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## CURRENT TOPICS.

THE United States has 365,000 coal miners. BEARS are reported very numerous in Idaho. MILWAUKEE is to have a municipal garbage plant. CONGRESSMAN DE GRAFFENRIED was once a brakeman. A SALOON-KEEPER can not be a member of the city council of Toronto.

THE rate of wages of the New York German Farmers' union is 45 cents an hour. Gov. BOWEN, of Oklahoma, was a telegraph operator at Leavenworth when the war broke out.

AN official report shows that there are issued yearly in the theaters of Paris 2,800,000 dead-head tickets.

TUESDAY September 21, has been set apart by the Tennessee centennial exposition as "Irish-American day."

IT is said that nearly twenty city councils in the United States now use the union label on their official printing.

THERE are 71,000 more women than men in the state of Massachusetts, and this excess is all in persons over fourteen.

IF a New York corporation violates the law requiring weekly payment it must forfeit to each employe the sum of \$25.

IT is stated that women control \$130,000,000 of stock in the national banks in this country, and \$145,000,000 in the state banks.

COPPER coins are not in use at Johannesburg at all, the lowest piece of money being the threepenny bit—called "tickey."

SARAH BERNHARDT has always had a morbid dread of fire, and this has led her to direct that all her stage dresses be made of fireproof material.

ENGLISH women, as a rule, are taller than their American sisters, and the Yankee ladies in their turn can look down at the gentler sex in France.

ALL of the alphabets far as the word "foister" of the Oxford (Murray) English dictionary is now completed, and much work has been done on the letters G, H and K.

THE lower classes of the Japanese employ hardly any other material than paper for their clothing. Where wages are exceedingly low cloth is an impossible extravagance.

GORTIE once presented a set of his works to Harvard university—a fact brought to light some years ago in the process of recataloguing the German literature of the library.

REMAINS of what seems to be a Roman basilica, with columns three feet in diameter, have been found in tearing down a shop in the center of the city of Chester, England.

THE most unique fence in Maine is that of a Harpswell fisherman. His front yard is composed of the swords of swordfish, many of which have figured in exciting episodes.

THE most enthusiastic wheelwoman in Pittsfield, Mass., is a grandmother. Every fair day the old lady can be seen wheeling through the streets with a cheery word for all she meets.

THE finest complexion in the world are said to be in the Bermudas. This is accounted for by the fact that the inhabitants live chiefly on onions, of which they export over 17,000,000 pounds annually.

VON HUMBOLDT, the great scientist, when on a visit to Dutch Hazer, near Bristol bay, predicted that the mother vein of gold would show itself in Alaska in a parallel line. Recent discoveries indicate that this prophecy has been fulfilled.

PRINCE LOUIS NAPOLEON, colonel of the lancers regiment of the Imperial Russian Guard at St. Petersburg, asked the czar for leave of absence in order that he might not have to witness President Faure's visit to the Russian capital. The request was granted.

THE importance of a free library as a necessary concomitant of existence in the present day is illustrated by the arrangements made to open churches, banks and a free library as the three prime necessities of Dawson City, Klondike.

ENGLISH parties have multiplied since Mr. Gladstone took up home rule. His former followers are now divided into liberal unionists, Roseberys, Harcourtites, Laboucheries, Dilnotites, Parnellites and Healyites. Some one in the Times calls him the Grand Old Party Splitter.

THE famous Roquefort cheese is threatened by the rapid success of two rival brands, Gorgonzola and Sassenar, the latter of which, an Auvergnat cheese, greatly resembles Roquefort, and is said to possess exceptional qualities due to its slow ripening. And in consequence the Roquefort cheese is rapidly declining.

## MICHIPICOTEN.

Quartz in Which Pure Gold as Large as Pinheads Can Be Seen.

It Exists Almost Everywhere in the Lake Wawa Region—A Lively Mining Camp Has Sprung Into Existence—Many Gold Hunters Are on the Way.

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Sept. 6.—The party of gold seekers on the yacht Mary Bell returned from Michipicoten Saturday evening, after having been in the new gold fields but three days. They say the newly discovered Eldorado is fully as rich as has been reported. There are 14 in the party, and all responsible business men of this city. Each of them secured claims upon which the gold quartz promises big returns. In all the party will make application for 4,000 acres which was prospected and staged out while they were there. Many samples of quartz in which there was gold as large as pin heads can be seen, were brought back. The specimens were secured from different places on their claims which are scattered. When the party arrived Tuesday night there were but six prospectors on the ground at Lake Wawa, and they secured good locations. They are jubilant over their finds and say that an immense deposit is evidently an immense one. Veins of beautiful white quartz, carrying free gold, exist almost every in the Lake Wawa region. The original find is an extremely rich one beyond doubt.

The returning prospectors say that where the veins are laid bare the gold particles can be seen everywhere in the quartz. When the party left Saturday at least 300 prospectors had arrived, and they passed several parties going in. The shores of Lake Wawa were dotted with tents, and within the three days they were there a lively mining camp had sprung into existence. A short distance of the mouth of the Michipicoten river to Lake Wawa is not to exceed seven miles and the party experienced no difficulty in getting in and out. With their camp equipment the trip was made in about three hours. The road is a well defined one. The reports which the Mary Bell party brought has set the two Soos wild with excitement and an exodus to Klondike Junior will begin Monday.

A town site is being surveyed at Lake Wawa and preparations are being made to care for the hundreds of people who are certain to flock to the region in the next few weeks. The next steamer leaves the Soo Monday afternoon and will hereafter make three trips weekly. Another boat will be put on the route if necessary and arrangements are being made to build a dock at Michipicoten. Monday's light will take up a big crowd of people, many of whom will have to sleep on the deck.

## OIL SPRING.

Valuable in Quality and There Seems to Be Plenty of It.

CAMPTON, Ky., Sept. 6.—It has been found that the oil bursting out of the bed of the creek on the farm of S. B. Smith, five miles from here, contains a very valuable quality hitherto unknown. By laying a plank or anything across the creek a person can dam the oil up and gather any amount of it, and it has been discovered that the oil will burn as fast as dry paper. The people, through curiosity, go to this oil spring, dam it up on the top of the water and then strike a match to it in order to see spread over the whole surface of the water perfect blaze of fire.

This oil for lubricating purposes is hard to surpass, and the beauty of it rests in the fact that it is ready-made and does not have to undergo any process whatever to be valuable for such purposes. It has also been found to work wonders in perfecting cures for bruises, cuts and sores. Efforts will be made at once to develop this oil spring to see the extent of its richness.

## NITRO-GLYCERINE EXPLODES.

Two Men and a Horse Killed, Buggy Destroyed and a Bridge Badly Damaged.

MONONGAHELA, Pa., Sept. 6.—By an explosion of nitro-glycerine early Saturday morning, two men and a horse were killed, a buggy completely demolished and the bridge across the Monongahela river so badly damaged that it will have to be abandoned until repaired. Windows in the vicinity were broken and the residents for a mile awakened by the concussion. One of the men is believed to be Charles P. Rankin, formerly superintendent of the Watson Mining Co. It is supposed that the men had the glycerine in the buggy and that a sudden fall caused the explosion.

## Miner Suicides in a Shocking Manner.

ONOVILLE, Cal., Sept. 6.—Adam Nipshew, an aged German miner, committed suicide in a shocking manner at his claim near Yankee Hill. He left his partner, a half breed Indian, in their cabin and went to the mine alone. Shortly afterward the Indian heard a report and upon investigation found that Nipshew had placed a giant powder cartridge in his mouth and fired it, blowing the top of his head off. Nipshew had been despondent for some time.

## An American Killed by Turks.

LONDON, Sept. 6.—A special dispatch from Cana, Island of Crete, says that an American named Cyrus Thrope, has been killed by Turks near Hierapetra.

## LABOR DAY

Attended by Many Accidents and Fatalities at Zanesville, O.

ZANESVILLE, O., Sept. 7.—Labor day was attended by many accidents and several fatalities here. A train of six electric cars got beyond control and dashed down the "Y" bridge incline and side-wiped an approaching train. Two people were fatally injured and several others seriously. Mrs. J. B. Alexander, wife of a traveling salesman, was thrown between the cars and terribly crushed. She is at the hospital and can not live. Just McGrath, district organizer of the federation of labor, was probably fatally injured. The others injured are: Miss Holmes, of Newark; Mr. Yoder, of Canton; Miss Bathbun, of Evansville.

An hour later a car jumped the track and Mrs. Charles Rodgers, of Zanesville, and Miss Ivy Brigham, of Newark, were thrown under the wheels. Physicians say they can not recover. Mr. and Mrs. Weston, variety show people, were also badly injured.

While attempting to alight from a freight train, William O. Berne, who was leaving the city for a hunting trip, was thrown under the wheels and badly injured. With superhuman pluck he walked a distance of two miles and died shortly after leaving the city. There were 15,000 visitors in the city.

## A MONSTER

Taken From the Officers and Lynched Near Friends Mission, Va.

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 7.—A special from Mt. Airy, N. C., to the News and Observer says that Sunday afternoon near Friends Mission, Va., Miss Sadie Cook, a young white girl, was outraged by Henry Wall, white, aged about 21. After accomplishing his purpose, Wall dealt his victim several blows over the head with a hoe, rendering her unconscious, and then placing her head on a log crushed it with a stone, which was left lying bloody nearby. Wall then cut the girl's throat, severing the windpipe, and dragged the body some 50 yards up a ravine, threw it into a branch, where it was afterwards found. Meantime he went to a spring and was found washing the stains from his clothing.

The excitement became so intense that Monday afternoon Wall was taken from the officers and lynched near the scene of the crime.

## NEW ORLEANS

To Enforce a Strict Quarantine Against Biloxi and Ocean Springs, Miss.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 7.—The state board of health has decided to enforce a rigid quarantine against Biloxi and Ocean Springs. Quarantine will also be enforced against the other watering places on the gulf coast until President Oliphant returns and more light is obtained on the situation. Guards are to be put on the trains and at the stations, all baggage is to be fumigated and every precaution is to be taken to keep the disease out of the city. The Louisville & Nashville trains have been ordered not to stop at either Biloxi or Ocean Springs. The houses of all people who have returned to New Orleans in the past two days are to be thoroughly fumigated.

## THE BIG GUNS

Sunk the Schooner Agnes I. Grace—She Lies in Ten Fathoms of Water.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Sept. 7.—Capt. C. D. Farrar and crew of the schooner Agnes I. Grace, which sank 30 miles off Tybee Sunday, arrived at the city Monday night. Capt. Farrar states that the 16-ton guns for the coast defenses suddenly broke from their fastenings and rolled to the lee of the vessel, smashing everything in their way. The waterways were opened by the crash, and the vessel sunk in about twenty minutes. She lies in ten fathoms of water, with her top mast out of the water. It is possible that the guns can be recovered. The wreck is in the path of the coastwise vessels and is dangerous to navigation.

## A \$100,000 Fire in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 7.—Shortly after 4 o'clock Monday afternoon fire broke out in the basket and wickerware factory of John M. Rowe Sons & Co., 123 N. Water street, and in a short time extended to several adjoining buildings on Water street and several fronting on Delaware avenue. Before the flames were got under control an estimated damage of over \$100,000 had resulted, all of which is fully covered by insurance. The origin is unknown.

## Shot and Killed by His Son.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 7.—Edward R. Bishop, aged 19 years, shot and mortally wounded his father, Edward A. Bishop, at their home, 2022 Boyd street, Monday afternoon. The parents of the youthful patricide had lived apart for some weeks past, and Monday afternoon the elder Bishop came to the house and attempted to force an entrance from the rear. He was shot by his son as he broke through the kitchen door.

## A Bull Derails a Train.

FOUNTELL, Minn., Sept. 7.—Train No. 5, on the Wabash railroad, west bound, struck a bull a quarter of a mile west of this place Sunday night. Ten cars were derailed. The passengers in the rear cars were thrown to the floors by the shock, but none of them were hurt. An unknown tramp was instantly killed. Engineer John Egan was fatally hurt, being injured internally and badly scalded. Fireman Green was badly scalded on the back and legs.

## KENTUCKY STATE NEWS.

FAYETTE farmers are still holding their wheat for \$1.

FARMERS are cutting their millet and it is the finest crop seen in years. ONLY one applicant for a teacher's certificate at Owingsville, and he received a first-class certificate.

THOMAS LEACH, of Horse Branch, accidentally put his hand into a copperhead snake's mouth. He will die. THE girl who committed suicide in the Victoria hotel at Chicago has been identified as Anna M. Esemann, of Louisville.

Wm. DABBY, a well known Kentucky farmer, has certainly solved the tobacco worm problem. He has rigged up a sprinker, arranged in such a way as to spray three rows of tobacco at once. The sprinker is made to be drawn by two horses, and thus one row is straddled, and together with a row on each side, is given a drenching of Paris green, which is sure death to both worms and eggs. Ten acres can be wormed in a day, and in a much more effective way than by hand. Mr. Dabby has applied for a patent on the invention.

Dr. JOHN COLLINS, of Rockhouse, was nominated by the republicans of Letcher, Knott and Floyd counties for the legislature.

RUBY DANIELS, of Princeton, ran away from home. She thereby forfeited a fortune of \$18,000 which her uncle had willed to her.

HENRY J. COLSON, nephew of Congressman Colson, of Middleboro, eloped with Fizzie Foster, of Jolly Ridge, eluding her parents, who objected.

Two mothers left two babies in a fence corner to starve near Hodgenville. They were rescued by a kind-hearted woman and sent to the poorhouse.

Mrs. NORA MILLS, aged 17, has brought suit for divorce at Hopkinsville, alleging that she was coerced into marriage by her relatives.

DANVILLE's population, according to a city directory just issued, is 5,692.

A SCHEME is on foot for the erection of a roller flouring mill at Oak Level, Marshall county.

Dr. J. H. GRADY, a prominent physician of Adair county, was tried the other day for lunacy and committed to the Anchorage asylum.

PATENTS issued to Kentuckians the other day: Louis T. Hagan, Winchester, for his improvements to Anchor Supply Co., Evansville, Ind., awning; John Link, Newport, frost jacket for fire plugs.

JOHN T. BASHAW, former representative from Henry county, has announced himself a candidate for speaker of the house.

In Marshall county the other day at a barbecue a general fight took place. Sheriff Joe Little, who was present, arrested the rioters and then purchased all the cider on the grounds and poured it into Jonathan creek to keep the fighting crowd from getting any drunker.

JOE BREWBAUGH, of Blanchet, died the other day from injuries which are supposed to have been caused by a fight, although he declared he was hurt in falling off his horse. His skull was fractured.

MANY applicants desiring examinations in the revenue service of the Lexington district were refused entry blanks because the clerk of the examining board had failed to receive a sufficient number.

At Richmond Thomas Stagner, a prosperous farmer, aged 77, died suddenly as he aimed to sit down in a chair. He missed the seat and expired before he could be raised.

HEZ LUNG, of Harrodsburg, loaned his prescription for some whisky to a friend who wanted a drink, and he is likely to be prosecuted by the temperance people.

LOUIS WOLFE inherited \$7,000. He went on a spree in Louisville and was robbed. Fortunately the robbers also "spiced" and were arrested, the money being recovered.

A. T. HERR, the Louisville politician who disappeared with a large amount of money, has been seen at Phoenix, Ariz. He was formerly secretary of the republican campaign committee of Kentucky.

THE governor has restored to citizenship a man who has not had this right for 27 years. He is Sam Smith, who has been sent to the penitentiary from Boyle county in 1870, and had been out of prison and a good citizen for a number of years. The governor rejected a strong plea for pardon of Josh Duncan, sent from Pulaski county for manslaughter.

THE revenue receipts at Lawrenceburg for the month of August were \$104,173.43, an increase of over \$70,000 as compared with August 1896. Stamp Deputy Posey has retired, succeeded by C. W. Petty.

THE grave of a Fleming county farmer was opened and the body mutilated by unknown ghouls.

JOHN JOHNSON, a noted desperado, has been lodged in the Elkton jail charged with the murder of John Andrews, of Trenton.

THE Waco Tiling and Brick factory, of Richmond, has raised employes' wages ten per cent.

THE Lexington canning factory will open after having been closed for 12 months.

SEVENTY-FIVE years ago Pioneer Butts stuck a pole in the ground near Richmond. Now a giant sycamore tree marks the spot.

## THE FARMERS' BANK and TRUST COMPANY, OF STANFORD, KY.

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Condition of the Farmers Bank and Trust Co., Stanford, Kentucky, December 31, 1896.

| RESOURCES.                            | LIABILITIES.                         |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Loans and Discounts.....\$277,910.93  | Capital Stock.....\$20,000.00        |
| Overdrafts.....7,578.19               | Surplus Fund.....17,038.80           |
| Other Stocks and Bonds.....1,884.97   | Individual Deposits.....13,475.81    |
| Due from National Banks.....41,601.92 | Due from National Banks.....3,873.34 |
| Banking House.....5,580.00            | Furniture and Fixtures.....3,312.91  |
| Real Estate.....830.00                | Cash.....18,226.86                   |
| .....16,775.69                        |                                      |
| \$332,535.80                          |                                      |

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