

This letter O sounds odd for a name, but there is a distinguished family in Belgium whose name is O, no more and no less.

In the Philadelphia mint the sweepings from the floors are saved and assayed from \$20,000 to \$30,000 a year that's the "duet."

How many will recognize in Sir John Henry Brodribb, who has been recently knighted by Queen Victoria, the great actor Henry Irving.

Mrs. JONKENS, the Belgian poisoner, has had her sentence commuted to imprisonment for life. King Leopold has not allowed a death sentence to be executed so long as he has been king.

MILLARD FILLMORE, president of the United States from 1850 till '53, was born and raised on a farm. He said he never saw a copy of Shakespeare, a history of the United States or a map until he was 19 years old.

The Kickapoo reservation in South Dakota, recently opened for settlement, included 300,000 acres of land. Uncle Sam has given away, nominally sold, 1,600,000 acres of land, and has left 782,000 acres.

New York wheelmen now have the exclusive use of the use of the old aqueduct from One Hundred and Seventeenth street to the Croton dam, a distance of 35 miles through a beautiful country, for a bicycle path. The New York wheelmen are in luck.

By means of a recent invention the blind are enabled to write with facility, using the ordinary Roman alphabet. The invention is described as a hinged metal plate with square perforations arranged in parallel lines, inside of which the stylus is moved in making the letters.

Great financiers lose money as well as little ones, but as their purses are longer do not get "cleaned out" so soon. The late multi-millionaire Fair, of California, engaged in a wheat deal a short time before his death, and the last of his wheat has just been closed out at a loss of more than \$2,000,000.

OSCAR WILDE works a treadmill in prison and is obliged to climb the equivalent of 6,000 feet at one jog, then he gets a rest of five minutes, then another climb of 6,000 feet, and so on for six hours out of the twenty-four. This kind of training kept up for two years ought to enable him to meet the marquis of Queensbury under his own rules.

While Massachusetts is trying to discover some way to get rid of the tramp nuisance Connecticut is importing holes and other foreigners for farm hands. If the farmers of New England have to go abroad to find farm hands there is a little excuse for the tramp, and the best way to get rid of him would be to invite him to the woodshed or the stone-pile before giving him his breakfast.

Who says that Mexico is absolutely poverty stricken? It has a population of 15,000,000 and is the capital of our sister republic. That fact plainly shows that there must be a dollar or two, at least, still left in the country. Yankee financiers rarely make investments without reasonable hope of a fair return therefrom. The halls of the Montezumas must be resuming at last the festive aspect of the good old times.

The sweet girl graduate in her white muslin and pink ribbons is on her feet. She is sure to tell us how to run the universe, and remind us that, although we have been awfully wicked, we still have a chance to make our lives sublime. Yet who would dispense with the sweet thing? It is true that she knows a good many things that are not so, but when she grows older she will be less ambitious to sway the destinies of mankind, provided she is not carried away with the craze for bloomers.

MISS TAKU SUGIIE is the name of a Japanese young woman who after studying at Wellesley college, became a teacher in a Christian school for girls in Osaka, Japan. "I teach," she says, "three classes in Chinese literature, two in English, one in the history of Japanese literature and one in Japanese compositions produced from the classes, and to give a lecture each week on the Japanese rhetoric. Added to all these I have to give lessons in Yankee cookery."

Two JERSEYMEN who had been victimized out of \$900 by New York green goods men were foolish enough to return and attempt to get their money back but failed, for the rascals lost \$150 additional, barely escaped with their lives, and were finally sent to jail, while the green goods men went free. The moral of this is apparent. The man who permits himself to be swindled by green goods men is fortunate if he has to pay only \$500 for the experience. He goes into the scheme with the intention of swindling others, and finds himself the victim of sharper rascals.

"I CAN'T see anything unwomanly or outrageous in the Knickerbocker costume," says a young woman who rides the bicycle. No more men in hats, let us be on our guard against eccentricities of speech. A loose employment of adjectives in English speech is more to be deplored than a loose pair of knickerbockers. "The use of the knife to eat oysters," says that great philologist, Hill Nye, "is, I am persuaded, if not absolutely out of the world, at least pianissimo and sine die." There are enough words between the covers of Webster's dictionary to serve all our legitimate uses.

THE POMONA (Cal.) correspondent of the New York Sun says there is alive today but one of the men who worked for Sutter in the mine at Coloma, where, on January 24, 1848, James W. Marshall discovered gold. That survivor is James Brown. He is nearly 70 years of age, and makes his home with his grandchild in Pomona valley. He is the only man living who was present when Marshall washed the yellow grains in the camp dough pan; and he is the man who first tested the flaky scales with fire, and going forth from the shanty to the men at the millrace cried: "Boys, here's gold."

Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

FROM WASHINGTON.

EXCHANGES at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 7th aggregated \$1,31,085,552, against \$819,130,011 the previous week. The increase, compared with the corresponding week in 1894, was 23.8.

AT the treasury department blanks were ready for use of persons who have claims against the government for the refund of the income tax.

THE president announced the appointment of Attorney General Olney to be secretary of state and of Judge Jos. Harmon, of Cincinnati, to be attorney general.

IN the seven days ended the 7th, there were 195 business failures in the United States against 215 the week previous and 216 in the corresponding time in 1894.

AT the age of 95 Mrs. Nancy Stark, a pensioner of the war of 1812, died at Mystic, Conn. Her mental faculties were perfect until an hour before her death.

THE first woman lawyer in New Jersey, Miss Mary Philbrook, aged 32, of Jersey City, was admitted to practice. By a rear end collision near Shamokin, Pa., Elwood Moyes, engineer; Elias Botts, conductor, and William Kleas, fireman, all from Tanamqua, Pa., were killed.

IN Boston the Beacon Lithographic company failed for \$150,000.

THE chairman of the national democratic committee refused to call a national convention to take action on the subject of silver.

THE firm of H. S. Shirk & Sons, proprietors of the Stevens cotton mills at Lancaster, Pa., failed for \$100,000.

AT the college in Grove City, Pa., over half the graduating class were expelled for ducking a lieutenant of the college guards because he appeared in a new uniform.

THE firm of C. L. Woodbridge & Co., importers of dress trimmings, buttons, etc., in New York, failed with liabilities of \$200,000.

A RELAY bicycle race between Chicago and New York was made in 65 hours and 53 minutes, breaking all American records for a relay race.

IN New York Dr. William E. Wallace and his son, Dr. Alphonse M. Wallace, both died on the same day of pneumonia.

IN the case of Police Inspector McLaughlin the jury in New York returned a verdict of guilty of extortion and bribery.

THIRTY per centages of the baseball clubs in the National league for the week ended on the 8th were: Pittsburgh, .650; Boston, .609; Chicago, .583; Cleveland, .579; Baltimore, .576; Cincinnati, .538; New York, .514; Philadelphia, .509; Brooklyn, .472; Washington, .432; St. Louis, .375; Louisville, .167.

WHEN the steamer Ben arrived in New York from Southampton and soon after he received a telegram announcing the death of his mother, aged 91, at her home near Cedarville, O.

THE John M. Learned silk mills at Northampton, Mass., were destroyed by fire, the loss being \$100,000.

WHEN Mrs. Lena Bridenbaugh, of Gibraltar, Pa., has eaten nothing, when she first refused food she weighed 180 pounds. She now weighs scarcely 20 pounds.

ON Lake Ontario the steam yacht Gilman captured and Capt. John Blockburn, Edward B. Henderson and a man named Donnelly were drowned.

DON and Sadie Anthony, Sarah Booth and Rosa Biner were drowned while bathing in Stump creek, near Dubois, Pa.

IN convention at Springfield Illinois democrats declared unqualifiedly in favor of the free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 and favored the holding of a national democratic convention to take action on the money question.

THE speakers at the convention (Cleveland) and the resolutions bitterly denounced all opponents of the white metal.

McMahon, pastor of the Catholic church at Cherry Mount, Pa., was drowned.

IN Detroit Oscar C. Fisher shot and killed Hugh McFar, a constable. Fisher says they quarreled and he shot in self-defense.

BISOP DAVIES, of Detroit, said at the first annual Episcopalian convention held in Ann Arbor, Mich., that the custom of raising church money by fairs or frivolous entertainments was offensive and wicked.

AT the annual meeting of the Free coinage association of the state of Illinois declared against the free and unlimited coinage of full legal tender silver upon the ratio of 16 to 1 in the absence of an international agreement.

WITH liabilities of \$115,000, the Charles C. Jacobs Cording company collapsed in the hands of a receiver at Cincinnati.

NET and belt manufacturers of the United States met at Cleveland, O., and decided to raise prices 10 per cent.

FREE silver democrats of Iowa held a conference at Des Moines and declared for the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the action of other nations.

SARINA THOMAS and George Nash (lovers) killed each other in a fit of jealousy at Norfolk, Va.

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A MAGNIFICENT SIGHT.

But it was a costly one to those who lost lumber and coal. Two Vessels and Schiller's Brewery Stables Badly Damaged-The Loss Foots Up \$100,000.

MILWAUKEE, June 11.—Not since the big Grand avenue fire several months ago has there been such a fire in Milwaukee which presented such a magnificent appearance as the one which started at 3 a. m. in the Forster Lumber Co's yards, Cape and Cherry streets, and the sky for blocks around was illuminated by a sheet of flames.

An hour later the big lumber yard, in which was probably several hundred thousand feet of lumber, was a seething furnace, and the flames had spread to Uhrig's coal yard, in which there were stored 50,000 tons of coal.

The frame work surrounding the immense piles of coal were quickly consumed, notwithstanding the fact that twenty streams of water were by that time constantly pouring on them.

The steam barge Raleigh, of Detroit, loaded with coal, was in the canal slip and caught fire. Her upper works were burned.

The schooner Lucy Graham lay alongside the lumber dock and her deck load of lumber caught fire. The captain and sailors had barely time to escape before the fire broke out in the rear and sustained some damage, but the firemen found no trouble in extinguishing the flames.

The plant of the Brodessor Manufacturing Co., makers of elevators, fronts on Commerce street and backs on the canal. It caught fire in the rear and sustained some damage, but the firemen found no trouble in extinguishing the flames.

At 3:15 a. m. the fire was under control.

Uhrig & Son's coal yard had been burned out—a loss of perhaps \$30,000. The loss of the lumber was \$100,000.

The steam barge Raleigh at first reported burned, escaped with the loss of her cabin and upper works, probably a loss of not more than \$3,000. It was loaded with coal for the Uhrig yards.

The Gallum tannery was slightly damaged and at one time was thought to be doomed.

The schooner Lucy Graham was damaged about \$1,000.

Both the fire and all the departments were summoned to the scene, and in spite of the start the fire had gained, finally succeeded in preventing its spread to the big tanneries, mills and factories in the vicinity.

Sparks communicated the fire to the enormous three-story frame barn of the Schiller Brewing Co. on the west side of Commerce street and its roof was quickly ablaze. The horses were all gotten out, however, and a large crowd of men caught hold of the tongues of the beer wagons and conveyed them to a place of safety.

The upper part of the barn with about 1,000 tons of hay was burned.

The total loss will be about \$100,000; fully insured.

THE COTTON STAND.

Result of an investigation by the Department of Agriculture—But Little or No Change in Average Cotton Conditions. However, is Lower Than Last Year at This Time—A Summary of the Statistics Obtained.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—The result of the special investigation made by the department of agriculture in 720 cotton growing counties, show that in 88 there will be little or no change in acreage, as compared with last year; 5 report an increase of 10 per cent, and less; 2 an increase of from 11 to 20 per cent; 3 an increase of from 21 to 30 per cent, and 3 an increase of over 30 per cent. 127 a decrease of 10 per cent and less; 250 a decrease of from 11 to 20 per cent; 158 a decrease of from 21 to 30 per cent; 44 a decrease of from 31 to 40 per cent; 7 a decrease of from 41 to 50 per cent, and 33 a decrease of over 50 per cent.

The consolidated returns reported to the statistical division for the month of June show the state percentages of acreage, as compared with last year, as follows: North Carolina, 81; South Carolina, 85; Georgia, 85; Florida, 95; Alabama, 89; Mississippi, 88; Louisiana, 87; Texas, 85; Arkansas, 80; Tennessee, 81; Missouri, 73; Indian territory, 91; Oklahoma, 69; Virginia, 73.

The average for the United States is 82.5, a reduction of 14.8 per cent, upon revised average given out in May. The general average for the crop for June 1 is as follows: North Carolina, 61; South Carolina, 73; Georgia, 82; Florida, 92; Alabama, 85; Mississippi, 88; Louisiana, 85; Texas, 79; Arkansas, 89; Tennessee, 87; Missouri, 89; Indian territory and Oklahoma, 79; Virginia, 67.

The general average for the country is 81, against 88.3 last year and 83.6 in 1893.

EVERYTHING BURNED.

Cameron, W. Va., Practically Wiped Out by Fire.

CAMERON, W. Va., June 11.—The fire which started Sunday night burned itself out at 5 a. m. The entire loss is estimated at \$200,000. The fire started in a laydown in which some gamblers had been playing, and burned practically everything in the town. Hecker and Helms' big general store is the heaviest loss, being placed at \$90,000. Over 100 people are homeless.

MARTIN DALTON

Charged with the Murder of Anthony Haswell, at Providence, R. I.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Patrick Parker, chief of detectives of Providence, R. I., has left Washington for Providence, having in custody Martin Dalton, who is charged with the murder of Anthony Haswell, a wealthy real estate man in Providence, on the night of July 19, 1892. Dalton has been held by the detectives for three years, and was finally run to cover in Atlanta, Ga., where, under an alias he was manager for Ed Smith, the pugilist.

THREE TRAMPS KILLED.

They Were, as Usual, the Victims of a Train Wreck.

CLEVELAND, O., June 11.—A special to the Press from Sidney, O., says: A Big Four train broke in two 9 miles west of here on a heavy grade and came together with a crash, telescoping eight cars. Eight tramps were riding in one of the cars that was wrecked, and three of them were crushed to death. They were: Ed Evans, of Pittsburgh; Steve Goddinger and an unknown man. George Brown, of Lintonia, had his back broken.

THE TREASURY RECEIPTS

Gradually Nearing the Point of Government Expenditures Owing to Increasing Business—Some Sources from Which the Receipts are Largely Increased and the Causes Thereof—Business Adjusting Itself to Present Tariff Conditions.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—The treasury receipts are parting of the general business revival, and while they do not as yet quite reach the point of equalizing the expenditures, are getting nearer striking an even balance each day. For the ten days of June the receipts have aggregated \$3,435,000, or \$1,000,000 a day, Sunday's excluded, and the expenditures have been \$10,094,000, or only \$1,569,000 in excess of receipts.

The deficit will be wiped out before many days, and the end of June is likely to show for the month an excess of \$2,000,000, or \$3,000,000 receipts over expenditures, a condition not reached in any one month for several years by the treasury.

The deficit for the year, which now stands at \$48,230,000, will be reduced to \$45,000,000 or below by June 30.

This turn in the affairs in the treasury's condition is accounted for by the fact that business is adjusting itself to tariff conditions and that large revenue is now being received from articles that heretofore yielded little as they were in "stock." This is notably the case as regards