

The real estate boom in St. Paul and Minneapolis heats all other previous activities in that line, as well it may, for the basis is far better than ever before known in the history of those cities.

The United States census of 1880 shows that there were 440,262 people of Scandinavian birth in this country in June of that year, of whom 181,729 were from Norway, 194,397 from Sweden, and 64,136 from Denmark. Generally, the Scandinavians make excellent American citizens, conforming to the habits, customs and institutions of the country more readily than most other nationalities. It is probable that the number of Scandinavians in this country has increased since 1880 to at least 500,000, and "still they come"—a hardy, industrious and thrifty race.

Much to the surprise of the people who a year ago doubted whether an exhibition of railway appliances could be made very successful, the National Railway Exposition to be held in the heart of Chicago from May 24 to June 23 is exciting the keenest interest, and although the Interstate Exposition buildings are the largest of their kind in the country it has been necessary to erect an annex to provide space for all the exhibits. The collection of the most primitive railway appliances is a special feature of the enterprise, and it will be both instructive and amusing to compare the railway facilities of the past with those of the present. The first locomotive ever built, George Stephenson's "Rocket," will, of course, be the center of attraction during the exposition.

Whatever may be thought of Mormonism or of any of its adherents, will not invalidate the fact that it has assumed considerable proportions and is growing with remarkable rapidity. It is vital in propagandism and defiant in strength. Its missionaries find abundant recruits in Europe and proselytes are numerous in the United States. The leaders are frequently men of education and remarkable skill in affairs, and the devotion of the members of the church resists all the influence of knowledge, the enlightenment of the age, and the force of public opinion. The history of the Mormon church is perhaps, all things considered, the most remarkable event of the age and is a perpetual puzzle to all reasonable understanding. What the outcome will be no one can tell, but one thing is certain, it can never be crushed by anything that savors of persecution. That thing has been tried.

The revolution in Hayti, of which only brief particulars have come to hand, is an uprising of the mulattoes, who comprise about one-third of the population, and its most intelligent and progressive class, against the intolerable tyrannies of President Solomon, representing the black domination. Their property has been confiscated, and hundreds have been shot without trial, while others have been imprisoned or banished. It is said that they have formed an alliance with black leaders, rivals of Solomon, who have some popular following of their own race, and are aided by the revolt against the general tyranny and burdensome taxation of his administration. Whether they will succeed or not is a matter about which no reasonable conjecture can be formed, but success is generally deemed improbable, from the lack of definite information, but success is generally deemed improbable. Hayti is a black nation of the purest type, full of barbarism and ferocity. It is an ungrateful fact for those who hope for the native improvement of the negro race.

Cooper Institute, New York, is a fine and enduring monument to the memory of the late Peter Cooper. Thousands now living and yet to come will always bear in grateful remembrance the name of the benefactor who helped them to educate themselves and lay the foundation of their success and happiness. Early in life Mr. Cooper felt the difficulties that young people meet in seeking education in art and science. He determined to aid those who should come after him by placing within the reach of any one in his native city the means of getting such education as each person might most need. The building for the Cooper union was begun in 1855, on its present site at the junction of Third and Fourth avenues and Eighth street. The first cost amounting to more than \$600,000—and all the expenses of the Union, have been defrayed by Mr. Cooper. The plan of the Union is based largely upon the working of the Polytechnic school of Paris. There are free schools for instruction in the aesthetic and industrial arts and in scientific departments beyond the teaching given in the public schools. There are regular courses of lectures on subjects of art, science, political and social economy, and literature, and more than twenty professors and instructors are employed at an annual expense of \$50,000. This great expense is met by the endowment bestowed by Mr. Cooper and by the rental of business stores in the building, which is, of course, equally his gift.

A Pretty and Lonesome Celestial.
Of the Chinese minister's wife the Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Globe writes: "His poor little wife is only nineteen, and she might as well be in the district jail for all that she sees or enjoys of American life. Her own madame lives entirely in her own apartments, in company with a Chinese maid, and though the Legation building holds a dozen secretaries or attaches, none of them are ever permitted to see her. Her pretty, wistful little face can often be seen at her windows, but when she goes to ride she enters the carriage from a covered passage at the side of the house and is about lost to sight in the depths of her capacious vehicle. The most pointed hints that are given to the minister as to visiting his wife are blandly ignored, and society gets only 'inself for its teas, dinners and receipts.'"

NEWS CONDENSED.

Gossip from Washington.

Pension Commissioner Dudley has issued a circular requesting special examiners to give public notice that they are authorized to collect money for fees or expenses from pensioners or applicants for pensioners; also that all special examiners are provided with certificates signed by the commissioners of pensions and secretary of the interior, and bearing the seal of the interior department. Without such certificates, all persons claiming to be pension examiners are frauds. This circular has been brought out by complaints reaching the pension office of swindlers perpetrated by persons having no authority to act for the pension office. The commissioner asks that some responsible person report to his office all suspected cases of the above nature, with a description of the alleged examiner.

Secretary Folger has made a decision favorable to the brewing interest, on the question of classification for important duties of kernels of rice broken into fragments. He holds that grain rice does not fall within the designation of rice cleaned in the present tariff, and is liable to duty only at 20 percent ad valorem. This destroys the efforts of rice importers to create a monopoly of the duty on granulated rice from half a cent per pound to 21-2 cents per pound, on the argument that granulated rice is composed largely of unbroken rice, and should pay duty as whole rice.

The treasury department has prepared for the change in the revenue laws, affecting stamps to be placed upon articles from which internal revenue will be collected after May 1, by shipping to collectors throughout the United States stamps of new denominations to the value of \$30,000,000. The shipment was made Monday, so that stamps may be in the hands of collectors for sale by May 1. The stamps shipped are of all denominations made up in 1,150 packages, weighing in the aggregate fifteen tons and requiring 200 of the largest size mail pouches to accommodate them.

Mr. Stevens, acting commissioner of Indian affairs, said Monday that he had received a letter from Dr. Ashley Thompson, at Lake Winnegoshish, to the effect that the Indians stricken with small pox at that agency were all convalescent and improving rapidly. They are still in quarantine. The clothing and cloth ordered by the department for the patients had been received and put into use. He says the patients will be in such condition by May 15 that he will be able to leave there at that time, when he will be permanently transferred to Rosebud agency.

The board of medical experts, skilled in veterinary diseases, convened by the commissioner of agriculture to investigate the cause of disease among cattle and devise means of eradication, have been at work for some months, and their labors are reported to have been attended with considerable success. The value of the interesting edibles estimated at \$659,000,000.

Postmasters commissioned: John N. Kelly, Beaver Creek, Mont.; James Kilpatrick, Dillon, Mont.; Levi H. Peterson, Petersburg, Dak.; Samuel Sherin, Park, Iowa; Leuz S. Shaker, Del. Mont.; Oscar M. Lincoln, Manitowish, Wis.; Hezard W. Reed, Pound, Wis.

Postoffices established: Armour, Iowa. Postoffices discontinued: Vienna, Iowa, mail to Beaman, Herseyville, Wis., mail to Sparte. Postmasters commissioned: Samuel A. Faulkner, Fort Yates, Dak.; Uriah D. Palmer, Sherman, Dak.

At the state department they report the situation all quiet on the Thames. Extradition has not been asked for O'Donovan Rossa, and no correspondence has taken place between the governments on this subject.

The Washington gas light monopoly has declared a dividend of \$8 per share and a special dividend of \$200,000 pro rata.

Rail and River News.

A new Pacific railroad enterprise, backed by English capitalists, is reported as having been organized. It is called the United States Central railroad, and is to extend from Denver to San Francisco, about 1,200 miles. The stock will be issued \$50,000 per mile, and \$40,000 in bonds. Seven railroad charters in different states and territories have been secured by the promoters of this new scheme, who intend to consolidate all of them.

The Wisconsin, Iowa & Nebraska railroad is completed from Marshalltown to Hudson, nine miles from Waterloo, Iowa, and regular trains will be put on next week. About 42 miles of the line have been completed all.

The Canadian Pacific is willing to take 25,000 Irish emigrants on to free lands in the Northwest, and to act as trustee for a loan to them from the government of \$2,500,000.

Paduach, Ky., has given \$40,000 in bonds as a bonus to get the Chesapeake, Ohio & Southwestern railroad.

The Manitoba road took 2,000 immigrants out of St. Paul on the 21st, on their way northward.

Salmon fishing has begun in Nova Scotia. The St. Lawrence is open from Quebec to Gulf.

The winds on the 21st and 22d delayed railroading very seriously in the northwest.

Summary of General News.
A conflict between the real and the ideal has arisen in the midst of those charming songsters the Boston Ideals. Mr. Foster, the advance agent, engaged Miss Beebe, as she says, with the expectation that he could call on her in her room. Mr. Wheeler, the business manager, however, was the recipient of this message. Disappointment embittered Foster's good intentions, and Miss Beebe and Mr. Wheeler were both discharged and Foster made business manager. As Miss Beebe has a husband lingering in the back room, the more suit is relied on to give the Ideals some free and unsavory advertising.

The long contested suit of O'Neil vs. the Chicago and Northwestern railway has been tried before a jury in the United States supreme court three times. The last trial was concluded Friday by a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$15,000, the full amount prayed for. O'Neil is a young man who lost a leg while in the employ of the Northwestern company at Dubuque. He was run over by a switch engine through the carelessness of the engineer.

The statement is published in Chicago that at a recent cabinet meeting the action of Collector Spaulding of Chicago in the removal of A. H. Wright, deputy in charge of the customs inspection, and the appointment of J. E. Gilbert to that position, was sustained. The matter has been of considerable interest locally, because the removal of Wright was antagonized by Senator Logan.

Agent Wilcox at San Carlos is charged with ransacking the post tradership so as to make all the profits himself. His predecessor swears he sold his business to Wilcox. But worse than this is the charge that he bought a young Yuma woman for \$23 and kept her at his house for immoral purposes.

until the scandal grew too large to be kept under the same roof with him. Other similar charges are also made.

J. T. Stewart of Black Creek, N. Y., has out-Tannered Tanner, by going without food for fifty consecutive days on more than one occasion. Stewart does not fast to determine physiological facts but is obliged to do so from an immoderate use of tobacco and rich food. He will indulge his appetite as long as his stomach will hold out, and then he will fast for a longer or shorter period.

An aged man named J. P. Oslund explained to Justice Walsh in Chicago that he had come just from Minnesota in search of his daughter, Caroline, who lived in Chicago. "We'll advertise for your daughter," remarked his honor, "and in order to save trouble, send us up for thirty days, so as to know where to find you."

A peculiar notice appeared in the marriage column of an Albany paper recently, to the effect that a certain young couple were married on a certain day, but the bride regarded the ceremony illegal. The father of the girl repudiated the marriage, against her wishes, and will not let the alleged husband take his daughter from his house.

The body of Alexander Villers is now in possession of the university of Pennsylvania awaiting consent of his widow to its disposal according to the terms of his will, by which the body was to be dissected and the fragments cremated at the university, but Mrs. Villers seriously objects.

C. P. Huntington drew a check in New York payable to the heirs of the Charles Morgan estate for \$2,500,000, being the first payment of the \$7,500,000 purchase money for the Morgan line of steamers, which will be in connection with the Southern Pacific railway.

The marauding Crees, on the border, came over the line too often. The second cavalry had an engagement with them, driving them back and killing two of their number, including their leader.

The new land office at Haley, Idaho, will be organized about the 1st of June next. Mr. L. Found, son of Hon. Thad C. Pound of Wisconsin, will be receiver, and John S. Waters of Kansas, receiver.

Fifty-five infantry companies, five batteries of artillery and several noted military bands have entered for the competitive drill at Nashville, May 21.

The first gold brick from the Lake of the Woods gold mines is in Winnipeg. It is worth \$780, and will not be extensively used in building.

The liabilities of Wiley, Wicks & Wing, New York fruiters, filed are \$538,790, nominal assets, \$518,261; actual assets, \$361,823.

Chief of Police Byers of Lincoln, Neb., has been asked by the mayor to resign, for flirting with ladies on the street.

Nebraska sportsmen are sowing wild rice in their streams.

Crimes and Criminals.

A party by the name of Welsh, who lives thirty miles west of Mitchell, Dak., and who has held a pre-emption over thirty-three months, the time the law allows each pre-emptor, shot a man for filing a contest on the same. The settler was plowing when the contestant came upon the land to post the contest notice. He advised him not to post it or he would shoot him. The contestant paid no heed to the warning, but went ahead and stuck up the notice, whereupon Welsh pulled a revolver and shot him dead.

James Williams, of the firm of Williams & McCauley, lumber dealers, of Big Creek, Tenn., has been arrested for embezzling \$20,000 from a New York firm in 1876. Williams escaped to Mexico, but returned to this country. He failed last week for \$50,000, owing \$35,000 in this city. It seems the true name of Williams is Lathrop. He was cashier of his father's banking house in New York city. The robbery was committed in August last.

William T. Church, Jr., the outgoing comptroller of the village of Hyde Park, Ill., arranged to meet the treasurer, for the purpose of having his accounts verified, preparatory to turning the office over to his successor. He failed to keep his appointment, and the treasurer, who had opened his office in his office. Examination of his accounts showed a shortage of \$7,700. A warrant has been issued for his arrest. He has a warrant borne a good reputation.

Smuggling is being extensively practiced on the Rio Grande river, and the district attorney for the southern district of Texas, and the collector of customs at Brownville, disagree as to the authority of the latter to arrest smugglers. The collector of the treasury says that officers have the same legal right to arrest officers that they have to seize smuggled goods, provided arrests are not made on Mexican territory.

Burglars have been plying their vocation at Chaska. A few nights ago they broke into the furniture store of Burkhardt Bros. and blew open the safe, securing about \$100 cash. On the same night they pried open the front door of Linenfelser & Faber's store, but their efforts were in vain, as the safe inside it is supposed they became alarmed and ran off.

Joseph C. Jones a wife murderer, has been convicted in Atlanta, Ga. He was married when his wife was eleven years old. He assaulted his mother-in-law and fled from the country. He returned not long ago. His wife refused to live with him, and he murdered her.

In Milford Center, Ohio, a thief jumped on a locomotive, held a revolver to the engineer's head, and compelled him to run his engine out of town. He then ordered a stop, got off, and retreated, covering the engineer with his revolver all the time.

Edward Jamp, a caricaturist who is well known in nearly every large city in the United States, and who drew many of the pictures in Chapin & Gore's saloon in Chicago, shot himself in John B. Jeffrey's printing office in Chicago recently.

Sylvester Cosgrove, financial agent of the Siemens-Anderson Steel company, Pittsburgh, which failed a year ago, has been convicted of false pretense. He fraudulently procured a \$5,000 loan from the Manufacturers' National bank.

Frederick W. Eames, inventor of the Eames Vacuum brake, was killed at Watertown, N. Y., by Charles Hogman, an employe of the company. It is thought the shot was fired in self-defense.

Arrangements have been completed in New York for a fight between Mitchell, the English champion, and Herbert A. Slade Sept. 11, within 200 miles of Kansas City, for \$25,000 a side.

A German music teacher named Alexander Kabinitz suicided at Loomis, Ill., recently. Grief over the ruin of his sister was the cause of the act.

The Casualty and Fire Record.
Charles Walters (colored) died in great agony at Amsterdam, N. Y., from the effects of the explosion of a dynamite cartridge in his hand. According to common belief, he was the murderer of William Perival, who was killed and his body placed on the railroad track in 1879. Walters was tried for the murder, but escaped through

legal technicalities. He maintained his innocence to the last.

A pit-driving car, while at work on a bridge crossing a creek eighteen miles from Helena, Ark., on the Iron Mountain railway, recently, fell through the bridge carrying with it fourteen men. Four men were badly injured, one of them, the engineer, Hitzler, died, fatally.

A fire on the 22d burned five barns, two dwellings, and did some damage to adjoining buildings at East Saginaw, Mich. The principal losers are F. Hohart, P. Heller, G. W. Hill and C. Gonsmith. Loss, \$40,000.

The ship County of Aberdeen came in collision off Owers' light-ship, with the ship British Commerce, of Melbourne. The latter was sunk and twenty-five of her crew were lost. Weather was thick at the time.

A fire in a flat house on Notre Dame street, Montreal, destroyed property valued at \$90,000. Four girls were rescued from fourth floor just in time to save their lives.

Frank Heyland, an engineer on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railway, was killed at Cedar Rapids on the 20th inst., by being run over by the train.

At Elmira, N. Y., Sol Bonnell's hotel burned together with the trotting horses Rosa B. Bob Stewart and Lady Beckman.

Later reports of the Mississippi cyclone show that the loss of life was very large, as also the loss of property.

A small green insect is threatening the grain crop in California.

Personal Mention.

Lieut. Robert T. Ames, Eight infantry, has been ordered to accompany a detachment of recruits to San Francisco. Second Lieut. John H. Beaton, at his own request, has been transferred from the Eighteenth to the Third infantry, and will join his company at Fort Howe, Montana. The superintendent of the general recruiting service has been ordered to forward 175 recruits to Fort Snelling for assignment as follows: Seventy-five to the fifth infantry, fifty to the Eighteenth and one hundred for assignment, fifty to the Fifteenth infantry, and fifty to the Twelfth infantry.

The Boston Traveller tells a story of how Col. George H. Butler, when he was on his way to Dakota in 1877, with a fresh commission as postal inspector in his pocket, went through the sleeping car at night, walking everyone up and insisting that every man drink from his bottle of whiskey. Among others disturbed in this way was Bishop Simpson, who telegraphed a full account of the matter to President Hayes in the morning. The result of the matter was his destination a dispatch dismissing him from the service.

When Mr. H. L. House, living in Brainerd, arose early to make a fire, he, as he supposed, left his wife sleeping. Returning soon after to call her, he was horrified to find her dead. The body was still warm, and physicians were summoned, but she was beyond hope.

James Park, Jr., one of the oldest iron and steel manufacturers of Pittsburgh, and a strong protectionist, died recently of apoplexy. His estate is valued at over \$3,000,000, while his life was insured for \$500,000.

Miss Jennie Campbell, the young lady who was dying of consumption, but who suddenly arose and went about as cured a couple of months ago at Quincy, Mich., the cure being attributed to prayer, is dead.

Rev. Heber Newton, who is on his way to join Miln, is under trial in New York for believing and disbelieving a great deal that he should and should not as a good Episcopalian.

Private telegrams received at Washington from Providence, R. I., state that Senator Anthony's condition grows more serious. He is now believed a victim to Bright's disease.

Col. Higginson says Harvard had more drunkenness when he was a student than at present, and has always been better in that than German universities.

Henry McDaniels has been elected governor of Georgia, without any fuss. There was only one ticket in the field.

Cardinal Luigi Intici Mattei is dead, aged seventy-two years. He was created cardinal priest in 1873.

A New York dispatch announces the death of Mrs. Adia Russel, mother of Mrs. W. S. Hancock.

W. Woods White of Atlanta declines the appointment of secretary of the civil service commission.

Bonanza Mackey has bought Victor Emmanuel's country seat in Italy for \$100,000.

The wife of solicitor General Phillips died recently, of apoplexy, while making her toilet.

Gov. Horace Austin, register of the Fargo land district, is in Washington.

Coulock the actor, was seventy-five the 26th of April.

Foreign News Summary.

Lord Carlisle, lord president of the council and minister of agriculture, replying in the house of lords to Lord Dunraven's remarks regarding the condition of the people in Ireland, said accounts from the distressed districts had been decidedly more encouraging during the last few weeks. He said that the government were agreed that emigration was the best and most reliable remedy for distress, but they had neither the right, nor was it necessary, to force it upon the people. The government had received a hopeful offer for the removal of a number of selected families across the Atlantic. In consequence of this statement the motion of Lord Dunraven for the adoption of a scheme of emigration was withdrawn.

London, Special: The English government is forced to adopt Russian methods to ascertain who are its friends and who are its enemies. This is the result of the recent dynamite explosion, and, as you can readily imagine, the American colony is the object of closest scrutiny. The truth is that Americans in London are very carefully watched, and to be seen with one of them is to be suspected of being an Irishman with a mind full of plots and a trunk full of bombs. Well, this espionage would be funny if it were not persistent and impertinent.

In the house of lords, Lord Dunraven called attention to the distress in Ireland, and urged a comprehensive scheme of emigration. The marquis of Lansdowne also favored emigration, stating that there were a quarter of a million of tenants whose holdings were unable to support them, even if they were to be sold. The steamer Scandinavian sailed from Mowille for Quebec and Montreal with 282 Mayo emigrants. It is stated that 1,300 persons of Galway have applied to the government for assistance to go to America.

In the house of commons recently, gladstone, replying to a question by Bourke, as to whether any steps had been taken at Washington relative to conspicious organizations in America against England, did not think it in accordance with the public interest to make any statement touching communication with the United States government on the subject of outrages.

The prisoners now in Kilmahinn jail have given evidence to the authorities which

throws complete light on the subject of the inquiry opened by Curran, into the murders in Dublin during the past year of persons who have turned informers.

Bishop Mirrill has left Rome for Switzerland. The Geneva council reiterated its former decree, forbidding Mirrill to officiate in the see of Geneva and Lausanne, and declaring it will defend the country against the encroachments of Rome.

The nihilists claim that it is an effort at conciliation that leads the czar to commute the sentences of the nihilists sentenced to death. On the czar's side, however, it is said that it is customary for the czar to do so at his coronation.

In the race for the second Cambridge triennial stakes for three-year-olds at Newmarket spring meeting recently Lordillard's Massasoit had a walk over, no horses appearing.

Dominion exports for March declined \$500,000, compared with March, 1882. The imports exceeded March, 1882, by nearly \$500,000.

Prince Botbyang, a well-known patron of the turf and owner of a number of race horses, died suddenly recently at the Newmarket racetrack.

The khedive of Egypt has given up \$15,000 a year of his income to pay indemnity claims. He still receives \$735,000, however.

The Swedish Anthropological society has awarded Henry M. Stanley the medal instituted in memory of the return of the Vega.

Sir Philip Rose, the legal adviser of the English Tory party, is dead.

A FEARFUL CYCLONE.

Its Horrors in Mississippi—Loss of a Great Many Lives—Destruction of Towns.

Jackson, Miss., Special: At 4 o'clock Sunday evening a fearful cyclone passed over Beauregard and Wesson, contiguous towns forty miles below here, on the New Orleans railway. The wind had been blowing a gale for three days. A rumbling sound and violent shaking of houses, heralded the approach of the cyclone, and caused intelligent people to believe it was an earthquake.

Then thunder, lightning, wind and rain came with terrific force, sweeping every thing in the eastern portion, but not much damaged. As soon as the storm had somewhat abated and people began to look about, loud peals from the church bells rang out, and people were seen running in all directions, some pouring in torrents. Reaching Peach Orchard street, where operatives of Mississippi had domiciled, were demolished. A pine forest adjacent to town was blown out of existence. At this hour thirteen are known to be killed and wounded; estimated number seventy-five. Several are missing—seven or twenty dwellings were blown down in the eastern portion, but not much damaged. As soon as the storm had somewhat abated and people began to look about, loud peals from the church bells rang out, and people were seen running in all directions, some pouring in torrents. Reaching Peach Orchard street, where operatives of Mississippi had domiciled, were demolished. 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