NEWS NOTES FROM OVER THE WORLD

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STOCKHOLDERS OF STANDARD GET QUARTERLY DIVIDEND. OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST.

Special to the Herald.

New York, Sept. 15.—Stockholders of the Standard Oil Company today were paid the quarterly dividend of $6 a share on their holdings. This payment makes the disbursements for the three-quarters of the year $30 a share. This duplicates the dividend declarations for the same period in 1905.

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Good Prospects For Oysters.

Special to the Herald.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 15.—Expert opinion is to the effect that the oyster season which opened today will be one of the most prosperous experienced in Virginia waters for years. Oystermen have made preparations for a heavy business. The oysters, too, are reported to be in good condition and of fine flavor.

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Indian Celebration.

Special to the Herald.

Bliss, Okla., Sept. 15.—One of the biggest Indian celebrations of the year and probably the last great gathering of the kind to be held in Oklahoma opened today at the famous 101 ranch. The affair is under the joint charge of the Miller brothers, owners of the ranch, and the Ponca Indians and is in celebration of the opening of the Cherokee Strip, which occurred sixteen years ago tomorrow. Weeks ago the Poncas sent invitations for the affair to every tribe of Indians in the Northwest, as well as those in Oklahoma. Several thousand responded making the gathering one of the largest ever held in this part of the country. Though the celebration at the ranch is to last only two days it is expected that the Indians will spend a full week in feasting, etc.

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Fighting For Tennessee.

Special to the Herald.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 15.—Arrangements have been made to open the Republican campaign in Memphis tonight with Secretary of the Treasury Shaw as the principal speaker. The coming of Secretary Shaw has given great encouragement to the Republicans of the state, who are making heroic efforts to carry things at the November election. The most sanguine leaders of the party predict the election of H. Clay Evans for governor and also the success of the Republicans in at least three of the congressional districts.

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London Volunteers Coming.

Special to the Herald.

London, Sept. 15.—The team of the Queen's Own Westminster Volunteers which will defend the shield presented by Sir Howard Vincent in the marksmanship contest at Creedmoor next month with the Seventh Regiment of the New York national guard, sailed for New York today on the steamship Minnesota. The team comprises six men and two reserves. They are accompanied by Sir Howard Vincent, the donor of the trophy, and several of the officers of the regiment.

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National Prison Congress.

Special to the Herald.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 15.—Delegates from every part of the country are gathered in Albany to attend the annual session of the National Prison Association, which has for its object the improvement in conditions and methods of prison management. The congress will be in session during the greater part of next week. Former Governor Frank S. Black, Ballington Booth, Mayor S. R. Brockway of Elmira and other persons of note are on the program. In the Episcopal Cathedral tomorrow Bishop Doane will preach the annual convention sermon.

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Bold Engineering Feat.

New York, Sept. 15.—One of the boldest engineering feats ever undertaken will be completed during the coming week when the tunnels under the North River to be used by the Pennsylvania Railroad will be joined. The bores were made simultaneously from the New Jersey and Manhattan sides of the river and so accurate were the plans and measurements of the engineers that the two tunnels will meet under the middle of the river and join as accurately as the sliding of one tube into another. When the two tubes have been brought together a jollification will be held, to be participated in by the contractors and the officials of the road. It is expected that President A. J. Cassatt of the Pennsylvania, Mayor McClellan and other notables will ride on the first car that goes under the river.

STUNG BY STING-RAY.

Secretary Kight's Condition at San Antonio Warrants This Belief.

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 14.—The physicians, who have been attending C. N. Kight of the Business Men's Club, are now satisfied from the very stubborn nature of the wound inflicted in his leg that it was inflicted by a sting-ray, or devil fish. The wound inflicted by a fish of this kind is very poisonous and dangerous, and it has been a marvel that Mr. Kight came through without the loss of his leg.

Mr. Kight was able to sit up a portion of yesterday and today and is steadily regaining his strength, and will probably be able to be out by October 1.

When Mr. Kight was first wounded it was thought that he had been speared by a cat fish, but the wound has since borne all the marks of the work of a sting-ray. In tropical countries such a wound is always considered fatal.

ODD FELLOWS AT TORONTO, ONTARIO

EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE NEXT WEEK.

Special to the Herald.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 15.—Odd Fellows from all parts of Canada, the United States and Mexico, with a delegation from Hawaii, gathered in Toronto today for the eighty-second annual session of the sovereign grand lodge, which will be held here during the coming week. It is estimated that by Monday more than thirty thousand members of the fraternity will be in the city. Auxiliary organizations will meet during the week. These include the Rebekah Assembly and the Patriarchs Militant.

Today there was a meeting of the grand council, Patriarchs Militant, at King Edward Hotel, and the officers and members of the sovereign grand lodge and their ladies were tendered a civic reception and luncheon at St. Catherines, to which place there was an excursion.

Tomorrow the Odd Fellows will attend divine service at St. James' Cathedral. On Monday there will be a great deal going on. In the morning the visitors will be given a public welcome in the legislative chamber of the parliament building, when there will be addresses by the Hon. William Mortimer Clark, lieutenant governor of the province of Ontario, and others. Among the attractions in the afternoon will be the prize drill at Exhibition Park and the reception by the Rebekahs of Ontario to their sisters and lady visitors.

On Tuesday, in addition to the meeting of the grand lodge and the prize drills, there will be the conferring of the decoration of chivalry at Exhibition Park, the exercises being conducted by Colonel W. S. Johnston, department commander of Ontario. On Wednesday there will be exercises similar to those conducted on Tuesday and on Thursday, beside a continuation of the exercises as on the days before, the Rebekahs and their guests will be given an illuminated car ride about the city. The feature of Friday's program will be the reception tendered the officers and members of the sovereign grand lodge by the mayor and the council of the city of Toronto.

Seattle is sending a large delegation in an effort to secure next year's meeting of the sovereign grand lodge for that city. Bids are expected also from several other cities, and a lively contest is likely.

THREE FAMOUS MEN ARE GROWING OLD

DUKE ERNST OF SAXE-ALTENBURG, PRESIDENT DIAZ OF MEXICO AND RICHARD OLNEY.

Special to the Herald.

Berlin, Sept. 15.—The little duchy of Saxe-Altenburg is preparing for elaborate festivities tomorrow in celebration of the eightieth birthday of its ruler, Duke Ernst. The duke has occupied the throne for more than fifty years. His consort died nine years ago, leaving no male issue, and the next heir to the throne is the duke's only brother, Moritz. Prince Moritz, who is a man 77 years old, enjoys the reputation of being the most utterly blase man in Europe, and, although in perfect physical condition, had been in the habit of staying in bed for weeks, not because he was ailing, but simply because, to use his own words, there was "nothing worth getting up for." Under the circumstances it is probable that when the present ruler passes away Prince Moritz will abandon his rights of succession to his only son, Prince Ernst, on the ground that it would be "too much of a bore" to reign. Prince Ernst is 35 years old.

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Diaz Celebrates Birthday.

City of Mexico, Sept. 15.—President Diaz today celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday, which was observed as a general holiday in the capital. Though the government professes to feel no alarm it is known that plans have been made throughout the republic for the vigorous suppression of any revolutionary manifestations on the occasion of the independence fiesta tomorrow. Special precautions have been taken in the state of San Luis, Nuevo Leon, Aguascalientes and Chihuahua, where the revolutionary spirit and hatred of the foreigners is rampant.

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Richard Olney's Birthday.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 15.—Richard Olney, who was attorney general and later secretary of state in the cabinet of President Cleveland and who was discussed for the presidential nomination two years ago, today celebrated his seventy-first birthday, quietly, as is his habit, at his summer home at Falmouth. Mr. Olney devotes his entire attention to his law practice and declares he is permanently out of politics.

STRUCK BY TRAIN.

B. B. White Was Instantly Killed on Texas and Pacific.

Loraine, Texas, Sept. 14.—B. B. White, a real estate dealer, was killed here by a freight engine on the Texas and Pacific railroad. It seemed that he did not know the train was running very fast and attempted to cross ahead of it, when he was struck and carried some thirty feet. When picked up he was dead.

His trunk, papers and everything have been examined to find out where some of his people were, but nothing was found as to relatives. He had lived at Mineral Wells, Clarksville, Nacogdoches, Breckenridge and other places. He has made this place his home for several months, being away part of the time. No one ever heard him mention anything of his people. The body will probably be interred here if no trace is found of his people.

AMERICAN BASEBALL LEAGUE

Plays Better and Faster Ball Than the National League.

The old question as to whether the National or American League plays the faster and better ball is still a topic for discussion among all who are interested in the national game. The chances are that it never will be answered satisfactorily, as both bodies have thousands of partisans who can see but one league. There are fans all over the country who can give a very good argument in upholding their opinion in favor of one or the other of the big leagues. But occasionally some bug goes crazy about the "major" he thinks best. As, for instance, the Pittsburg brother who recently broke forth in a scare-head description of an American League game he had witnessed. It was the "worst he had ever seen, absolutely on the blink, a minor league plays better ball," etc. But what would this wise child say had he seen the Brooklyn-Boston National games recently played in Brooklyn? There never have been eight evenly balanced teams in one league, but there is no doubt that the American League this year has its playing strength more evenly distributed than the National League. The recent 24-inning game between the tail-end Bostons and the champion Athletics shows this conclusively. To the unbiased fan—if such exists—it is perfectly clear that the National League has only three good all-round teams, while the American League can rightfully lay claim to five such teams.