

CURRENT TOPICS.

A CALF with claws is a curiosity of Georgia town.

The Bible is being translated into the Korean language.

ONE thousand American girls are studying art in Paris.

St. Louis boasts of having the first lady advertising agent.

Spain has fewer daily papers than any other European country.

CHOU D'ALENE is three French words, and means "heart of an owl."

The winner of the Sullivan-Corbett fight at New Orleans will get \$45,000.

THIRTY rich mineral veins have been struck in the Mt. Kelso tunnel, in Colorado.

CANADA whacks a duty of five cents a dozen on eggs imported from the United States.

THERE are 300 mountains in the United States, each exceeding 10,000 feet in height.

The czar is the richest sovereign in Europe, his income amounting to \$4,000,000.

MORE than two-thirds of the whips used in this country are made at Westfield, Mass.

LONDON buries 30,000 dead every year, enough to fill a cemetery of twenty-three acres.

AUSTRIA will have forty of her most expert woodcarvers at work at the World's fair.

MR. AND MRS. CLEVELAND are much annoyed by idle gossip concerning their everyday life.

A BERLIN inventor has invented an instrument which measures the 1,000th part of a second.

In England one person in every 39 is a pauper; in America the rate is one person in every 69.

The New Orleans messenger boys struck because they were ordered to wash their faces.

TWO farmers in Harper county, Kas., chased a lightning rod peddler three miles with pitchforks.

A SOCIETY has been organized in Iowa whose object it is to push the pansy as the flower of America.

A DAUGHTER of a resident of Norwich, Ct., was turned black by a bolt of lightning the other day.

THE one topic of interest in England just now is the war in this country between labor and capital.

HUI LUNG, Chicago's wealthiest tea merchant, is going to set up a big tea house at the World's fair.

G. P. R. JAMES began novel writing at seventeen, with a series of stories called "String of Pearls."

CONNECTICUT, spelled in an Indian dialect, Quin-neh-tuk-gut, signified "land on a long tidal river."

THE largest theater in the world is the opera house in Paris. It covers nearly three acres of ground.

In Chinese the letter "I" has 145 ways of being pronounced, and each pronunciation has a different meaning.

NEARLY three-fourths of the fires in the United States last year were the result of the upset or explosion of lamps.

A STORY of a cow in Washington that eats hops and yields a bucketful of brown beer twice a day is going the rounds.

ICE-CREAM is served at seaside resorts in the shape, size and color of billiard balls. It is an idea borrowed from Geneva.

HOPS in Sacramento valley are threatened with much damage from small red spiders which have appeared in large numbers.

THERE are about one hundred Jewish places of worship in New York city. The finest is the temple Beth-El, which cost \$600,000.

In the executive mansion at Raleigh, N. C., is a card table presented to Gov. Barrington by King George II. about the year 1775.

ST. LOUIS was selected as the place in which to hold the annual convention of the National Association of American Florists in 1893.

THERE are few uncracked houses in Essen, Germany. The testing of the big guns manufactured by Krupp has damaged them.

A SOUTH HAVEN (Mich.) farmer paid \$145 for 145 acres of swamp. He planted it to peppermint and his income is \$93 an acre this year.

A CONVENTION of German horse butchers is to open a restaurant in Berlin to educate the upper class to the use of horse flesh as food.

A WATER moccasin six feet long was lately killed at Utica, Ill. When cut open sixteen frogs were found, several of which were alive.

A TEXAS newspaper tells us of a couple that were "nuptiated." The possibilities of the English language have not been half exhausted.

A PHILADELPHIA toy-dealer made the shocking discovery that nearly a hundred of his best wax dolls had melted during the recent hot waves.

THE most recent trustworthy investigation is that of M. De Chatterler, who fixes the effective temperature of the sun at 12,600 degrees Fahrenheit.

THE original standard chain authorized by the act of congress of May 18, 1797, made for the purpose of executing surveys of the public lands in the northwestern country, will be exhibited at the World's fair.

VICTORIA'S maids of honor, who are paid \$1,500 a year for their services, earn their salaries. They are obliged to appear before the queen in a new gown every day and to be in readiness to attend her majesty at any and every hour of the day.

AN Atlanta newspaper recently referred to a lucky young woman as a "fair flower of the south, born of the marriage of Amaryllis and a magnolia."

A PRIVATE soldier, while stationed at Salt Lake City, Utah, invested some money in real estate and erected some frame houses on it. He rented the houses to comrades, and is now reputed to be worth \$23,000.

AN Abilene (Kan.) man keeps himself supplied with newspapers by writing a postal card every week asking a sample copy of some big paper. He gets two or three papers some weeks, and it only costs fifty-two cents a year.

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Important Intelligence From All Parts.

DOMESTIC.

P. J. BERRY rode a bicycle 2 miles at Springfield, Mass., in four minutes and forty-eight seconds, breaking the world's record four minutes forty-eight and four-fifths seconds made by Taylor last fall.

AS THE result of an unsuccessful effort to involve other railroad organizations in the switchmen's strike at Buffalo, it was officially declared off by Mr. Sweeney.

GERTRUDE CARNS, the female balloonist who has been making ascensions at the Detroit exposition grounds, was killed by falling from a great height.

At the meeting of the National Letter-Carriers' association at Indianapolis, Ind., Frank E. Smith, of San Francisco, was elected president and Kansas City selected as the next place of meeting.

At a meeting in New York of western and eastern anthracite coal agents it was decided to again advance the price of coal twenty-five cents September 1.

A MAN named Unger, living near East Liverpool, O., shot and killed his brother-in-law and then killed himself. Family trouble was the cause.

THE Hotel Belmont at Sulphur Springs, N. C., was totally destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000.

NOT satisfied with the stoppage of the strike by Grand Master Sweeney, and with alleged grievances of their own, the switchmen on the Lackawanna and Nickel Plate roads at Buffalo quit work again.

THE total assessment of railroad property in Arkansas for 1892 amounts to \$18,785,286, an increase of \$461,646 over 1891.

At the biennial session of the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Kansas City, Mo., W. W. Blackwell, of Kentucky, was elected supreme chancellor. The ladies' auxiliary, Pythian Sisters of the World, chose as supreme chief Mrs. Hattie A. Robinson.

At Coal Creek, Tenn., the trial of the leaders of the insurgent miners was begun, and the troops captured a few more of the law breakers at Oliver Springs.

MRS. JENNIE MORTON, who was bitten by a pet dog thirteen years ago, died in great agony of hydrophobia at her home near Brazil, Ind.

HENRY FISHER was killed and several others seriously injured by the engine on which they were riding going through a bridge at Dixonburg, Pa.

CHANCELLOR MCGILL, of New Jersey, delivered an opinion in the Reading coal combine, so far as it relates to that state, holding that the trust was illegal.

At the leading clearing houses in the United States the exchanges during the week ended on the 26th aggregated \$1,008,610,887, against \$1,009,774,883 the previous week. The increase as compared with the corresponding week of 1891 was 6.7.

By the caving in of a sewer at Huntington, W. Va., three workmen lost their lives.

FIVE persons were injured in a railroad collision at Pittsburgh, some, it was feared, fatally.

IN the United States the business failures during the seven days ended on the 26th numbered 165, against 173 the preceding week and 226 for the corresponding week last year.

A FINE at Lancaster, Ind., destroyed the rail mill resulting in a loss of \$100,000.

JACOB YONDEL and Adolphina Hanson, were married in Milwaukee by Court Commissioner Kate Poirer, it being the first marriage ever solemnized in Wisconsin by a woman.

JOHN RANDOLPH TUCKER, of Virginia, was elected president of the American Bar association in session at Saratoga, N. Y.

A BULLETIN issued by the census bureau states that there are 2,240,354 communicants in the Methodist Episcopal church in the United States, represented in 102 annual conferences.

JAMES R. MORROW was hanged in the county jail at Camden, N. J., for the brutal murder of Mrs. Lydia Ann Newby, an old colored woman.

THOMAS H. RODMAN, formerly district attorney of Kings county, N. Y., was accidentally sealed to death in a bath tub at New York.

THE failure is announced at Jackson, Mich., of W. F. Cowan, carriage manufacturer, whose liabilities were estimated at \$300,000.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the international conference of state boards of health at Indianapolis an international quarantine inspection commission was appointed, and it was suggested to memorialize President Harrison with the object of stopping immigration from cholera-infested ports.

IN the second series of the National League the percentages of the baseball clubs for the week ended on the 27th were: Cleveland, .730; Philadelphia, .585; Brooklyn, .541; Boston, .541; New York, .529; Pittsburgh, .500; Louisville, .500; Cincinnati, .500; Chicago, .472; Baltimore, .457; St. Louis, .308; Washington, .297.

A west bound passenger train on the Soo line went through a trestle near Barrett, Minn., and six persons were killed and about forty were more or less seriously injured.

A FIRE in the Northern Michigan Lumber Company's factory at Faudrage, Mich., destroyed property valued at \$100,000.

THE story that Hiram W. Sibley and his party had been drowned in Georgian bay turns out to have been false. The story was started by a discharged cook of Mr. Sibley.

In a free fight near Lancaster, Ky., Humphrey Best was shot and killed by John Campbell, who in turn was badly wounded. Two little children were killed by stray bullets.

FOUR children in one family by the name of Wilson were fatally bitten by rattlesnakes near Athens, Ga.

At Mount Airy, N. C., Leonides McKnight, found guilty of burglary in the first degree, was sentenced to be hanged October 31, this being the punishment prescribed by the state code.

FLAMES in Augusta, Ga., among business buildings caused a loss of \$400,000.

AN attempt was made to wreck the New York and Chicago limited on the Pennsylvania road at Enon, Pa., by placing ties across the track. The obstructions were removed by a farmer who was shot twice while performing his self-imposed task.

THE Metropolitan opera house in New York, the finest temple of music in America, was gutted by fire, the loss being \$500,000. Another fire among business buildings caused a loss of \$250,000 and one girl perished in the flames.

DENNIS BLACKWELL (colored) was lynched by a mob at Alamo, Tenn., for assaulting a woman.

THREE men were drowned in the bay at San Francisco as the result of a collision between an incoming ship and an outbound schooner.

THE world's mile swimming record was broken at Philadelphia by Arthur Thomas Kenney, who made the distance in 28 minutes 45 seconds.

AS THE result of a survey of the boundary line the commission will recommend the ceding to Delaware of the famous "Flat Iron," a triangular southward projection of 700 acres of Pennsylvania territory.

ALL the troops have been withdrawn from Buffalo, N. Y., and business has been resumed on all the railways affected by the strike.

MAURICE MILLER and Bob and John Carter were killed in a fight at a dance near Haughton, La.

THE visible supply of grain in the United States on the 26th was: Wheat, 34,950,000 bushels; corn, 7,578,000 bushels; oats, 5,281,000 bushels; rye, 411,000 bushels; barley, 333,000 bushels.

ABOUT a dozen arrests were made at Homestead, Pa., upon the charge of inciting riot during the recent strike.

LOUIS B. McWHIRTER, one of the most prominent lawyers and democratic politicians of Fresno, Cal., was assassinated by unknown men in his door yard.

THEODORE BIRD, of Muncie, Ind., on account of jealousy shot and killed his wife and committed suicide.

SWITCHMEN in the employ of the Queen & Crescent railroad were ambushed in the yards at New Orleans and five men were shot, one fatally, by strikers, whose places they had filled.

THE Tarascon mill in Louisville, built in 1790, the oldest mill in Kentucky, was destroyed by fire.

A session at Kansas City the supreme lodge decided upon Washington city as the place for the next encampment of the Knights of Pythias.

GEORGE FOSS, a chop house cook at Omaha, Neb., killed Laura Day, his mistress, in a quarrel and then took his own life.

THE National Butter and Cheese association have decided to hold their next annual meeting in Dubuque, Ia., February 7 next.

GRANT and Bertha Evans and Maggie Worthington were drowned near Thompsonville, Kan., by the capsizing of a boat.

WHEEL manufacturers west of the Allegheny mountains organized the Western Wheel association at Indianapolis, with Dwight Smith, of Jackson, Mich., president.

THERE is nothing left of the great railroad strike at Buffalo, N. Y. The police have full charge and report everything quiet in the yards.

LARGE numbers of cattle were dying in Greenwood county, Kan., of Spanish fever.

A DOMESTIC scandal at Royal Center, Ind., caused John Clark to shoot Henry Sutters dead and fatally injure John Grant and Chris Weirwahn.

A MAN feeding a thrashing machine near Cato, N. Y., became angered at a boy and threw him into the machine, where he was ground to pieces. The boy's brother killed the murderer with a pitchfork.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

GEN. JOHN BIDWELL, prohibition nominee for president, has issued his letter of acceptance. He declares the liquor traffic to be the cause of about all the evils of the land.

THE following congressional nominations were made: Missouri, Fourth district, D. D. Burnes (dem.); Michigan, Eighth district, H. M. Youmans (dem.); Arkansas, Third district, G. O. Brush (people's); Washington, Thomas Carroll (at large dem.); Illinois, Fifth district, Samuel Alshuler (dem.); Mississippi, Fourth district, Frank Busifitt (people's); Texas, Third district, C. R. Kilgore (dem.); Georgia, Seventh district, John W. Maddox (dem.); Eighth district, Thomas G. Lawson (dem.); Iowa, Ninth district, F. W. Myers (people's); Eleventh district, David Campbell (dem.); Eleventh district, Don Campbell (people's); Eighth district, Thomas L. Maxwell (dem.).

IDaho democrats in state convention at Boise nominated John M. Burke, of Shoshone county, for governor.

JUDGE R. F. GRAVES, of Seattle, was nominated by the prohibitionists of Washington for governor.

NOMINATIONS for congress were made as follows: Arkansas, First district, Hugh Sinsmore (dem.); Third district, J. O. Bush (people's); Illinois, Ninth district, J. D. Hooker (pro.); Fifth district, Henry Wood (pro.); Georgia, Fourth district, Charles L. Moses (dem.); Louisiana, Seventh district, T. J. Guice (people's); Iowa, Ninth district, A. F. Myers (people's); Kentucky, Seventh district, W. C. P. Breckinridge (dem.); Texas, Fourth district, David B. Culbertson (dem.); Alabama, Fourth district, Gaston A. Robins (dem.).

H. J. SNIVELY, of Yakima, was nominated by the democrats of Washington for their candidate for governor.

THE socialist labor party held its national convention in New York city on the 25th. Delegates from New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Connecticut were present, and Simon Wing, of Boston, was nominated for president, and Charles H. Matchett, of Brooklyn, for vice president.

SQUIRE MASSEY BEASLEY, who had married over 5,000 couples during his twenty-one years' service as justice of the peace, died at his home in Aberdeen, O., aged 71 years.

SENATOR HENRY L. DAWES, of Massachusetts, announces that he will not be a candidate for reelection. He was first elected in 1875, and with the expiration of his term next March will have served eighteen years.

THE wedding of Henry B. Freeman and Miss Anna Maria Diamond at Cape May, N. J., brings to an end a courtship extending over twenty-five years.

DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES celebrated his 83d birthday at his home in Beverly Farms, Mass.

THE republicans of the Fifteenth Missouri district have nominated George A. Purdy for congress.

FOREIGN.

ALL the members of the New British ministry have been elected without opposition except Sir William Vernon Harcourt and John Morley.

THE British steamer Anglom, from Calcutta for England, capsized in the Hooghly river and fifteen of the crew were drowned.

EXPERTS from Paris declared that the cholera, which is epidemic at Havre, was not Asiatic and much different from that at Hamburg and Antwerp.

A DISASTROUS flood occurred at Gratz, Austria, destroying many buildings, and many persons were reported drowned.

TWO FATAL cases of Asiatic cholera were reported at the Gravesend hospital near London. The disease had also made its appearance in Berlin and other German cities.

By an explosion in a Welsh colliery 150 miners were caught in the shafts and it was feared that many, perhaps all of them, were killed.

Forty-one of the 150 Welsh miners at the Bridgend colliery were rescued from the pit alive on the 27th, but it was feared nearly all the others were dead.

In view of the virulent epidemic of cholera in Hamburg the Hamburg-American Packet Company decided to suspend entirely its emigrant traffic from that port.

NEARLY 1,000 houses, including the government buildings, were burned in Boosiov, Russia.

THE South Dublin (Ireland) market was burned, the loss being \$600,000.

TWO WOMEN while placing a wreath on the grave of a friend in Brompton cemetery in London were shot and killed by an unknown man who afterwards shot himself dead.

A CABLE announces the death in Jaffna, Ceylon, of Rev. William Ware Howland, for nearly fifty years missionary of the American board of that island. Mr. Howland was born at West Brookfield, Mass., in 1817.

A BANKER of Berlin named Broka and two guides fell over a precipice while ascending Mount Grivola, in Italy, and all three were dashed to death.

THE British bark Newfield, Capt. Scott, was wrecked near Port Campbell, Victoria, and eleven of her crew were drowned.

MULEY HYMAN, the leader of the rebellious Angherites in Africa, won a victory over the sultan's troops, killing many of them and putting the rest to precipitate flight.

SUCH stringent regulations have been imposed by the local government board of England on ship owners that it was expected there would be a stoppage of immigration from ports infected with cholera.

THOMAS WOODLEY, consular agent for the United States in Corfu, Greece, died in that city and was buried there.

REDFERN, ALEXANDER & Co., merchants and bankers of London, Australia and New Zealand, failed with liabilities amounting to \$250,000.

LATER.

THE board of experts appointed some time ago to select the best magazine rifle for United States troops, have reported to the war department. They recommend the Krag-Jorgensen rifle, invented by Capt. Krag, of Norway. It holds five cartridges.

EDWARD HUNTLEY, a Detroit burglar; John Davis, a burglar from Kalamazoo, and "Lige" Ballard, sent from Detroit for six years for assault with attempt to kill, tried to escape from the penitentiary at Jackson, Mich., on the 30th ult. by climbing the prison wall. Huntley and Davis were fatally shot and Ballard was captured.

INJUNCTION papers have been filed with the supreme court of Massachusetts against the "Order of Egis," a seven-year-endowment order, of Lynn. The plaintiff alleges against the officials of the order fraudulent reception of thousands of dollars in influencing legislation, and illegal conversion of the corporation's funds for the use of the officials.

THE Nebraska democratic state convention met at Lincoln on the 30th ult. J. Sterling Morton, of Arbor Lodge, was nominated for governor. He has been a prominent figure in Nebraska politics for many years. He is the founder of "Arbor Day," which was first made a legal holiday in Nebraska and which is now a legal holiday in a majority of the states.

FOR the second time within three years the plant of the Falk, Jung & Borchert Brewing Company at Milwaukee, Wis., is in ruins. Except the office and one small warehouse the whole plant burned to the ground on the 30th ult. The loss is estimated at \$300,000. The insurance companies' loss on the property burned is \$184,000.

ADVICES from Venezuela state that Asiatic cholera has appeared in the larger cities of that country and many of the inhabitants are dying therefrom.

CHICAGO brewers have formed a combination to prevent cutting of prices.

SHOENBERGER'S steel mills at Pittsburgh resumed work on the 30th ult., but owing to the firm not having signed the Amalgamated association's scale the puddlers, roughers, rollers and horseshoe workers to the number of 400 struck after five heats had been cast.

HUGH O'DONNELL, the Homestead leader, was put under bail at Pittsburgh on the 30th ult. to answer to charges of conspiracy and aggravated assault. The information was sworn out by the Carnegie Steel Company.

AN unusually large number of Americans are traveling in Wales this summer.

THE carriage in which Napoleon I. made his famous retreat from Moscow is still well preserved. It belongs to the Wellington estate.

ROBERT GORDON HARDIE, who has been commissioned to paint Secretary Proctor's portrait for the war department, is a Vermont artist and a son-in-law of Senator Cullom, of Illinois.

STOCKINGS made from human hair are worn by Chinese fishermen as the best preventive of wet feet. They are drawn over ordinary cotton stockings, being too rough for putting near the skin.

In order to discover an enemy's movements at night an Italian artillery officer has invented a mechanical candle which, when sent from a cannon, will shed a light equal to 100,000 candles.

THE rubber trust, concerning which there have been so many rumors of late, is to go into effect November 1. It will be an immense concern if the present plans are carried out, as the stock is fixed at \$50,000,000.

THE total cost of the World's fair will, it is now calculated, reach about \$25,000,000, of which amount \$2,500,000 falls upon the national treasury, about \$3,500,000 upon the owners of concessions, and \$18,000,000 upon the corporation.

A BERLIN inventor has invented a regenerative oil lamp, in which the petroleum is burned as a gas without the aid of a wick, being heated in a chamber so as to produce the necessary evaporation. The flame produced is perfectly white and has a high illuminating power.

A MILWAUKEE firm is now completing plans for a monster engine to be used at the World's fair. The machine will be one of the largest ever made, being 68 feet in length and 40 feet broad. The fly wheel will be 30 feet in diameter and 11 feet 4 inches in breadth. The engine will be of nearly 3,000 horse power.

THE swiftness of justice has much to do with deterring criminals. In its tardy administration in this country criminals find their greatest encouragement. The miscreant Ravachol was arrested, indicted, tried, sentenced and executed in France in about the time it takes in this country to procure an indictment.

A FACTORY at Lynn has asked for space at the World's fair to show pneumatic dynamite guns and projectiles; one dynamite field gun to be shown on a wheeled carriage fifteen by six feet over all; one coast defense pneumatic dynamite gun, stationary, mounted on carriage with turntable track, tube eight-inch bore, three feet long.

INVITATIONS have gone from the state department to foreign powers to send war vessels to join the United States navy in Hampton Roads and thence proceed to New York to take part in a great naval review. The peaceful gathering of the navies of the world will be a picturesque scene, will emphasize the existence of international good will, and afford a grand opportunity for a study of naval architecture as well as valuable suggestions to inventive genius.

A NEIGHBOR and contemporary of Sir Walter Scott and James Hogg was John Douglas, of Selkirk, who died recently at the age of ninety-three. He was engaged for several years at the building of Abbotsford, and often conversed with Sir Walter, who, as he said, "had no pride about him." Douglas was well acquainted with the Ettrick Shepherd, and well remembered the election riot at Selkirk, when the sheriff was mobbed. He was a zealous radical in the old days, and took an active part in the chartist movement.

A REMARKABLE character in the west is Capt. Thomas Ryman, the wealthy steamboat owner who controls the navigation of the Cumberland river. Until he was converted a few years ago by Sam Jones, the revivalist, Ryman was one of the most profane men and hardest drinkers to be found among the river men, but he never utters an oath now, says the New York Evening Post, and has abolished the bars on his boats. Quotations from the Scriptures are painted over the cabin doors, and every passenger finds a Bible on his table.

THE Comte de Paris has not yet given up his hope of being seated on the throne of France. In receiving a royalist deputation at Folkestone recently, he said: "I am deeply touched by the sentiments you express. It is one of the numerous evidences of devotion and fidelity that I have been receiving now for some months and that have consoled me in exile. This fidelity of the monarchists to their political faith in the midst of present difficulties is to their honor. It will one day bring their title to the country's confidence."

COL. GEO. A. REYNOLDS, of Utica, N. Y., has invented and the West Shore railroad of New York state, has on trial an automatic gate. The propelling power is electricity, from a six jar, twelve volt battery. Wires run both directions from the crossing 1,500. Instantly an approaching train reaches the point, 1,500 feet from the crossing, the pressure on the rail touches a button, rings a bell at the crossing and at the same time lowers the gates so that the careless driver can not move on the crossing if he wants to. Instantly the train passes these gates are again automatically lifted.

When a burglar prisms open a safe and does not find a prize, it is a disagreeable surprise.

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Every trace of salt rheum is obliterated by Glenn's Sulphur Soap.

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They're put up in glass vials, which keeps them always fresh and reliable, unlike the ordinary pills in wooden or pasteboard boxes.

And they're the cheapest pills you can buy, for they're guaranteed to give satisfaction, or your money is returned. You pay only for the good you get.

Then, after they're taken, instead of disturbing and shocking the system, they act in a mild,