

CURRENT TOPICS.

**PRICE INCREASE.**—The yearly doctor's bill of Queen Victoria is \$4,000.

**SECRETARY RUSK** has taken up the study of French.

**CHRYSLER** is believed to be worth \$1,000,000.

**METAL** ties for railroads are proving very satisfactory.

There are more than 50,000 women clerks in London.

A **FERTILIZED** deer horn has been found near Nivada, Ga.

**MISS FABRA** now speaks twenty-seven different languages and dialects.

A factory for condensing milk and coffee has been built at Buena Park, Cal.

A **WISCONSIN** woman left her hair in Germany, sent for it and had to pay duty on it.

There is said to be a big opening in Madras and Bombay for American dentists.

**Female** lobbyists are recognized factors of legislation in England and command high pay.

A **TRIAL** of most ancient and honorable tradition is advertised for sale in English papers.

**LONDON**, Mich., hastened the adjournment of a much the other night by turning a hose on it.

The **Presbytery** for Oregon has decided that all candidates for license must quit the use of tobacco.

A **GEORGIA** lawyer who charged \$500 for the services he had rendered, was cut down to \$150 by the court.

A **WEDDING** had to be postponed at Albany the other night because some one had carried off the groom.

The **Italian** Government has undertaken to stop the manufacture of bogus sausage of horse meat.

A **MAN** named Schmitzschmidt was charged with a robbery in the South Town district of Chicago the other day.

**EUROPEAN** persons of every thousand die each year in this country. In England the average is 128.5 in Germany 120.

A **FARMER** whose property was swept by a recent tornado says that everything was blown off the farm except the mortgage.

The **Hungarian** ex-premier, is said to have smoked more cigars than any other man in Europe. He smokes incessantly.

**Philadelphia** ladies will endeavor to solve the servant girl question by establishing a training school for domestic servants.

There is a family in France named H. H. in the town named O. A river in Holland called the Y, and a village in Sweden named A.

**ENTS** didn't lose much by being rescued by the water after all. He is to receive a salary of \$30,000 a year for his services in Africa.

An **English** baronet has established a home for cats, where disabled and decrepit felines are cared for by her kind patronage.

It is estimated that Great Britain's 30,000,000 population daily consumes 64,900 pigs, or what would weigh in a year's time 175,000 tons of pork.

It is generally known that Dr. Mary Walker has become a Quaker and looks her right attire.

**Swiss** speaking of the fruit crop of the year is not promising well.

The **water** and cold spring have ruined prospects in many wide regions.

A **MAN** was restored to her mother's estate from her part forty years ago. There was a happy Easter reunion.

The **fund** for the proposed Grady Memorial Hospital is now \$100,000. It is said that \$30,000 more is needed to carry out the project.

**ANDREW** Carnegie has in contemplation the founding of a great school or institute for instruction in the arts and sciences.

**Curtis** never cares any thing about the "Miss Wanda Davis" scandal.

The **daughter** of the Confederacy is said to be engaged to Mr. Alfred Wilkinson of Syracuse, N. Y.

**THE** wealthy German, Helms, is said to have promised to contribute \$10,000 a month for the betterment of the condition of the Russian Jews who have immigrated to this country.

"In order to obtain small, delicate hands, when in repose let them dangle at your side," says Miss Jung, "being once having been the victim of a large, coarse development."

A **MAN** named Catoni, a giant above seven feet high and proportionately large, was killed in Italy. He was just killed in Italy. Before his death he said his skeleton to the Anatomical Museum at Rome for \$2,000.

The **largest** saw mill in the world is located at Clinton, Ia. It cost \$200,000 and is capable of sawing 450,000 feet of lumber in eight hours. It has seven bands and three gang saws and two batteries of ten boilers each.

A **NEW** and sure cure for stammering is said to be this: Let the stammerer not speak a word for ten days. Then let him resume speech, but only in a whisper, for ten days more, at the end of which time he will be cured—if the remedy works.

A **YOUNG** man advertises for a place as salesman, and says he has had a good deal of experience, having been discharged from seven different wholesale houses within a year.

The **other** day the wife of a special officer at Chester, Pa., slipped him in the face. Taking advantage of his official prerogative, the policeman arrested her and conveyed her to the lock-up.

A **PAIR** of bantam chickens were sold at the London City Palace for \$500, which was almost exactly twice the weight in gold. It is believed to be the highest price ever paid for a single pair of fowls.

A **PIECE** of pink coral thirty feet long and nine inches in diameter at one end, with many projections about four feet on all sides, was recently obtained on the coast of Japan. Its value in prepared state would be about \$15,000.

**LIVING** on a claim near Rocky Ford, Col., is Emma Aiken and her three daughters—all of them widows. The mother is ninety years of age, the eldest daughter sixty-eight and the youngest sixty-two. Not a man has ever been charged about the place, and during the last year's residence they have done all their own work and truck gardening.

ANOTHER OUTBREAK.

**Kentucky Troops Led to a Death-Trap.**

Five soldiers shot down to a dead with a bullet.

**FRANKFORT, Ky., April 19.**—A general fight received a telegram under date of Knoxville, April 18, conveying the information that the police who went to Harlan County to break the Court, came in collision with the outlaws on the 16th at Black Mountain. Five of the soldiers were wounded and twelve known how many the lives were killed. The dispatch was from W. G. Thompson, the keeper of the State Arsenal, who General Hill directed to Harlan County several days ago. The troops sent to Harlan County numbered forty-five, under command of Captain E. H. Galtner, of Harrodsburg. Twenty were from that place, fifteen from Lexington, three from Frankfort, and the others from Paducah.

Galtner wrote his last word that he was being organized to arrest Will Howard and one of his gang out in the Black Mountains, and that he had fifteen feet into the race, amid the debris of timber, twisted iron and masses of loosened rock. The fight was a desperate one, the main bridge sank six inches at one corner, and as the crowd surged upon it, it was heard to crack ominously. They were driven back by a force of ten men, and another catastrophe averted. A rescue was commenced at once, and nearly every physician in the city was summoned. About the 130 who went down in the crash many were pinned down by large stone slabs from the abutment, and were only able to get up by a heroic effort to knock them away. While their limbs and bodies were being crushed and mutilated by the timbers and stones, Mayor Harriet and a detail of police, assisted by the patrol force and Western engine hose firemen, were promptly on the spot and did heroic service, as did many spectators. The bridge will have to be rebuilt entire, and many damage suits against the city are likely to grow out of the accident. The number of injuries are fully fifty, some of whom will die.

BAPTISM OF BLOOD.

**Bridge Broken With Appalling Results.**

One Hundred and Fifty People Hurt. A MILL Race—A Number Injured, Some Slightly.

**SPRINGFIELD, O., April 22.**—A public baptism service in Black Creek was marred by a baptism of blood yesterday afternoon by the collapse of a crowded bridge upon which fully 300 people were standing. Eleven persons were killed by Elder D. R. Green, pastor of the Third Baptist Church (colored), and thousands had congregated along the banks and adjacent bridges to watch the ceremony. The water upon the Limestone stone bridge, and the adjoining bridge over Warder's race was especially large. The bridge over the race was about 7 feet wide and formed a continuation of the sidewalk approach. It was supported only by a stone wall underneath, from which it projected, and a few iron strings were cut by rust. Just as the water there was a scream and a crash, followed by an envelopment of the bridge by the collapse of a fifteen feet into the race, amid the debris of timber, twisted iron and masses of loosened rock. The fight was a desperate one, the main bridge sank six inches at one corner, and as the crowd surged upon it, it was heard to crack ominously. They were driven back by a force of ten men, and another catastrophe averted. A rescue was commenced at once, and nearly every physician in the city was summoned. About the 130 who went down in the crash many were pinned down by large stone slabs from the abutment, and were only able to get up by a heroic effort to knock them away. While their limbs and bodies were being crushed and mutilated by the timbers and stones, Mayor Harriet and a detail of police, assisted by the patrol force and Western engine hose firemen, were promptly on the spot and did heroic service, as did many spectators. The bridge will have to be rebuilt entire, and many damage suits against the city are likely to grow out of the accident. The number of injuries are fully fifty, some of whom will die.

FLOOD IN THE SOUTH.

**Dismal Break in the Levee at Bayou Sara.**

The Town in Ruins and Increasing the Distress—A Home Evacuated.

**BAYOU SARA, La., April 22.**—At 12:30 a. m. the guards reported that the levee had given way at the foot of Fountain street. This break was closed, but on examination it was found that the rising river had run under the front levee. All that human effort could do had been done, and at last the solemn cry went up along the line, "Give us means of escape, and we will fight." The people can be better impromptu than described. Every impromptu boat and raft was brought into requisition. Ladders were thrown overboard, and the cries of men, women and children were sickening. Not a house in town has escaped. The beautiful Plaza Building, the home of Mayor Irvine, supposed to be the strongest building in the city, is in ruins. Nothing but chaos and destruction meets the eye at every view. Today it is raining hard, which makes the picture more gloomy. The water is also running over a large extent of the Point Coupee from the Taylor levee, which has given way, and the Fanny Yoo levee will probably soon give way. The levee at Bayou Sara, Louisiana, is in a bad way. The levee at Bayou Sara, Louisiana, is in a bad way. The levee at Bayou Sara, Louisiana, is in a bad way.

FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

**First Session.**

**WASHINGTON, April 15.**—Among the bills reported to the Senate today were the following: A bill to amend the act relating to the tariff on sugar, and a bill to amend the act relating to the tariff on sugar, and a bill to amend the act relating to the tariff on sugar.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

**Legislative Proceedings.**

**FRANKFORT, April 15.**—The Senate today adjourned until the 16th inst. The House today adjourned until the 16th inst. The Senate today adjourned until the 16th inst. The House today adjourned until the 16th inst.

"LIKE A GAMBLED."

**McKinley's conversion.**

**CHICAGO, April 15.**—The tariff reformer says that the tariff is an utterly false and ridiculous thing that does not believe any honestly thinks that such is the case. Every one knows, or should know, that the tariff is not going to dispose of his goods for less than cost. We believe...

POLITICAL POINTERS.

**There has been a political upsurge in Illinois, too, and the Democrats are on top. There is a monetary question that ought to be read in connection with the political situation in Washington. Cleveland is a plain dealer.**

DEATH-DEFYING CONFESSION.

**Of a Murderer for Which Another Murderer Was Hanged.**

**CHICAGO, April 15.**—A confession was made by a murderer for which another murderer was hanged. The confession was made by a murderer for which another murderer was hanged.

WILKES BOOTH REVIVED.

**Albany Lady Who Claims Evidence That Lincoln's Assassin Was Not Shot in the Head.**

**CHICAGO, April 22.**—A story from Birmingham published here in which Wilkes Booth is revived. The story is that Wilkes Booth was not shot in the head, but was revived.

BEN ELSIE'S CRIMES.

**A Murderer's Awful Confession—Twenty-One Lives Sacrificed to His Heinous Deeds.**

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 21.**—The confession of the murderer Ben Elsie, who has been hanged for the murder of twenty-one lives, was made public yesterday.

Mysterious Old Well.

**NATVISO, Ill., April 22.**—A singular discovery was made in a well in Natviso, Ill., which is believed to be the well of the murderer Ben Elsie.

Leaving Harlan Court-House.

**LEWISBURG, Ky., April 22.**—A man was seen leaving the Harlan Court-House, which is believed to be the man who was involved in the bridge collapse.

Water on a Tear.

**Nashville, Tenn., April 22.**—A large amount of water was seen on a tear in the city of Nashville, Tenn., which is believed to be the result of the bridge collapse.

New Orleans in Danger.

**NEW ORLEANS, April 22.**—A strong wind was blowing in New Orleans, which is believed to be a sign of a storm.

Reports Are Strange.

**ATLANTA, Ga., April 22.**—A letter to Mr. T. Murphy, of the Atlanta Journal, contains reports of a strange nature.

Wine Worm Damaging Wheat.

**ATLANTA, Ga., April 19.**—A report from farmers living in the eastern part of the city reports today that a wine worm is doing great damage to the wheat. The worm is about the size of a pin and is very destructive.

Admitted to Canada.

**NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., April 19.**—A man was admitted to Canada at Niagara Falls, Ont., which is believed to be the man who was involved in the bridge collapse.

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