

WASHINGTON.

The coinage of silver at the United States mints for the fiscal year amounted to \$28,000,000. The silver production was about \$35,000,000, \$4,000,000 less than the previous year.

A WASHINGTON dispatch says the collision near Norfolk a short time ago between the tugboat Lenham and the steamer Isaac Bell, by which ten lives were lost, was attributed to the color blindness of the pilot.

GENERAL WALKER, Corpsus Commissioner, sent his report on the South Carolina investigation to the Secretary of the Interior on the 5th. The report contains the summary of the 1880 in that State and sets forth that the enumeration of 1870 was 100,000 short of the actual population.

In consequence of the resignation of ex-Postmaster General Key, against whom proceedings were originally instituted by the lottery companies for detection of their mail matter, the suite will probably be dismissed by the Supreme Court.

For the year ending June 30, 1880, the issues of postage stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards (on which the revenue of the Department mainly depends) aggregated in value \$1,941,919, nine per cent increase over the previous year.

THE NAVY.

A PROVIDENCE, R. I., dispatch on the 5th, stated that, owing to a ten per cent reduction in rates in the market, the W. Sprague Manufacturing Company, at Natick, the operatives struck and the mills were shut down.

The United States Grand Jury at Hackensack, N. J., on the 5th, indicted Charles H. Voorhes, member of Congress, for embezzling money of the Hackensack National Bank.

The New York Historical Society proposes to erect a suitable memorial to Captain Nathan Hale upon the spot where he was hanged by the British, September 22, 1776.

The Chase and Faulkner mills at Lowell, Mass., were burned on the 6th. Loss, \$30,000.

D. P. DEWEES has withdrawn from the canvass as the nominee of the Greenback party for Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

The State Hospital for the Insane at Warren, Pa., was formally opened by Governor Hoyt on the 6th.

The General Triennial Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church opened at New York on the 6th. With the exception of North Carolina, every diocese was represented in the House of Bishops.

At Portville, Pa., on the 6th, Charles Wilber shot his wife and then stabbed himself, dying from his wounds in a few moments. Mrs. Wilber will probably die. The couple had lived in wedlock for several years.

Professor BENJAMIN FRISCH, mathematician and professor at Harvard College, died on the 6th, aged seventy-one.

The steamships Gellert and Canada, which arrived at New York City on the 6th, brought \$367,000 in gold.

A PLOT to release a large number of prisoners from the State prison at Concord, Mass., was frustrated on the 6th. Some of the complete list of names and false keys to nearly every door in one division.

In Bradford, Pa., on the 7th, scaffolding on which several painters were working suddenly gave way and precipitated the men to the earth. One was instantly killed and another probably fatally injured.

It is stated that General Grant will go into the new board of the Western Union Telegraph Company at the next election.

The Oneida Community in New York has dissolved its former organization, and in its place a joint stock company with \$600,000 capital has been formed.

CHARLES F. FRIELMAN, the Pocomsett child-murderer, escaped from the Danvers, Massachusetts, Insane Hospital on the 6th.

The steamship Neckar and Celtic, which arrived at New York City on the 6th, brought \$916,000 in gold.

The epizootic is disappearing from New York City.

WEST AND SOUTH.

By the explosion of gasoline three children of William Clark, of Jacksonville, Fla., were fatally burned on the 5th. His wife is not expected to live.

Work was begun on removing the prop from the arch of the trestle at Gibson, Ill., on the 6th, the arch gave way and an immense weight of brick and mortar fell upon and buried the six men at work inside. Help came and they were taken out all being badly used up. Fred Hummel died half an hour after being taken out, and it was thought Thomas Nelson would die. The others were seriously but not fatally hurt.

The formal inauguration of the enterprise for planting Tom Hughes' Colony at Rugby, E. Tenn., on the line of the Cincinnati Southern Railway, took place on the 5th.

SEVERAL cases of epizootic were reported at Chicago on the 5th.

DURING the year ending October 1, 1,160,887 barrels of salt were manufactured in Michigan.

SPECIALS to the Augusta Chronicle from all sections in Georgia, on the 6th, indicated the election of Colquitt for Governor by forty and fifty thousand. The full Democratic ticket was elected. The Republicans made some gains in the General Assembly.

FULL returns from Delaware give the Democrats in the election on the 5th to Inspectors, 9,829; Republicans, 8,873; Democratic majority, 956. On the vote for Assessors the Democrats received 4,085; Republicans, 3,808; Democratic majority, 277.

Mrs. FRANK CROCKER, the well-known distributor of women's rights meetings, attempted to shoot Mrs. J. B. Smith, her step-mother, at Milwaukee, Wis., on the 6th but succeeded only in shooting off one of her own fingers. She was arrested and placed in jail.

The liquor tax law of Michigan has been declared constitutional by the State Supreme Court.

JAMES M. STEWART, Postmaster of the United States House of Representatives, died in Alexandria, Va., on the 7th.

THOMAS FORBES, who fatally stabbed Michael Corbett for charging him from the employment of the Galveston and San Antonio Reef, Utah, was taken from the jail on the night of the 6th by masked men and hanged.

COLQUITT'S (Dem.) majority in Georgia over Newcomb (Rep.) will be over 50,000. The regular Democratic nominees for State officers are elected by 70,000.

The mail coach was stopped near Lake City, Col., on the night of the 7th, by two masked men, who took the mail, except the registered pouch. There were two passengers aboard, but neither they nor the express matter were molested.

ROBERT MAGILL, of Charlottesville, W. Va., tried to poison his wife, his three children and his step-father at his home in that city on the 6th. He was arrested.

NEAR NEW CANTON, Ill., on the 7th, a young man named Baker, who lived with a family named Baker, consisting of father, mother and two daughters, the elder fifteen years old, during the absence of Mr. Baker insisted that the daughter should promise to marry him. She refused and threatened. She drew a revolver, shot the mother and the girl. He then placed the muzzle to his own temple and fired. Each shot was instantly fatal. The youngest daughter witnessed the whole tragedy and gave the above facts to the Coroner's jury.

GEORGE LOWRY and David Thomas were hanged by the citizens of Nelson County, Va., on the 5th, for having grossly assaulted and robbed a widow named Measta.

The false work of the new bridge at Chippewa Falls, Wis., was broken on the 5th by a heavy timber falling. Six men were thrown into the river. One man died from his injuries. The others were rescued without serious injury.

A DISPATCH from Del Norte, Col., on the 5th, stated that a Lieutenant of the Fourth Cavalry, who passed through there, reported that the man who shot an Indian a few days before had been found dead at the scene of the execution. The soldiers and the citizens threatened vengeance.

B. F. OWEN, Justice of the Peace at Concordia, Miss., and J. W. Glover, a farmer, had a difficulty on the 7th, when both drew pistols and commenced firing. Owen fell dead. Glover ran a short distance when he fell. He died after lingering slight hours.

A PARIS paper announced on the 5th that the international syndicate had signed documents relative to carrying out the Panama Canal scheme.

The Captain and crew of the schooner Esperanza were killed by the natives of Solomon Islands last month. The schooner had anchored in one of the harbors of the island for trading purposes.

A DISPATCH from Cape Town, South Africa, says the area of disturbance is increasing.

A ROME dispatch says the Holy See has formally threatened to recall the Papal Nuncio from Paris if the decrease are enforced.

THIRTY-FIVE houses were burned in the town of Aix, France, on the 6th.

A DISPATCH from Athens, Greece, says the Government has made all disposition to summon 30,000 men of the reserves.

A CLEVELAND dispatch says that Montenegro's financial difficulties require the immediate settlement of the Duligno question.

WILLIAM LASSELL, the English astronomer, is dead.

A VIENNA dispatch, on the 7th, stated that all the inhabitants around Scatari, Albania, had been summoned to arms.

A VIENNA dispatch says the British and Russian Cabinets have given their opinion on the Turkish note that it is altogether unfit for a basis of further negotiations.

A CANDAHAR dispatch says that after considering the report of General Roberts, the Indian Government has recalled General Primrose, and it is believed that he will be summoned to defend his conduct in connection with Burrows' revolt by Ayob Khan.

The English Government has ordered the barracks at Athlone, Carlow, Sligo and other places in the west of Ireland, to be prepared for the full complement of troops they are capable of accommodating.

The Mexican House of Representatives, on the 29th of September, by a large majority vote, passed a resolution declaring General Gomez President of the Republic.

KURDISH bands from the Turkish side of the frontier have pillaged several districts in Persia.

MESSES. BEHM, of Gotha, and Wagner, of Göttingen, who every two years publish authoritative information on the population of the earth, have just issued the sixth issue of their work, which gives the aggregate population of the world as follows: Europe, 319,948,000; Asia, 384,770,000; Africa, 205,670,000; America, 102,420,000; Australasia and Polynesia, 45,000,000; Polar Regions, 82,000; total, 1,453,928,000. The vast density of the population of Asia is shown by the fact that it exceeds the population of the rest of the globe by 248,400,000, according to these figures.

The Dublin Gazette, on the 8th, contained a proclamation declaring Galway and Mayo a state of disturbance requiring additional police.

A BELMUS dispatch says Germany will refuse to give any assistance to coercing measures against Turkey, unless all the powers participate in them.

A PARIS correspondent reported on the 5th that there were reasons to believe that France will seize several ports of the Aegean Sea to cut supplies and money from Asia and the islands to Constantinople.

A TERRIBLE accident occurred at Pittsburg on the night of the 9th on the Pennsylvania Railway caused by the collision of an accommodation train with a special train. Both trains were filled with passengers, especially the accommodation, which contained several mailbags. The collision was a terrible one. Twenty-one persons were killed, and twenty dangerously and four slightly injured. The passengers state that the baggage, whose name is Peard, did not stir the incoming train. The matter will be thoroughly investigated.

The ceremony of laying the corner stone of the obelisk at Central Park, New York City, took place on the 9th.

The report that Freeman, the Pocomsett child-murderer, had escaped from the Insane Hospital at Danvers, Mass., is incorrect.

The Massachusetts Prohibitory State Committee has decided that the party should present to the people complete Congressional and Electoral tickets.

On the night of the 9th John Mulholland, aged sixteen, while driving a nearly new couple at the home of S. Burkey, Monroe, Wis., was shot by Burkey, dying in a short time. Burkey was arrested.

CITIZENS of St. Louis are importuning Secretary Schurz for a new census of that city.

ABOUT eleven hundred heads of cattle were burned to death in the cattle sheds at Miller's distillery in Sterling, Ill., on the 9th. The water was full of rotting carcasses, and in process of fermentation. Soundings were obtained in from five to twenty-nine fathoms from the bottom of the bottom were brought on board. The volcano bears north forty-four degrees west, distant three miles from the shore. At least three miles of the island. At least three miles were not touched by the volcano. The report of Commander Huntington has been referred to Captain Kebleton in charge of the hydrographic section of the Bureau of Navigation, and the change will be made on the charts.

TAMBOHO, N. C., has a colored woman who was raised as a boy; does not recollect when she began to wear male clothing; still dresses and acts like a man; does a day's work and earns money; her name is Sam; has an aversion to being with women or doing their kind of work, and says she would go to the penitentiary before she would wear a bonnet. She is a mother but not at all motherly, and her child calls her papa.

The latest people die between the hours of ten and three p. m., and most deaths occur between three and six o'clock a. m.

Whom to go when short of money—Go to work.

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

The October Evening Stars. THREE brilliant planets shone in the October evening sky. Jupiter heads the list, for he crossed the meridian at sunset and set to the sun, on the 23d of September. He is now in his opposition, or nearest point to the earth, on the 7th of October. He is now forty-six million miles from the earth, and his apparent diameter is nearly double that of the sun when at the most distant point from each. Nearly twelve years must pass before he will again be so near to our planet for observation. Therefore, every lover of the stars should watch the movements of this superb planet as he comes darting above the eastern horizon as soon as the twilight fades, bearing a young moon's halo, and setting in the west. He now reaches the meridian about midnight and sinks in the west as the sun rises in the east, being visible throughout the night. He is now in his greatest brilliancy, and his telescopic appearance is beautiful beyond expression. The rapidly spent marks the common opinion of his surface, and his spots are rapidly in radiant hues of purple, pink and blue which far outshine terrestrial tints. This planet now rises about six o'clock, but at the end of the month his rising is later.

Saturn is next in interest, following closely in the footsteps of Jupiter, a few degrees to the northwest of his rival, and rising a half-hour later. He is now in his greatest brilliancy, which he does not reach till 1884, and as his perihelion occurs at intervals of about thirty years, few observers see him more than once in his greatest brilliancy during a lifetime. Saturn reaches his opposition on the 11th of October, and is then at his nearest point to the earth, being in a line with the earth and the sun, and his center is directly in front of the sun. He is not nearly so brilliant as Jupiter, but he is not nearly so distant. He is now in his greatest brilliancy, and his spots are rapidly in radiant hues of purple, pink and blue which far outshine terrestrial tints. This planet now rises about six o'clock, but at the end of the month his rising is later.

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The Turkish Question.

This is not merely the apparently insignificant one whether the town of Delmonico shall be ceded to Montenegro, whether the Cretan boundary shall be moved a few miles to the north, whether, even, Eastern Roumelia shall be permitted to follow her natural instincts and unite with Bulgaria in a Bulgarian State; it is whether the power of the Caliph shall be renewed, the whole Mohammedan world united under one head, all the fierce fanaticisms of the sixth and seventh centuries revived in Eastern Europe, Asia Minor, and perhaps India and Africa.

The Caliph is the successor of Mohammed—the word means Vicar, or successor—and he thus stands in the same relation to the Mohammedan religion that the Pope does to Roman Catholic Christianity. In Mohammedan theories he is regarded with quite as much authority, regarded with quite as great reverence, and obeyed with quite as unquestioning zeal. But the Mohammedan world has been rent by contests between rival caliphs as the Western world by conflicts between rival popes. The Sultan of Turkey has long claimed to be the Caliph; and this claim, gradually fallen into abeyance, the present Sultan is endeavoring to re-establish. He is fighting not for a strip of Grecian territory, but for a grand papal authority over Asia, India, Africa. For the Sultan has the civil title of Caliph, and the Mohammedans of the rest of the world would not draw a sword nor march a mile; for the authority of the Caliph as the Mohammedan Pope they are ready to battle and, if need be, die. And the Caliph, the Mohammedan Pope, the pagan Jesuits of Turkey, are ready to stimulate their fanaticism and to direct it whenever opportunity shall offer any prospect of success.

Three years ago the present Sultan was put on his throne by a clique of ministers who expected to use him as their tool. He had been educated among the Clemas, and possesses all the fanaticism, all the narrowness and all the bigotry, without the courage, all the ferocity of the Mohammedan hierarchy, and without the political shrewdness, the power and authority of the Caliph; that if this could be reasserted and re-established, he would only give him absolute authority in his own Empire, but throughout the Mohammedan world. Within eighteen months he had concentrated the whole power of the Turkish Government in his own hands; the tool was the master; and within eighteen months he had accomplished all that he had set himself to do. He had been directed regarding the larger authority of Caliph, with its consequent supremacy over Asia Minor, Central Asia, India and Africa. Hence the announcement of the Grand Council of Clemas that the Sultan reigns as Caliph; that he is the Caliph, the Mohammedan Emperor, and around Constantinople, so far with absolute impunity; hence the occasional threats of a "religious war" with which Turkey kept the Beaconsfield Administration in fear for India.

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