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At Flagstaff the county seat of Coconino county.

CURRENT COMMENT.

NEW YORK was said to be planning to build an underground railway at a cost of $50,000,000.

THE mayor of Salt Lake City recently told a reporter that one district in Utah contains $26,000,000,000 worth of gold.

A PROTEST against the erection of a statue to Gen. Butler has been received by the Massachusetts legislature.

THE widow of Alexander Campbell, founder of the Christian or Campbellite faith, is living, at the age of 94, in Bethany, W. Va.

MEXICO grows in proportion more rapidly than Canada, the increase in our southern neighbor in four years having been 900,000, or about eight per cent.

IT is proposed to build an iron cage over and around the monument of Daniel Boone and his wife, near Carrollton, Ky., in order to preserve what is left of the monument from the ravages of the relic hunters.

JAPAN'S modest plan for the next nine years includes the construction and equipment of a navy which shall equal in fighting capacity the combined fleets of Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany and the United States on the Pacific.

A BANQUET was given by the Ministerial association of Youngstown, O., recently to a number of ministers of neighboring towns. As a side dish Spanish onions were served. A resolution was at once offered that the onions should not be eaten, thus censuring the course with which Spain is pursuing with regard to the insurgents in Cuba. The resolution was adopted and no onions were eaten.

THE Brooklyn Eagle says: "When Europe learns to attend to its domestic affairs and to extend its influence and territory by peaceful and honorable measures it can accomplish more for its own power and the advancement of its alleged cause of civilization than it can by means of blood and pillage. Abyssinia could have been bought for half what has been spent in the vain attempt to conquer it."

THE quartermaster-general of the army has contracted with William H. Gross, of Lee, Mass., for 10,000 headstones to mark the graves of soldiers and sailors whose remains repose in national cemeteries. The headstones provided by the government are by no means pretentious. Their average cost of late years has been about $2 apiece. The contract price for the coming year is $1.85 for each stone, being the lowest rate at which they have ever been secured.

A CURIOUS series of statistics has been published in Berlin, showing that the number of suicides committed in Germany from 1881 to 1893, inclusive, was 105,327. The totals range from 8,987 in 1881 to 10,699 in 1893. The rate per head of the population was as high as 46 per 100,000 in Saxe-Altenberg, and as low as 13 and 11½ per 100,000 in Bavaria and Alsace-Lorraine. The suicides are proportionately more numerous in the Prussian army than in any part of the empire, having been 65 per 100,000 in 1893.

MESSRS. L. E. COOLEY and Isham Randolph, two distinguished civil engineers, addressed the Rochester, N. Y., chamber of commerce recently on the subject of a ship canal from Chicago to the Atlantic seaboard. Mr. Cooley said the ship canal project from Lake Erie to the ocean was entirely feasible. The route had not been fully determined upon as yet, but he thought, however, that it would be by way of Lake Ontario, thence down the Oswego and Mohawk valley to the Hudson. Another route was by way of Lake Champlain and the Hudson.

STATE SENATOR RAINES, of New York, in speaking of his bill for raising revenue in the empire state, says: "The bill taxes the seller of intoxicating liquors only and it will raise approximately $5,000,000 in revenue. The manufacturer of liquors ought to be made to pay as much as the seller. Before I retire from my term as senator I hope not one dollar will have to be raised by direct taxation for state purposes. The inheritance tax, the corporation tax, the excise tax and the manufacturers' tax ought to bring in the $15,000,000 required to run the state government."

LIEUT. J. F. THOMPSON, chief of ordnance of the department of Missouri, recently told Chicago people how utterly defenseless their city was if a war should break out between Great Britain and the United States. He said that the British nation had 100 men-of-war which could pass through the Welland canal into the lakes. Once in Lake Erie, two or three of these vessels could, as things are at present, destroy the great lake cities. And no city was so well situated for destruction as Chicago. A gunboat or two off that city could, he said, set the city on fire.

A RECENT report of the New Jersey commission on penal laws is a valuable addition to the literature of the subject and is well worthy public attention. The feature of the report is the recommendation of the adoption of the sentence and system of probation. The theory of the first of these measures is to keep an offender against society and the law under restraint until it is safe for society to release him. Only when a competent authority pronounces him reformed will he be released, and as it is plainly impossible to fix a time for such a reformation in advance, the period depends upon the criminal.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

A TELEGRAM received at London on the 13th said that Mark Twain, the American humorist, was seriously ill at Jeypoor, India.

A NEW political party, known as "the free silver democratic party of Michigan," was organized at Lansing on the 12th at a conference of some 25 free silver democrats representing various sections of the state.

THE California executive committee of the American bimetallic party passed a resolution indorsing Senator Morgan, of Alabama, for president and Senator Allen, of Nebraska, for vice president.

GEN. BOOTH, of London, said on the 11th that Ballington Booth's action in withdrawing from the Salvation army was inexplainable and that he (Gen. Booth) had cabled to him that it was still not too late for forgiveness, but had received no answer.

AT the session of the national conference called by the committee of 100 in the interest of united national reform at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 11th it was decided to name the new party the "National Reform Party," and a national convention was called to meet in Pittsburgh on May 25.

THE republican state convention at Columbus, O., indorsed McKinley unanimously for president. The platform made the strongest declaration possible for protection and indorsed reciprocity. Tae financial plank favored the use of both gold and silver as standard money under restrictions that would maintain the parity of the two metals.

THE convention of the republicans of Iowa at Des Moines on the 11th was from beginning to end an Allison convention. The resolutions adopted were simply a recital of the senator s qualifications for president and said, among other things, that "he has at all times labored to maintain an abundant currency of gold, silver and paper, made interconvertible and equal to the best currency of the commercial world."

MISCELLANEOUS.

HENRY SHENFIELD, a prisoner in the Tombs in New York for larceny, has been notified that an uncle in England has left him $500,000.

A NEW YORK dispatch on the 13th stated that the chess team match by cable, eight on a side, between America and England, had begun. At the odd numbered boards America plays white and at those of even number black.

DILL TAYLOR, Robert Taylor and wife, and another son and daughter of Dill Taylor living near Craig, Ill., were poisoned from drinking coffee. Dill Taylor died and the others were expected to die at any time. The coffee grounds were thrown into the slop and seven hogs died from eating it.

A TELEGRAM from Rome on the 13th stated that quiet once more reigned in Italy. Negotiations with King Menelik, of Abyssinia, had been opened and it was thought permanent peace would soon be concluded.

ABOUT 40 boys burned a Spanish flag at Smyrna, Del., on the 13th. A large crowd of citizens watched the cremation, but there was no attempt made to stop it. The boys had previously paraded the town with the foreign emblem, accompanied by two American flags.

AT the Indianapolis, Ind., collegiate oratorical contest on the night of the 13th Butler students flaunted in the face of 100 students from Earlham an umbrella covered with the Butler colors. The Earlham students made a rush for it, when the Butler students, 200 strong, arose with a wild yell and the two parties began fighting. Policemen had to separate the combatants.

AT Bantam, Clermont county, O, the residence of Valentine Mushbacker, a wealthy farmer, was burned, and he and his daughter, aged 15, and a veteran soldier named Isler, who was living with the family, were burned to death.

A DISASTROUS prairie fire raged for three days in Beaver county, Ok., doing many thousands of dollars damage.

A DISASTROUS rear-end collision between a freight train and a snow plow occurred on the 12th on the Berkshire division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, near New Milford, Conn. Two men were killed and seven or eight others injured.

A SPECIAL from Washington said that a report was current there that President Cleveland had sent an officer of the army to Cuba as a special secret agent of the government to supplement the reports of the consular officers by professional reports of the military operations in the island and the condition of the insurgents, as viewed from a military standpoint.

THE anti-cigarette bill, previously passed by the Iowa house, passed the senate on the 13th and unless vetoed goes into effect July 4. The bill prohibits both the manufacture and sale of cigarettes and cigarette paper except by jobbers for use outside the state.

A PECULIAR disease has struck Albia, Ia., and vicinity. The physicians call it pink-eye and they have been unable to arrest its progress. Patients suffer with it for about two weeks.

A FIRE at Sussex, N. B., destroyed the Bank of Nova Scotia and several smaller stores. Loss, $145,000.

A DISPATCH from Greenville, Tex., said that the northbound Katy was boarded by a masked and armed man who entered the sleeper and went through the passengers. The amount secured was small. As the train neared the city he jumped off. He had a confederate.

A FIRE broke out in the paint room of the Atkins saw works at Indianapolis, Ind., at three o'clock on the morning of the 10th and did damage to the amount of $100,000. The night watchman, while attempting to put out a fire in one portion of the works, saw a man in the act of applying a torch in another part, but the miscreant escaped.

IT was rumored at Washington that instructions would go to the commandants of military posts to be careful in future as to whom they admitted to view the posts and that there would be a more cautious editing of matter published in army reports, so as to guard against foreigners obtaining a knowledge of the resources of the United States in case of war.

THE Clarksdale oil mill at Vicksburg, Miss., was burned on the 12th with an immense quantity of seed. The loss was $100,000, only partially insured.

PADDY PURTELL, of Kansas City, won the fight with Nick Burley before the Manhattan Athletic club at New York on the 12th in the seventh round.

THE tobacco warehouse at Lancaster, Pa., occupied by C. W. Kendig, was entirely destroyed by fire on the 12th, together with between 700 and 800 cases of tobacco. There was an insurance of $35,000 on the tobacco, which will fully cover the loss. The fire was supposed to have been incendiary.

AT the Central coal works, on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, near Charleston, W. Va., 13 miners boarded a car at the pit mouth to ride down the incline to their tipple. The rope broke and the car rushed down to wreck at the bottom. Seven men were killed, three fatally and three badly hurt.

A PULLMAN sleeping car on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois was taken possession of by an armed maniac on the night of the 12th and held by him against all the crew and passengers. The police at Terre Haute, Ind., finally succeeded in arresting him. The maniac was identified as J. D. Cummings, a prominent merchant of Englewood, Ill.

THE failures for the week ended March 13 (Dun's report) were 300 in the United States, against 266 last year, and 60 in Canada, against 57 last year.

WHILE the three children of Willis L. Blackman, a prominent Chicago citizen, were returning home from a party on the night of the 10th the carriage in which they were in was struck by a C., R. & Q. train at the railroad crossing in Hinsdale and the coachman and two of the children were killed and the other one severely injured. Both of the horses were also killed and the carriage smashed into kindling wood.

THE Morrow farm near Beaver, Pa., has been purchased for the purpose of erecting a Masonic national university. Work will be commenced on the buildings soon.

INSPECTORS of internal revenue seized the entire plant of the Vermont Manufacturing Co., makers of butterine, at Providence, R. I.

SOME miscreant threw a switch on the Union Pacific railroad near Pocatello, Ida., for the purpose of wrecking the early morning express on the 11th, but fortunately the engineer saw him and reversed his engine, and, although the train left the track, no one was injured.

AN attempt to rob the First national bank at Germantown, O., was made at 3:30 on the morning of the 11th, but the robbers used so much giant powder that the bank was wrecked and the town aroused. The door of the vault, weighing 800 pounds, was thrown 30 feet. The vault contained $70,000 in cash and other securities.

GEORGE TODD, wife and family, in Logan county, O., awoke and found the house on fire. One child was burned to death, a girl will die and the father and others were badly burned.

FIDEL TRITSCHLER, banker and councilman of Allentown, Pa., shot and instantly killed his wife in bed at five o'clock on the morning of the 10th and then fired two bullets into his own brain. Insomnia was supposed to be the cause.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

CONVENTIONS have been held by two-thirds of the counties of Wisconsin, and all but five delegates were instructed for McKinley. There was thought to be no doubt that Wisconsin would send an instructed McKinley delegation to St. Louis.

BALLINGTON BOOTH at New York furnished a description of the standard of his new movement. It will consist of a white flag; in the center will be a large blue star; in the middle of this star a white cross; in the corner of the flag, nearest the top of the staff, 45 white stars in a field of blue, representing the states of the union, and over the central large blue star will read the motto: "The Lord My Banner." He has named his new organization "God's American Volunteers."

A DISPATCH from New York said that the great Anglo-American chess match, played by cable, ended by the Americans winning by a score of 4½ to 3½. At the close of the struggle there was wild enthusiasm and cheers.

THE post office located at South Chicago, with all the mail, was burned on the 15th. An overheated furnace caused the fire.

A MAGAZINE containing 300 pounds of dynamite exploded with terrific force in the Center Star mine in the Trail Creek (B. C.) district, imprisoning 20 miners. Four miners were taken out dead, and two others were fatally wounded. It was not known how many more under ground are killed. The most intense excitement prevailed at Trail.

ACCORDING to the figures of the Reed managers at Washington, of the 176 delegates already elected to the national republican convention McKinley has 63, Reed 38, Quay 16, Cullom 10, Gov. Morton 6, Allison 5 and the titles of 28 are contested. While this distribution apparently gives McKinley a long lead, it is contended by Reed's friends that it is not as great as it looks, as out of 63 20 are from his own state, Ohio, while in Reed's column not a single New England delegate is included.

ALBERT WALLACE was hanged at Pekin, Ill., on the 14th for the murder of his sister, Mrs. Bowlby. Dissatisfaction over the disposal of their father's estate was the cause.

A BERLIN dispatch stated that the German bimetallists had made an arrangement with bimetallists in England, France and Austria to introduce identical motions, looking to the use of both gold and silver as currency, in their respective parliaments.

DEATH BEFORE DISGRACE.

Postmaster Frank Mapes, of Kansas City, Kan., Deliberately Commits Suicide.

KANSAS CITY, Kan., March 16.—Postmaster Frank Mapes, one of the best known democrats in the state of Kansas, committed suicide by shooting himself at his home, 715 Washington avenue, yesterday morning. The cause of his suicide was the discovery of a shortage in his accounts with the government. The discovery had just been made by Inspectors Sutton and Reid, of the post office department at Washington. Rather than face the charges of official dishonesty Mr. Mapes took his own life. The affair has created a sensation in this city. The last time Mr. Mapes was at the post office was Friday night. The inspectors arrived Thursday and began the inspection of his books. They have not yet completed the examination, but have ascertained that the amount of the shortage will be between $8,000 and 10,000. Thursday and Friday they found some discrepancies in the book accounts at the office. The postmaster, so the employes say, always kept the books under lock and key and would not allow anyone to handle them. The shortage extends over 12 months, the inspectors say, and was covered up by false entries in the books and in reports sent to the department at Washington.

PHOTOGRAPHING THE VOICE.

Pictures of Human Vocal Notes the Newest Scientific Wonder.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Another wonderful discovery is announced to the world. This time it is not a European scientist, but an American who makes the contribution to knowledge. He is a professor of physics at Columbia college, New York, and his name is William Hallock. For a long time he has been experimenting with a method, now at length perfected, of making pictures of musical sounds by means of the camera. Such perfect results are obtained that the voice of a tenor or soprano can be judged with absolute accuracy as to its quality and range without hearing it—merely by inspecting a series of photographs. Prof. Hallock proposes to photograph a large number of the finest voices obtainable; also, to get as many more photographs of poor voices. By a comparative study of the two series he expects to be able to reduce the peculiarities of a good voice to a basis of scientific understanding. Incidentally comes the interesting question of articulate speech in man and the lack of it in beasts.

OUR MILITARY STRENGTH.

Uncle Sam Can Put 9,467,694 Men in the Field on Short Notice.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—According to a report on the organized militia of the United States, which has just been prepared by the war department, the United States, in need, can put 9,467,694 men in the field. The total force of the militia numbers 115,669, of which 102,604 composed the infantry, 5,215 the cavalry, 2,267 the artillery, 649 the special corps, and there were 1,443 generals and staff officers. New York is far in the lead in the number of men enlisted in the national guard, its strength amounting to 12,901 officers and men. Pennsylvania is second with 8,482, Ohio third with 6,493, Illinois fourth with 6,226, Missouri 18th with 2,107 and Kansas 22d with 1,815. Oklahoma ends the list with 153.

BLOW TO SCALPERS.

Move Among Railway Lines to Discontinue Interchangeable Mileage Tickets.

ST. LOUIS, March 16.—All the lines in what is known as Central Traffic territory have agreed to discontinue the issuance of interchangeable mileage tickets, and it is probable that their example will be followed by roads in other parts of the country. Thus is sounded the first note in the death knell of the ticket scalpers, who have so long fattened and battened upon the railways and upon the traveling public. Without interchangeable mileage books the scalpers will have a hard and rocky row to hoe. When conductors are instructed to enforce the rules as to identification and to take up tickets which show evidence of manipulation the scalpers might as well go out of business.

German Hatred of England.

BERLIN, March 16.—The proposed Soudan expedition of the British excites a vast deal of attention and comment in political circles and in the press here. The German newspapers, in commenting upon the proposed Egyptian advance to Dongola, still show an intense hatred for England.

Sixty Million Miles Away.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—The Perrine comet, which was scheduled to strike the earth Saturday failed to arrive. The astronomers at Lick observatory say that the comet was 60,000,000 miles away from the earth, with no prospect of coming any closer.

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Postmasters in Trouble.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—William Clarity, postmaster at Purcell, and the outgoing postmaster at Purcell, Col. Manigan, have been arrested by Inspector Sullivan, charged with making incorrect returns, resulting in holding back from the government about $1,500.

New York World's Prediction.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The World to-day says it has made a poll of nearly every state in the union and as a result predicts the nomination of William McKinley by the St. Louis convention.

EFFORTLESS SPEECH.

The Effect of Small Talk Upon Cerebral Deterioration.

How much actual cerebral deterioration is the result of effortless speech must be a matter of speculation; of course mere loquacity is unattended by proper cerebral exercise or intellectual effort, and even if a variety of words be used, such are not the product of healthy cerebration. Those who see much of the insane recognize under certain conditions the significance of such volubility, for it is often the precursor of mania or other mental disturbances. It is rather the province of the writer to show the actual involution that accompanies an improper or careless use of the speech centers in the apparently healthy person, than as an expression of brain disease.

A number of polysyllabic words are used to express the disturbances of speech that follow the misuse of the mental and mechanical apparatus concerned in its production. These include the transposition of words or syllables, the grammatical vices, or the exaggeration of emotional speech. Under some circumstances the resulting disorders may closely resemble those due to actual structural disease of the brain, attended by disorganization of the speech centers; but usually the perversion is functional, though obstinate, and bears the same relation to organic speech defects that hysteria or other functional nervous conditions do to real disease. Some of this morbid derangement, when there is hyper-automatism, resembles certain well-known forms of "cramp" due to the repetition of such acts as writing, or those of a limited kind among artisans or musicians, where a small group of muscles is the seat of spasm; and these forms are designated as writers' cramp, telegraphers' cramp, violinists' cramp, etc. Under such circumstances there is usually little participation of thought in the oft-repeated act, which becomes habitual, and the directing power is of an unconscious kind.

The so-called "baby-talk" of silly people, the form of trivial conversation which consists in the use of diminutives and is employed especially by young lovers or by those who for the first time stray into the devious and flowery paths of matrimony, are examples of this defect which supplants the vigorous and wholesome expression of genuine feeling. This condition of affairs may sometimes amount to more than a mere eccentricity and indicates a real failure upon the part of the individual to keep his word-symbols well in mind and in order.—Allan McLane Hamilton, in Century.

WHERE DID YOU GET THIS COFFEE?

Had the Ladies' Aid Society of our Church out for tea, forty of them, and all pronounced the German Coffeeberry equal to Rio! Salzer's catalogue tells you all about it! 35 packages Earliest vegetable seeds $1.00.

IF YOU WILL CUT THIS OUT AND SEND with 15c. stamps to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., you will get free a package of above great coffee seed and our 148 page catalogue! Catalogue alone 5c. postage. (K)

THERE are but three classes of men: the retrograde, the stationary and the progressive.—Lavater.

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BEECHAM'S PILLS for constipation 10c and 25c. Get the book (free) at your druggist's and go by it. Annual sales 6,000,000 boxes.

THERE are many diversities of vice; but it is one never-failing effect of it to live displeased and discontented.—Seneca.

HE—"Do you find your typewriter a help?" She—"Yes, indeed! Why, I have been signing checks with it."—Life.

WHAT you keep by you, you may change and mend; but words once spoken can never be recalled.—Roscommon.

THE GENERAL MARKET.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 16.			
CATTLE—Best beeves	$ 3 85	@	4 20
Stockers	3 40	@	4 00
Native cows	2 00	@	3 50
HOGS—Choice to heavy	3 85	@	3 90
WHEAT—No. 2 red	73	@	74
No. 2 hard	62	@	63
CORN—No. 2 mixed	23	@	23½
OATS—No. 2 mixed	16	@	17
RYE—No. 2	35½	@	36
FLOUR—Patent, per sack	1 90	@	2 10
Fancy	1 75	@	1 85
HAY—Choice timothy	10 50	@	11 00
Fancy prairie	6 50	@	7 00
BRAN—(Sacked)	41	@	43
BUTTER—Choice creamery	19½	@	20
CHEESE—Full cream	10	@	10½
EGGS—Choice	8	@	8¼
POTATOES	20	@	25
ST. LOUIS.			
CATTLE—Native and shipping	4 30	@	4 65
Texans	3 00	@	3 90
HOGS—Heavy	3 75	@	4 00
SHEEP—Fair to choice	3 15	@	3 75
FLOUR—Choice	2 70	@	3 85
WHEAT—No. 2 red	69	@	71
CORN—No. 2 mixed	20¼	@	20½
OATS—No. 2 mixed	18½	@	18¾
RYE—No. 2	38	@	38½
BUTTER—Creamery	18	@	22
LARD—Western steam	5 05	@	5 12½
PORK	9 25	@	9 75
CHICAGO.			
CATTLE—Common to prime	3 60	@	4 70
HOGS—Packing and shipping	3 85	@	4 12½
SHEEP—Fair to choice	2 75	@	3 65
FLOUR—Winter wheat	2 55	@	3 55
WHEAT—No. 2 red	64½	@	65
CORN—No. 2	28½	@	28⅝
OATS—No. 2	19	@	19¼
RYE	36½	@	37
BUTTER—Creamery	14	@	21¼
LARD	5 25	@	5 35
PORK	9 00	@	9 85
NEW YORK.			
CATTLE—Native Steers	4 00	@	4 50
HOGS—Good to Choice	4 40	@	4 80
FLOUR—Good to choice	3 40	@	4 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red	71½	@	72
CORN—No. 2	38½	@	38½
OATS—No 2	25¼	@	25½
BUTTER—Creamery	17	@	22
PORK—Mess	10 00	@	11 50

CYNICUS says that he has observed that the people who complain that divorce is too easy under the present laws are usually unmarried.—Somerville Journal.