

## A GENERAL BRIEVARY.

Interesting Items from All Over the World Selected from Various Sources.

### A FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW,

Embracing Serious and Sensational Happenings, and Current News Covering Many Topics of Interest to All Readers.

Miss Francis Willard has again been elected president of the W. C. T. U., by a vote of 358 out of a total 370. The other officers are: Secretary, Mrs. Mary A. Woodbridge, Ohio; recording secretary, Mrs. L. N. Stevens, Michigan; treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Barker, North Dakota. The official roster was completed by Mrs. Clara Hoffman, as assistant to Mrs. Stevens.

In reply to a complaint of the Chinese minister at Washington, Mr. Yang Yu, the state department has made representations which indicate that the United States will not accept consular certificates as conclusive evidence that the Chinese subjects presenting them as merchants or artists and therefore entitled to admission to this country.

The body of Miss Sarah Trimble, aged 24 years, was found in a wagon path in the woods, near Lexington, Ky. She had been shot twice, once below the left nipple and once in the back while she lay on the ground. A tin type of an uncouth mountaineer was found near the body. The ground showed evidence of a severe struggle.

At Louisville, Ky., Walter P. Shaw, ex-deputy under collector Scott, has been adjudged guilty in the United States court of violating the civil service statute, making it unlawful for a government employe to solicit money for political purposes. The jury was only out twenty minutes, and the interest manifested was intense.

Just prior to the opening of the strip Arkansas City, Kan., did a postal business equal to that of a first-class postoffice, and since that event has done more business with the dead letter office than any other city in the union. Over 15,000 letters were recently sent to Washington from that office.

Information has been received at the state department at Washington from Minister Thompson at Rio Janeiro to the effect that it is claimed a provisional government in the state of St. Catharina has been established with Loren for president.

Commodore George W. Melville, engineer-in-chief of the United States, in his annual report makes a strong recommendation for the conferring of positive rank on members of the engineer corps, instead of "relative rank," now held.

Joseph Bank, president, Lewis Thompson, cashier, and Ronalds McDonald, one of the directors of the Madison Square bank of New York city have been arrested as a result of recent investigations into the bank's affairs.

Cashier Nelson Bradley of the Central Michigan savings bank of Lansing, Mich., which failed last April, has just been arrested charged with misappropriating \$2000 and making false reports as to the bank's condition.

A cablegram from Rio de Janeiro says that the American naval commander has exchanged visits and salutes with Admiral DeMello of the insurgent fleet. Authorities at Washington say it is without authority.

Pennock and Ray, who held up the 'Frisco train near Pacific, Mo., some time ago, was placed on trial recently. They entered pleas of guilty and were each sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary.

In a row at a dance near Athensville, Ill., a few days ago William Griffith fatally shot Martin Flynn and Dennis Flynn. A stray shot also fatally wounded Robert Wyatt, a boy of 12.

At Osceola, Neb., members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union organized as Whitecaps and whipped some women whose virtue is questionable. They were all jailed but some have given bond.

A few nights ago Henry H. Hood, a bottle-maker shot and killed his brother-in-law, W. A. Smith, at Lakeview, Ala. Shortly thereafter Hood applied at the jail to give himself up.

A wonderful double organ, with 1000 stops and four manuals has been placed in use in St. Bartholomew's church in New York. Over \$100,000 had been spent editing the edifice.

Mr. Lucas of South Dakota, has introduced a bill in congress appropriating \$100,000 for the establishment of a sanitarium branch of the Soldier's Home, at Hot Springs, S. D.

A graveyard on Solomon's Island, near Baltimore, was washed by waves so badly during the late storm on the coast that many coffins were uncovered and some destroyed.

At Dannemora, N. Y., Martin Fay, Jr., the murderer of Henrietta Wilson, has been executed by electricity.

The German government has arranged for a competition among German builders for the construction of a series of torpedo boats with a minimum speed of 24 knots.

Frank Armstrong of Bridgeport, Conn., who died recently, left \$5000 to the Bridgeport hospital and \$1000 each to the Boys' club and the Bridgeport orphan asylum.

At Kenova, Ky., a few nights ago, James Murray, a baggonmaster, shot and mortally wounded Harry Smith. Murray escaped. The cause of the quarrel is unknown.

Dick Tate, who for twenty-two years was treasurer of Kentucky, has just been arrested. He is a defaulter in the sum of \$160,000, and has been at large since 1888.

The North Atlantic Trident line of steamers between Great Britain and the United States will be absorbed by a new Philadelphia shipping company.

At Baraboo, Wis., F. T. Reesler of the defunct Baraboo savings bank, has been indicted for receiving deposits when the bank was insolvent.

Auburn theological seminary has received \$2000 from Mrs. Maria Brooks and her daughter as a memorial to Rev. Lemuel Brooks.

A report from Washington says that the \$50,000,000 of silver bullion, held in the treasury as seigniorage will be coined and paid out.

Pullman palace car stockholders have re-elected the old board of directors. The annual statement showed a handsome profit.

At Lenox, Ia., recently fire in a livery stable consumed forty head of horses and destroyed \$100,000 worth of other property.

Reductions in rates are said in the case of the Chicago and Alton road to show a loss on travel from short distance points.

The cruiser Marblehead, sister ship of the Montgomery and Detroit, is to have her preliminary trial trip in the near future.

Samuel W. Dorsey, of Washington, Pa., a member of the city council, was killed and robbed by highwaymen recently.

It may not be generally known that the Southern states take care of 27,241 ex-Confederate soldiers at a cost of \$1,150,000.

Mr. Cogswell, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill in congress appropriating \$100,000 to exterminate the gypsy moth.

The campaign in Ohio, the issue being the tariff, grows more interesting as the vigorously waged battle progresses.

The annual reunion of the Twenty-first Illinois, Gen. Grant's old regiment, was held at Mattson, Ill., a few days since.

In the event of Attorney General Olney's resignation, it is said Governor Russell, of Massachusetts, will be his successor.

The flour output of the northwest has again increased. The daily average for one week recently was 37,788 barrels.

Sixty prominent citizens of Baxter county, Arkansas, have been indicted under the old law for swearing in public.

C. W. Wells, of Saginaw, Mich., a capitalist, was drowned from a canoe while hunting near Duluth, Minn., recently.

Costa Rica will levy an export tax of \$1.50 per hundred pounds on coffee to raise revenue to pay her foreign debt.

A movement is in progress looking to the uniting of all labor orders and unions under a central authority.

Revenue officers in Kentucky recently made an important capture of an illicit still in Taylor county.

A large number of cannon are said to have been purchased in New York for a South American country.

An Illinois couple were married in the Ferris wheel, 250 feet up, at the world's fair a few days ago.

L. D. Welch was recently found at Oklahoma, Ok., with a bullet hole below his left ear. No clue.

Bridgeport, Conn., has a suicide club. All of the charter members have already succeeded.

Froo wool, it is said, will be the basis of the new tariff bill, which is rapidly taking shape.

There is a large amount of counterfeit silver in circulation in West Virginia.

Kansas churches give chicken pie socials for the purpose of raising funds.

A recent quotation at Denver, Col., reads: Bar silver 73 1/2, lead \$3.20.

A report from Paris says the Maharajah Dhuleep Singh is dead.

Mrs. Rose Conkling, wife of the famous New Yorker is dead.

Yellow fever is increasing at Bilboa, Spain, and Brunswick, Ga.

Coal is selling at one cent per pound at Winfield, Kan.

Mon. Calabina, archbishop of Milan, died recently.

## A TERRIBLE STRUGGLE.

A Landlord and Tenant Fight With a Knife and Pistol at Floresville.

### WEST IS STABBED AND COTTON IS SHOT.

Rusk County Stabbing, a Demented Bohemian Cremates Himself in His Own House, in McLennan County.

FLORESVILLE, Tex., Oct. 30.—A bloody affray occurred here Saturday which may end in a double tragedy. M. C. West, a business man of Floresville, has a small farm a mile below town. He has a tenant or renter named Clarence Cotton. West told another renter to take a certain wagon and team for his use which Cotton had in possession. Cotton refused to give it up and the other man reported it to West. West thought he would see about it and went to the farm armed with a pistol. What language was used between West and Cotton is not known, except by the two men. Cotton drew a large pocket knife and stabbed West in the side twice, penetrating the liver. West drew his pistol and shot Cotton in the arm the first shot and through the body the second shot. Cotton fell and West untied his horse and rode up to his house near by. Cotton has made to the county attorney and magistrate what is believed to be his dying statement, but says he will not die. The physicians who are attending West have hopes that he will live. People outside do not believe that either will live.

**Rusk County Stabbing.**  
HENDERSON, Tex., Oct. 30.—The news has reached here that Albert Kirksey of Pine Hill was stabbed and killed by Nathan Young, who used a pocket-knife. It seems that Kirksey had been punning a "dumb" figure. When the ladies of Pine Hill, which is a local option town, found out what led to the killing they organized a party and visited the drug-store of Dr. Smith and found two barrels partly filled with whiskey. They took an axe and knocked in the heads of the barrels and poured the contents on the ground. Young surrendered and is now in jail.

**A Strange Occurrence.**  
WANAMACHE, Tex., Oct. 28.—A singular accident occurred at Audin, in this county. A flock of geese were passing over. Mr. Davis shot at them with a Winchester. The ball passed the flock and struck a little girl, Jennie Pylant, who was picking cotton in her father's field a mile away. An older girl heard the bullet while past her and instantly her little sister screamed and fell to the ground. The ball entered her leg about three inches below the knee and lodged in the fleshy part of that member, where it was cut out.

**Postmaster Arrested.**  
SAN ANGELO, Tex., Oct. 25.—Dr. J. M. Harris, postmaster of Robert Lee, was brought to San Angelo Monday night by Deputy United States Marshal Broomer and given a preliminary trial before United States Commissioner Dubois. He is charged with complicity in the stage robbery about three weeks ago. Harris' bail was fixed at \$7000, which was not furnished. He was taken to El Paso for final trial.

**A Man is Cremated.**  
WACO, Tex., Oct. 30.—A Bohemian was burned to death in his cottage Friday night at Tours, a village sixteen miles north of Waco. He was seen to rush into his cottage and his wife fled as if in terror. Shortly flames burst from the roof and when the entire structure was consumed the body was seen roasting in the embers. He was insane.

**Dumped into the Bay.**  
GALVESTON, Tex., Oct. 27.—The handsome chair car and other coaches comprising the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe train arriving here from Houston at 3:45 yesterday evening, were dropped in the Galveston bay while being backed out to the shops from the depot after the passengers had disembarked. The lookout failed to signal the engineer.

**Found a Skeleton.**  
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 28.—Colored men were yesterday excavating in an infrequented spot near the city limits. They uncovered a rough pine box, which, when opened, revealed the skeleton of a full grown woman. The find leads to the belief that the skeleton is that of some one who was murdered. Detectives are investigating the case.

**Small Crashed.**  
PENNIS, Tex., Oct. 28.—A man named Tom Hudson was found early yesterday morning near the railroad track one mile north of the depot in an unconscious condition. His skull was crushed and he will die.

**Texas Enterpriser.**  
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 27.—The board of directors of the Aransas Pass deep water company have been in

session at Rockport for the past four days and yesterday signed a contract with Manning & Cameron of New York representing a syndicate of eastern capitalists, for the deepening of Aransas pass. The contract price is \$113,000. The promoters have deposited a guarantee of \$10,000 that they will commence work within the next sixty days. The Aransas Pass deep water company have already built 1400 yards of jetty into the gulf. This jetty passes into the hands of Messrs. Manning & Cameron who will extend it 1500 yards farther. In case of the success of Messrs. Manning & Cameron they are to receive as a donation \$400,000 in Texas lands, \$300,000 of which has already been subscribed.

### A Dallas Shooting.

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 26.—Yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock William Ryan shot John McMahan in the Round House saloon near the Houston and Texas Central round house. McMahan is the proprietor of the saloon and was behind the bar when shot. From what could be learned the shooting resulted from the renewal of a quarrel which occurred between the two men about a week ago. Ryan has worked for McMahan and until a week ago they were on friendly terms. Last night Ryan and a friend, S. R. Clark, went to the saloon. Ryan treated, and a few moments later he and McMahan renewed the quarrel, which became very heated. Ryan drew his revolver and shot McMahan. Almost immediately after firing the shot Ryan quit the saloon and was not seen until 8 o'clock, when he was found by Deputy Sheriff Hollick and Sloan Lewis in the rear of Louis Miller's saloon on Elm street, opposite the old stockyards in East Dallas. He was in his shirt sleeves. He had gone to bed at a house near the saloon, but had gotten out of bed and gone to the saloon to get a drink. He had \$25 on him, but no revolver. A 38-caliber Smith & Wesson five-shooter was found by Deputy Sheriff Dick Winfrey at a saloon not far from where Ryan had gone to bed. McMahan may die. Ryan is 22 years old, is clean-shaven and has a boyish face. He was raised in Dallas county. He is unmarried. His father, John Ryan, is a night-watchman at the postoffice. McMahan is 37 years old and was born in Ireland. He came to the United States eighteen years ago and has lived in Dallas four years.

**A Mill Boss Destroyed.**  
NACOGDOCHES, Tex., Oct. 27.—Tuesday night at Michard, twelve miles south of here, in Angelina county, a man named Porter, who was superintendent of a saw mill at that place, was knocked on the head with a heavy piece of iron. His skull was fractured badly and his brains were running out and a doctor thought the case fatal. Two mill hands who had been discharged for disorderly conduct are accused of the crime. They fled and were traced this way. Wednesday morning Sheriff Spradley got a posse of men and with his bloodhounds went in pursuit. It was reported that Porter was dead, but the report lacks confirmation.

**Boys a Shotgun.**  
AUBURN, Tex., Oct. 28.—Lewis Garner, a negro man, living four miles northwest of this place, was in town yesterday and reported he was robbed a night or two ago and warned that he and all the colored people in this section must leave before January 1, 1894. He was away from home when robbed and had only \$4 or \$5 with. There are but few families of negroes in this part of the county and they are all industrious and pay their debts. Gardner bought a breach-loading shotgun and said he was going to attend to his own business and, if necessary, would defend himself.

**Found Dead by His Mother.**  
GALVESTON, Tex., Oct. 27.—Alfred Peck, aged 23 years, was found dead in his bed by his mother, who attempted to dress him for breakfast. He was subject to attacks of epilepsy, and the condition of his body showed that he had been seized with such an attack during the night and smothered to death.

**Boy Killed.**  
COLBERTVILLE, Tex., Oct. 26.—At Nona, Hardin county, Monday morning Eddie Wintle, the 10-year-old son of Mill Engineer Tom Wintle, was thrown from a horse and killed by being dragged about seventy-five yards, in which his skull, neck and arms were broken.

**Teacher Kills a Man.**  
NAVASOT, Tex., Oct. 25.—In a dispute over rent for some sugar cane land, William Peters, a negro preacher, killed his tenant, Gas Banks, at Cawthon, in this county. He used a double-barreled shotgun. He was arrested.

**Negro Whipped.**  
LAMPASAS, Tex., Oct. 26.—Tuesday night a crowd of negro men took Dick Espy out and whipped him. The excitation was given on account of Espy's alleged foolish act of throwing his dead baby into a fifteen-foot well at Hanna park.

## TEXAS CONDENSATIONS

Culled and Carefully Arranged from the Latest Issues of the State.

### A MIRROR OF RECENT OCCURRENCES.

Happenings, Crops, Stock, Improvements, and Items of General Interest Rendered Readable and Entertaining.

Recently at Dallas C. S. Penhies, a ticket broker, was arrested on an affidavit filed by A. A. Drew, charging him with violating the anti-scalpers law by selling Texas and Pacific railway tickets without license or authority of the Texas and Pacific railroad officials. Penhies pleaded guilty in the county court and was fined \$30. He surrendered all the Texas and Pacific tickets in his possession and promised to go out of the business. Two other scalpers against whom proceedings were about to be instituted, agreed to deliver up their stock and go out of the business.

The total amount of disbursements on warrants drawn on the controller out of the state revenue fund during the year ending August 31, 1893, for the support of the state governments institutions, courts, etc., amounted to \$2,324,983.68, being \$230,439.57 less than the amount disbursed last year out of the revenue, being principally caused by the amount of state debt taken up last year, amounting to \$243,000. The amount paid out of the special funds was \$3,749,302.80.

Receiver Spence of the Austin Water company has brought suit against the city of Austin to recover balance alleged to be due for supplying the city with electric lights. The balance is stated at \$2251. The suit is based on a contract made in 1888 when Joseph Nalle was mayor. This contract has been held by the city to be invalid and the charges of the water company excessive. Hence failure and refusal to pay and this suit.

W. L. Wright, commercial agent of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, says: "I have received a telegram from D. Miller, traffic manager of our line, as follows: 'We will make the same rates to Dallas as the Rock Island has put into Fort Worth. Form this you will see that the Katy has not the Rock Island rates. Just when these rates will take effect I can't say, but the new tariffs will doubtless be put out at once.'"

At Salado, Bell county, recently, while some boys were at the race track trying the speed of their horses, one of the horses flew the track and ran so near a tree that the rider's leg struck the tree and was broken about two or three inches below the knee. The shock also broke his thigh bone about the middle. He turned the horse back and beat the race before he fell off. The boy is about 12 years old.

At Comanche, recently as the train pulled in Mr. Cox of Sidney, and County Judge Drummond were at the depot, and when Miss Wheatley of Dallas stepped off the party entered the ladies' waiting room and, in the presence of a large crowd of friends, Miss Wheatley and Mr. Cox were married by the judge. The couple left for Sidney their home.

At San Antonio recently some soldiers took a keg of beer down to the negro quarters near the government woodyard. After emptying the keg the men got into a fight, the patrol wagon was called and one soldier and six drunken negro women were hauled to jail. The women yelled and sang all the way to jail, the police being unable to keep them quiet.

The Carrington Fish and Oyster company of Velasco are cutting a canal from the gulf to their oyster lakes near Cedar lake. They and other citizens are taking active steps for the preservation and increase of black bass and other high-priced fish in some of Brazoria county's fresh water lakes.

Lola Hineman, who is indicted with the four men heretofore named, Happy, Gunnels, Witcher and Miller, for the murder of Miss Maggie Trowsey last January, has been brought from Trinidad, Colo., and lodged in jail at Fort Worth.

A white man shot and killed Dick Young, colored, on Red river near Laysport ferry, in Bowie county a few days ago. Both parties had been to market with cotton and were drinking. Officers are after the white man.

Recently near Falgo, Bastrop county, while the parents of some colored children were in the field picking cotton, the clothing of a 7-year-old girl caught fire, burning her so severely that she died in a few hours.

A channel 100 feet wide and 17 feet deep is being cut across the bar at Sabine Pass. The contract is for 16 feet deep, but the extra foot is cut to allow for the silt, which, it is thought, will not be quite a foot.

At Dallas recently Lena Hill, the 2-year-old, broke the world's record by pacing a mile in 2:13.