country, which failed to elect members on the previous Sunday, resulted in the election of 121 Republicans and 41 Conservatives.

OUR FOREFATHERS.

A Beautiful Monument Dedicated to the Memory of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, Mass.—A Big Parade—An Oration by Congressman Breckinridge, of Kentucky and a Poem by John Boyle O'Reilly.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Aug. 2.—The grand National monument in honor of the Pilgrims has been dedicated. The sons and daughters of Plymouth were out in great numbers, also visitors from far and near. The weather of the early morning was unpropitious. It was necessary to view the parade from beneath umbrellas. The celebration began at sunrise with a salute by Battery A and the ringing of bells. The morning trains brought vast numbers of strangers, and a great throng surrounded the new

THE MONUMENT.

monument at 9:30, when the dedicatory exercises were carried out by the Masonic Grand Lodge according to the ritual of their order. These exercises were very interesting. The band rendered a choral by J. K. Paine, following which the song of praise, written by R. W. Thomas Power, was sung by the Temple quartet. Following song came the address of the president of the Pilgrim Society—ex-Governor Long; the response of the Grand Master, Henry Endicott; proclamation by the Grand Marshal, George H. Rhodes; reading of Scripture selections by Grand Chaplain Rev. Charles A. Skinner; prayer by the Grand Chaplain; report on the examination of the monument and libations of corn and wine by the Junior and Senior Grand Wardens, respectively. The libation of oil, by Deputy Grand Master Samuel Wells, was followed by the invocation by the Grand Chaplain. Grand Master Endicott then delivered an ad-

ONE OF THE PANELS.

dress. The assembly then sang an appropriate closing hymn by R. W. Thomas Power, to the tune of "America." The exercises concluded with a proclamation by the Grand Marshal, benediction by the Grand Chaplain and the Pilgrim chorus by the band.

Meantime the procession had been forming and at 11 o'clock moved over an extensive route in seven divisions. At the completion of the parade the officers and members of the Pilgrim Society, with the orator, poet and invited guests, took their places in the great dining-tent, and the feast provided for the occasion was discussed for an hour.

Governor Long, the chairman, arose to introduce the orator of the day, Congressman Breckenridge. When Mr. Long had finished speaking Mr. Breckenridge arose and, amid appreciative applause, delivered an eloquent and appropriate oration.

John Boyle O'Reilly, the poet of the occasion, was then introduced and read his poem, "The Pilgrim Fathers."

After the reading of the poem addresses were made by Lieutenant-Governor Brackett on behalf of the State, Senator George F. Hoar, Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge, Hon. William Cogswell, Hon. E. A. Morse, Hon. James G. Blaine and others.

AMERICAN CATHOLICS.

A Congress Will Be Held at Baltimore in November Next.

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 2.—An important gathering of representative Roman Catholics of the United States will be held beginning the 11th of November next, the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in this country through the consecration of Dr. Carroll as Archbishop of Baltimore. The call was issued Wednesday. The congress is intended to "demonstrate the unity of the entire Catholic body in all that concerns the Catholic faith; the harmony, mutual attachment and good will among the different orders in the church, the hierarchy, the clergy and the laity; and it will afford an opportunity to testify in a public manner the loyalty of the Catholics of the United States to the laws and the constitution." The project has the approval of Cardinal Gibbons and other Archbishops and Bishops of the United States. It is expected that the session will last at least two days. The local arrangements are in charge of a committee of Baltimore gentlemen. All Roman Catholics are invited to attend, but credentials will have to be issued by the various Bishops and Archbishops through the ordinary of the dioceses and archdioceses. Coincidently with the meeting of the congress will occur the formal opening of the Catholic University of America at Washington.

THE SUN HIDDEN.

The Orb of Day Unable to Pierce the Dense Smoke Arising from Forest Fires.

HELENA, M. T., Aug. 2.—The forest fires show no signs of abatement. A great black cloud hangs over the country west, north and south of this city. The sun has not been seen for six days. It is believed timber to the amount of $500,000 has been destroyed. The buildings and sidewalks of Missoula are covered with ashes. The fire now raging in Boulder canyon has been very destructive to property. In the neighborhood of Phillipsburg the damage has been immense. The town of Granite is in imminent danger of being consumed. The mountains about the city are all on fire. The heat and smoke is almost stifling.

Work of the Lightning.

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Aug. 2.—Lightning struck H. L. Sowles' barn at Alburgh Wednesday, shattering part of the building, killing two horses, injuring other animals, and more or less prostrating a number of persons in the vicinity. The peculiar feature of the ocurrence is that there was no storm within two miles of the spot where the lightning struck.

Nearly Ten Thousand Saloons in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 2.—The Dow liquor-tax reports for the first half of 1889, which have been received by the Auditor of State, show 9,002 saloons in the State, an increase of 115. The receipts to the revenue fund are $222,000, an increase of $6,000

THE COMMONWEALTH.

A. J. ALEXANDER, of the Woodburn stud, has sold to H. C. Graves & Sons, Sandwich, Ill., the bay stallion Sandwich, four years old, by Lord Russell, dam, Rosella, by Belmont. Price, $5,000.

JOHN [illegible]MAN, a shoemaker, Louisville, died the other morning from the effects of a dose of morphine taken with suicidal intent. Family trouble was the cause.

THE dead body of Hamilton Mitchell, aged [illegible] five, was found, the other afternoon, near the car bridge on which Jim Ke[illegible] was hung recently, near Paris. The head was mangled horribly by the cars. He was walking on the track and unaware of an approaching train. He was unmarried.

WILL[illegible] RIGHT, a colored barber, well known in Louisville, was arrested there the other night by Deputy United States Marshal [illegible] and taken to Somerset [illegible] for passing counterfeit silver coin.

SOUTHWESTERN Kentucky has an epidemic of mad dogs.

A FIERCE quarrel has broken out between the Smiths and Slushers, near Pineville, over a hog worth two dollars. The Smiths' home was attacked recently by the Slushers and a volley poured into the house. Smith retaliated by putting a guard armed with Winchesters on Slushers' road to Flat Lick, the nearest village. Both sides are now well armed and are watching for each other. All travel along the road passing their houses is cut off.

JIM COMBS, Jesse Barnett and Charles Wall, under arrest at Mt. Sterling for the murder of John A. Rose, of Powell County, have confessed. They say they were hired to do it by enemies of Rose, who agreed to pay them $500 each.

HARRY FARRELL has been arrested on the charge of being an accomplice in the murder of John Rose, leader of one of the factions of the Powell County feud.

GEORGE SITER killed Rev. Samuel Sharp at Lebanon, a few days ago. Both were colored. Sharp was living with Siter's sister, claiming she was his wife.

EDWARD SMITH, a brakeman on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, was run over by a freight train at Pembroke the other night, and died in great agony. He was an unmarried man and his home was in Chicago.

AT Middleborough contracts have been signed for gas, water and electric light works, and an ice factory, and plans adopted for railroad machine shops, round-house, etc.

HORACE DUGAN, the colored youth, who was tried in the Criminal Court, Owensboro, for the murder of his brother, was acquitted on the 1st on the grounds of self-defense. Dugan and his brother last December, got into a quarrel about the ownership of a pair of socks. The quarrel resulted in a fight, which ended by Dugan killing his brother.

THE Lexington Industrial Union has elected the following officers to serve during the ensuing year: Judge Mat Walton, president, J. H. Beauchamp, vice president, and George C. Snider, secretary.

HON. GEO. W. MCADAMS, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Hancock County, died the other morning of heart disease, at the residence of his son, S. L. McAdams, in Hawesville, aged seventy-three. For a number of years he was very prominent in the commercial affairs of the county, and a leader in politics. He was a member of the lower house of the Kentucky Legislature during the session of 1879-80, being elected by a large majority, and serving with distinction. He afterward engaged in the tobacco business in Louisville, conducting a very extensive business.

THE Acting Secretary of the Treasury on the 29th appointed the following Kentucky Storekeepers and Gangers: Edward Gill, jr., at Salvisa; Patrick S. Reeves, at Lair.

THE Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Kentucky Sunday-school Teachers will be held at Paducah August 20, 21 and 22. Every school in the State is invited to send at least one delegate. Entertainment will be furnished by the citizens of Paducah. All who will attend are asked to send their names to Mr. John D. Smith, jr., at Paducah, not later than August 15.

RIVAL factions of Mercer County school trustees have been at war for several weeks, and a few days ago the school-house over which they were wrangling suddenly burned down. There is talk of the arrest of prominent people to answer for arson.

Two men have been swindling Kentucky merchants by selling them ginseng plugged with lead.

JACOB ALKIN, a wealthy farmer of Bracken County, is supposed to have been waylaid and robbed. His body has been found in the West Fork river.

THE following patents were issued for Kentucky a few days ago: Benjamin T. Barrett and R. Hussbeck, Henderson, wire fastener; Watson S. Lennon, Hardinsburg, wire slicing tool; Bettie Mitchum, Hammensville, churn; Wm. H. Roan, Williamsburg, log boom; Michael Siersdorfer, Louisville, siphon.

AT Clintonville, Bourbon County, while playing, Frank Cooper, a fifteen-year-old son of Wm. Cooper, turned a somersault and alighted on a pitchfork, sticking it into his back, inflicting a wound which will probably prove fatal.

MARTHA COBBLE, of Owensboro, a colored woman, formerly a slave, has searched forty years for her two sons who were sold to a New Orleans trader when they were eight and ten years of age. Recently she learned the whereabouts of both and was made happy by a visit from one of them.

WALTER TRIMBLE, who killed Charley Kelly in an altercation at Ft. Springs, Fayette County, several nights ago, was captured on the 29th and lodged in the county jail. He claims he committed the crime in self-defense.

AT Ft. Springs, during a quarrel, Walter Trimble shot Chas. Shelby through the heart. Both are colored.

A LAMPLIGHTER in Louisville, the other night, while lighting a lamp, burned his finger. In his pain he threw the torch from him, and it alighted on a small colored girl named Tracy. Her clothing took fire. All her apparel was consumed and her flesh was literally burned into a crisp before the flames were put out. She can not recover.

THE express messenger on the fast line of the Kentucky Central railway now drags his safe with the rope which hung John Kelly, the colored rapist, and claims that he has in it a mascot for the prevention of roobery or accidents.

THE DAIRY.

—Regularity in milking and feeding is important, and uniformity in amount, not lavish to-day, because we have plenty, and scrimpingly to-morrow, because we are short.

—The most improved appliances are necessary to the making of "gilt-edged" butter, yet there is no reason why those who can not have them should not make good butter from common pan setting and old-fashioned appliances.

—Do what you can to relieve the cows from the annoyance of flies. Use washes, powders, covers and dark stables, and keep the stables as clean as you can. Remove manure that breeds them. These flies indirectly cost the dairyman a good deal of money in a season.—American Dairyman.

—The man who has made money from a lot of cows whose supply of water was a stagnant pond hole, into which the cows waded in summer and from which they drank through a hole cut in the ice in winter, has wrought a miracle, besides producing a lot of unhealthy milk at the same time.—N. Y. Times.

—All the conditions of the milk, when set in pans, should be the same as