

CURRENT TOPICS.

BACKBOARDS are fashionable vehicles at Bar Harbor, Me.

Nearly 25,000 bathers use Brooklyn's free baths each week.

It has already cost \$100,000 to try the Chicago anarchists.

A Brooklyn professor advertises that he will remove tattoos.

SAN FRANCISCO has a population of Chinese numbering 30,000.

OVER one thousand canal boats are tied up in New York harbor.

The railroads of all Asia are not equal in mileage to those of Illinois.

A babe was born recently in the penitentiary at Anamosa, Iowa.

A church was disposed of by raffie at Kewanee, Ill., a few days ago.

BOSTON is trying a noiseless pavement of granite blocks set on concrete.

MR. SHIBUYAMA FUMAKI YOSHII, of Japan, is coming over here for a spell.

IN a museum in an Arizona town are preserved the heads of seventeen Apaches.

FOUR new churches are building at St. Paul, Minn., at an expense of \$250,000.

MISS STAFFER, to whom Mr. Tilden, in admiration, left \$100,000, is summing at Vichy.

NATHAN B. MOORE, a Maine hunter, aged sixty-eight, has killed 275 moose since his youth.

The etiquette classes are an important part of the instruction in girls' schools in Japan.

MR. PATTI has given \$7,500 to the Swanco Hospital. She made the money at two concerts.

The number of railroad passenger trains now arriving and departing from Chicago daily is 527.

A narrow street in Nogales, A. T., is the dividing line between the United States and Mexico.

The courts of New York, Connecticut and Wisconsin have all declared boycotting a misdemeanor.

The new one dollar silver certificate soon to be issued will bear the portrait of Martha Washington.

Now that the President has gone to the Adirondacks office-seekers can take to the woods for awhile.

The annual production of sewing-machines allows one for every 300 civilized people on the globe.

SENATOR JONES, of Florida, is going to hang out his law shingle in Detroit, Michigan, as he may see fit.

DOLLY PAGE HOSMER, aged 109 years (the usual Bible record show for it), died in Boston the other day.

A MOVEMENT is on foot for the erection of a monument to Blucher, the celebrated Prussian general, at Camb.

A YOUNG lady who shook hands with the President the other day proposes to have the glove she wore stuffed.

NEW YORK CITY will have twenty-seven theaters (counting two opera-houses and variety-show places) this season.

ENGLISH capitalists offer to invest \$30,000,000 in railways in Peru, the lines to run to the rich mining districts of that country.

COTTON was cultivated in India 450 years before Christ, and was gathered from the field by hand, exactly as it is being done to-day.

THIS, from a Connecticut insurance agent's office door plate for brevity: "Gone to bury my wife; will be back in thirty minutes."

JEWELRY manufacture in Providence, R. I., which has been practically dead for five years, is enjoying a boom, the greatest since 1881.

MRS. CLEVELAND is said to write on an average about twenty letters a day, most of them in reply to communications from entire strangers.

They arrested a gentleman in Newport the other day for blowing the horn on his tally-ho coach. You can't go on a tootany more in Rhode Island.

The deposits made by the people of New York City during the past eight months in the savings banks showed an increase of \$5,000,000 over those of the preceding period.

At Allentown, Pa., a high school girl died recently of a handsome young man by getting married before the assembled spectators at the close of the graduating exercises.

An Albany speculator is said to be making a good deal of money by purchasing Canadian silver in New York at 20 per cent. discount and circulating it at home at par.

JANE WYCOFF, a colored woman, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., is 105 years old, and undoubtedly declares that she never was a servant of George Washington and never saw him.

MR. TILDEN once admitted that he never once faced an audience or rose in court that stage fright did not seize him. He tried every device to cure himself, but it could not be done.

BISHOP RILEY paid \$35,000 for the Protestant Episcopal Church property in the City of Mexico, and now the same property has a value of \$1,000,000, so great has been the increase.

OUT in Denver they have been having a serious time trying to devise means to conserve the flow of streams which come down from among the foothills, and supply the irrigation ditches.

IN one of the executive departments a Washington there is employed a watchman at \$60 per month, a man who held the rank of general in the Union army during the last campaign.

WRITE the past five years army designs for two families, and permitting of complete isolation, have gone up in St. Louis by the hundreds.

OPERATIVES of the Boston wholesale clothing manufacturing houses are preparing to fight against the introduction of a new lasting machine.

The most modest girl in the world resides at Syracuse, N. Y. It is said of her that when a pupil at Vassar she refused to work upon improper fractions.

BELLEGERENT EDITORS.

Murat Halstead Offers John R. McLean Satisfaction on the Field of Honor, Which He Promptly Declined.

Roger A. Pryor, the Noted Duellist of the South, and Colonel W. G. Terrell, of Washington, are reported to be in the city of New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Before leaving Cincinnati last week Murat Halstead communicated with Colonel W. G. Terrell, of Washington, and requested him to meet him in New York.

On the arrival of Terrell he was requested by Halstead to proceed to the Saratoga residence of Colonel W. G. Terrell, and to meet him in the following note of authorization:

NEW YORK OFFICE, CINCINNATI COMMERCIAL, August 14, 1888.

Colonel W. G. Terrell is authorized to represent me in the matter of settlement with John R. McLean.

JOHN R. McLEAN, Esq.—Dear Sir: I am here at the Windsor Hotel, No. 222, a matter of business for Murat Halstead, of Cincinnati, which concerns you, and wish to communicate with you in person, or by letter, to be glad to hear from you personally or through a friend. I am, Sir,

Yours very truly, W. G. TERRELL.

W. G. TERRELL, Esq.—Dear Sir: Your note of the 14th inst. has just received. I can not conceive of any business that can be arranged by the intervention of a third party, and I use between Halstead and myself. I beg to decline the request of your note to meet you personally or through any one.

SARATOGA, AUG. 15, 1888.

STR: Your note of the 14th inst. I can not see more explicit than to say that the business referred to in my note of the 14th inst. is a matter of business between Halstead and myself, and I have no objection to your communicating with Halstead in my behalf. With this explanation, further answer to my former note is required. Respectfully,

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SLEW A PANTHER.

And Saved the Lives of Her Sleeping Children—A Heroic Mother's Brave Deed.

TOLSON, Ill., Aug. 18.—A large dun-colored panther, which for several weeks terrorized the people about Bouze's Grove, eight miles southwest of here, was killed yesterday afternoon by a woman, who thereby saved the lives of her two little girls.

The plucky woman was Mrs. Montalmon, who was on her way from Indian Territory to her former home near Cleveland, O. Some years ago she and her husband went West, where the latter was killed and she was left with two children. The woman loaded her goods on a wagon and started on the long journey to her Ohio home. The children were with her on the wagon, and Mrs. Montalmon stopped and proceeded to get dinner. The children wandered off into the woods, and when the mother called upon them to come to dinner she received no answer. Fearing something was wrong, she took her rifle from the wagon and went in search of them.

Before going for a moving branch of a tree attracted her attention, and going nearer she discovered a large panther preparing to spring upon her children, who were lying asleep at the foot of the tree. Mrs. Montalmon at once drew a bead on the animal and shot him through the body. She then removed the pet and took it with her on her journey.

BARREL VS. CORK SUIT.

Occupant of the Former Successfully Shoots the Rapids, but the Tenant of the Latter Is a Corpse.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Graham successfully navigated the whirlpool rapids this afternoon with his head protruding from the barrel. James Scott, a fisherman of Lewiston, attempted to swim the rapids in a cork suit, but was drowned. His dead body was picked up at Lewiston an hour later.

A Postal Convenience.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The post-office department has completed arrangements for issuing the letter sheet and stamped envelope of a pattern which can be readily understood and used. It is styled a "letter-sheet envelope," and is of only one denomination—two cents. For the present at least it is deemed expedient to confine the issue of the letter sheet and stamped envelope to a few of the principal post-offices. The prices at which the envelopes are to be sold are as follows: Single sheets, 3 cents; two sheets, 5 cents; three sheets, 7 cents; four sheets, 9 cents; five sheets, 11 cents; six sheets, 13 cents; seven sheets, 15 cents; eight sheets, 17 cents; nine sheets, 19 cents; ten sheets, 21 cents; pads of fifty sheets, \$3.00; pads of one hundred sheets, \$5.00; pads of two hundred sheets, \$8.00.

Canadian Fisheries.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—Lord Idlesleigh, Foreign Secretary, has written the International Arbitration Association saying he is in favor of the arbitration of the fisheries. Lord Rosebery, that the moment is opportune to receive a deputation to discuss the subject of opening negotiations with the United States for the establishment of an Anglo-American fisheries commission. Idlesleigh says the fisheries question, which is a subject of international negotiations, and expresses a hope that the result may be favorable.

Blister Feeling at Belfast.

BELFAST, Aug. 19.—An aggravating circumstance here just now is the fact that a great many Catholics are losing their places in the factories. In some cases they voluntarily give up their places, as did the Irishmen at the Belfast shipyard. According to a reasonable estimate it is asserted that there are 2,000 Catholics in Belfast who have been thrown out of employment during the last thirty days. The rich men of Belfast are all Protestants. They own the factories where great numbers of people are employed.

Addition to Canada's Population.

DENVER, Mich., Aug. 19.—James A. L. Wilson, Secretary of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has just received a report from the Delaware Canal Company, and his cousin, Henry V. Lesley, a former Treasurer of the Company, are in Windsor, Ont. It is said that they have defrauded the company of \$100,000, having made an over issue of the company's bonds to that amount. The company issued in July, 1886, \$2,500,000 of thirty-year bonds, and the bonds which were printed instead of engraved, Lesley had no difficulty in imitating them.

Nebraska Prohibition Convention.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 19.—The Prohibition State Convention, which was held here yesterday, was opened by Governor H. W. Hardy, of Lancaster County; Lieutenant-Governor E. B. Graham; Secretary of State, E. J. O'Neil; Treasurer, A. J. Leach; Auditor, J. Hopper; Hon. General James H. Brown; Commissioner of Public Lands, L. B. Palmer; Superintendent of Public Schools, J. A. Smith.

The Pope in Danger.

ROME, Aug. 19.—To-night Italian policemen observed a man in the balcony of St. Peter's, from which the Pope is accustomed to bless the people. They warned the papal guards, who promptly arrested the man. The examination showed that he was a maniac. The Pope has expressed his gratitude and admiration for the zeal displayed by the police.

Strange Cause for Suicide.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Aug. 19.—John B. Cox suicided here to-night by shooting himself. He claimed that too many strangers were going to his house, and he would take himself out of the way.

Another Bridge Crank.

BANGOR, Me., Aug. 19.—A Maine man has gone to New York to jump from the Brooklyn Bridge, and will on a wager leap from a point fifty feet higher than that selected by Brodie for his spring into the air.

Parliament in Session.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—Parliament opened to-day. Lord High Chancellor Baron Selborne read the Queen's speech from the throne, which was very non-committal on the Irish question.

Another Bond Call.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—A call has been issued for \$15,000,000 of the three per cent. loan of 1885.

Town Swept Away by Floods.

NOGALES, ARIZ., Aug. 19.—News has just been received here that the town of Saric, in Sonora, was entirely swept away by floods Saturday and Sunday. The place had a population of seven hundred. Not a house is left standing. Grain fields were a large sea of water, which was the cause of the damage or loss of life is given.

Accidentally Shot Himself.

MOAWKING, Ill., Aug. 19.—Michael Kern, a well-to-do farmer residing near here, while mounting a horse with a gun in his hand, was killed by the hammer catching some way and discharging the gun. A load of shot passing through the unfortunate man's body.

Triple Killing Confessed.

EAGLE ROCK, IOWA, Aug. 19.—Tanner was just arrested at Teton Basin for killing three men. He was working a placer near Jackson Lake, July 16. He confessed, claiming it was self-defense. He had quarreled with Biggsman, and the other two, taking Biggsman's part, he killed all three with a Winchester and hid the bodies in a deep gulch, where they were lately found. All parties were from Butte.

Hunting Accident.

BOONVILLE, Mo., Aug. 19.—J. A. Elliott, of this city, accidentally shot himself to death last night. He was found dead lying across a fence.

STORM IN TEXAS.

Galveston Reported Under Two Feet of Water.

Immense Damage and Six Lives Reported Lost in the War of Elements.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 20.—Monger dispatches to telegraph officials received to-night from Galveston state that a terrific storm of wind and rain has prevailed there all day. It commenced about 4 o'clock this morning, and came from the east. At 6 a. m. the city is said to have been entirely inundated, two feet of water being on the streets and five feet on the Gulf side of the city. The ground floor of the Beach Hotel was submerged, the water reaching the second floor. Houses were floating about the streets, and immense damage has been done. The telegraph wires on the city were washed out, and some of them have been restored, and communication with the drowned city was renewed about 6 o'clock this evening. Six lives are reported lost.

Galveston, Aug. 20.—The storm absolutely wrecked about 150 buildings, and damaged many more. The central portion of the city is not severely damaged. Among the buildings destroyed were the Beach Hotel, where the State Democratic convention was held, and all the buildings on the International Hotel ground. The total loss will reach \$2,000,000.

MURDERED BY A MANIAO.

An Embanking Bank President, of New York, and His Daughter Killed in Buenos Aires.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Elbert P. Cook, embanking President of the bank at Havana, N. Y., died the county and found a young man named Gluck, of Buenos Aires, who was the father of the young man named Gluck, and who is supposed to have been insane. Gluck committed suicide.

Sedgwick in Mexico.

EL PASO, Aug. 20.—Envoys Sedgwick arrived in El Paso this evening at 4 o'clock and was escorted immediately across the river to Paso del Norte to Consul Brigham's office, where a secret conference was held. From there he was escorted to the Mexican Central depot, where he took a train for the City of Mexico at seven o'clock. Sedgwick is accompanied by his wife and daughter. His credentials are directed to that gentleman. After a conference with him he will return to El Paso to-day, and will be accompanied by his wife and daughter. A large number of the regular troops will reach the city to-day, and will be accompanied by the regular troops of the United States. A large number of the regular troops will reach the city to-day, and will be accompanied by the regular troops of the United States.

Mexican Muddle.

LAREDO, Tex., Aug. 20.—News having arrived here that the Mexican authorities have fortified a small town some fifty miles up the river, called Pan, and placed a detachment of sixty troops there, the commandant of Fort McIntosh, Colonel Bernier, has been ordered to march from this post, who left here yesterday, and will remain for the present at Pinalco, opposite Pan, on this side of the river. Bernier has a most pitiful-looking band. He can not survive.

Bayard to the Peace Union.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Aug. 20.—At the meeting of the Universal Peace Union this afternoon a letter was read from Secretary Bayard referring to Article 21 of the Treaty of 1848 with Mexico. Mr. Bayard says that a just regard of the jurisdictional power of the United States makes the seventy-third article of the Treaty of 1848 an action in the Cutting case, in which no demand or suggestion had been made on behalf of the United States. The article is a requirement of a consideration of national duty, founded upon principles of law and justice.

Considering the Fisheries Treaties.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—Sir J. Ferguson, Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons this evening stated that negotiations for the amicable settlement of the fisheries dispute between England and the United States of America were proceeding between England and the United States of America. It was not intended by either the United States or England, and the Under Secretary, to appoint a joint commission to amend the treaty of 1818.

Treason.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The Times publishes a letter this morning, to which it gives a prominent place in its columns, suggesting the prosecution for treason of the Canadian and North-West Atlantic fisheries delegates to the Chicago convention, on their return to their homes.

Masked Robbers Make a Great haul.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 20.—Four masked men entered the house of Farmer William Manning, in Shenango Township, yesterday, and at the point of the revolver compelled the farmer to open his safe, from which they had collected yesterday.

Archaeological Discovery.

ATHENS, Aug. 20.—An archaeological discovery of the most interesting nature is exciting much interest. A number of columns, in a state of perfect preservation, have been unearthed on the Acropolis. They belong to a period before the Persian war.

A Duke Will Sell Out to His Tenants.

DUBLIN, Aug. 20.—The Duke of Leinster has arranged to sell to his tenants a large portion of his land, and to purchase an eighteen-year purchase plan.

Gerónimo Expected to Surrender.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Official information is given that Gerónimo, the murderer has been received at the War Department.

Fell into a Shaft.

JOLIS, Mo., Aug. 20.—Michael Dolan, a miner, was killed near here to-day, by falling eighty feet down a shaft.

Queen Margaret Sets Herself a Task.

ROME, Aug. 20.—There is a rumor abroad that Queen Margherita is using her influence to bring about a reconciliation between the Italian government and the Papacy. Under the arrangement contemplated it is said the Pope will receive from Italy arrears of endowment to a large amount, which will be devoted to extending Catholic missions.

The Business Failures.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—The business failures during the last week were 177, a total of 186, as compared with 157 last week and 154 the week previous. The increase observable this week arises in the Middle and Pacific States and in Canada.

Death of an Irish Rebel.

DOVER, N. H., Aug. 20.—Michael Clarity died last night, aged ninety. He was born in Ireland. In 1837 he was arrested and transported to Van Diemen's Land for twenty years for his part in the rebellion for being a leader in a rebellion in the north of Ireland. He served fourteen years in the penal colony, and was released and left for America in 1855, coming to Dover.

Murder and Suicide.

MARBLE HILL, Mo., Aug. 20.—Drew Johnson, near this place, while temporarily insane, killed his wife and himself with a revolver, shooting each through the head. He leaves a family of children.

THROUGH THE WHIRLPOOL.

A Boston Man Swims Through the Rapids of Niagara Falls. The World Would Not Tempt Him, He Is Again.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Aug. 20.—Wm. J. Kendall, of Boston, to-day swam successfully in a cork vest the whirlpool rapids of Niagara Falls. The world was to receive a wager of \$10,000 made by Boston parties, he to receive \$1,000 of the stakes. There were few spectators of the affair, it having been kept quiet. Kendall relates the following experiences when he reached the spot where Captain Webb is supposed to have lost his life. The water seemed to go from under him and a huge wave struck him on the head and shoulders, knocking him unconscious for a few moments. He found his swimming abilities of no use whatever and never expected to come out alive. When entering the whirlpool he felt as if he were being torn apart. He was unconscious and did not know what was going on. He felt as if he were being torn apart. He was unconscious and did not know what was going on. He felt as if he were being torn apart. He was unconscious and did not know what was going on.

More Small Coin.

A Conference Held on the Growing Scarcity of Change.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Demands for minor coin, principally one, five and ten-cent pieces, are constantly being received at the Treasury Department from all parts of the country. The supply of these coins on hand is entirely inadequate to meet the calls for them, and it has been found necessary to call for the production of the additional supply. Superintendent Fox, of the Philadelphia Mint, had a