

THE difficulty of soldering together two pieces of aluminum is said to have been overcome by the use of chloride of silver as a flux.

THERE have been so many recent assaults of "cranks" upon the richer classes that it is perhaps no wonder that a wealthy California woman has gone crazy through fear of such attacks.

THE Chilean government has taken steps to secure a loan of \$25,000,000 in France, which, it is understood, is to be used in building a railroad from Iquique to Valparaiso and in strengthening the Chilean navy.

ANDREW JACKSON'S carriage, Daniel Webster's carriage and one that belonged to Abraham Lincoln will be shown at the World's fair. That of Jackson was made out of timber from the old war ship Ironsides.

BOSTON merchants complain that they are unable to work off the postage stamps mailed in payment of bills for small amounts, and will advocate the issue by government of a fractional scrip currency, secured by coin, to facilitate business transactions.

FRANCE has permitted the Bonapartes to return to French soil. The application of the ex-Empress Eugenie to build a villa near Mentone was refused by the government, but her cousin, the Princess Letitia, will build it for her, and there the ex-empress expects hereafter to make her winter home.

THE New York Tribune puts Buffalo forward as the latest prospective rival for Chicago. A company is now constructing tunnels and setting turbine wheels at Niagara falls to furnish Buffalo with 120,000 horse power, or electricity enough to turn every wheel and light and heat every house in the city.

IT was an odd coincidence that Cardinals Manning and Simeoni were elevated to their highest rank in the church the same day and died on the same day. What is more, the last official letter penned by the English cardinal was by chance addressed to his vatican confere, the late prefect of the propaganda.

A PLAN is on foot in Chicago to compel the railroads centering in the city to elevate their tracks at least sixteen feet above grade. There are now more than 1,200 miles of railroad tracks within the city limits. It is estimated that for the Chicago & Northwestern alone the cost of elevating tracks would amount to \$65,000,000; that the cost of all the railroads would not fall short of \$350,000,000.

STRANGE as it may seem, the late duke of Clarence was an ardent admirer of Gladstone. On one occasion at the house of commons, when the venerable premier introduced his home-rule bill, Albert Victor was so carried away by the eloquence of the great orator that he clapped his hands heartily, which was particularly noticed, as the etiquette of the house forbids such an outburst of enthusiasm.

PAPER quilts are said to be coming into extensive use abroad for the poorer classes. They are composed of sheets of white paper sewed together and perforated all over at a distance of an inch or two apart. This is then covered with chintz or cretonne on one side and lined with patchwork. They make surprisingly warm covers, and the manufacturers find a ready market for all they can make.

THE largest opal ever found on this continent is now on exhibition in San Francisco. It is, in its uncut state, eleven inches long, five inches wide and an inch and a quarter thick, and from it a handsome stone worth \$5,000 can be cut, not to mention the fragments. The opal is said to be the "stone of misfortune," but the lucky finder of this one, which, by the way, was dug out of a rock in Mexico, would hardly agree to that proposition.

SEVENTY yards of silk had been ordered from the Spitalfields weavers for the wedding dress of the Princess Mary. The silk was to be twenty-three and a half inches in width and was of so fine a design that the weavers could not complete more than two yards per day. It was calculated that 40,000 silk worms would have contributed their cocoons for the dress, and that the silk thread would have been long enough to put a girdle around the whole of the British possessions.

STORIES of death from accidental contact with live electric wires are not so numerous at the present time as they were a few years ago. Experience has bred caution on the part of the people, and more especially on the part of the men in control of electrical appliances. The danger is not nearly what it was. But the terrible report from Wichita, Kan., that a person was instantly killed by touching a wire which he saw laying on a stairway, suggests that methods of protection from the deadly current are still very far from what they ought to be.

THE Behring sea dispute arose as follows: Some time after the purchase of Alaska by this government, and when the right to the seal fisheries had been contracted to a company, Canadian sealers came into the water and caught seals, and some of them were seized by our government on the ground that the United States purchased all the rights of Russia, one of which was the exclusive privilege of the seal fisheries, relying upon a treaty stipulation conceding the waters to Russia, made fifty years ago by Great Britain. Great Britain holds that no such concession was made.

CURRENT TOPICS.

SPOTTED fever is raging near Dangerfield, Tex.

SPEAKER CRISP is said to have a foot as shapely and as small as a woman's. NOVELTIES in paper weights are those that have a place for photographs on top.

A TINY roller in a silver tank of water is something new in wetting postage stamps.

Now they say only politicians and country swells ever wear a shiny black silk hat.

Chicago is about to erect on the lake front a public library building to cost \$1,200,000.

THERE is a wind and storm insurance company doing business in Pennsylvania counties.

THE Russian Grand Duke Alexis owns a pet mongrel dog that has saved six human lives.

THIRTEEN tons of postage stamps are said to have been sold in New York city last year.

THERE are 18,536 papers printed in the United States, of which number 1,791 are dailies.

THE farms of Colorado produced \$33,700,000 last year, and the mines of the state \$33,549,000.

SPURGEON, like Grant, loved a good cigar, and he smoked almost as many of them as the general did.

A MICHIGAN milliner charged twenty cents admission to her wedding for the benefit of the church fund.

At the next presidential election, it is estimated that more than 11,500,000 men will have the right to vote.

ENGINEERS began at St. Louis the survey of the Chicago and St. Louis Electrical railway a few days ago.

VENUS and Jupiter, although drawing apart, present a lustrous and beautiful appearance in the western sky.

OSCAR WILDE, having exhausted all the possibilities of absurdities in other directions, is now posing as a socialist.

THE war department reports that there are 8,567,250 men in the United States who are available for military duty.

A FARMER in North Carolina has a hog that measures 7 feet 8 inches in length and 7 feet 2 inches around the body.

REV. THOMAS DIXON estimates that out of 800,000 Protestants in New York city less than 100,000 go regularly to church.

GIRLS in a Massachusetts school are on a strike because the teacher of physical culture require them to abandon corsets.

MARY CHENOWETH, the chief apostle of Christian science, is eight times over a millionaire, and lives in a house with 100 rooms.

THE Chinese of Los Angeles have built a gorgeous new joss-house the carvings and altar of which are valued at \$20,000.

Samuel Campbell, of Port Royal, is the oldest school teacher in the United States, having trained the young idea for 57 years.

THE numerical strength of the Grand Army of the Republic is greater in Ohio than in any other state, the enrollment being 45,523.

ARTILLERY salutes were fired in different parts of Louisiana over the lottery decision of the United States supreme court.

It is claimed that cider enough was made in Connecticut the past season to supply all the consumption east of the Rockies for a year.

The wealth of J. A. Morris, the head of the Louisiana lottery, is estimated at \$50,000,000 but he never succeeded in getting into society.

EX-SENATOR EDMUNDS is said to accept no smaller retainer than \$3,000 "in cases of importance," and to refuse all other kinds of cases.

In front of a Denver, Col., business house is a sign bearing the following legend: "Money is the Root of all Evil. Give us a few Roots."

DR. ABBOTT created a small sensation in Boston the other day by announcing in the course of his lectures that the fall of Adam is an entirely unnecessary belief.

The oldest man now living who was an American soldier in the war of 1812 is thought to be Benjamin Poor, of Raymond, N. H. He is now ninety-seven years old.

H. R. H. ALBERT EDWARD, it is interesting to learn, wears an eighteen and a half collar, and has a forty-five chest, a thirty-four arm and a forty-two and a half waist.

As a financial speculation, it is better to be a czar of Russia than president of the United States. One is paid about \$25,000 per day and the other \$137, but it is rather safer being president.

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REPORTS from the leading cities throughout the country indicate a general improvement in trade.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

On the 10th the time in the senate was occupied in discussing the bill providing for the public printing and binding and the distribution of public documents. Mr. Gorman, of Maryland, presented the credentials of his colleague, Mr. Gibson, and the oath of office was administered. In the house a resolution for the appointment of a committee of five to investigate the methods of business in the bureau of pensions was adopted. Mr. Brand's bill for the free coinage of gold and silver and for the issue of coin notes was favorably reported. A resolution was introduced providing for the final adjournment of the first session of congress on Tuesday, May 31.

In the senate bills were introduced on the 11th appropriating \$10,000,000 to improve navigation on the Mississippi, and for sixties to Gen. John Stark and Gen. Zachary Taylor. The bill to amend the law as to the coasting trade on the great lakes was passed. Adjoining to the 15th... In the house a bill was introduced to repeal the sugar bounty law. The military academy appropriation bill was taken up and consumed the remainder of the day.

The senate was not in session on the 12th... In the house the military academy appropriation bill (\$2,000,000) was passed and in committee of the whole several bills for claims against the government were considered, but no action was taken.

The senate was not in session on the 13th... In the house bills were passed for the better control of loans to gold and silver and for the banks; to abolish the minimum punishment for the violation of the revenue laws; allowing the board of managers of the national soldiers home to appoint as its officers soldiers without regard to rank.

BILLS were introduced in the senate on the 15th appropriating \$15,000,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi river; to reorganize the artillery and infantry branches of the army and to increase their efficiency, and the urgent deficiency bill. The public printing bill was passed... In the house a resolution directing an inquiry as to the present tariff upon agriculture to be made was adopted. A bill was introduced to repeal the section of the McKinley bill which puts waiting apparatus of persons returning from abroad on the free list. A bill to establish special promotion in the army was passed.

DOMESTIC.

FLAMES at Cincinnati in the building occupied by Ezekiel & Bernheim, auctioneers and storage commission dealers, caused a loss of \$300,000.

The failure of Phillip Burns, with liabilities of \$400,000, was announced on the New York stock exchange.

The house of J. W. Sweetman near Ladonia, Ala., was entered by moonshiners during his absence, and Mrs. Sweetman and her little boy were shot dead.

A FIRE in McCune's block in Columbus, O., caused a loss of \$100,000. Miss Cora Blair jumped from a second-story window and was killed.

JAMES COUCH, one of the oldest and wealthiest citizens of Chicago, was run over by a heavy truck wagon and died in a few hours from his injuries. He was 92 years old.

TWO BEAUTIFUL young girls, daughters of William Criswell, a wealthy citizen of Cameron, W. Va., were killed by the cars.

APPLICATION was made for a receiver for the type-founding firm of Farmer, Little & Co. of New York.

MARION HEASPETH, wanted at St. Louis for complicity in the Glendale (Mo.) train robbery, was arrested by detectives in San Francisco.

A FORT WAYNE passenger train running 30 miles an hour crashed into a street car in Chicago, injuring eleven persons and killing John Waylan.

NEAR St. Joseph, Mo., a discharged hired hand named John Hemele set fire to the dairy barn of William Rudke, and it was burned with sixty head of cows and twenty-five head of horses.

LEADING negroes in Little Rock have organized a national association with \$2,500,000 capital stock, the object being to operate business houses for colored people.

WILLIAM JONES and Perry McKnight were run down by a railroad train near Hopkinsville, Ky., and fatally injured.

WILLIAM HENDRICKS was hanged out of \$5,000 at Lima, O., by a confidence man giving his name as Henry Owens.

H. A. BRUNS, president of the Merchants' bank of Moorhead, Minn., was arrested on a charge of defrauding depositors.

At Cimmaron, Col., the Denver and Rio Grande round house was burned together with four locomotives.

The Russian charge d'affaires at Washington was formally notified that over 5,000,000 pounds of flour had been contributed by the millers of the United States and the people of Nebraska and Minnesota for the relief of famine sufferers in Russia.

HAMP BISCOE, his wife and son, who were arrested and placed in a small house at Keo, Ark., were all shot dead by two masked men.

The Grand Central hotel at El Paso, Tex., was burned. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, \$95,000.

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THE 83d birthday of Abraham Lincoln was observed in Chicago, New York, Boston, Philadelphia and other cities.

The national board of control has approved the programme for the dedication of the Columbian exposition buildings in Chicago on October 12, 1892.

DURING a storm at North Adams, Mass., a fall of red snow occurred, covering many square miles and greatly alarming the country people.

The notorious Cooley gang of outlaws, who have terrorized the counties of Fayette and Westmoreland, Pa., for years, has been broken up and the members scattered.

WILL LAVENDER, a colored man who attempted to assault Alice Perry, a white girl, was taken from officers at Roanoke, Va., by a mob and hanged.

MEMBERS of the Grand Army of the Republic are contributing for a statue of Gen. W. T. Sherman to be erected in Washington.

At Monterey, Ala., Tom Tra-week, a 16-year-old white boy, shot and killed two negroes, named Bill Thomas and Jim Jackson, who had assaulted Tra-week's 4-year-old brother.

The boiler at a saw mill near Eaton, O., exploded, killing William Kisling, son of the proprietor, and a hired man named Shiverdecker.

The schooner Wave, bound from Norfolk, was wrecked in Pimlico sound, and the captain and crew were drowned.

A FIRE in the opera house block at Monmouth, Ill., caused a loss of \$150,000.

The treasury department has issued stringent instructions to customs officials that after March 1, 1892, no merchandise shipped from abroad shall be admitted to entry unless plainly marked so as to indicate the country of their origin.

JOHN MOLLOY, aged 72 years, killed his wife, aged 72, and then took his own life at Cleveland, O. The wife had sued for a divorce owing to the jealous and cruel disposition of her husband.

T. A. SHORT, of Butte, Mont., who was supposed to have been murdered by Peter Woods last summer, has turned up alive. Wood is serving a life sentence for the murder.

RILEY WEBB (colored) was lynched by a mob of 200 citizens at Montgomery, Ala., for an assault committed upon a Mrs. Comp.

JOHN J. PHATT and his young child were run down by a pack of wild dogs and were torn to pieces near their home in Leonard, Kan.

MR. BONCHARD, an aged and wealthy resident of Napoleon, Ind., upon being told that his wife must die from the grip, shot himself dead. Mrs. Bonchard, upon hearing of the deed, died instantly.

PHILIP PRIMS and Frank and Willie Schell broke through the ice on a pond in Humboldt park, Chicago, and were drowned.

NEARLY the entire village of Buraside, Ill., was destroyed by fire.

JOHN KELLY, the negro who murdered J. T. McAdams at Pine Bluff, Ark., and Gilbert Harris, an accomplice, were lynched by a mob.

ADVICES from Alaska concerning the fate of Morris Orton and party of ten miners indicate that the men have been murdered by Indians.

GREENWOOD, BOHM & Co., clothiers and dealers in liquors and tobaccos at Helena, Mont., failed for \$250,000.

JOHN and Andrew Boahoch were run down by an express on the Pan-Handle railroad at McDonald, Pa., and instantly killed.

HENRY BULLER, an aged farmer living south of Hope, Kan., his wife and mother were discovered murdered in their beds.

MRS. GREGORY and her sister were burned to death at Welford, S. C. Mrs. Gregory leaves three children and her sister six.

ELVIS PORDEN and his young wife committed suicide in Sumner county, Ky. A note left showed that Porden killed himself first and his wife would not live without him.

The formal claim of the sailors and others of the United States man-of-war Baltimore who were injured in the fight with the mob at Valparaiso foots up in the neighborhood of \$1,305,000.

A BARN on the Brandt farm near Faribault, Minn., was destroyed by fire and nineteen blooded horses were burned to death.

In the United States the visible supply of grain on the 15th was: Wheat, 41,498,951 bushels; corn, 9,831,549 bushels; oats, 3,773,128 bushels.

A GOLD mine has been discovered about 5 miles southwest of Lathrop, Mo.

GOVERNMENT officials in New York were agitating the question of placing a heavy poll tax on immigrants coming to this country in order to keep out the undesirable class of pauper criminals.

At San Francisco, James G. Fair made a will bequeathing \$200,000 each to the Catholic orphan and Protestant orphan asylums and \$100,000 to the Hebrew orphan asylum.

The Chicago city council passed an ordinance limiting the height of buildings to 150 feet.

WILLIAM COCTURE, of Bath, Me., beat the record for heavy lifting by putting up a 110-pound dumbbell twenty-seven times. He weighs but 149 pounds.

It is reported that the Louisiana lottery will be moved to the City of Mexico after 1893, under arrangements with President Diaz.

FIRE in a cotton shed dock at Liverpool destroyed several thousand bales of cotton.

OTTO and Edith Simeoni, aged 12 and 14 years respectively, broke through the ice at Sunbury, Pa., while skating and were drowned.

It is estimated that no less than 5,000 people have been converted to Christianity in Cincinnati by the efforts of Mr. Mills, the revivalist.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

DR. NEWMAN HORTON, inventor of the reclining chair for railway cars, died at Kansas City. He left a large fortune as the result of his invention.

ELDER EADES, the greatest man among the sect of Shakers, died in Louisville, Ky., at the age of 75.

THE state convention of the New Jersey prohibition party will be held at Trenton, April 19.

E. F. DRAKE, of St. Paul, Minn., died at Coronado Beach, Cal., aged 78 years. He was a prominent and wealthy railroad builder.

FOREIGN.

RAILWAYS in Austria have been so seriously blocked by avalanches that it will require a month to reopen them for travel. In the Tyrol the snow is 7 feet deep.

MOUNT NAGASHOE, a volcano in New Zealand, is in a state of violent eruption. The eruption is accompanied by earthquakes.

THREE emigrants were killed, ten wounded and a number taken prisoners in a conflict with gendarmes on the Russian frontier.

ACCORDING to recent statistics the total population of Uruguay is 706,500, of whom 234,000 reside in the department of Montevideo.

SURVEYS at the Isthmus of Panama demonstrate that the Atlantic ocean is 6 1/2 feet higher than the Pacific. It was formerly thought that the Pacific was 100 feet higher than the Atlantic.

It was said that three ministers of the Brazilian cabinet had resigned and that another revolution was imminent.

FAMINE prevails among the 1,500,000 inhabitants of the districts of Bijapur, Bolgaum and Dabhrwar, in India.

In what is known as Great Russia the inhabitants are dying by hundreds from typhus fever, and the supplies which arrive for the famishing people cannot be distributed for lack of horses, these animals having been nearly all used for food.

THE San Fernando hacienda at Lerdo, Mex., containing 20,000 bushels of corn recently received from the United States for the famine sufferers in that part of Durango, was destroyed by fire. Total loss, \$150,000.

SIX men working in an amber mine on the coast of the Baltic sea were drowned by an inundation caused by a storm.

THE Nova Scotian clipper Loodiana, laden with petroleum, and carrying a crew of thirty-eight men, was burned at sea and all on board perished.

ADMIRAL SIR PROVO WALLIS, K. C. B., died in London, aged nearly 101 years.

An avalanche fell in the Hautes-Alps, France, causing the death of five people, whose bodies were discovered buried under 30 feet of snow.

In a battle between the revolutionists and federal troops at Temochi Puebla, in Chihuahua, twenty regulars and nine rebels were killed.

MICHAEL DAVITT says that Irish properties are mortgaged to English bankers to the extent of £160,000,000.

SIXTY persons suspected of being anarchists have been arrested in Berlin.

At a cabinet council in Lisbon it was definitely decided that the finances of Portugal were in such a condition that it would be impossible for her to take part in the Columbian exposition in Chicago in 1893.

LATER.

A PLOT to wreck a passenger train on the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago railroad was discovered at Arcola, Ind., on the 10th. The attempt was to have been made on the night of the 18th and it is believed the conspirators were two men who were recently discharged from the railroad company's service.

GEORGE RAYMOND and George Hadley, the ex-officials who are accused of being the principals in the city hall ring which robbed the city of Denver of thousands of dollars, were arraigned for trial on the 16th for forgery. They are accused of raising a city warrant from \$3,500 to \$303,000 and retaining the surplus.

The state lunatic asylum near Jackson, Miss., burned on the 16th. The fire originated in a room where a lunatic named Brown was confined. He was burned to death. About one-third of the immense building was saved. The inmates were all removed in safety. Loss \$200,000.

The city council of Chicago has passed an ordinance providing that hereafter all buildings to be erected shall be limited to a height of 150 feet.

At St. Louis on the 16th Adelbert D. Sley, the Glendale train robber, pleaded guilty to robbing the Adams Express Company of \$20,000 on November 30 last. Sentence was deferred.

In the senate on the 15th Senator Vance reported back a bill providing an income tax to pay pensions and the salaries of retired officers and asked that it be indefinitely postponed, as it was a revenue bill and should originate elsewhere. So ordered. Senator Sherman's credentials on his election to a sixth term were laid before the senate and filed. The urgent deficiency bill was taken up and passed. Including an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the completion of the eleventh census, the bill as amended by the senate carried a total appropriation of \$398,000. Bills were passed appropriating \$60,000 for a military store-house at Omaha, Neb., and \$600,000 for a public building at Salt Lake City, Utah.

The senate then settled down to the consideration of the Dubois-Claggett contested case from Idaho. Mr. Mitchell, from the committee on elections, presented resolutions declaring Dubois elected and Claggett not elected. Also a minority report declaring that Dubois' election was not legal and that Claggett was entitled to the seat. At the close of Mr. Mitchell's remarks the senate went into executive session and soon after adjourned. In the house a resolution was passed calling for an account from the treasury department of expenditures for the reception and care of immigrants and other operations under the immigration laws. The report of the special immigration commissioners who visited Europe last year is also called for. The house considered the bill granting to commercial travelers reduced rates of transportation. At the expiration of the morning hour the bill went over. The house then got tangled up in a parliamentary discussion as to what business to take up for the rest of the day. Motions to proceed to unfinished business and counter-motions prevailed and the house finally adjourned.



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