

WASHINGTON NOTES.

SECRETARY WILSON, of the agricultural department, has given instructions to agents to purchase some good American butter, have it put up in different ways and shipped to the London market and the comments of the English noted on the product.

The first meeting of the executive committee of the National Association of Democratic clubs took place at Washington on the 12th. An address to the democratic voters of the country to carry the election of 1900 was adopted.

A MEETING of the advisory board of the American Federation of Labor was recently held at Washington for the purpose of agitating the universal introduction of the eight-hour day. Requests will be made to all workers throughout the country to hold mass meetings on May 1, next, to declare their determination to enforce the eight-hour day as soon as practicable before, but certainly on, May 1, 1898.

The government report for April on hogs makes the loss by disease 14.4 per cent., against 12.8 per cent. in the April report for 1896. The hogs January 1 were reported as 40,600,000, and 14.4 per cent of that number would mean a loss by disease of 5,846,000 hogs.

DEMOCRATIC leaders celebrated the 154th anniversary of Jefferson's birthday at Washington on the 13th by a dinner. The toasts were briefly responded to, except in the case of William J. Bryan, of Nebraska, who spoke at length to the toast, "Thomas Jefferson."

THE agricultural department has taken steps looking to the extermination of hog cholera and, as an initiative, has sought the co-operation of the states of Tennessee and Iowa in an experiment to determine how economically the malady, which is devastating the swine interests, can be stamped out.

CONGRESSMAN SHATTUCK, of Ohio, on the 14th nominated D. J. Bundy, a colored lad of Cincinnati, to a cadetship at Annapolis. He has been urged to withdraw his name, but says he will stand by the appointment. There have been threats from the students of the naval academy of resigning.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY sent a special message to congress on the 14th urging it to make suitable provision for the adequate representation of the United States at the Paris exposition in 1900.

THE department of agriculture has sent out to farmers and to experimental stations a large amount of beet sugar seed with a view to determine the feasibility of growing the seed in certain sections of the country. Bulletins will be prepared from time to time and the people kept informed regarding the matter.

CONGRESSMAN W. S. HOLMAN, of Indiana, was lying critically ill at his home in Washington on the 15th. He had a bad fall about ten days ago and his condition was the result of the shock.

UNITED STATES CONSUL LITTLE telegraphed from Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, on the 15th that a revolution had broken out and that the republic was under martial law.

IT was current gossip at Washington on the 15th that Alan Arthur, son of the late ex-President Chester A. Arthur, will soon be appointed minister to Holland.

GENERAL NEWS.

THE failures for the week ended the 16th in the United States, according to Bradstreet's report, were 195, against 344 in the corresponding week last year.

THE two sons of Mr. Hesson, aged 9 and 15 years, living at Greenland, Ark., took a bath, dressed themselves in their best clothes, took a dose of strychnine and then went to bed after pinning a note on the door bidding their parents good-by. The act was done because their parents had gone out and left them at home.

CASSIMER ZEGLES, a monk of the Order of Resurrectionists at Chicago, has invented a bullet-proof cloth of silk and wool, treated chemically. A piece of the cloth stopped a steel jacketed bullet fired into it from a regular United States rifle at a distance of 150 yards.

DR. LUIS MOREJA, a prominent physician of Merida, Mex., claims to have discovered a certain cure for yellow fever. This cure is in the form of a liquid preparation from the root of a plant of that region, and its efficacy has been tested in a number of cases and proved successful in every case.

WILLIAM KAUFMANN, of Wright county, Ia., was attacked by hiccoughs the other day. He was a man of strong constitution, but was compelled to take to his bed and succumbed, passing away in terrible agony.

A DYNAMITE explosion recently occurred in a deep mine at P'Langlaarte, Africa. Eight English and 20 native miners were killed.

By the explosion of an imperfect blast in the Monarch mine near Madisonville, Ky., two men, named Robert Charlton and Theodore Stone, lost their lives.

In a drunken fight on a shanty boat at Bellaire, O., Jim Williams, the owner, killed his wife and Charles Horner with a club and then floated down the river with the dead bodies. The story was told by one of the combatants who escaped.

CASHIER STICKNEY, of the Great Falls national bank at Somersworth, N. H., was brutally murdered by two desperadoes, who robbed the bank and escaped with nearly all the cash.

JOHN RANDALL, a tramp, was run down on the C. & Q. tracks at Rock Island, Ill., and had both legs cut off. He died from the injuries at the hospital.

HARRISON DAWSON, a big colored minister, has astonished his brethren at Mayfield, Ky., by deserting his wife and 12 children. He eloped with a buxom colored sister.

MRS. ELIZABETH R. TILTON, the wife of Henry Ward Beecher's accuser, died recently at her home in Brooklyn. Since the famous Beecher trial she had lived in strict retirement. Theodore Tilton, her husband, is in Paris, where he has lived ever since the Beecher trial.

A FIRE at Lindsey, a village eight miles west of Fremont, O., on the 15th destroyed the post office, a drug store, a grocery, a meat market, the new produce exchange building, town hall and G. A. R. hall. The villagers fought the fire heroically with hand engines.

THE recent report of the viceroy of India on the famine situation showed that 2,853,000 persons were employed on the relief works, against 3,141,323 persons so employed a month previous. The condition of the people in the affected districts was pronounced to be from fair to good.

THE big sawmill plant of the Canfield Lumber Co. at Canfield, Ark., was completely destroyed by fire on the 15th. Estimated loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$20,000.

WHILE tapping a blast at the Republican iron works at Pittsburgh, Pa., the other morning, the molten metal boiled over into a pit of water causing an explosion. Five men were badly burned, two of whom will probably die.

BECAUSE he could not write William Mitchell was arrested in East St. Louis and taken to the Chester, Ill., penitentiary. Mitchell was a paroled convict under the new Illinois law and prisoners taking advantage of the law must report by mail once a month to the warden. Mitchell relied upon a friend to write to the warden, but the friend forgot his promise.

THE hill immediately over the mouth of the Yorkville mines, near Bellaire, O., gave way the other morning and 7,000 tons of dirt and rock crashed down completely closing up the entrance and breaking the archway 100 feet. A driver named Jeffrey was entombed and was not rescued until several hours afterward.

THE 21st and decisive game of the Pillsbury-Showalter chess match at New York was won by Pillsbury. The final score was: Pillsbury, 10; Showalter, 8; drawn, 3.

DAN A. STUART at Chicago on the 14th denied the story that the pictures of the Carson fight had proved worthless. They were, he said, entirely satisfactory.

THREE London papers—the Globe, the St. James Gazette and the Pall Mall Gazette—ridicule the idea of the United States bimetallic commission having any practical result.

WHILE a train was passing out of Johnsonburg, Pa., the trainmen were horrified to see a man on a burning pile of ties on the track. The train was stopped and the man rescued. He was badly burned and said he was bound and put on the pile by some tramps.

AN explosion of gasoline set fire to the Bradley block at Cleveland, O., and the occupants were panic-stricken. Three men were badly burned.

WHILE seated at the breakfast table at Chicago on the 14th Mathias Guster, 23 years old, was shot and killed by his stepfather, John Forniller. Forniller then blew out his own brains. Family quarrels caused the tragedy.

JESSE EVANS, a negro, charged with accosting two little white girls, was riddled with bullets by a posse at Edwards, Miss., and the body left in the public street. The evidence against the negro was conclusive.

A CHICAGO dispatch stated that natural gas had been struck in unlimited quantities within the city limits, a market gardener of Rosehill, while boring for water, stumbling upon the flow of gas.

TEX persons were killed by an explosion of fire damp in the Oberhausen pit at Essen-on-the-Ruhr.

JAMES ORCUTT, 16 years old, living at St. Louis, jumped off of a freight train in the Illinois Central yards and had both his feet cut off.

GEORGE W. GUNTER, 15 years old, shot his 15-year-old sweetheart, Alberta Stanford, in a jealous rage at Hot Springs, Ark. The girl died instantly.

NEAR De Koven, Union county, Ky., William Green, a deputy constable, and James Green were shot dead and Constable William Beset severely wounded by William Cody and Thomas Hite, who were under arrest for post office robbery. Cody and Hite escaped.

THE I. O. O. F. grand lodge of the Indian territory, recently in session at Muskogee, elected I. R. Mason, of Ardmore, grand master and C. W. Hatfield, of Wagoner, grand secretary.

THE deep water committees from Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma met with a like committee appointed by Gov. Culbertson at Austin, Tex., on the 16th. Gov. Leedy, of Kansas, addressed the meeting and said that the people of his state were in need of reduced freight rates and that, if they could not get them, they proposed to build a state road from Kansas to the Gulf.

CAPT. DANIEL HAYNES, formerly claim agent of the St. Louis Southwestern railway, was convicted at Pine Bluffs, Ark., of embezzling \$40,000 of the company's money.

WILLIAM HARRISON, an employe in the coal mines, near Harrison, Ky., attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself through the breast with a pistol, after trying to kill his wife and her father-in-law, who escaped and hid themselves. He was jealous of his wife.

A DISPATCH from New Haven, Conn., said that Clarence Verrill had broken the strength record made by Charles Chadwick, of Yale, recently. Chadwick's total was 1,638 kilos. Verrill's was 1,676. Verrill is a scientific school freshman. He weighs only 145 pounds.

FOUR boat riders went over the dam at Ottumwa, Ia., the other night. Lizzie Fird, 19 years old, was drowned. The man rowing lost control of the boat.

A PROPOSITION has been made to the Cuban junta at Washington by a representative of the American Volunteer league, an organization with branches in Kansas, Missouri, Texas and at least 20 western states, mostly composed of the militia, to put 15,000 American soldiers in Cuba within 90 days, "to march from one end of the island to the other and to lick every Spanish force in the way." The offer was being considered.

THE St. Louis Dairy Co. was found guilty in the United States district court at St. Louis of having imported contract labor and will have to pay \$1,000, the penalty provided by law. The complaint in the case charged that on May 14, 1892, the defendant company contracted with one Edward T. Null, then a resident of Worcester, Eng., to come to St. Louis and engage in its service as dairyman, and that the sum of \$100 was advanced Nulls to enable him to pay for his passage.

A FINANCIAL delegate of the Russian government at Paris, speaking in regard to the American bimetallic commission, said that M. De Witt's financial policy was now definitely accepted by Russia, which is irrevocably committed to the gold standard. The delegate added that in his opinion Great Britain, Austria and Germany would place insuperable difficulties in the way of the adoption of international bimetalism.

ONE of the most picturesque structures in New Orleans, known as the Moresque block, was totally destroyed by fire on the 15th. Its walls were built entirely of iron, in a Moorish design.

DOTTIE FARNSWORTH defeated Helen Baldwin in the 25-mile bicycle race at Detroit, Mich. Time, 1:08:30.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

MAIL advices from Honolulu stated that Japanese soldiers had been pouring into Hawaii in disguise as immigrants. It was asserted that Japan was scheming to secure control of the islands.

THE Brooklyn Eagle published an interview with Lieut. Peary on the 17th, in which the arctic explorer said that the \$150,000 needed for the new polar expedition was all raised and a trip would be made this summer to arrange all the necessary details.

B. FRANK BUTTS, of Kansas City, Mo., who assisted Rev. J. B. Culpepper, the evangelist, in a religious meeting at Sherman, Tex., was ordered to leave that town by a delegation of citizens, because he made some remarks reflecting on the virtue of southern women.

THE plague of buffalo gnats was reported spreading throughout the lower coast counties in Texas and it was estimated that the pests had caused the death of over 1,000 horses and other farm animals in the counties east of Rockport.

THE Blakeslee family of misers at Findlay, O., were robbed of \$1,000 by 12 masked men, who broke into the house, bound the two men and two women, burned their feet and tortured them until they revealed where their money was hidden.

DAN CREEDON has signed articles at New York to box "Kid" McCoy 20 to 40 rounds for the middleweight championship of the world at 153 pounds weight.

THE body of Gen. Grant was transferred from the temporary tomb and put into its final resting place within the huge granite sarcophagus in the mausoleum at Riverside cemetery, N. Y., on the 17th.

MISS FRANCIS WILLARD and the Chicago W. C. T. U. have declared war on the soda fountains, saying that some of them dispense drinks to women which are strong enough and varied enough to serve as mixed drinks in any saloon and are thus educating young girls in a taste for strong drinks.

FOLLOWING the news of the incursion by the Greeks on Turkish territory, the council of ministers at Constantinople declared that war had broken out and recalled the assembly, gave his passports to the Greek minister and ordered the Turkish military commander to take the offensive. On the 18th half a dozen battles raged between the Greeks and Turks and it was said that the Greeks got the worst of the skirmishes.

FIREBUGS AT WORK.

Fiends Apply the Torch in the Business Center of Kansas City.

More Than Half a Dozen Fires Quickly Started—Scarritt Estate Loses Valuable Buildings—A Night of Terror Faced by Business Men.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 15.—The fire fiend was busy in Kansas City last night. Over the business center of the town the torch of destruction was brandished and a stiff breeze caught up and scattered myriad sparks as they welled from a flame-engulfed building and menaced millions of dollars' worth of property and threatened for a while to blaze a charred and blackened path along Walnut and Main streets as long as there was food to feed upon. Never before in the city's history has the alarm of fire carried such a feeling of terror to the people. The wild cry of fire sounding in the night had added horrors last night. There was every evidence that a well-organized and systematic band of firebugs was industriously at work. Thousands assembled to witness the illumination. Thieves circulated in the crowds. When the alarms began to come in, men and women pushed and jostled through the streets, shouting "Fire, fire!" in a delirium of excitement. The feeling that firebugs were at work spread among the crowd, and muttered threats could be heard on every side. Many merchants took the precaution to throw out guards to protect their property from incendiaries. It was thought that an effort was made by gamblers to burn the town; another theory was that robbers did the work to enable them to loot the homes of the people.

At 9:15 last evening a great sheet of flame suddenly broke through the windows of the fourth and fifth floors of the big five-story building located in the middle of the block on Walnut street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, directly opposite the fire department's headquarters. The big building was practically unoccupied. Last week it had been used for the pure food show, and all the exhibits of the show had been removed. While the walls are still standing, the building is a total wreck. It cost \$60,000 when it was built, and was well worth this amount. The buildings in the rear, fronting on Main street, were also damaged. The entire loss, including the damage done by water, will not be more than \$100,000.

While all the fire-fighting force of the city was engaged in stopping the big blaze in the Scarritt buildings alarm after alarm came in from different parts of town. There were eight separate alarms besides the first two summoning the department to the big fire on Walnut street as follows: At 10:15 p. m., a small fruit stand at 515 Delaware; at 10:25, a stairway leading to a deserted cellar at 510 Delaware street; at 10:45, a false alarm of fire at Twelfth street and Grand avenue; at 11:10, a shanty at Second and Wyandotte streets; at 11:20, a bicycle warehouse belonging to Lawrence Bros. at 1210 Walnut street; shortly after it was discovered that the floor of the D. S. Mayer Liquor Co., at 114 East Twelfth street, had been saturated with coal oil and was ready for the torch, but the proprietor had guards surround the building and saved it from destruction. At 12:30 a. m., the southeast corner of Eighth and Main streets, top of Economy furniture building was discovered on fire; at 1:10 G. W. Lovejoy's planing mill, Fourteenth and Main streets, and at 2:30 a Shanty on Guinotte avenue, near Heim's brewery, was burned.

The total losses amounted to about \$110,850.

A DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

Family of Seven Drowned While Trying to Escape from the Flood in Arkansas.

HELENA, Ark., April 15.—A distressing accident occurred ten miles west of this city, resulting in the drowning of a family of seven negroes. Sylvester Sanders, a tenant on the Joal Higgins farm, where the current has been so swift as to threaten the destruction of the houses, left with his family, wife and five children, for high ground. Unfortunately, he took into his flat boat a large bull which he valued highly. When near the Calico place and within a mile of the hills, the bull, which was almost famished, attempted to eat the small limbs of the willow trees through which the boat was being laboriously pushed. The animal's action tipped the boat and frightened the inmates, who made frantic efforts to right it. In the excitement the animal kicked the side of the boat to pieces and the entire family was drowned. Some negroes saw them, but were unable to render any assistance.

A LONG SENTENCE.

Edward Lacey, a Kansas City Negro, Given 99 Years for Murder.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 15.—Ed Lacey was found guilty by a jury in the criminal court yesterday of murder in the second degree for stabbing Moses Henshaw to death on the night of October 17 last. His punishment was fixed at 99 years in the penitentiary. Lacey's aged mother created a scene when the verdict was announced, shrieking wildly and then falling to the floor in a faint. Lacey received the verdict with composure. He had expected a hanging sentence and was much relieved at escaping the gallows.

MUMMY OF A PHAROAH.

A Great Discovery in Egypt in 1881—Rameses II.

The greatest discovery of mummies ever made in Egypt was in the year 1881, when the remains of 80 royal personages were brought to light at Dier-el-Bahari, Thebes. One of these was proved to be the mummy of King Rameses II., the third king of the ninth dynasty and the Pharaoh of the Jewish captivity. This mummy was in a perfect state of preservation. The mummy case itself was of sycamore wood, plain and unvarnished, and without a spot or stripe of paint, something reckoned as unusual. The case was, however, carved to represent Rameses in the position of Osiris. The crossed arms rested upon the breast. In the right hand was the royal whip and in the left the royal book. The features were most delicately carved in the soft wood, and the whole was surmounted with the crown of upper and lower Egypt and surrounded by a carved representation of the uraeus serpent. The name of Rameses was written in plain black characters upon the case, which bore no other text or representation whatever, strongly contrasting with the exaggerated dedications noted on almost all the other cases found in the same pit. The mummy itself was carefully wrapped in rose colored and yellow linen of a texture finer than the very finest India muslin. In different folds of this linen several dried lotus flowers and leaves were found. In the folds of one of the bands which passed across the graveclothes to keep them in shape was a folded papyrus bearing inscriptions which informed the reader that this, the mummy of Rameses II., was concealed in the pit, where it was found at a time when a foreign army invaded Egypt. This quaint bit of information, which was probably written 2,000 or 2,500 years ago, is as plain as though it had been penned but yesterday.—St. Louis Republic.

Family Fridge.

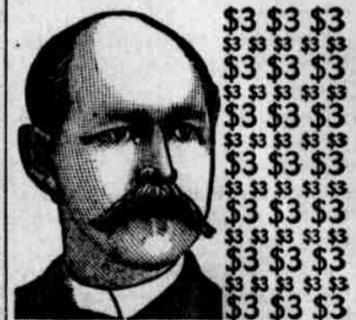
A raw Scotch lad joined the volunteers and on the first parade day his sister came with his mother to see the regiment. On the march past Jock was out of step. "Look, mither," said his sister, "they're a'oot o' step but oor Jock!"—Glasgow Herald.

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