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A FUR buyer of Lewiston says that on an average five hundred bears are killed yearly in Maine.

A WATERVILLE (Me.) gardener employs a new way to raise squashes. He wets the young plants down three times a week with skim milk.

A NEW YORK company has been organized whose business will be lending umbrellas. A short reign, in such a case, will contribute the most success.

MISS ANNA WILLIAMS, the girl whose classic profile is reproduced on the silver dollar, is still a Philadelphia teacher, as she was when her features attracted the attention of the mint engraver.

THE proportion of insane to sane persons in the United States is one in every 262; in Scotland it is one in every 574; in the agricultural districts of England it is one in 820; in London the proportion is one in 403.

A MAN in San Francisco has a peculiar mania for opening and closing doors, and will stand for hours at a time at one of the entrances to the post office opening and closing the doors for the accommodation of the pedestrians.

MISS HELEN GLADSTONE, the "Grand Old Man's" favorite daughter, resembles her father in looks and possesses a great part of his extraordinary vitality. She can tell a story that will set a dinner-table in a roar, and is quite original in her dress.

IT'S all very well to promenade the deck of an Atlantic racer and bet she'll scale down to the Majestic's time, but the boys that saw the wood and get no fame out of it are the stokers. It is not always the major general that wins the battle; it's the grimy, stalwart unknowns that serve the guns.

VOTING day in Japan presents some curious sights. The voters have to don their best garments and proceed to the voting counter, there to ballot without any parleying as soon after eight o'clock as possible. After casting ballots they make a bow to the assemblage present, in which their heads nearly strike the floor, and retire as silently as they came.

THE proportions of the human figure are six times the length of the right foot; the face, from the highest point of the forehead, where the hair begins, to the end of the chin, is one-tenth of the whole stature; the hand, from wrist to the end of the middle finger, is also one-tenth of the total height; from the crown to the nape of the neck, is one-twelfth of the stature.

MRS. CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW is a handsome woman, with very dark and expressive eyes, brown hair and a complexion of more than common clearness and brilliancy. Her nature is essentially social, and she is fitted, by reason of her polished manners, keen wit and many graceful accomplishments to assume a leading social position. She is devoted to charitable enterprises of all kinds.

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER never forgets a name or a face. A New York paper says that he has in his offices, both in Boston and that city, an alphabetical list containing the name of every person with whom he has had any business dealings. The names of all persons who call upon him at his office are entered, together with such information as he may from time to time obtain in regard to them.

FOR the successful treatment of his wife in a dangerous surgical operation, performed by Dr. Michelsen, of Wiesbaden, Herr von Donner, a merchant of Hamburg, has placed at the disposal of the authorities in Hamburg, as a thank offering, the sum of two millon marks. The money is to be expended in the erection of a hospital in Hamburg, in which Dr. Michelsen is to be installed as chief physician.

THE British house of commons is becoming sensible and more inclined to transact its business at proper hours. Every year the tendency is for shorter sittings. A few years ago it sat till two or three o'clock in the morning, and often after the morning papers had gone to press. Now it is impatient at being called upon to sit until one o'clock in the morning on only two days in the week. Midnight is the time when the last trains go homeward, and the members do not like to be detained.

THE important question of the admission to the world's fair in '93 is practically settled. Fifty cents will be demanded of every one entering the gates, but, the money once paid, the visitor will be entitled to see everything on the grounds. There will be no side shows. To encourage people who bring exhibits from a great distance and at a great expense licenses will be granted for the selling of goods. It will be possible to buy an ivory-back scratcher from a Chinaman, or a carved scarabaeus from an Egyptian princess, but it will cost nothing extra to see any of the exhibits.

IT is said that Italy, having got over her huff, would like to get back into the diplomatic circle at Washington, but the rupture over the New Orleans tragedy must be amicably settled before Italy can return a minister to this government. We must show some disposition to grant an indemnity in order that Italy may kiss and make up without loss of dignity. Contrary to the custom in our official life a vacancy in the diplomatic corps is not filled by promotion. The Marquis Imperiali cannot become minister, because he is a secretary only. At present Baron Fava is taking things quietly in Rome.

MRS. C. R. KNOWLTON, a professional nurse in Boston, says it's two years now since the grip was in Boston, and it has passed away. Most people have forgotten about it, and few think it did very much damage. True, it didn't kill so many people as a great epidemic might have done. But the grip did a great deal that everybody doesn't know about. It ain't at all extravagant to say that the grip left behind it when it got out of Boston hundreds of invalids who will remain invalids for life. For the next few years the doctors will have on their hands all manner of maladies superinduced by the grip.

MANY of the old veterans attended their last reunion at the Detroit meeting. The mortality of the past year was more than 60 per cent. greater than during any former year, and will in the nature of things increase the coming year.

Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

FROM WASHINGTON.

THE annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence union of America convened in Washington on the 5th.

THE business failures in the United States during the seven days ended on the 7th numbered 231, against 247 the preceding week and 208 for the corresponding week last year.

SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES TREASURY FOSTER was advised that an attempt was to be made during the present month to rob the treasury by an organized band of men.

THE commissioner of pensions issued 156,482 original certificates last year, which was more than twice as many as were ever issued in one year before. There were still 929,486 claims on file.

AT the age of 106 years John Duckett (colored) died in Washington.

A BULLETIN from the census office shows the total number of communicants of the Catholic church in the United States to be 6,250,045. The church owns property valued at $118,381,516.

THE exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 8th aggregated $1,000,245,267, against $923,938,156 the previous week. As compared with the corresponding week of 1890 the decrease amounted to .01.

THE EAST.

THE steamer Majestic of the White Star line which reached New York made the trip across the Atlantic in five days, eighteen hours and eight minutes, the fastest time on record.

JOHN HUMPHREY died in an electric car at Atlantic City, N. J., William Anderson dropped dead at the breakfast table in Passaic, N. J., and George McAllister died in a bath house at Cape May, N. J.

JOHN and Isabella Beecher Hooker celebrated their golden wedding at Hartford, Conn.

NEAR Harrisburg, Pa., a cloudburst inundated factories and flooded the surrounding country, doing great damage.

THE mail train on the Ogdensburg & Lake Champlain railroad collided with a returning Sunday-school excursion train at Champlain station, N. Y., killing five persons and fatally injuring ten or fifteen.

A PASSENGER train on the West Shore railroad ran into some freight cars that had become detached from the train ahead near Port Byron, N. Y., killing the fireman and ten Italian passengers and injuring a score of others some of whom would die.

THE death of Ex-Gov. Samuel R. Axtell occurred at Morristown, N. J., aged 72 years.

J. F. ROCHE, of Boston, was elected national commander of the Regular Army and Navy union at their annual meeting held at Boston.

AT the annual convention of the Beta Theta Phi fraternity at Lake Chautauqua, Prof. J. C. Gordon, of Washington, was chosen president.

JAMES THOMPKINSON, a colored man, was hanged at Dover, Del., for assaulting a child of 8 years.

THE American Dental association in session at Saratoga, N. Y., elected Dr. W. W. Walker, of New York, president.

THEODORE DENNIS, of Massachusetts, was elected president of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

IT was announced that Calvin Page, of Boston, had recovered his two daughters who were stolen from him in Dakota twelve years ago by Indians.

SIX persons were drowned in the harbor at Boston by the upsetting of a yacht. The drowned were John Burke and two children, Thadue Manthorn and Annie and Thomas Carmody.

WEST AND SOUTH.

CAPT. JOHN PALMER, of Albany, N. Y., was elected commander in chief at the third and last day's session of the Grand Army of the Republic at Detroit. The proposition to institute separate camps for colored veterans was defeated.

FATHER QUAY, a Catholic priest of Snohomish, Wash., was tarred and feathered by a mob. He was accused of immoral practices.

LIBERTY SNOOKS, a farmer living near Humeston, Ia., was shot and killed by Dick Gwinn, as the result of a family quarrel.

THE death of William Green, aged 112 years and 9 months, occurred at Joliet, Ill. Deceased was born in Ireland and up to the last retained his mind. He had been blind several years.

THE encampment at Detroit completed its labors on the 7th after installing all the newly-elected officers.

HON. T. S. HANCOCK died at his home near Lynchburg, Va., aged 75 years. For a number of years prior to the war he was a member of congress. He was also a member of the confederate congress and speaker of the house.

A TERRIFIC hailstorm passed Crookston, Minn., laying waste and destroying grain from Marin to Hixon, a strip 5 miles wide by 14 in length. Everything was destroyed and there would be no harvesting in that belt of country this season.

INDIANS brought the report to Yuma, Cal., that the earthquake of July 30 materially changed the course of the Colorado river.

ELLA WILLIAMS, William Williams, Willis Lowe and Eliza Lowe, four colored persons, were shot to death by a mob in Henry county, Ala., for burning a house, and their bodies were thrown in the river.

WHILE shooting his brother, who was crazy and who had attacked him with a knife, a planter named Huff, of Willis, I. T., shot and killed his own wife. The crazy man was killed with three bullets from a Winchester rifle.

LOUIS BULLING, the wife murderer, was sentenced to death at Savannah, Mo., for the third time, September 4 being the date fixed.

AN express train on the Fort Wayne railroad ran into an open switch near East Palatine, O., killing the engineer and fireman. The passengers all escaped uninjured.

THE United States Chess association's championship prize was won by J. W. Showalter, of Lexington, Ky.

A TRAIN struck a buggy at Seneca, Neb., killing A. H. Burnett and Miss Frances Fuller. Two women and two children were seriously hurt.

AFTER twenty-five years of litigation the California supreme court decided that the Sanpablo ranch of 18,000 acres must be divided among several hundred owners.

A PASSENGER train on the Denver & Rio Grande railway near Debeque, Col., was swept from the track and nearly buried by a landslide. No one was hurt.

FRED LEWICH, editor of the Western Poultry Journal, was drowned at Cedar Rapids, Ia., while bathing in the Cedar river.

MRS. S. A. SANDERS, of Delaware, Ill., was elected national president of the Woman's Relief Corps at the Detroit convention.

A SANTA FE railway train struck a buggy near Leavenworth, Kan., killing Mrs. Ionsdale and mortally wounding Miss Powers and Ray Powers.

THE percentages of the baseball clubs in the National league for the week ended on the 8th were: Chicago, .595; New York, .583; Boston, .569; Philadelphia, .565; Brooklyn, .488; Cleveland, .466; Pittsburgh, .402; Cincinnati, .403. The percentages in clubs of the American association were: Boston, .617; St. Louis, .613; Baltimore, .584; Athletic, .516; Columbus, .489; Cincinnati, .451; Washington, .540; Louisville, .316.

ALBERT BARTH and his sister Emma, and Martha Kindling and Belle Siegler were drowned through the capsizing of a sailboat on Pewaukee lake. All the young people were residents of Milwaukee.

JOHN HOUK (rep.) was elected to congress in the Second district of Tennessee to succeed his father, L. C. Houk, deceased.

IN Iowa a tornado unroofed many houses and outbuildings at Humeston, Corydon, Centerville, Bloomfield and Ottumwa. In the surrounding country crops were badly damaged.

IN the bay at West Bay City, Mich., three boys were drowned by the capsizing of a boat.

A BURGLAR entered the bank at Columbus Grove, O., shot Cashier Maple and escaped with $1,300. Mr. Van Debark, who went to the bank about the same time, was killed, and another man met on the street was wounded. The robber escaped.

HEZEKIAH ARP shot and killed two brothers in Fannin county, Ga., in a quarrel over a money claim.

A TORNADO at Ashland and Washburn, Wis., blew down several houses and scores of buildings were unroofed. Twenty vessels, mostly small yachts, were driven ashore. At Washburn Williams' circus tent was blown down and two children were killed and about fifty other persons were injured.

THE failure was reported of the Masonic savings bank of Louisville, Ky., for $1,000,000.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

THE English parliament was prorogued to October 24. Queen Victoria in her speech congratulates the country upon its prosperity and says measures taken have resulted in marked abatement of agrarian offenses in Ireland and a considerable advance in prosperity.

RECENT rains in the grain-producing state of Vera Cruz, Mex., have damaged the crops to such an extent that it was said that not one-fourth of a crop would be harvested.

A THOUSAND families were rendered homeless and there was much sickness and fever among them caused by the overflow of the river Yarra at Melbourne, Australia. The damage caused by the flood amounted to $2,000,000.

A MEMBER of the British parliament gave notice that at the next session of that body he would introduce a resolution favoring a treaty of arbitration with this country.

IT was said that Charles S. Parnell, the Irish leader, had decided to visit the United States late in the fall and conduct a campaign throughout the entire country.

ANOTHER woman was murdered in the Whitechapel district of London. She is believed to be a victim of "Jack the Ripper."

ON account of the scarcity of corn the government of Russia has decided to prohibit its export.

PRESIDENT BALMACEDA, of Chili, and the leaders of the Chilian insurgents were said to have appealed to the Spanish government to act as arbitrator and end the war.

IN Moscow the influenza has again made its appearance and the reports showed that on the average 500 persons were daily prostrated by the disease.

ED HANLAN and William O'Connor defeated Jake Gaudaur and William McKay in a double scull 3-mile race at Hamilton, Ont., for the world's championship. Time, 18 minutes 26 seconds.

LATER.

THREE Italian laborers were killed outright and thirteen were injured by a collision on the shore Line railway, near New Haven Conn., on the 10th.

THE officials who are to establish a complete system of telegraphs for the German government on the East African coast started for Zanzibar on the 10th.

TWO BURGLARS forced an entrance to Todd's jewelry store in New Richmond, Wis., on the 10th. They secured a large quantity of silverware, and were making off when Officer Waltenburger told them to halt. They opened fire on him, one shot taking effect in his arm, and made good their escape.

A SPECIAL from Washington says the president will go to West Virginia in the autumn as the guest of Hon. Stephen Elkins at the club-house on Cheat mountain, near Beverly. Secretary Blaine has been invited to join the party which will spend the time deer hunting.

STEPHEN A. RYAN, the Atlanta (Ga.) dry goods merchant who failed for half a million dollars, and who was sent to jail by Judge Gober, and is now out on bond pending a hearing before the supreme court, has offered thirty cents on the dollar to all his creditors.

THE president, on the 10th, appointed R. C. Shannon minister to Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Salvador. Mr. Shannon was formerly secretary of the American legation in Brazil. He is a native of Maine and a thorough Spanish scholar.

THE London police report that the injuries to Leonora Marie, the young woman found shot in a railway carriage near Bedford, were self-inflicted, and that her story that a man shot her from the outside of the coach is unfounded.

HON. FRED DOUGLASS, minister to Hayti for the United States, has tendered his resignation to the department of state.

MRS. LELIA ROBINSON SAWTELLE, an authoress and a member of the Massachusetts bar, died at Amherst, N. H., on the 10th, from an overdose of medicine taken inadventently.

PRINCE BISMARCK has informed Herr Lutz, a member of the reichstag, that, in his opinion, to reduce the corn duty would be a disaster to the country.

A TREASURY draft for $637.35, the salary for April, May, June and July of Mrs. Susan Gale Cooke, as secretary to the board of lady managers of the World's fair was, on the 10th, forwarded to Mrs. Cooke at Chicago.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

The School-Book Question.

State Superintendent of Schools Wolfe gives out the following, which just at this time, when the school text-book question is on, is of interest to the people in all sections of the state:

In response to numerous inquiries I give the following opinions of the attorney-general for publication: Inquiries are coming from all parts of the state as to when the commission will conclude a contract, and whether this contract will be made in time for the schools to use the books contracted for the coming fall and winter. Of course, it is impossible for the state superintendent to answer the last question. The authors of many of these letters have the erroneous impression that the law intrusts the appointment of local book-dealers to the state superintendent or to the commission. As it will be impossible for this department (with its present clerical force) to answer all these letters, I respectfully refer those seeking information to the text-book law itself. Ten thousand copies of this law in pamphlet form have been sent to the teachers and sent to the directors of the state. This gives four copies to each school district.

"JEFFERSON CITY, MO., AUG. 5.

Hon. L. E. Wolfe, Superintendent of Public Schools:

DEAR SIR—In answer to the questions submitted by you, to-wit: '(1) After what date may the text-books to be adopted by the Missouri school-book commission be used in the public schools of the state? (2) After what date must the text-books to be adopted by the Missouri school-book commission be used in the public schools of the state? I beg to reply as follows: Section 5 of the act establishing a uniform course of text-books to be used in all of the public schools within this state, and to reduce the price thereof, approved April 4, 1891, is as follows: 'If any of said bids be satisfactory to the commission, then it shall proceed to select the cheapest and best course of text-books so offered as follows, to-wit: Chart, reading, spelling, English, grammar, arithmetic, geography, history, civil government, physiology and penmanship. Provided always, that all of said books selected shall be printed in the English language.' By section 11 of the same act it is further provided that 'from and after the 1st day of September, 1891, no text-book upon the subjects named in section 5 of this act, except those contracted for by said commission, shall be used or taught in any public school within this state: Provided, that this act shall not apply to any city or district which now contains or may hereafter contain more than 100,000 inhabitants.'

"From these provisions I understand that the school text-books contracted for by the commission may be used in the public schools during the school year, and that they must be used to the exclusion of all others on the subjects mentioned in section 5, after September 1, 1892. In order to enforce this latter requirement, it is provided by section 12 of said act, that 'Any school director or board of school directors of any school district within this state who shall sanction or permit any other text-book or books in the same branches of the same grade as those hereinabove provided for to be used in any public school of such district, after the date hereinbefore specified in section 11, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than $5 nor more than $25 for each offence.' Very respectfully,

"JOHN M. WOOD, Attorney-General."

Caused by an Embezzling Employe.

Daniel W. Haydock (don't get this confounded with the Haydock Carriage Co.) a St. Louis carriage manufacturer, has made an assignment. Mr. Haydock says his failure was caused solely by an embezzling employe, a foreman. The company employed a large lot of blacksmiths, and Mr. McKenna, the foreman, had the employing and paying of the men. He would have several fictitious names on the pay-roll, receive and pocket the money, the firm all the time believing they were paying for work. Mr. Haydock said in an interview: "The amount of McKenna's embezzlements in hard cash foot up $35,000, and represented the profits and a part of the capital in the business," said Mr. Haydock. "Trade is dull, but it always is at this season of the year, and if I had not been robbed I could have pulled through with ease and had money in the bank. But it is all gone, and 200 employes, who are thrown out of employment, together with myself and family, are really victims of pool alley, as that is where McKenna squandered the money he stole from me, $35,000 in nine years."

Chaldean Priests from Mesopotamia.

Three unique characters arrived in Kansas City the other day. They are Father Gregorius, Father Elias and Father Elijah, Chaldean priests from Mesopotamia, traveling through the country collecting money for schools under their charge in their native districts. They wear long black surplices, reaching to their feet; over these overcoats of unusual length, and hats and shoes of modern style. Their hair and beards, worn long, are grizzled and unkempt. They smoke cigarettes and talk bad English. They sought Bishop Hogan's residence, but found only Father Glennon there. At noon they went down-town, entered a restaurant and seated themselves at a table without removing their hats. The proprietors objected, and they left the place.

Clubbed to Death.

Ike Sevier, a Joplin miner, became engaged in a quarrel with a circus roustabout after a performance given by the Forepaugh show, and was struck over the head with a club. He was apparently little hurt, but the next morning he died, and an examination disclosed that his skull had been fractured. The roustabout has not been arrested, and his name is not known.

Fell Sixty-Five Feet.

John McMillan, a millwright, was at work on the top of a wheat bin in the Merchants' elevator, in St. Louis, when he missed his footing and fell from the top to the bottom, a distance of sixty-five feet. Almost every bone in his body was broken and he died instantly. McMillan was 59 years of age and married, and leaves a widow and children.

Ore Thief Shot.

Chas. Feazell, an ore thief, was shot at Joplin the other night while engaged in his rascally business. An organized ore-stealing gang exists at Joplin.

Shot His Neighbor.

David Snorgrass fatally shot a neighbor named Jennings, in Pettis county. There had been bad feeling between the men for some time.

Missouri World's Fair Commission.

The Missouri World's fair commissioners met at Jefferson City a few days ago and organized. The commission will soon visit Chicago.

Emancipation-Day Picnic.

The colored people of Sedalia and vicinity held a monster Emancipation-Day picnic on the 4th. Several good addresses were made.

Stole His Teeth.

Wm. H. Stungwark, of St. Louis, reports to the police that somebody stole his false teeth. He was "gumming" it at last accounts.

Arrested at the Altar.

Alexander Long was married in St. Louis and arrested at the altar for perjury. He swore too freely in an Illinois court.

SWEPT BY A TWISTER.

The Borders of Chequemagon Bay at Ashland, Wis., Visited by a Cyclone—Many Buildings at that Place and Vicinity Wrecked and Much Vessel Property Damaged. Entailing Heavy Loss—Two Persons Killed and Many Injured.

ASHLAND, Wis., Aug. 9.—A terrible cyclone struck this place at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, demolishing buildings and tearing things up in general. A heavy rain accompanied it, flooding the streets for hours after.

At Washburn, across the bay from Ashland, the tornado's force was more furious. Business blocks were seriously damaged and seven people in one building were slightly injured. Prof. Williams' circus was giving a performance; the tents were torn to shreds and scores of people were injured, but fortunately only two were killed, George Debell and Louis Wilson. The animals escaped from their cages and are still running wild in the streets.

About 60,000 bushels of grain is damaged in the Chicago, St. Paul, Minnesota & Omaha elevator. Several pleasure yachts were caught on Chequemagon bay, and have not been heard from as yet.

The roof was stripped from the Fifield block. The Swedish Baptist church was lifted four feet from its foundations and turned around and numerous small buildings were twisted about.

Out on the bay half a dozen little yachts were moored. They all broke away from their fastenings and were wrecked upon the shore. Among them is the handsome little Sheeny, which won the race a week ago. The total damage amounts to $10,000.

The worst effects of the storm were experienced at Washburn, on the opposite side of the bay. The post office building, a frame structure on Main street, in which were half a dozen persons, collapsed, and caught the inmates in what seemed to be a death trap, but by a fortunate lodgment of timbers they all escaped without injury, except two women, one of whom suffered a broken leg and the other a contusion of the head.

Half a dozen other buildings are badly wrecked. The roof of the Omaha elevator was lifted up and dashed into the bay, exposing the stock of wheat to the rain. Derricks and hoisting engines at the coal docks were blown over and ruined, and many thousands of feet of lumber piled in the yards of the Bigelow mills were blown into the water. Several sail-boats are reported lost on Chequemagon bay, but reports are not very full, and until the extent of the storm is known the damage to marine interests can not be computed. The loss at Washburn is probably $50,000.

A SAD TRAGEDY.

A Son Shoots and Kills His Father who was Making a Vicious Assault Upon the Divorced Wife of the Latter at Their Home in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 10.—George F. Nieman, a shoemaker at 186 Everett street, was shot and instantly killed yesterday by his son Charles F. Nieman, aged 20 years, at their home, 18 Gorman street. The shooting resulted from a family quarrel which has been in progress for several years. About ten years ago Mrs. Nieman procured a divorce from her husband for cruelty, but he was allowed to retain a room in the house, which belongs to the wife. The quarrelling among the members of the family and the old man has been frequent, owing to his violent temper. Yesterday he began to annoy his ex-wife and the two daughters, Anna and Emma. The son was asleep upstairs, and, hearing the noise came out and saw his father with a pair of tongs in hand upraised as if to strike his mother, who is a cripple. He rushed back and got a revolver. Just then the old man made a notion as if to strike his mother, when he leveled his revolver at his father and fired, the bullet passing through his right lung, and heart, causing death instantaneously.

The young man surrendered himself to the police and was locked up at the Olive-street station. He is assistant secretary of the Cincinnati Insurance Co.

POSTAL CONVENTION.

Every Civilized Government in the World Except Two Represented in the Recent Postal Convention at Vienna—Australia Will Join the Postal Union.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Capt. Brooks, superintendent of foreign mails, has just returned from Vienna, where he was in attendance as a delegate to the international postal convention. There were, he says, delegates present from every civilized country in the world, except the Transvaal and Natal. Capt. Brooks believes that by the time the next convention, which meets in 1897, is held, every civilized country on the globe will be in the union. The principal event of the Vienna union was the admission of the Australian countries. They agreed to come in on October 1 of this year, provided the international postal rates are not reduced. They claim that they could not stand a reduction. The present rate between this country and Australia is twelve cents, and from that country to this is sixpence a half ounce. Under the union the rate may be anywhere from five to ten cents a half ounce. This country will at once reduce the rate to five cents. Australia may keep its rate at ten cents, but it is likely it will reduce it at once to five cents. Washington was made the next place of meeting.

Ned Hanlan Again a World's Champion Sculler.

HAMILTON, Ont., Aug. 9.—Fully 15,000 people witnessed the double scull race here yesterday afternoon for the world's championship between Ed Hanlan and Wm. O'Connor in one boat and Jake Gaudaur and Wm. McKay in the other. The 1½-mile stake was reached by Hanlan and O'Connor in 8 minutes and 3 seconds. On the home stretch the leaders did not exert themselves. They finally won a comparatively easy victory by six lengths in 18:26. Gaudaur and McKay's time was not officially taken.

Burned to the Water's Edge.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 9.—Word reaches this city that the steamer Glendevon, belonging to Gauthier & Co., an American fish company, and plying on Lake Winnipeg, was burned to the water's edge Thursday morning. The cook, Charles Matthews, of Barrie, Ont., was burned to death, and others of the crew had a most narrow escape. Matthews ran forward to procure his clothes, and was consumed in the attempt. The boat was anchored at the mouth of the Little Saskatchewan, 300 miles from here. The steamer was a side-wheeler and valued at $10,000.

ST. LOUIS FESTIVITIES.

The Fall Festival Season in the "Future Great" to be the Grandest Ever Given—The Veiled Prophet and the Great Illumination.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 11.—On the evening of Wednesday, September 2, the tenth season of the autumnal festivity in St. Louis will be formally inaugurated. This year will be the first of three successive years of grand street illuminations, for which almost $1,000,000 has been subscribed by the wide-awake business men of the city. The fund will be increased to $1,000,000. Miles and miles of St. Louis streets will be illuminated with hundreds of thousands of gas and electric jets, making the grandest illumination ever seen in America, and perhaps in the world. The illumination will be marked by several novel features, particularly the electric prismatic fountain and a colossal statue of Liberty Enlightening the World placed opposite the Grant statue at the extremity of a vista of variegated incandescent lamps. The Grant monument will be surrounded by an illuminated allegorical arch, of which a figure of Peace will be the keystone.

The doors of the exposition will be thrown open on the evening of September 2, continuing for forty days and nights, and there will be shown one of the grandest collections of the industries and arts ever exhibited in America. This exposition is the pride of St. Louis, because it is always a success. Not a failure has been recorded. This grand, solid structure of brick and stone, with acres and acres of floor space, illuminated with thousands of electric lights, will be filled with the products all known lands. Thousands of dollars have been expended on new features, and the visitor can feast his eyes for days and days and not see it all. Then, in the grand Music hall, will be found the great Gilmore and his world-renowned band, giving several concerts each day, all free to visitors of the exposition. The exits to Music hall are wide and numerous, and the visitors can stroll out and in at pleasure and then wander away in the naves of the grand building, viewing the treasures of the earth collected there for inspection, while the grand strains of this world-renowned band are wafted to the ear—now from this direction, then a moment later from another, one grand echo over there, another there. Is it any wonder that St. Louis' exposition is a success? Is it any wonder that the visitor who comes once comes again?

To lovers of art the exposition has a grand treat in store. When it is stated that the exposition association must secure an insurance of $400,000 on the pictures to be exhibited, their value can be somewhat appreciated. Among the features secured are a Bierdstat, an Arctic scene by Bradford and Piloti's "Wise and Foolish Virgins." A strong effort is being made to secure the celebrated Gobelin tapestry, representing "Napoleon at Jaffa," which was presented by the French government to the French Benevolent association of New York. If the tapestry can be procured it will be placed on exhibition in Entertainment hall. There will be a large collection of oriental curios and articles of vertu, quaint carvings in jade and ivory, and a large assortment of Chinese and Japanese musical instruments.

About dark on the evening of Monday, October 5, his august majesty, the Veiled Prophet, accompanied by a herald, and his chamberlain, and who will have in charge the royal baggage which rumor hath said consists of gorgeous robes and diamonds, and rubies, and carbuncles and specimens of every known precious stone—their value—ransom enough for a million kings, will come to the city by river—the place of his embarkation being kept a secret—and will be escorted to the exposition by a strong guard. There the mayor will deliver the keys of the city to the Prophet. This Mysterious Personage (who he is no one has ever known or will known) will then retire until the following evening, when, surrounded by his numerous retinue, he will reveal himself to his loyal subjects of St. Louis in all the pomp and pageantry of his royal entry. After parading through the principal streets, which will be grandly illuminated, the Prophet and his retinue will repair to the Merchants' exchange and entertain his subjects at his grand annual ball.

HERMAN RASTER.

Arrival in New York of the Remains of Herman Raster, Late Editor of the Illinois Staats Zeitung—To be Interred in Gartland Cemetery, Chicago.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—When the steamship Elder came to her dock at 7:30 last evening she had on board the remains of Herman Raster, former editor of the Illinois Staats Zeitung. Mrs. Raster with her daughter and sons, and her brother-in-law, Mr. Thumler, of Berlin, accompanied the remains. Mr. A. C. Hesing, proprietor of the Illinois Staats Zeitung, Paul Robbart and Herman Heinrich, of Chicago, members of the committee on arrangements, took a schooner, but failing to meet the Elder, they returned to Hoboken and awaited the return of the vessel. Upon its arrival they escorted Mrs. Raster and her family to Meyer's hotel, in Hoboken, where they stopped over night. To-day funeral services will be held in the rooms of the German Press club at Sixth and Hudson streets, at 12 o'clock. After the funeral services the remains will be taken to Chicago and interred in the family lot in Gartland cemetery.

Too Much for the Wheat.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 11.—The weather and crop reports from North Dakota indicate that at least a dozen counties of that state have been very seriously affected by the terrific heat of the last few days. The wheat along the Manitoba border was just in the milk, two weeks at least from harvest, and the intense protracted heat is said to have blistered and shriveled it to such an extent as to ruin a large part of it and render the remainder all off grade. The country west of Bismarck is said not to have suffered at all.

The Fair Victim of a Monster Rattler in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 11.—The body of Miss Lulu Bowling was found Saturday morning in the woods near Bradyville, in Cannon county. The young woman had been bitten in a dozen places by a rattlesnake, as was shown by as many discolored places on her body, which was badly swollen. Coiled up beside the body was the reptile which had caused the young woman's death. It was killed. It measured five feet, and had eighteen rattles and a button, and was one of the largest rattlesnakes ever seen in the county.

CHINESE OUTRAGES.

An Imperial Chinese Decree Concerning Outrages on Foreigners in the Celestial Empire—Rioters to be Summarily Dealt with, and the Treaty Stipulations in Regard to the Propagation of Christianity to be Maintained.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The state department has received a copy of the imperial decree issued by the emperor of China concerning the outrages on foreign missionaries in that country which have caused the navy department to order two additional vessels to Chinese waters. The decree is as follows:

The Tsung-Li-Yamen (or council of ministers) has memorialized us in regard to the missionary cases that have occurred in the various provinces, asking that we issue stringent instructions to the governor general and governors to lose no time in devising means for a settlement thereof. It is represented by the yamen that in the month of May the missionary premises (Catholic) at Wuhu, in the province of Anhei, were fired and destroyed by a mob of outlaws. At Tan Yang Hsien, in the province of Kiang Su, and at Wusueh, in the province of Hupeh, similar outrages have been committed on missionary establishments there, and it is now necessary that the miscreants should be arrested and unrelenting measures taken in good time to provide against further outrages of this kind. The propagation of Christianity by foreigners is provided for by treaty, and imperial decrees have been issued to the provincial authorities to protect the missionaries from time to time. For years peace and quiet have prevailed between Chinese and foreigners. How is it that recently there have been several missionary establishments burned out and destroyed and all happening at about the same time? This is decidedly strange and incredible. It is evident that among the rioters there are some powerful outlaws whose object is to secretly contrive and plan to fan discontent among the people by circulating false rumors and causing them to become agitated and excited, and then to avail themselves of the opportunity to rob and plunder; and peaceable and law-abiding citizens are enticed and led to join them, resulting in a tremendous uprising. If strenuous action is not taken to punish the miscreants, how can the majesty and dignity of the law be maintained and peace and quiet prevail? Let the governor-generals and governors of the Liang Kiang, Hu Kwang, Kiang Su, Anhui and Hupeh issue without delay orders to the civil and military officers under their respective jurisdictions to cause the arrest of the leaders of the rioters, try them, and inflict capital punishment upon them as a warning and example to others in the future. The doctrine of Christianity has for its purpose the teaching of men to be good. Chinese converts are subjects of China and are amenable to the local authorities. Peace and quiet should reign among the Chinese and missionaries. But there are reckless fellows who fabricate stories that have no foundation in fact for the purpose of creating trouble. Villains of this class are not few in number and are to be found everywhere. Let the Tartar generals, governor-general and governors issue proclamations warning the people not to listen to idle rumors or false reports which lead to trouble.

Should any person secretly post placards containing false rumors with a view to beguile the minds of people, strenuous steps must be taken to cause his arrest and vigorous punishment be meted out to him. The local authorities must protect the lives and property of foreign merchants and missionaries and prevent bad characters from doing them injury. Should it transpire that the measures taken to protect them have not been adequate and trouble in consequence ensue, some of these officers that have been truly negligent are to be reported to us for degradation. In the matter of all missionary cases that are still pending let the Tartar genera's, governor-general and governors cause a speedy settlement of them. They must not listen to representations of their subordinates that the cases are difficult to settle and thus cause delay, to the end that a settlement of them may be effected. Let this decree be universally promulgated for the information of the people.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Census Office Bulletin Giving Statistics of the Public Schools in Several of the States.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The census department yesterday issued a bulletin on the public schools, for the states of Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Alabama, Nevada, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Wisconsin, showing the number of pupils enrolled in the public schools of the states named, and the amount per capita of expenditure for each pupil as well as the total.

The number of pupils enrolled in the states mentioned is as follows:

Georgia	342,496
Illinois	778,319
Maryland	181,251
Michigan	426,749
Minnesota	281,850
Mississippi	321,986