

WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Important Events Far and Near Briefly Reported.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Civil Service Commissioner Lyman has resigned.

In April the public debt increased over \$9,000,000.

President Cleveland is writing a book on economic science.

The statement of the condition of the treasury shows the available cash balance to be \$180,487,867; gold reserve, \$91,202,624.

The comptroller of the currency has issued a call to national banks for a statement of their standing at the close of business May 7.

According to a government statement there were 1729 deaths from small pox in this country in 1894, of these 887 occurred in Illinois, 837 in New York and 263 in Wisconsin.

The secretary of the interior has decided against the State of South Dakota's claim on Yankton reservation lands, and the reservation will probably be opened by proclamation in a few days.

NEWS OF LEGISLATURES.

A law prohibiting pool rilling has been enacted by the New York senate.

The bill forbidding the appearance of women upon the stage unless attired in skirts failed in the New York assembly. The vote was 55 ayes and 21 noes, not the constitutional majority.

LABOR NEWS.

A few miners on the Mesaba range have struck.

Ohio is threatened with a coal famine because of the miners' strike.

The sixth annual convention of the National Union of Textile Workers of America is in session at Olneyville, Mass.

The puddlers in all the non-union mills at Pittsburg are now on strike for the \$4 rate. The strike is to the number of 2,000 men and all of them have been taken into the Amalgamated association.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

The first consignment of apricots this season has been shipped to Chicago from Sacramento.

Paper mills on the Fox river have been compelled to shut down on account of low water.

Coal sale agents at New York have fixed on the present circular prices for May at \$3.50 for stove and \$3.35 for other sizes.

The Southern Trade, a journal printed in St. Louis, gives an account of 308 new enterprises inaugurated or projected in the South during the month of April.

Alfred Carl and Prestwood J. Benbow have been appointed receivers of the Otis steel works of Cleveland, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the country.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The jurors in Oscar Wilde's trial disagreed.

The emperor of China has signed the peace treaty with Japan.

Black flags are causing serious trouble in Formosa, and the lives of foreigners are in danger.

Corinto, Nicaragua, was evacuated by the British Sunday. Monday a revolution began.

The Countess of Kimberley, the wife of the British secretary of state for foreign affairs, is dying.

Russia, France and Germany, it is announced, are about to increase their naval forces in the China seas.

England has accepted Salvador's offer to guarantee the indemnity, and the evacuation of Corinto is assured.

The foreign members of the Armenian commission have left Moscow on a visit to the villages of the Sassoun district.

The trouble between the Manitoba and Dominion governments over the school question is likely to be compromised.

Oscar Wilde testified in his own behalf Tuesday. He absolutely denied that there was any truth in the charges of indecency brought against him.

Efforts are being made to restore Chief Clarence in the Mosquito territory, which will probably give England another chance to pounce upon Nicaragua.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS.

A new wheat pest is ruining fields in California.

Americans have the best pictures in the Berlin art exhibition.

The Rockefeller syndicate has secured control of the Merritt mine.

The water of the Mississippi river at St. Paul is lower than it has been since October, 1864.

Troops will be necessary to put down the Indians and breeds in the Turtle Mountain country.

The trouble with the Indians in Washington culminated in a fight, in which a white man was killed.

The rumor that Nellie Grant Sartoris would marry General Douglas of Maryland, is denied by Mrs. Fred Grant.

J. Randall Brown, the blind reader, proposes to be buried for six weeks this summer. He claims to think he will be alive when dug up.

Great corporations, including the

instigated the Cuban insurrection, furnishing the rebels with millions of money.

The half breed rising in North Dakota ended in the unconditional surrender of the breeds, just as the marshal and his deputies are about to attack them.

A charter for a national college for the sons of Masons will be applied for in three weeks and Pittsburg will likely secure the institution. The endowment is \$4,000,000.

Minnesota and Dakota lines are voting on a proposition for a one and one-third fare on account of the annual interstate encampment of the G. A. R. in Ortonville, Big Stone county, Minn., June 19-21.

NEWS OF LEGAL NATURE.

The rehearing of the income tax cases was begun by the national supreme court Monday.

St. Paul fishermen have formed a union and will test the game and fish law passed by the last legislature.

Zella Nicolaus has filed complaints in her suit against George Gould, whom she claims converted a check in her favor to his own use.

SPORTING NEWS.

The Kentucky derby was won by Halma.

Kilrain was defeated by O'Donnell in 21 rounds.

Warrants are out for the arrest of 25 men connected with the Hawthorne race track.

Prize fighting in Louisiana and Florida have been legislatively and judicially given a quietus.

THE DEATH RECORD.

General Von Pape is dead.

Countess De La Forest, daughter of the late Jacob Mainzer of St. Paul died at White Bear Lake.

General John Newton, president of the Pan-American Railroad company, died in New York city.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Peel, who was chief secretary for Ireland from 1861 to 1865, is dead, aged 73 years.

General S. B. Hayman, aged 75, died at Houston, Mo. He did considerable frontier service and went through both the Mexican and civil wars, serving with distinction.

RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

Dr. Parkhurst will study Russian social conditions during his summer vacation.

John Hazen White was consecrated bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Indiana.

The directors of the McCormick theological seminary in Chicago have decided not to give the institution up to the control of the Presbyterian general assembly.

RAILROAD NEWS.

Chauncey M. Depew denies the statements that the Vanderbilts are seeking control of the Great Northern.

Henry L. Shute has been appointed general traffic manager of the Great Northern and branches, vice W. W. Finley, resigned.

The statement that President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern sailed last Saturday for Europe has been confirmed by a high official of the road.

POLITICAL NEWS.

Senator Brice will fight the free coinage movement among Ohio Democrats.

President Cleveland has written an anti-free coinage letter to the governor of Mississippi.

The Tennessee gubernatorial election contest has been decided in favor of Turney, Democrat.

Colonel Fred Grant, Theodore Roosevelt and A. D. Parker have been sworn in as police commissioners of New York.

At a Democratic county convention in Chicago President Cleveland was repeatedly denounced, amid the plaudits of the delegates.

Republican leaders met in Washington and barrel Harrison out as a presidential candidate. These gentlemen are for McKinley.

UNFORTUNATE EVENTS.

Pennsylvania towns are imperiled by forest fires.

Half of the Kansas wheat crop is said to be killed.

Five people were drowned in California while fishing.

Waterspouts flooded portions of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

A cyclone at Halstad, Kan., killed 12 people and injured many others.

Faribault, Minn., is having an exciting experience with mad dogs. One man is dying of hydrophobia.

Seventeen men belonging to the crew of the George E. White, a Seattle sailing vessel, were drowned or frozen in Alaska.

Advices from the Pescadore islands state that 1,300 persons died there from cholera during one month. The epidemic is now subsiding.

The estimates of the loss of life in the Iowa cyclone are greatly reduced, ranging now from 15 to 50. Another cyclone struck St. Charles, Ill., killing five persons.

CRIMINAL NEWS.

City Treasurer Jacobs of Butte, Mont., \$30,000 short, committed suicide.

The first Indian to be arrested for bigamy is a Sioux brave at the Pine Ridge agency.

Fred Wisner, a 15-year-old boy, was arrested at Baraboo, Wis., for train wrecking. He confessed.

James F. Wilson, said to be wanted in Brooklyn for a \$75,000 swindle was arrested in Lexington, Ky.

Claus A. Blixt, the murderer of Catherine Ging in Minneapolis, plead guilty and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

An assistant bank cashier and the city treasurer were arrested at Eau Claire, Wis., charged with embezzlement.

A. A. Egbert, prominent in railroad circles was found dead near his residence at Omaha, shot through the heart.

Henry W. Thomas, superintendent of telegraph of the Soo road, was murdered in Minneapolis by Frederick Williams, who was jealous.

Slaughter Kid and Dynamite Dick, both members of the Dalton-Doolin gang, are dead. They were pumped full of lead by deputy marshals of Oklahoma.

H. M. Benedict, brother-in-law of Taylor, the absconding South Dakota treasurer, has been arrested in Chicago. He is charged with helping Taylor to escape.

The dress suit, silk hats, shirts and other fine wearing apparel belonging to the defaulting treasurer of South Dakota were abstracted from his residence at Redfield. It is believed that they have been sent to him by a confederate.

THE ART GALLERY.

Charles Martin Sprague has been awarded the gold medal of the Midwinter fair of San Francisco for the artistic excellence of his pictures.

Puis de Chevannes, the French painter, is a tall, erect, broad shouldered man, with a snowy beard and close cropped head. He is 70 years old.

Alma Tadema spends about four months on one of his more finished pictures. To one that he thinks likely to be a masterpiece he is willing to give as many years.

Napoleon Sarony, the artist, is the son of a Prussian officer of hussars who fought against the first Napoleon at Leipzig, but named his child after him. Young Sarony came to New York when 10 years old and made his first lithograph two years later.

Carolus Duran, the leading French portrait painter, is profoundly eccentric and invariably insists on having his own way at whatever cost. He has been known to adjourn in the middle of a sitting to his beloved organ and commence to play, much to the amazement of the sitters.

LUMINOUS PAINTS.

For yellow luminous paint, 48 parts varnish are mixed with 10 parts barium sulphate, 8 parts barium chromate and 34 parts luminous calcium sulphide.

For luminous oil color paints, equal quantities of pure linseed are used in place of the varnish. The linseed oil must be cold pressed and thickened by heat.

For green luminous paint, 48 parts varnish are mixed with 10 parts prepared barium sulphate, 8 parts chromium oxide green, and 34 parts luminous calcium sulphide.

A yellow brown luminous paint is obtained from 48 parts varnish, 10 parts precipitated barium sulphate, 8 parts auripigment and 34 parts luminous calcium sulphide.

A blue luminous paint is prepared from 42 parts varnish, 10.2 parts prepared barium sulphate, 6.4 parts ultramarine blue, 5.4 parts cobalt blue and 46 parts luminous calcium sulphide.

Tramps Walk.

Johnny—Papa, where do tramps get all their money to make European trips? Papa—Who said tramps made European trips?

Johnny—Nobody I know of, but there's so much in the papers about tramp steamers that I thought they all did.—Roxbury (Mass.) Gazette.

The "candles" of the Romans consisted of a string made of rags and a small vessel of ramified fat.



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