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CURRENT TOPICS.

CALIFORNIA farmers insure their crops.

THE population of Minneapolis is now over 147,800.

BANCROFT has 4,000 rose bushes in his Newport Garden.

ONIONS from Egypt are being sold in the streets of Boston.

THE Fourth of July will not come on Sunday again until 1897.

ALBANY, N. Y., is the oldest town in the old thirteen colonies.

THERE is one horse to every six inhabitants in this country.

THE new Prohibition law is closing up the big hotels in Rhode Island.

THOMAS DUANE, of Brighton, Mich., snapped a rib by sneezing too robustly.

A DEPOSIT of genuine meerschaum has been found on the beach near Yaquina, Oregon.

THE vein of iron ore discovered at Negaunee, Mich., turns out to be 150 feet in thickness.

CHOLERA seems to have found the conditions favorable for a widespread harvest of death in Italy.

LAST year 279,000,000 stamped envelops were sold by the Government. They were worth $5,773,000.

A PEKIN, (Ill.) girl won a chewing-gum contest by wagging her jaws six thousand times in sixty minutes.

A YOUNG man at Nevada City undertook to eat two dozen eggs at one sitting, but gave up after eating twenty-one.

THE opinion in Washington appears to be that Congress will hardly reach an adjournment before the 1st of August.

KATIE GOOD, eleven years old, carries a ladder and lights street lamps in Lancaster. She says she does it to help her "pop."

THE late mad King of Bavaria made his valet wear a black mask for a year, as a punishment for some imaginary offense.

A BABE was seriously poisoned at Santa Barbara, Cal., by sucking a green veil that was used for the purpose of screening the cradle.

OUT of 800 convicts on Blackwell's Island, only three—Herr Most, Braunschweig and Schenck, the Anarchists—refuse to go to church.

FORTY or fifty farmers in the vicinity of Centralia, Ill., discouraged by the failure of their crops, will sell out and go in a body to Oregon.

MRS. S. L. BALDWIN, of East Boston, a returned missionary from China, has petitioned Congress to allow her to import a Chinese servant.

THE young Emperor of China is reported ill with consumption, and the whole empire will soon be beating gongs to frighten away the dragon.

THERE were six births in the steerage of the steamer Hammonia, which arrived at New York the other day, during her voyage from Bremen.

MR. WILMOTT, an English expert, says that six and a half tons of diamonds have been dug up in South Africa, and these cut are valued at $200,000,000.

THE flatness of Denmark is something remarkable, a geographical survey having shown that the loftiest mountain of the country is only 535 feet high.

RECENT investigations by Dr. James Cameron and Prof. Barlow show that cows have scarlatina, and communicate the disease to those who drink their milk.

A CLAM-OPENER in a Westchester, Pa., restaurant, found a live mouse among his clams the other morning, one clam holding it securely by a foot and another by the tail.

THERE were 246 earthquakes recorded last year. Only six are put down for the United States. The fact is, we are about out of earthquakes, but we have plenty of cyclones.

A BRONZE pot with about 15,000 English silver coins in it has been found in digging for the foundation of a building in Aberdeen, Scotland. The coins are of the reign of Edward I.

APACHE women are so fiendishly barbarous as to compel little children to share in the mutilation and torture of prisoners, in order to cultivate in them a taste for bloody acts of cruelty.

A STONE plow which weighs upward of 800 pounds, and bearing a resemblance to the sort of agricultural implements used in ancient Egypt, was found in a quarry at Milford, N. J., a few days ago.

THE Royal Academy of Belgium offers a prize of $5,000 for the ablest paper on treatment of nervous diseases, especially with a view for a remedy for epilepsy. Here is a chance for fame and money.

J. C. BANKS, of Olney, Ill., caught a land turtle in 1865 and cut his initials on the shell. Recently he found the same turtle in his garden, within a short distance of the place where he saw it twenty-one years ago.

MME. GOVULL, aged 114 years, and formerly maid of honor at the Court of Emperor Paul I., was buried recently in the cemetery of Smolensk, Russia. Behind the hearse with firm step walked the younger sister of the deceased, aged 113 years.

AN English traveler at a hotel in Halifax has a curiosity in the shape of a South American bug, with a small gold band around it, to which it is attached by a chain to a pin. He says he has carried the bug for six months and it is still alive, and living on rotten wood.

THE colored-shirt mania is becoming acute and is rapidly getting beyond control in New York. The proudest man in town to-day is the one who parades Broadway with a liberally-exposed shirt bosom formed of a background of seagreen, splashed with red roses and occasional arrows of a light shade of pink, with a high white collar and a purple tie.

BETSY MOODY, of Cape Elizabeth, Me., known as a woman "who never fretted," died recently, aged 105. The moral attached to this incident is one that could be read at any distance by a blind man.

THERE is a little paper published at Valley Falls, Kan., which calls itself *Lucifer, the Light Bearer*, and which applauds boom-throwing and torch-applying as the chief remedies for the evils that affect society.

WILLIAM GREEN, of Highgate, Eng., did a queer thing the other day. He signed the pledge, pinned on the blue ribbon and smashed 2,500 bottles of wine—his whole cellar of wine, in fact—for which he paid $3,000.

WHILE Chas. Rasch, of Sprague, W. T., was taking a bottle of soda water from an ice-chest, the bottle exploded and the patent stopper was thrown into his face with force enough to tear out one of his eyes.

THE kissing question continues to agitate the minds of the medical fraternity. Dr. Samuel S. Adams devotes seven columns of the Journal of the American Medical Association to exposing the "dangers" of kissing.

A HOTEL-KEEPER at Coney Island has applied for an injunction to restrain a neighbor from the further use of an extremely energetic barrel organ that is run by steam, and which has emptied the hotel of all its guests.

XLIXTH CONGRESS.

First Session.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—SENATE.—The calendar was taken up after resolutions from the Republican editors of Ohio, urging an investigation of the Payne case had been presented and referred. A number of bills of minor importance were passed. Mr. Beck gave notice of a coin certificate substitute he proposes to offer. The river and harbor bill was taken up and considered until late in the evening in order to dispose of it.

HOUSE.—The Mexican Pension bill was referred to the Committee on Pensions. A bill was passed for the erection of a public building at Jacksonville, Fla. Certain Senate amendments to the Legislative Appropriation bill were agreed to, and the bill sent to conference on others. After the passage of five bills from the Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Morrison's resolution to reduce the surplus was reached. This was discussed up to 5 o'clock, when the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—SENATE.—A resolution was offered for the printing of all Presidential vetoes, from the organization of Congress to the present time. The calendar was taken up and several bills passed, fourteen of them being pension bills. Discussion of the River and Harbor bill was resumed. Mr. McMillan, in charge of the measure, moved an order that the bill be recommitted, with instructions to reduce each item, and the aggregate thirty per cent. After a long debate, in which this proposition was severely criticised, Mr. McMillan finally withdrew it. The Senate then proceeded to vote on the various amendments. After agreeing to all the committee amendments the Senate, at 6:10 p. m., adjourned.

HOUSE—A bill was passed increasing to $250,000 the limit of the public building at Galveston, Tex.; also a bill appropriating $100,000 for a public building at Oshkosh, Wis. Mr. Morrison's resolution for the reduction of the surplus to $100,000,000 was then considered. After an interesting debate, during which speeches were made by Messrs. Morrison, Hewitt, Randall, McKinley, Reed and others, a number of amendments were proposed and rejected. The resolution was finally adopted—yeas, 207; nays, 67. A resolution of inquiry in regard to an alleged falsification of the record on a report in reference to R. D. Lancaster, of St. Louis, was introduced by Lowry, of Indiana. Pending action the House at 5 p. m. adjourned.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—SENATE—The reports in the Payne bribery case were presented and ordered printed. They went on the calendar, to be called up at any time as a privileged matter. Bills were reported to place General Alfred H. Pleasanton on the retired list as Major and General W. W. Averell as Captain. The conference report on the legislative appropriation bill was submitted, with a disagreement on certain items. Consideration of the river and harbor bill, was resumed. A motion to strike out the Muskingum river amendment was lost, 33 to 13. Mr. McMillan made a motion which in effect proposes to cut down all the items in the bill twenty-five per cent., and the rest of the day was consumed in general debate. At 6:30 p. m. the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—A joint resolution was passed extending the unfinished appropriation bills to July 31. After a protracted discussion about an alleged interpolation in the record of yesterday's proceedings. District business was taken up in committee of the whole. The Traction Railroad bill was considered by sections, and the day consumed without final action. A resolution setting apart the night session for the Labor Committee and Saturday night for the committee on printing, was adoped. At 5 p. m. the House took a recess until 8 p. m.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—SENATE.—After a number of pension bills had been passed, the river and harbor bill was taken up. A substitute making a reduction on all items of twenty-five per cent. was finally agreed to. The naval appropriation bill was also passed. At 5 p. m. the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—The conference report on the legislative appropriation bill was considered, and certain differences between the two houses ordered to further conference. Vetoed pension bills reported from the Committee on Invalid Pensions were taken up. The necessary two-thirds was obtained in only one case, that of Romiser, of Maryland. Three other bills failed to pass. At 5 p. m. the House took a recess until 8 p. m., the night session being for the consideration of pension bills.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—SENATE.—The Senate passed the naval appropriation bill, and spent most of the day on the discussion of the oleomargarine bill.

HOUSE.—The House appointed a second conference on the legislative bill, and began debate on the fortification bill. At the evening session the Printing Committee had the floor.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—SENATE.—Mr. Whitthorne introduced a bill to return the tax on cotton collected by the United States in 1865, '67 and 68, the same to be used for educational purposes. The oleomargarine bill was considered. Amendments to regulate the purity of wines and liquors, and to restrict the provisions of the bill to the District of Columbia, were rejected—yeas, 18; nays, 32. After failing to fix an hour to-morrow for a vote, the Senate adjourned at 6:19 p. m.

HOUSE.—The Fortifications Appropriations bill was considered and passed. A concurrent resolution from the Senate for the printing of twenty-six thousand copies of the third annual report of the Civil Service Commission was agreed to. Night sessions were ordered for to-night and to-morrow. A disagreement was reported from the conference committee on the bill repealing the timber culture and pre-emption laws. The House insisted upon its disagreement and a further conference was ordered. Mr. Morrison offered a concurrent resolution to adjourn July 28. Referred. The House at 5 o'clock took a recess until 8 p. m. The night session being for the consideration of bills from the Post-office Committee.

Miscellaneous News.

DING CHONG, a Boston laundryman, was murdered on the 18th, by a young Chinaman whom he had given a night's lodging.

THE Supreme Lodge of Knights of Phythias has decided that it was inexpedient at the present time to take any measures looking to the establishment of a rank for ladies.

RICHARD CHANDLER, of Boston, is making preparations for a trip around the world in a dory.

CONGRESS may adjourn about the first of next month.

MRS. SAMUEL RUPP, wife of a former well-known business man of Warren, O., while returning from a funeral at Oakwood Cemetery on the 18th, by route of the Nypano track, was struck by an express train and instantly killed.

AT Detroit, Mich., ex-Alderman Thomas Manning was acquitted of the charge of bribery.

A SCHOONER arrived at Gloucester, Mass., on the 17th, with a big catch of mackerel obtained outside of the Canada limit.

WHITE, an Oswego barber, was at the Niagara whirlpool rapids, on the 16th, for a swim in a cork jacket. He was hiding from the police, and as he was not to be found, a rumor was current that he had made the attempt and lost his life.

REPRESENTATIVE LAWLER, of Chicago, wants St. Patrick's Day made a national holiday.

AT Olney, Ill., John Hendley, a prisoner brought from Clay County, charged with murder and arson, hung himself in jail.

—Italian bees are sold at five dollars a colony in parts of Georgia. They increase at the rate of one hundred per cent. per annum. One bee keeper reports having taken one thousand two hundred pounds of honey from forty colonies this spring. The honey, extracted from the comb, sells at ten cents a pound.

—"It did not pay me to advertise," said a merchant. "Might as well say 'I talked to many persons, but none of them would listen to me.'" A well-constructed advertisement will always be read, and will return handsome profits, and a good conversationalist will always find persons who are glad to listen to him.—*Chicago Inter Ocean.*

—A New York gossip says that unsigned wills are very common. People get them made, but are afraid to put their names to them. "I know one man," he says, "who has spent $20,000 in having wills drawn within the last few years."

—A Polish couple in Jersey City asked a justice of the peace to marry them for two years.—*N. Y. Sun.*

—Steamboat business on the Mississippi river is steadily declining.—*N. Y. Sun.*

ANOTHER BROKEN BANK.

A Nebraska President Steals One Hundred Thousand, It is Alleged, and Goes to Canada.

CHICAGO, July 15.—A special from Omaha says: "The Dundy County Bank, of Benkeman, Neb., failed yesterday. Belzer, the president, skipped to Canada, and took with him about $100,000 in funds and securities. Business men and farmers feel the loss greatly, as many have lost the last dollar they had on earth. Several homesteaders had their little all in the bank, and were to prove up to-day. Many will have to abandon their claims. The greatest excitement prevails. Belzer had transferred all his available property to his wife before leaving. Many Eastern banks and firms lose heavily."

Electric Hand Lamp.

NEW YORK, July 14.—An exhibition of an electric hand lamp, brought from Paris by President Purroy, of the Fire Department, took place to-day in Firemen's Hall. The lamp is about the size of an ordinary small lantern, weighs about five pounds, gives a light equal to about seven-candle power, and will burn for two hours. The lamp is so constructed that when it rests on the ground the battery does not work, but when it is raised by the handle the light flashes out brightly. It is claimed that the lamp will burn two hours without a charge in the battery. Mr. Purroy thinks that the lamp can be improved by an arrangement to keep it lighted when it rests on the ground. Chief Shay will carry it about to fires for a while and give it a practical test, and if it works well other lamps will be purchased.

But It Is Only a Scheme.

NEW YORK, July 15.—Henry George and half a dozen prominent citizens met at the house of Rev. Dr. McGlynn, a well-known clergymen, to-night, and discussed the idea of the abolition of property in land and the payment of rental to the community by the users of it. One prominent railroad man present suggested a scheme for the purchase of the Third-avenue railroad by the levying of tax upon the property along its line, and the opening of it as a free line. This was to be an entering wedge in the property and tax reform wave. The meeting resolved that it was a very good scheme, indeed, and that it should be pushed at once.

A Disappointed Bride.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., July 15.—A week ago Miss Ida Clark, a comely and estimable young lady, renounced Christianity, and at the Synagogue, in the presence of a large assemblage, embraced the faith of Moses and Aaron. This she did in order that she might marry a Hebrew named Holland. The wedding was set for to-night, but the bride to be was doomed to disappointment. Holland to-day sent her word that he had changed his mind and that the engagement was off. No explanation could be obtained from him, and nothing could alter his determination.

An Innocent Man's Fate.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL., July 15.—About two years ago the residence of a Mrs. McLaughlin was entered, and Mrs. McLaughlin and her sister were shockingly cut with a knife. A man named Fred. Holter was arrested, and while he was confined in jail at Winchester, a party of masked men entered the jail and shot him dead. It is now stated that the divorced husband of Mrs. McLaughlin, dying a few days ago, confessed that he was the assailant of the woman.

A Hog Cholera Epidemic.

CHICAGO, July 15.—A special from Hillsboro, Ill., says: A violent form of the hog cholera is raging in some localities in this county, many farmers having lost all their swine. The loss in one township will reach $1,000. Various remedies have been tried, but they have so far failed to check the progress of the malady.

Atlanta Prohibition Fight.

ATLANTA, GA., July 15.—The injunction case of Al Bronck vs. The City of Atlanta, seeking to prevent the interference of police authorities with the sale of whisky, wine and beer by the quart by plaintiff, was tried yesterday before Judge Clarke, of the Superior Court. He refused to grant an injunction, and the city will now proceed to prosecute Bronck for violating the prohibition law.

Revolution Threatened in Mexico.

LAREDO, TEX., July 15.—The situation at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, is growing more serious, and it is feared that a revolution can not be averted. Government troops are on the way from Mexico, but the revolutionists have secured a large number of Winchester rifles and may seize the Custom House before the troops arrive.

Peru Tired of the Silver Standard.

LIMA, July 15.—In consequence of the depreciation and fluctuations of the silver currency in circulation in this Republic, it has been proposed to use the American gold dollar as the basis of all monetary transactions, either fiscal or private, using the silver dollar at a value of 80 cents, gold, for all fractions under a quarter of an eagle.

Extradition.

LONDON, July 15.—In spite of denials, it is positively asserted that the draft of the extradition treaty between Great Britain and the United States has been signed by Lord Rosebery and Minister Phelps, and is now in Washington. The prospect of a really effective extradition treaty causes intense gratification here.

Poles Acquitted of Murder.

DETROIT, MICH., July 15.—An acquittal was to-day found in the cases of Basil and Alexander Lemke and August Steber, accused of killing John Levitzki during the riot attendant at the outbreak in Stalbert's Polish Catholic congregation last winter, when Rev. D. Kalasinski was deposed.

Texas People Asking for Aid.

WEATHERFORD, TEX., July 15.—A telegram was sent to Congressman Lanham at Washington, yesterday, asking him to secure Government aid for the people of the drought-stricken regions of Texas. Hundreds of families are without the necessities of life.

John Roach Dying.

NEW YORK, July 15.—John Roach, the noted ship-builder, is dying. He has been confined to his bed three weeks with complications of diseases; but the chief trouble is mental, and he constantly talks of his broken fortunes.

Trying the Chicago Anarchists.

CHICAGO, July 15.—The jury to try the eight Anarchists charged with the Haymarket massacre was finally impaneled to-day, and the State's Attorney began his address.

Greek Gypsies Refused Passage.

LIVERPOOL, July 15.—The National Steamship Company declined to accept as passengers a second party of gypsies who squatted in the railway depot. They are in such a filthy condition that the railway officials have been compelled to make a lavish use of disinfectants. A magistrate was applied to for an order for their removal, but he decided that he had no power to act, because the depot was private property.

Four Sleeping Women Killed by Lightning.

PENA, TEX., July 15.—Last night, during a heavy storm about twenty miles south of here, a house in which four women were sleeping, was struck by lightning, and all were instantly killed.

Anything but Harmless.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 15.—While an iron dealer of this city was unloading a wagon filled with old artillery material, which he had purchased at Government auction to-day, a nine-inch shell, supposed to be harmless, exploded, killing sixteen persons and wounding many others. Four of those killed were children.

Great Damage to Crops.

NEWARK, N. J., July 15.—The damage done by rain last night and this morning will probably amount to nearly $100,000 in this county. Bridges were carried away, and in many instances growing crops on market gardens were destroyed.

ACCIDENT TO A CIRCUS.

Forepaugh's Train Goes Over an Embankment.

Killing Twenty-five Valuable Horses—Two Attaches Killed and Several Wounded.

PORTLAND, ME., July 16.—Information is received here of a fatal accident to Forepaugh's circus train on the Maine Central Railroad at Vassalboro, some fifty miles north of here. The storm having interfered with the wires, particulars are meager. The train, consisting of some twenty cars, was en route for this city, and was running at a lively rate of speed when the cars jumped the track, due to a defective rail, and plunged down the fifty-foot embankment toward the Kennebec river. Three of the cars contained animals, and there was a passenger caboose containing a number of employes. The cars rolled over and over several times, and were smashed into splinters. Twenty-five valuable trick horses were killed outright and a number of others badly injured, a number of which will have to be killed. The caboose was occupied by ten men, several of whom escaped by jumping when the car left the track, being saved from injury by the soft earth. The others were carried down the bank and were caught in the wreck. Their companions extricated several badly if not fatally injured. Two men, whose names are not given, are buried beneath the wreck in the river, and were doubtless killed instantly. A wrecking train has left for the scene.

BURNING FOR REVENGE.

A Young Lady Charged With Firing a House While Angered at a Young Man's Marriage.

LAKE BENTON, MINN., July 16.—Last night the houses of W. W. Townsend and his son, L. M. Townsend, were burned. To-day Miss Ida Childs was arrested, charged with having fired the buildings. Miss Childs had been living with the family for years past, and she claims to have been married to young Townsend three years ago, his father, who was a justice, performing the ceremony. The marriage has been kept a secret on account of her holding a claim. Young Townsend was married to Miss Jennie Johnson last Saturday, and the Townsends claim that Miss Childs burned the property for revenge. The barn and granary were also set on fire, but were saved. The examination before Justice McArthur is set for Saturday, when startling disclosures are expected.

Socialists Giving Trouble.

LONDON, July 16.—A revival of the Socialistic troubles in London is threatened. The police have summoned a number of prominent Socialists to answer at trial on Saturday for obstructing the streets last Sunday, and have given warning that future offenders against the peace and quiet of the city will be promptly arrested. The Socialist League issued an address last night which is an inflammatory appeal to the masses, urging them to maintain free speech against the tyranny of the police at all hazards.

Poisoned by the Dozens.

CHARLESTON, ILL., July 16.—Seventy-five leading ladies held a picnic yesterday. The refreshments served were ice-cream, lemon-sherbet and watermelon. In the evening almost every one was taken violently ill, with symptoms of poisoning. Medical skill was put to work, and no fatal consequences are apprehended. There are no means of ascertaining where the hidden poison lay, but it is believed to have been in the lemon-sherbet. Some of the sherbet has been preserved for examination. No blame is attached to any one.

Riddled With Bullets.

GARDEN CITY, KAN., July 16.—One of the murderers of Davis, the man found floating in Arkansas river with a bullet-hole in his head, was riddled with bullets by pursuing party at Frisco, about sixty miles southwest of Garden City, this morning. He had concealed himself in a livery-stable of that town, and was armed with a gun. The posse surrounded the stable and commanded the murderer to surrender. He commenced firing, and was instantly killed by a volley of bullets.

Terrible Accident in a Shaft.

NEW YORK, July 16.—Five men in an iron bucket, being lowered by windlass to their work down one of the shafts of the new aqueduct, this evening, were set on fire by the explosion of the gasoline lamp carried by one of them, and, frantic with pain, they all leaped from the bucket and fell to the foot of the shaft, one hundred feet below, receiving terrible injuries, besides their burns.

A Murderer Swung Off.

WOODSTOCK, ILL., July 16.—Jas. Dacey, the murderer of Alderman Michael Gaynor, of Chicago, was hanged here at 12:35 to-day. He made no speech and was moderately composed, though during the morning he screamed almost continuously, and had his limbs bound to prevent his making an assault on any of his attendants.

A New Enemy to the Potato.

CHICAGO, July 16.—A special from Freeport, Ill., says: Farmers state that the potatoes are being destroyed by a big black bug that is even more dangerous and destructive than the common striped bug. They are about a quarter of an inch long, and have done considerable damage.

Alleged Embezzling Postmaster.

KANSAS CITY, MO., July 16.—E. N. Wyatt, who for nine months has been postmaster at Austin, Cass County, Mo., was held to await the action of the grand jury to-day by United States Commissioner Perkins on a charge of embezzling $439. Bail in the sum of $1,000 was given.

Runaway Accident.

GALESBURG, ILL., July 16.—While Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Clay, who live several miles west of here, were out riding, their horses ran away, throwing them out, killing Mr. Clay and seriously injuring his wife.

Smallpox.

CHICAGO, July 16.—Fourteen cases of smallpox at Bolan, Ill. The disease was brought there by a German emigrant. There has been one death.

Voice from the Grave to Save a Brother.

BOSTON, July 16.—In the trial of Timothy Coffey for manslaughter, in causing the death of John Cullen, the defense to-day introduced a remarkable autograph confession of John Coffey, the deceased brother of the defendant, avowing that the writer had killed Cullen, and that Timothy was wholly innocent. John says that he used his knife in self-defense.

Business Failures.

NEW YORK, July 16.—The business failures throughout the country during the last seven days number for the United States 163, and for Canada 20, a total of 183, as compared with 179 last week.

Murdered for Picking Berries.

SCRANTON, PA., July 16.—Samuel Holcomb and his son-in-law were picking berries on the premises of Judson Tiffany, near Kingsley's. Tiffany ordered them off the place. They started, but thinking they were not going fast enough, Tiffany struck Holcomb twice in the face. The latter turned to defend himself when the former shot him dead. After being disarmed by the son-in-law, Tiffany went home, and soon after became unconscious. His neighbors think he took poison.

Hung Himself.

OLNEY, ILL., July 16.—John Hendley, a prisoner brought from Clay County, charged with murder and arson, hung himself in jail.

TOOK A TUMBLE.

A Building Half a Century Old Gives Way, Burying Several Men Beneath the Ruins.

NEW YORK, July 18.—Shortly after 9 o'clock this evening the three-story building, No. 176 Tenth street, occupied as a flour store by Sweesey & Sons, suddenly caved in, causing great excitement in the neighborhood, it being feared that several persons had perished in the ruins. The police of the Fourth Precinct, assisted by a number of citizens, succeeded in extracting from the debris Richard Pugh, aged forty-five; Wm. Evans, aged thirty-two, and Mathias Bansabas, twenty-three. All were severely bruised about the head and body, and were removed to the Chambers Street Hospital. The accident is supposed to have been caused by the overloading of the upper floors of the building with flour. The building was erected fifty years ago.

After Thirty-Two Years.

FOX CREEK, ME., July 18.—A romance in real life culminated in Bingham the past week. Thirty-two years ago Abram O. Savage, a young man, became engaged to Miss Flavilla Chadborne. Savage went to Nevada, neglected writing to his affianced, and she, thinking him lost to her, subsequently married Wm Bassett. Their wedded life ran smoothly for a time, but at length he went to California. Unpleasant rumors of his conduct reached his wife, and investigation proving their truth, a separation and division of property were agreed upon. Mrs. Bassett returned to Bingham, and a friend of Savage wrote the latter, incidentally mentioning the misfortunes of his old love. Savage, who had become a millionaire, at once started East, saw Mrs. Bassett, renewed his offer of marriage, and after thirty-two years of waiting the early engagement was at once terminated by a quiet wedding.

Trouble in a Post-Office.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., July 18.—Two letter-carriers and three clerks in the Springfield postoffice, walked out yesterday without giving Postmaster Clendennin any notice. The reason for this abrupt action was a refusal on the part of Mr. Clendennin to promise to retain them in their position for a period of six weeks, and allow them two weeks' vacation, which they are entitled to. Their places were promptly filled with Democrats. The superintendent of carriers, whose successor was appointed a few days ago, but whose salary was to run to August 1, refused to instruct his successor, and he was discharged.

Story of the Sea.

SACO, ME., July 18.—The crew of the schooner, Lady Thorne, of Cape Porpoise, Captain G. W. Wakefield, recently picked up off Rockland a bottle containing a ragged slip of paper, which read as follows: "Run into by ocean steamer in mid-Atlantic, March 10. We will sink in a few minutes. Our bark sailed from London 10th February. We have no hope. Please publish this in newspaper." On the other side could be read the words, "Hillevankin, Captain Linsey," and the words, "I am mate." The writing is very poor and bears evidence of great haste and nervousness.

Tea for Europe via America.

OMAHA, July 18.—The first train of eighty car-loads of tea bound from Japan to Europe, passed through Omaha Friday, having made better than passenger time on the run from San Francisco to this city. A contest is taking place to determine whether tea can be shipped from China and Japan to Europe quicker by the American overland route than by the Suez Canal.

Imprisoned for Another's Crime.

COLUMBUS, O., July 18.—A few years ago Alfred Peel, of Franklin County, O., was sent to the penitentiary for the murder of Kate Grimes, a paramour. During his confinement Georgie Lee, a girl whom he had deserted, drowned herself. It has since been ascertained that Georgie Lee confessed the murder, and having testified against Peel to screen herself. Peel has been liberated.

Offered to Marry Victoria.

LONDON, July 18.—James Junior recently wrote an offer of marriage to Queen Victoria. He commenced his letter, "My beloved Victoria," and signed it, "Your loving husband." He sent the epistle to Windsor Castle, and called there to obtain the Queen's answer. He was taken into custody, examined and found mentally wanting, and was yesterday sent to a lunatic asylum.

Excursionists in the Water.

NEW YORK, July 18.—Twenty-five excursionists were thrown into the water from a gang plank in making a landing at Rockaway Beach. They were all rescued. The bravery of a man named John O'Toole is commendable. He rescued no less than seven persons, mostly women and children.

Another Banker Short $68,000.

PEORIA, ILL., July 18.—Harlan P. Tracy, the Elmwood banker who recently made an assignment, was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with embezzlement. The warrant was sworn out by some of the creditors of the bank, who have had an expert going over the books, and claim to have discovered a shortage of $68,000.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

WELLSVILLE, O., July 18.—A boiler in the boiler shop of Joseph Fassett exploded, wrecking the building and instantly killing Clara Driscoll, aged five years, and fatally injuring her sister Mary, aged three, who were playing in the yard adjoining the boiler-house.

The Cholera in Italy.

ROME, July 18.—The following are to-day's returns from the cholera-infected districts: Brindisi, 7 new cases, 2 deaths; Fontana, 16 new cases, 2 deaths; Latio, 8 new cases, 5 deaths. A few new cases but 10 deaths are reported from other places.

Against Prohibition.

VICKSBURG, MISS, July 18.—The election passed off quietly yesterday. The vote in the city shows about 1,200 majority against prohibition, and in the county, including this city, a majority of about 3,000 against.

"Ned Buntline" Dead.

NASHVILLE, TENN., July 18.—Edward Z. C. Judson, known as "Ned Buntline," a well-known story writer, is dead.

Trouble at a Picnic.

CARBONDALE, ILL., July 18—Four men quarreled at a picnic near here, and three of them were fatally cut with knives.

English Election Resume.

LONDON, July 18.—The returns received up to noon yesterday cover 663 seats, leaving only 7 unreported, exclusive of Speaker Peel. The distribution is as follows: Conservatives, 318; Unionist Liberals, 74; Gladstonites, 187; Nationalists, 83—a Unionist muster of 392 ranked against 270 Home Rulers. Thus far there is a majority of 122 against Mr. Gladstone on his Irish policy.

Murdered With Dynamite.

WHEELING, W. VA., July 18.—At an early hour this morning Benz Ramage a merchant at the Union Coal Works, eleven miles down the river on the Ohio side, was killed and his store blown to atoms by dynamite deposited beneath it. Henry Campbell, a former partner of Ramage, was arrested on suspicion.

Prominent Merchant Disappears.

DUBUQUE, IA., July 18.—Charles S. Keller, one of the leading dry-goods merchants of this city, disappeared suddenly and mysteriously yesterday afternoon, and no trace of him can be obtained. He and his wife had made arrangements to start East on their summer vacation. He went to the bank shortly before 3 o'clock, and had a talk with the cashier, and that was the last seen of him. He had given no sign that his mind was unsettled. The cause of his disappearance is completely hidden.

Killed With a Brick.

CINCINNATI, July 18.—Henry Brendemier, jr., killed his father with a brick. Brendemier, sr., was drunk and assaulting his wife, in Covington, Ky.

CHICAGO ANARCHISTS

Being Put Into Tight Places by the Prosecuting Witnesses.

Overt Acts of Murder Toward the Police Repeatedly Testified To.

CHICAGO, July 19.—In the trial of the Anarchists to-day Officer Krueger identified Sam Fielden, one of the defendants, as a man who, on the night of the Haymarket massacre, drew a revolver and fired at least two shots at the police. Officer John Wessler took the stand. When a halt was ordered the moment after the bomb exploded, Wessler saw a man having big, bushy whiskers, slip down from the wagon occupied by the speaker and dodge behind a wheel. Every moment or two this man jumped up and fired a revolver point blank at the police. Wessler saw this man's face. He was sure it was Fielden. Two or three times Fielden got up, and after emptying one chamber of his revolver he would duck his head down again. Wessler, the third or fourth time, got a bead on Fielden, and fired at him. He saw Fielden drop, and knew from that he was wounded. Fielden tumbled under the wagon. Officer John E. Doyle, who was wounded in thirteen places, identified Fielden as the man who said to the mob, "Now's your time." "Please point out Fielden to the jury," said the State's Attorney. The witness feebly turned in his chair and raising his left arm, the right hanging limp by his side, said: "That is the man—that man sitting there." The ordeal was a little too much for Fielden, and he nervously fumbled for a paper with which to busy himself. Officer Spierling testified to having seen Fielden fire a pistol almost simultaneously with the explosion of the bomb.

NEW EXTRADITION ARTICLES.

Four Additional Crimes Will be Made Extraditable, Manslaughter, Embezzlement, Burglary, and the Dynamiters' Crime.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—The new extradition articles between this country and Great Britain is now under consideration by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and an attempt will be made in executive session to ratify it before the close of the session. The following additional crimes not mentioned in the former extradition treaty are added: Manslaughter, burglary, embezzlement or larceny of the value of $50 or £10 and upwards, malicious injury to property, whereby the life of any person shall be endangered, if such injury constitute a crime according to the laws of both high contracting parties. No surrender will be made for a crime of a political character.

Red Skins in Washington.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—A delegation of thirteen Warm Spring and Chiricahua Apache Indians called upon Secretary Lamar to-day. They were in charge of Captain Darst, of the Fourth Cavalry, and were weirdly picturesque. They think that there is an effort to remove them from Arizona to Nomansland. This they protested against in their interview to-day. The removal will probably be made, although the Indians, whom the delegation represent, have been peaceable since 1883, when they surrendered to General Crook.

Boy Kills His Sister and Becomes Insane.

BANGOR, ME., July 19.—Henry, the fifteen-year-old son of J. A. Bickwell, of this city, shot and instantly killed his sister Mattie, aged thirteen years, yesterday afternoon. The boy picked up a gun, and, not knowing that it was loaded, playfully pointed it at his sister, when it was discharged, the contents striking her in the neck, tearing away the windpipe and arteries. The boy was rendered insane by the terrible affair.

Lightning Played About the Grave.

NYACK, N. Y., July 19.—While the body of a young lady was being interred in Oak Hill Cemetery, Rockland County, yesterday, a large tree standing near the grave was struck by lightning, causing a panic among the mourners, some of whom wept and prayed, while others rushed terror-stricken from the spot. After a while the interment was proceeded with, and the body was placed in the earth amid the terrible war of the elements.

Overland for the North Pole.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Colonel Gilder, whom a vengeful woman prevented from starting last week for the North Pole, has come out of his seclusion again, and it is announced that the trouble over Dolly Adams' bond, which he took and failed to account for, is about to be settled, and that the Colonel will make the start on his cold journey in a very short time.

$4,000,000 Three Per Cents Called.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—A call was issued to-day for the following described three per cents of 1882. $50, original number 133 to original number 135, both inclusive; $100, 1730 to 1812; $500, 787 to 824; $1,000, 5524 to 5962 and 23,738 to 23,747; $10,000, 12,612 to 12,965. Total, $4,000,000. The call matures on September 1.

Mormon Converts From Iceland.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Twenty-five Mormon proselytes from Iceland and one Englishman landed at Castle Garden yesterday. Eight of the Icelanders are men, six women and eleven children.

Army Officer Suicides.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Captain Guilan Verplanck Weir, commanding batttery M, Fifth Artillery, at Fort Hamilton, committed suicide last evening by shooting himself through the head.

Milwaukee Anarchists Sentenced.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., July 19.—The Anarchists, Frank Hirth, Anton Palm and Carl Simon, were sentenced to nine months each in the House of Correction.

Minnesota's Indians.

ST. PAUL, July 19.—Fears are felt that the Leech Lake Indians in Northern Minnesota will cut the reservoirs and flood that portion of the State.

Revolutionists Captured.

MEXICO, July 19.—Gonzales and Tapia, revolutionary chiefs of Mexico, were entrapped by regular troops, defeated in battle and captured.

Bitten by a Rattlesnake.

CHICAGO, July 19.—At Boulder, Ill., a girl was fatally bitten by a rattlesnake while picking blackberries.

—Merchant—"Well, if Sparks is a good salesman, I would like to get hold of him." Partner—"Oh, yes, he's a good salesman, but he's a terrible stutterer. Why, the other day he tried to give a customer a price on a piece of silk, but before he could get it out the market price of that silk had fallen two dollars a yard. The woman took the piece rather than ask him if he couldn't make a reduction." Merchant—"We want Sparks."—*Tid-Bits.*

—"Yes, sir," said a real estate agent to an amateur farmer, "this is as fine a piece of land as there is in the country. Fifty acres good soil, and then there is a magnificent cold spring on the place." "Is, eh? Well, I guess I don't want it. I have heard too much about cold springs killing the crops. I may not look like a farmer, but I don't want any cold spring thrown in with my land."—*Chicago Rambler.*

—"You need a new hat," said Simpkins to a friend whom he met on the street. "A new hat? Why, what is the matter with the one I have on?" was the response. "It's all battered and bruised out of shape," answered Simpkins. "Oh, that's the latest style, you know. Repousse work."—*Boston Post.*

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

CAPTAIN STEPHEN HAYS, of Dayton, suffering physical distress, drowned himself in the canal.

BERNARD JUSSELL and Martin Benker, of Akron, while attending a church picnic, a few days ago, got into a boat for a row. The boat capsized, and both men were drowned.

AT Carrollton Station, on the C., H. & D. railroad, a baggageman dropped off from a passenger train a hundred-pound switch iron for the section men. The ponderous weight fell on one of the waiting men, killing him.

ISAAC GRUMLEY, of Wellsville, while crossing a culvert in a buggy, was thrown out, the buggy falling upon him and holding him under the water until he was dead. He leaves a wife and family.

THERE are now in Ohio 30,500 Government pensioners, consisting of invalids, widows, minor and dependent relatives. The invalids number about 21,500 and the widows, minors and dependent relatives about 9,000.

THE trustees of an abandoned steel rolling mill at Sandusky, which cost several hundred thousand dollars to put in operation, have discovered that material worth ten thousand dollars has been stolen and shipped, and several parties have fled to escape arrest.

JAMES ROE, a farmer living several miles east of Bowling Green, in a fit of despondency, committed suicide by stabbing himself and cutting his throat with a large butcher-knife. Family quarrels and heavy drinking the cause.

MICHAEL GIER, of Delphos, was instantly killed the other night while driving into his barn on top of a loaded hay-wagon, being caught by the top of the door, doubling his spine back and breaking it.

MRS. WYKE, wife of a farmer living near Scott Town, attempted suicide and succeeded in cutting three ugly gashes in her throat. The doctors say she is insane. She is recovering.

MISS MAGGIE CAVANAUGH, an insane inmate of the County Infirmary at Youngstown, escaped from her attendant and jumped through a third-story window, striking a flag-stone pavement thirty feet below, and was fatally injured.

IT is said that the New York Central railroad will make use of the old tunnel under Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, abandoned a quarter of a century ago. The cost to put it in shape for a railroad entrance into the city will be only $13,500,000.

A BUSINESS building will be erected on Sycamore and New streets, Cincinnati, which will be the higest in the city—a hundred feet from the ground to the cornice, or ten feet higher than the St. Paul building on Fourth street.

THE old Henry House building, Cincinnati, dating back to 1833, is being torn down to make room for store buildings.

MR. C. M. SELLERS, of Mount Vernon, had half his wrist torn away a few days ago, by the accidental discharge of a shot-gun, which he did not know was loaded.

JOSEPH TEECHNER, drayman of Toledo, was instantly killed by a piece of plank which had been broken by a heavy stone falling upon it, striking him with great force in the head.

JOSEPH KOLP, a tanner of New Philadelphia, committed suicide the other night by hanging himself in his stable. His wife died a short time ago, and sorrow over her death is the supposed cause.

IT is estimated that the Miami Valley oats crop will yield 2,600,000 bushels from the ten counties of Montgomery, Preble, Darke, Miami, Shelby, Champaign, Clarke, Greene, Warren and Butler.

MRS. NOAH HETRICK, living one mile south of Ada, fell from a cherry tree, breaking her arm and receiving severe internal injuries.

MICHAL O'DONNELL, a seventeen-year-old boy, died in Cincinnati the other day, from injury received in a fall while playing base ball.

NEAR Lima, Frank Gingery drove a reaping machine over his two-year-old son, cutting off both legs. The little boy will die.

JOHN KREPT, sixteen years old, was accidentally drowned while bathing in Swan Creek, Toledo, the other night.

THE store-room of a Mr. Wyncoop, West Independence, near Findlay, was burglarized of $50 in money and $1,600 in notes, besides revolvers, watches, etc., the whole loss being about $2,000.

KATIE, the sixteen-year-old daughter of J. P. Zellman, was playing with matches, the other morning, when they set fire to her clothing. She was frightfully burned before assistance arrived, and died next morning from the effects of her injuries.

WILLIAM OSBORN, engineer on the Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Toledo road, stepped between the tender and cab when near Youngstown, and was thrown down an embankment, receiving injuries to his spine that may prove fatal.

THE proprietors of a number of policy shops have been arrested by the Cincinnati police.

THE house of a man named Kuhlman, at Piqua, was struck by lightning and his fourteen-year-old son instantly killed.

CANTON, having raised the necessary amount of money, and granted exemption from taxation and a twenty-acre tract for a building site, will get the Dueber Watch-Case Works, of Newport, Ky., and the Hampden Watch-Case Works, of Springfield, Mass. It is said the accession will increase the population 30,000.

A. R. HOAGLAND, of New York City, recently notified the trustees of Antioch College, of Yellow Springs, of his desire to endow a Chair of Higher Physiology with the sum of $50,000. His offer was accepted, and the chair will be known as the Hoagland Chair of Higher Physiology.

GEORGE WASHINGTON PALMER, colored barber of Liberty Center, died in a doctor's office at Napoleon, while being operated on for an abscess on his leg.

THE post-office at Paint Creek, Fayette County, has been abolished.

CHARLES HANG, an eleven-year-old boy, jumped from a passenger train on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad at Louisville, Stark County, and was killed.

IN an altercation at Defiance, between Charles E. Miller and his father over financial matters, the former, in a fit of rage, slashed a knife across his father's face, just above the mouth, from ear to ear, inflicting a horrible wound.

WILLIAM LEWIS, a miner, was run over and killed by a mine car near Youngstown.

A POST-OFFICE has been established at Oldtown, Greene County, with Fred Toews, jr., as postmaster.

STANLEY MAST, a young farmer residing near Waterville, Lucas County, was accidentally shot in the hip while he and two drunken companions were playing with a revolver. The doctor says he will die.

FRANCIS MURPHY is successful in his temperance work at Springfield.

JAMES WINNE, while full of whisky, sat down on a railroad track at Urbana, and was struck by a train and probably fatally hurt.

A THREE-YEAR-OLD son of Wm. Cochran, living southeast of Newark, was burned to death while playing with matches.

FISHERMEN of Carrollton have been arrested for using dynamite in the Miami river, contrary to law