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CURRENT COMMENT.

It is asserted that thirty languages are spoken by the learned residents of Boston.

In Leary, Ga., there is living a full blooded negro who has a skin as white as that of the most immaculate Caucasian.

They are enlarging the Chinese public school in San Francisco to accommodate the large increase in the number of pupils.

Goldwin Smith is about to sell his interest in the Toronto Week. This is caused by increasing ill-health, which renders compulsory work irksome.

The Czar of Russia will soon visit the scene of the famine in the Don Cossack country, provided his courage does not fail him before the hour of starting arrives.

Lord Salisbury's health excites continued uneasiness among his friends, who say he is rather going down hill than up, and complain that he continues to work twice as much as he should.

The Rev. Mr. Halliday, assistant pastor of Plymouth Church, says that the church has taken no action in regard to finding an occupant for its pulpit, and probably nothing will be done for several months.

Walton Dwight, who died in 1878 at Binghampton, N. Y., had insurance policies on his life amounting to $250,000. The companies contested the payment of these policies, alleging fraud. Claims amounting to $105,000 have now been settled by the payment of $18,000.

Prof. Richard A. Proctor, the eminent scientist and astronomer, is hereafter to be a citizen of Florida, having purchased a tract of land on Orange Lake. He says the lower atmosphere of Florida is so clear that constellations stand out in wonderful brilliancy.

The electric railroads in Los Angeles, Cal., where the climate is considered to be the most suitable for them, are decided failures. One electric road about one and a half miles in length, requires an engine of about fifty horse-power to supply the electricity of two cars, and, at this rate, is considered not profitable.

A dealer tells *The Boston Post* that there is a custom among certain "cheap swells" of clubbing together and buying a supply of highly-colored neckwear the various articles of which are worn alternately by different individuals, who thus get the credit among their acquaintances of being bountifully provided with such attire.

In renting houses at San Francisco, Cal., the rent charged is according to the number of rooms. Brokers say that a room should rent at $5 and $6 per month. Thus a five-room house should be $25 or $30, besides the value of bath-room and closet. Architects figure in the same way. They will contract to build a house for $400 a room. This, of course, is for cheap houses. The rage for French flats in the city is abating.

Prince Leopold of Prussia, who is making a tour of the world, designs visiting this country after leaving China and Japan. He will be landed at San Francisco and a special car of the Pennsylvania Railroad will await him there and transport him from the Pacific coast. He is accompanied by Count Kamptz and Baron von Niekisch.

Henry Ward Beecher had a curious love for finger-rings and gave a great many away. He took a great delight in playing with gems and precious stones, and always carried in his pocket a choice variety. His taste was exquisite and his judgement of values extremely accurate. He often presented a ring to a friend. He would take a ring from his finger and slip it on the recipients finger, and say nothing. He greatly enjoyed the surprise occasioned by such gifts and it was to him all the response he desired

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Domestic News

The Grant monument fuad now amounts to $120 840.

The Bell Telephone company cleared $2,000,000, last year.

Dry goods imports for the week at the port of New York amounted to $2,332,077.

A cold snap is reported from Danville, Va., and it is feared fruit has been injured

A number of laborers on a New York building struck because two non union men were employed.

The steamer Eagle has been lost on Buena Vista bay, Newfoundland, with 270 men on board, all of whom perished.

A movement is on foot in Chicago, headed by the carpenters, to establish eight hours a day's work and 35 cents an hour.

Since March 1 Chicago packers have slaughtered 213,000 hogs, against 225,000 for the corresponding period a year ago.

The Illinois, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin legislatures have adopted resolutions strongly condemning the Irish coercion bill.

Herr Most was released from Blackwell's Island, New York April 1, and as soon as he landed took refuge with friends in a beer saloon.

Cattle on the ranges of New Mexico, Indian Territory and Colorado have come through the winter in excellent shape and with but slight losses.

The New York court of appeals has affirmed the judgment of the general term convicting a party selling oleomargarine in violation of the statute.

At St. Joseph's convent, Hannibal, Mo., Eddie Burnes, aged 12 years, accidentally killed a play-mate named Holman Turner, aged 10 years, by shooting.

The United States district courts of western Pennsylvania have suspended operation until the October term, because of the failure of congress to pass the deficiency bill.

The State Department calls the attention of American manufacturers to the coming display in Milan, Italy of flour mill machinery and apparatus connected with bread making.

A special to the Boston, Mass., Journal, on the 30th, from St. Johns, N. F., says the steamer Eagle, from the sealing grounds, is reported lost, with 200 men. No particulars have been received.

Gov. Hill of New York, sent a message to the legislature on special legislation. It is aimed at the high license bill passed for New York and Brooklyn. Hill will veto the bill if the senate passes it.

The Stone Cutters' Association of Cincinnati, Covington and Newport, has decided to close business until a settlement can be made as to wages. About 500 workmen are thus deprived of work.

Commissioner Coleman has returned from Louisiana, whither he went, three weeks ago, to prepare the way for experiments in cane sugar making by the diffusion process. He speaks hopefully of the outlook.

The Gate City Gas Company, of Atlanta, Ga., capital $250,000, has been placed in the hands of a receiver, on account of the failure and flight of W. E. Lawton, of New York, who was its treasurer and secretary.

A special from Ackworth, Ga., states that a terrible hailstorm, accompanied with wind, struck that place at 8 o'clock Monday night. Two dwellings were demolished and the occupants had a narrow escape from death.

The number of cases received at the pension office during the week ending March 26 were 4,982. Of these, 1,203 were on account of the Mexican war. Certificates issued, 2,217; number of cases pending, 2,907,779.

The Connecticut senate, by a vote of 20 to 3, passed the 10 hour law for women and children already passed by the house. It is the same as the Massachusetts law. An amendment excepting mercantile establishments was rejected—13 to 5.

Dr. A. G. Ely, aged 67, a prominent physician worth $150,000, committed suicide at his home in Girard, Pa., by taking morphine. The delusion that his property was slipping away from him and that poverty was imminent drove him to self murder.

It is estimated at the Treasury department that there was a decrease of about $12,000,000 in the public debt during March. The receipts up to the 30th, amount to $33,235,293, and expenditures to $18,368,550, including $6,435,219 pension payments. The net gain of receipts over expenditures is $14,866,743.

Joseph Sommers fell from the steps of his lodging house in Brooklyn, N. Y., last October and dislocated his neck. He died at a Brooklyn hospital on the 29th, having lived five months with a broken neck. He was completely paralyzed. The surgeons attempted to set his neck. He seemed to improve, became conscious and hoped for recovery.

Massachusetts has a Sunday barber-shop law, similar to that of Minnesota, and at Boston in the "Lord's day" violation case against W. Hogarty, who was on trial for keeping his barber shop open on Sunday, the jury in the superior court rendered a verdict against Hogarty, deciding that shaving on Sunday was not a work of necessity or charity. The case will be taken to the supreme court on exceptions.

The light house board has completed plans for lighting the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's island. A strong lens will be placed in the torch, five additional electric lights will be placed around the base, making 13 of such lights in all, and a number of incandescent lights will be placed in the interior of the statue. The light to be placed in the torch will be one of the most powerful fixed lights in the world.

Quarantine was instituted at El Paso, Texas, on the 1st, against cholera. The State has been under "paper" quarantine since Feb. 7, but the proclomation has not heretofore been enforced at that point. The cholera has traveled northward in South America until it has reached the Isthmus of Panama, and if is feared the Mexican Central trains may bring it into the United States. By order of State Health Officer Rutherford all persons, baggage, and freight from cholera-infected ports will be denied admittance to the State. Passengers going east from that city are furnished certificates from local health officer Race.

The postoffice department officials are having prepared a series of new designs of embossed stamps for stamped envelopes of the 1, 2, 4 and 5 cent denominations. The head of Franklin has been accepted for the 1 cent stamp, and the heads of Washington, Jackson and Grant for the 2, 4 and 5 cent denominations respectively. The general design of the new series is uniform. On the upper side and following the oval shape of the stamp is the legend, "United States Postage," instead of "U. S. Postage," as on the stamp now in use. This new series will be ready for issue about May 1. The border of the 1 cent adhesive stamp has been slightly modified to conform to the design of the 2 cent stamp.

R. G. Dun & Co., of New York in their weekly trade review say. Money has ranged from 3 to 8 per cent. for the week, but operations to cause stringency will now be exceedingly difficult every day, unless unusual outgo of money should set in, as in 1884, in place of the return customary in April. Failures during the first quarter of 1887 were smaller in number than in 1886, 1885 or 1884, but the aggregate of liabilities was larger than last year, not because of a general enlarging of indebtedness, but because a few unusually heavy failures were included.

There are thirty-seven factories engaged in the manufacture of artificial butter now in operation in the United States, as follows: Two in Denver, 11 in Chicago, 1 in Kokomo, Ind.; 1 in Kansas City, 1 in Armourdale, Kan.; 1 in Ashland, Wis., in Hurley, Wis.; 1 in Eau Claire, Wis.; and 1 in Chippewa Falls, Wis. There are 5,5?? retail dealers in oleomargarine in the United States who paid special taxes as such in the months of November and December, 1886, and January and February, 1887. The number of wholesale dealers is 266. The quantity of oleomargarine manufactured and removed for consumption or sale at two cents per pound during the past four months is 12,645,740 pounds, and the quantity exported from the United States is 153,797 pounds.

The business failures of the three months ending March 31, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., numbered 3,007, against 3,293 for the same quarter of 1886. The comparative liabilities for the corresponding periods were: 1887, $32,161,000; 1886, $29,681,000. The geographical distribution is somewhat unusual, the liabilities in the Middle States amounting to $2,240,000, showing an increase of over $3,000,000 compared with 1886; and in New York City they were $5,000,000, against $2,700,000 last year. In all other sections of the country except the Middle States the failures are fewer and much less in amount than an average, and the total result is much less than in previous years. In Canada the failures for the first quarter of 1887 are 363, against 389 in 1886; liabilities, $3,002,000, against $3,442,000 in 1886.

Commissioner Coleman has returned from Louisiana whither he went, three weeks ago, to prepare the way for experiments in cane sugar making by the diffusion process. "I have selected the Gov. Yarmouth plantation, as you already know," he said to an Associated Press reporter, "as the place where we shall make the trial. The outlook is very promising, though I have made and shall make no prophesies as to results. The result of our work with cane in Kansas was far beyond expectations, though we labored under many difficulties. Experts came to examined our cane before it was shipped said that its yield would be only about 80 pounds per ton, yet we got about 140 pounds. If our experiments in Louisiana prove as successful as we hope, the planters will be enabled to compete successfully with the best sugar interests beyond a doubt."

The first action under the Indian land severalty bill which passed the last Congress was taken on the 1st, by President Cleveland directing the allotment to the Indians on the Warm Spring reservation in Oregon. Under its provisions, the surveyor-general of Oregon will have surveyed a sufficient quantity of land to give each head of a family 160 acres; each single person over 18 years of age 80 acres; to each orphan under 18 years of age, 80 acres; and to each other single person under 18 years of age, 40 acres. This distribution is made to males and females alike. By the last census there were 359 Indians on this reservation, each of whom will receive a patent to his land declaring that the United States will hold the lands thus alotted for 25 years, in trust for the benefit of the Indians or their heirs. At the expiration of this period the United States will convey the lands in fee.

Fires and Casualties.

Two men, engineer and firemen, were killed in a railway collison Sunday, near Corinth, Miss.

A frightful scalding accident occurred in Nagle's boiler works, at Erie, Pa., where three men were fatally burned March 31.

On the 3rd two Michigan Central railroad freight trains—26 cars—were demolished by a collision, near St. Thomas, Canada. Two brakemen were killed.

A fire in the great cedar forest on the Brazos river, near Morgan, Tex., had, at last accounts, laid waste over 20,000 acres of timber and was still burning.

At Chicopee, Mass., on the 30th, fire destroyed the freight house of the Connecticut River railroad about noon. The loss on the house and contents is $160,000; insured.

On the 29th the dwelling house occupied by Mathew Massick, at Ludlowville, Ithaca, Co., N. Y., was burned down. W. N. Massick and three children perished in the flames.

On the 31st ult., the Vance House, a large frame hotel, and two buildings adjoining the hotel were burned at Everson, Pa. All the occupants of the hotel escaped injury. Loss $12,000, fully insured.

March 31, fire broke out at noon in the auctioneering establishment of H. E. & E. Block & Co., St. Louis, and in a short time, with the assistance of water destroyed about $25,000 worth of furniture.

Near Brookhaven, Miss., March 30, Betsy Cook, colored, went to a field to work, leaving her three small children to take care of the house. On her return she found the house in ashes and her three children burned to death.

The palace Hotel Del Monte, at Monterey California, burned from incendiary fire on the morning of April 3, with a loss of over $1,500,000, including the properly of guests. The water works had been tampered with and though supplied with abundance of hose and a hook and ladder company belonging to the hotel nothing could be done to stop the fire. The guests, though in a panic, all got out without injury, save one man who nearly burned his hands off sliding down a rope. Not a vestige of the great building remained except the chimneys and a heap of ashes.

The startling news was received Sunday morning that Cunard steamship Scythia had been wrecked about dusk Saturday evening 6 miles from Minot Light, in the breakers off Scituate, Mass. The sea was running so high that no vessel could live in it, and up to three o'clock Sunday morning nothing had been done for the relief of the Standard steamer, and the 800 people, passengers and crew on board, on board. The telegraph wires prostrated by the storm cutting off that avenue of information. Several endeavors were made to send out wrecking vessels, but had to be abandoned. A violent snow storm, with wind blowing from 4 to 80 miles an hour, prevailed during the prevailed during the night, with an average fall of snow of one foot. A large amount of damage was done at Block Island and other points.

It happily turned out that the report regarding the Scythia being wrecked was erroneous, the gallant Cunarder having outridden the storm, the only damage being 48 hours delay and the great anxiety awakened for her safety. She landed at 5 p. m., Sunday, at Boston harbor.

The Caswell building was totally destroyed and the Boardman building partially so, by fire at Troy, N. Y., on the 29th. The Caswell building was principally occupied by Fessenden, Lambert & Tower, dry goods whose stock was a total loss. E. J. Barnes, woolen goods, Max Sincheimer, milliner, and Kate A. Murphy, milliner lost all their stock, which was partly insured. M. Simpone, jeweler, and other occupants of the Boardman building, sustained slight losses. Several occupants of the Boardman building had narrow escapes. M. A. Morrisey, a sick man, was carried out on a bed, and Mrs. E. L. Sheldon's bed was on fire as she left the room. One Conrad, a watchman, was arrested and questioned. There was something mysterious about the rapid spread of the flames. Total loss, $200,000; partly covered by insurance.

Crimes.

Jake Sharp will be the next man brought up for trial in connection with the "boodle" aldermen steal in New York.

A notorious burglar named Talbot has been arrested in New York, and $30,000 in stolen bonds and securities were found in his trunk hidden under a bed.

Mrs. Dora Bennet, a young married woman, living at Columbiana, O., was abducted by three men and carried away. When found she was almost naked and partially deranged.

A Nova Scotia burglar named Stanley Steele tried to rob a bank at Antigonish, but Teller Currier grappled with him, and though shot twice dangerously, succeeded in preventing the robber's escape.

A clerk in the New York city post office has stolen sixty money packages in the last three years, to get money to pay his drinking and gambling bills amounting to four or five thousand dollars. March 31, he took a $10,000 package and was caught.

Jos. G. Farr, traveling auditor of the Long Island Railroad Company, who made a practice of robbing station agents and then reporting them short in their accounts, causing their dismissal, has been sentenced to serve eight years in the penitentiary.

A special from Greenville, Miss., to the New Orleans Picayune says that March 30th near Beulah, Miss., W. L. Lane, member of the legislature from Bolivar county, shot Charles Yaman several times, from the effects of which he died three hours later. The shooting was the result of domestic troubles.

At Taunton, Mass., Stephen Little, aged 19, and John J. Cahill, aged 20, are now lying at the Central police station in a dangerous condition from the effects of hatchet and bullet wounds. Littleton has a bullet lodged in his left breast, under the cavicle, and the top of Cahill's head is in a terrible condition from hatchet and bullet wounds. It is charged that this cruel assault was made by one Blakely who had quarrelled with the others, and came upon them while they were asleep in the livery stable where they were employed.

Express Messenger Lake, was shot and robbed between Clark's Mills and Frankfort near Utica, New York, just after midnight on the 31st ult., by a masked robber, the shot taking effect in the upper part of the right arm, the ball passing around the shoulder, causing an ugly wound. The doctors probed for the ball, but were unable to locate it. The amount secured by the robber is stated all the way from $700 to $5,000. The messenger says his assailant was a large, strong man, wearing a mask that hung down over his chest. His hair was cut short at the back and his hands were calloused, hard and dirty. His description tallies perfectly with that given by Night Agent Barger of Utica, of the masked man who robbed his drawer of about $48 March 14, walked him down the track and gave him back a watch and a revolver that had been taken with the money. A man has been arrested at Memphis, near Syracuse, in a freight car, on suspicion of being the robber.

Political and Personal.

Mr. Blaine was in St. Louis, March 31 and had a reception by the Chamber of Commerce.

Senator Frye has gone from London to Rome. He will fish in Scotland for a month before returning home.

The New York Sun announces that Mr. Blaine and family will sail for Europe in May, to be absent a year.

Mr. R. T. Bush, owner of the yacht Coronet, sent his check for $500 for the Beecher memorial fund to the Rev. C. H. Hall.

Gilbert & Sullivan's "Ruddygore" has proved a failure in New York and the English company has gone back to England.

Lieut.-Gen. Sheridan has returned to Washington from the West. While absent he selected a site for the new military post, choosing a tract of land seven miles out of Denver.

Frank James has left Nevada, Mo., with his wife and little boy for Denison, Tex., where he has offers from three different business houses. He was a good citizen while living there for nearly two years.

Carter H. Harrison has finally become a socialistic candidate for Mayor of Chicago, leaving the Democrats without a candidate, making the issue in that afflicted city between the friends of good government and socialistic rule.

Col. S. P. Cunningham, agent of the bureau of animal industry, recently visited southwest Kansas, New Mexico and Colorado. He reports cattle on the ranges of New Mexico, Indian Territory and Colorado to have come through the winter in excellent shape and with but slight losses.

The American club, the foremost Republican organization of Pittsburg, will celebrate Gen. Grant's birthday, April 27, with a banquet. A large number of prominent Republicans have been invited.