

Jim Corbett's experience on the diamond proves that he can't hit anything.

The reason that Queen Victoria never quarrels with her servants is that she stays out of the kitchen and never pokes around to see how late their company stays at night.

In the Whitechapel (London) county court three witnesses in succession in one case could neither read nor write. Three witnesses in the case were named respectively Speller, Reader and Wright.

A plausible young man accosted a Georgia farmer recently, and in a very little while induced him to pay \$50 for a machine which he assured him would turn out brand new \$20 bills by simply turning a crank.

It has been decided by the presbytery of New York that after a minister of the gospel has said all that his holy office requires him to say about Sunday newspapers and the bicycle habit and the evils of vaudeville and other matters vital to the salvation of the human soul he should not be required to officiate at funerals on the Sabbath day.

There was a realism in the college commencement of earlier days unknown to these times. Thus on July 1, 1797, a newspaper had this paragraph: "The elephant is advertised as being at Providence on his way to Boston. He is to be at Cambridge for the approaching commencement." Even the glory of the escorting Boston Lancers might be eclipsed were boyish eyes now permitted to feast on an elephant within trumpeting distance of the commencement procession.

All the navel orange orchards in California are descended, as an account in a contemporary informs us, from two trees imported from Brazil by the United States government and sent to the Pacific coast thirty years ago. It is suggested that these trees be removed to some public park, and preserved as a monument to a profitable branch of an industry which has so enriched that state. The value of the yield thus secured to California, could it be computed, would be a sum so great as to make these trees seem like fairies, the touch of whose wand has made gold cover the ground.

It has been prophesied that at no very distant day it will be possible to dissipate the thick fog by a charge of electricity, and that the atmosphere of smoky cities will, by the same means, be kept clear and bright. On a small scale, a modification of the principle has already been applied by Pro. Oliver Lodge, who precipitated both smoke and dust on the walls inside a chimney or flue by static electricity, and now a patent has been taken out in Germany for an apparatus for smoke prevention by means of wires stretched inside a flue or chimney, and rendered incandescent by an electric current. There is no doubt that this extremely simple electrical method will completely consume the blackest smoke possible, but it is at the present time too costly to be commercially profitable.

The announcement is made by Mr. Bellamy Storer, United States minister to Belgium, that the United States ambassador to Great Britain and Germany will, in common with him, take vigorous steps to secure a modification of the laws against American sheep, cattle and meat products, which now involve a large loss to American agricultural interests annually. The action taken will be simultaneous, and is the outgrowth of the determination of the administration at Washington to protect American agricultural interests by doing its utmost to have the discriminating laws of European countries against American products changed. As a matter of fact, the attention of all United States representatives has been called to the need of urgent and vigorous action in the premises. It is explained by the minister to Belgium that Great Britain and Germany control that country, and that all three are influenced to discriminate against American meats by the agrarian element in their parliaments on the pretense that American sheep, cattle and meats are not sufficiently protected against disease, and the claim that they must have their own inspection, which in practice acts as a prohibition of imports from this country. The contention is made on the part of the American representatives that our system of inspection is the most scientifically complete in the world, and that, as a matter of fact, the ground of difficulty is rather economic than sanitary. The result of this action on the part of the American representatives will be awaited with interest.

The New York reporter who got the clew which enabled him to unravel the mystery of Gotham's latest murder case, and did it by a visit to a Turkish bath establishment, may certainly be said to have scored a clean scoop on his news competitors.

The Lewiston (Me.) Journal says that a hotel owner at Phantom Lake, Wis., has had several bathing schooners built which are so large that ladies can bathe in them unseen. These "schooners" probably are imported from Milwaukee.

## PITH OF THE NEWS

### EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

**A General Resume of the Most Important News of the Week From All Parts of the Globe, Boiled Down and Arranged in Convenient Form for Rapid Perusal By Busy People.**

**Washington Talk.**  
The president has remitted the fine in the case of Addie B. Holland, sentenced in Michigan, in November, '95, to two years' imprisonment and \$250 fine for embezzling postoffice funds.

**Personal Mention.**  
It is expected that President McKinley and Senator Hanna will visit Senator Frye of Maine, and enjoy the fishing in the Rangley lake region this summer.

Lillian Russell denies that she is seeking a North Dakota divorce in order to accumulate a fresh husband. She says she doesn't want to support another.

Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, United States minister to Spain, has sailed for the scene of his future duties. His wife and daughter accompanied him, the secretaries of legations and some relatives.

Mme. Lillian Nordica, the prima donna, who has been seriously ill in London for several weeks, is convalescent. She asks the press to express her gratitude to the large number who have from time to time made inquiries regarding her condition.

Dr. John Wilson Gibbs of New York city announced his marriage, at Meriden, Conn., to Mrs. Mary E. Seaton. The bride is a niece of Collis P. Huntington. Her first husband acquired a fortune in California.

Mrs. Clara Fisher Maeder, the once-famous actress, now eighty-six years old, has published her memoirs. She went on the stage when six years old and followed the profession continuously for seventy-two years.

Mrs. Booker T. Washington, wife of the negro educator, not only teaches in the institute at Tuskegee, but helps many of the poorer class to put it to daily practice the principles taught there.

**Casualties.**  
Mrs. J. D. Mallory, wife of the oyster and fruit packer of Baltimore, was thrown from her carriage and sustained injuries from which she will almost certainly die.

Ten of the largest stores of Warton, Ont., were burned. The fire was in the heart of the business portion of the town, before it was controlled with great difficulty. The loss will be very heavy.

Mrs. Annie Turke, living a few miles north of Webster City, Iowa, wandered away from home and for thirty-six hours she was lying under a wagon bridge over a small creek. She is eighty years old, and when she fell from the bridge her leg was broken. She will die.

**Criminal.**  
As a result of bad feeling over whiskey cases Jim Napier, a youth shot and fatally wounded R. H. Kirman on a farm eight miles north of Albion, Iowa.

A big British flag which hung across Cleveland street, Brooklyn, was found to have been torn and cut in pieces, besides being bespattered with mud. Sex distinction was wiped out in the court of Police Magistrate Timmons at Danville, Ill. The justice sentenced Maggie Sellers, a disorderly woman, to the rock pile for thirty days. Maggie took the sentence philosophically.

The New York police decided that Annie Sullivan and Patrick Sullivan, cousins, who were found dead in a room in Martin Ritz's boarding house at Westchester, committed suicide because, according to the laws of the Roman Catholic church, they could not marry.

Emil Minson lost jewelry and money out of his trunk at his boarding house at West Superior, and to ascertain its whereabouts consulted a clairvoyant. She told him that a woman with blond hair had the goods, and the description tallied with Mrs. Bertha Nelson, the landlady. Minson talked about it and the landlady has sued him for \$1,000 damages for slander.

**Foreign Notes.**  
A special dispatch from Athens says that the sultan has instructed Tewfik Pasha to sign the Peace preliminaries.

The islands of Antigua, St. Kitts and Guadeloupe, of the Leeward group, experienced a severe shock of earthquake.

Maurice Grau, the manager of the grand opera season at the Covent Garden, London, has been engaged for a further term of four years.

Dispatches from all over the Province of Ontario tell of great damage and in some cases ruin wrought to crops by the phenomenal rainfall.

Signor Nicolini, the husband of Adeline Patti, continues seriously ill. He is at Craig's Nos., suffering from cancer of the liver.

Henry Rochefort, duelist, journalist and politician, has been condemned to various terms of imprisonment twenty-four times, twice to life sentences.

John Redmond, the Parnellite leader, accompanied by Louis Stuyvesant Chamber as star orator, is stumbling Ireland in the cause of the Redmond league.

President Faure is said to be the greatest dandy in France. He is anxious to institute a special presidential costume, but his colleagues do not look upon the scheme with favor.

It is said that Queen Victoria intends to confer an honorary grand cross of the Order of the Bath on M. Hanotaux, the French minister for foreign affairs.

George J. Goschen, first lord of the admiralty, announced a supplementary naval estimate of \$2,500,000 necessitated by rapid additions to foreign navies. It is proposed to commence the construction of four additional very fast armored cruisers of 11,850 tons each, and several torpedo boats.

Three young women in Germany have been recently commended for their thorough work in pharmacy, and Fraulien Eva Bosse, a daughter of the German minister of public works, has been pronounced by Dr. Fraulich, president of the Imperial German Pharmaceutical society to be one of the most excellent and gifted scholars he has ever met.

## IN SOUTH DAKOTA

### Interesting News Items From all over the State.

The state insurance department has granted a license to the Bankers' Reserve Life association of Omaha.

The county of Beadle has appropriated \$100 for the purpose of testing sugar beet culture.

The directors of the Clay county fair have fixed Sept. 21 to 24 as the date for the annual exhibit.

Fire ruined the residence and most of the household goods of John Ferand, at Huron. The family had a narrow escape.

In the national G. A. R. encampment in Buffalo in August, this state's contingent will travel over the Northwest and Lake Shore lines.

The board of county commissioners of Beadle county have appropriated \$100 for the purpose of testing sugar beet culture in that county.

The contract for the school building to be erected at Yankton has been let for \$10,890. The building will be first-class in every respect.

J. R. Brown, late postmaster at the Sisseton Agency, was held in bonds of \$500 by a court commissioner at Aberdeen, on the charge of being short about \$75 in his accounts.

Chickens are reported quite plenty, and there is not any poaching done around Lennox. The boys say they will wait patiently until the 15th of August.

Department Commander C. B. Clark of Huron, estimates that 250 old soldiers from this state will go to the national G. A. R. encampment in Buffalo.

The Northville mill is turning out seventy-five barrels of flour per day, and under the management of Marshall & Johnson, promises to be a big thing for that vicinity.

Three horse thieves entered Henry Dunlap's farm at sunset, got into a getting one horse loose, when Dunlap fired two shots, dropping one of the thieves, but he got up afterwards, escaping with the rest.

A. Shove's store at Howard was burglarized. The thieves broke in a window and helped themselves to clothing, boots and shoes, jewelry and \$7 in cash, all there was in the till. No clue to the burglars.

The state board of pharmacy, at their meeting at Sioux Falls, selected Mitchell as the place for holding the next annual session. The prize for the best essay was awarded to A. H. Sutes of Sioux Falls.

J. W. Keeley & Son of the Huron city mills, have arranged to put their town on the Huron division of the Chicago & Northwestern railway; the capacity of their mill is 250 barrels of flour per day.

The milk crop is one that never fails, and farmers of South Dakota are beginning to realize that \$250,000 per month paid them by the creameries of the state is a sum not to be scorned. The amount will be doubled another year.

At the Fairbanks place, Grace Calder, a seven-year-old daughter of Mrs. Shandy of Vermillion, was run over and one leg was crushed. The wagon was loaded with hay, and the child was hanging and swinging from one side of the rack.

During the last four months one orphan's home in Chicago has found names in Hand county for thirty boys. The last shipment was seven boys, the last of a car load which the agent started from Chicago with. They were all taken quickly, the farmers liking the idea of a number to pick from.

A serious accident occurred at the first bridge north of White, on the railroad, recently. The bridge carpenters were working on the bridge there when the bank caved in. One of the men, H. B. Nichols of Emmetsburg, Iowa, was instantly killed. Mr. Nichols was a member of the Masonic order, being a member of the blue lodge and chapter at Emmetsburg and the commandery at Esterville.

A few days ago Walworth county was visited by horse thieves, who drove off to North Dakota six horses belonging to Phil Lewis of Le Beau. Mr. Lewis declares that he knows the culprits, and has started north, where he expects to cause the arrest of the guilty parties, and as soon as requisition papers are issued by Gov. Lewis, will have them brought back for trial.

The agent of a gopher killer is at work in the northern counties of North Dakota, killing off the gophers. He uses a poison which is sprinkled upon bread and placed near the gopher's hole. The animal scents the fragrant stuff, comes forth and partakes, and that is all there is of it. It is said to be a sure exterminator of the gopher pest.

H. W. White of Yankton has received honorable recognition for his abilities as an inventor. He recently patented what he terms is the best and most simple churn dasher ever placed before the public. The government board of examiners of patents has awarded him a handsome gold and silver medal. Mr. White has long labored upon different inventions, and is the patentee of at least fifty useful articles.

The Chicago & Northwestern depot at Castlewood was broken into and \$25 taken from the money drawer. The agent was away to supper and had not been absent over twenty-five minutes. The outside doors were locked when he left, but upon his return one door was found open. Two tramps, who had been seen loitering around the depot during the day, were arrested on suspicion, but there being insufficient evidence to convict them, they were released.

The remaining assets of the First National Bank of Redfield will be sold at public auction. The assets consist of about \$75,000 in judgments and paper secured and unsecured, and about \$5,000 in real estate. W. C. Kiser and W. W. Taylor are on the ground to bid on their paper and assessments; these amount to about \$30,000 alone. The amount necessary to be raised is \$10,000, which will enable Receiver Bourne to close up the affairs of the bank and pay 100 cents on the dollar.

The bank has already paid dividends amounting to 90 per cent of the deposits since coming into the hands of the receiver.

**Talking Measure.**  
Society-I see they are fitting up a giant phonograph to warn vessels off the coast, and it will be ten horse power.  
Knoxey-No, you mean ten woman power.-Pittsburg News.

**Palpably False.**  
"I have been told," said she, as they sat in a shady corner of the porch, that you have rather a grasping disposition."  
"You don't believe it, do you?"  
"Dear me, no. I have never seen you exhibit the least sign of catching on."-Indianapolis Journal.

**Sure Thing.**  
"Is Silms a man to be depended upon?"  
"Always. You can depend upon it that he will get the best of you if he can."-Detroit Free Press.

**Time Enough.**  
Tourist (in Jersey, apprehensively)-How about the Jersey mosquitoes? Don't you find them pretty vicious creatures?  
Jersey Native (indifferently)-Not at all! Not at all! Why, they'll eat right out of your hand!-Puck.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

### Overflow From the Wires in a Condensed Form.

Prince Rismarck is again in excellent health.

One of the amusing features of the Minnesota state fair will be a log rolling contest.

One hundred and fifty persons are believed to have perished in the recent Crimean floods.

United States Consul General Chas. De Kay will return from Berlin to New York in September.

Waldemar P. Leonard of Cincinnati has been appointed vice and deputy consul at Hamburg, Germany.

A Berlin dispatch says Secretary Sherman will soon resign and will be succeeded by Ambassador White.

Cass Gilbert, architect of the new state capitol of Minnesota, is visiting Mr. Hamilton, of the supervising architect's office, in Washington.

Judge Sanborn arrived in Denver and caused the decree of sale of the Union Pacific railroad ordered by the United States court to be duly recorded in that district.

The grand jury at Leadville, Colo., has brought in two indictments against Judge Owens for failing to enforce the laws against gambling and Sunday opening. The sheriff is in the same boat.

The pantsmakers of Greater New York will strike, involving 7,500 workmen. They claim they cannot average more than \$1.50 per week, working from 5 o'clock in the morning until 7:30 in the evening.

M. E. Anderson, a broker, with an office at 60 Wall street, New York, died of thirst and exposure in the desert north of Phoenix, Ariz., and his wife lies at a farm house near that city in a critical condition.

The price of window glass has been advanced about 5 per cent by the manufacturers. The new rate goes into effect at once, and is to continue until Aug. 10, when probably it will be made.

The supposed infernal machine that exploded in a mail bag during the transfer of mail at the Potsdam railway station last week turned out to be only a package of large torpedoes of the kind used by cyclists to frighten dogs.

The suit which was brought by Olga Netherole against the Messrs. Frohman, as a result of business differences during her last American tour, has been settled. The Frohmans have paid a sum of money into court in settlement and the suit has been discontinued.

Alexander Grant, chief clerk of the railway mail service, has been appointed assistant general superintendent of that system, succeeding L. T. Myers of Virginia, resigned to accept transfer as chief of the division of inspection of the second assistant postmaster general.

Dr. Arthur Kortegarn, head master of the celebrated school at Frankfurt, died suddenly at Interlaken. He was 60 years of age, and until within a few years was head master of the well-known school at Bonn, where many prominent Americans and Englishmen have been educated.

George Walker of Ohio has been appointed assistant attorney for the department of justice. Mr. Walker went to Washington several years ago as correspondent of the Cleveland Leader and has been engaged in newspaper work there until within a few years, when he was admitted to the bar and began the active practice of law.

## THE MARKETS.

### Latest Quotations From Grain and Live Stock Centers.

Chicago, Aug. 2. - Wheat - No. 2 red, 70 3/4@71c; No. 3 red, 70 1/2@71c; No. 2 spring, 70 3/4@71c; No. 3 spring, 70 1/4@71c; No. 2 hard winter, 70c; No. 3 hard winter, 69 3/4@70c; No. 1 Northern spring, 70 1/2@71c. Corn - No. 2, 27 5/8@27 3/4c; No. 3, 26 3/4c. Oats - No. 2, 18 1/2@18 1/4c.

Chicago, Aug. 2. - Hogs - Light, \$3.70@3.80; mixed, \$3.70@3.87 1/2; heavy, \$3.50@3.85; rough, \$3.50@3.65. Cattle - Beeves, \$3.55@3.65; cows and heifers, \$1.75@2.25; Texas steers, \$2.40@2.44; stockers and feeders, \$2.25@2.50. Sheep - Natives, \$3.25@3.45; Westerns, \$3.00@3.45; lambs, \$3.75@5.40.

Minneapolis, Aug. 2. - Wheat - August opened at 80 1/8c and closed at 80 1/8c; September opened at 71 1/8c and closed at 71 3/8c; December opened at 71 3/4c and closed at 72 1/8c. On track - No. 1 hard, 81 5/8c; No. 1 Northern, 80 5/8c; No. 2 Northern, 79 5/8c.

Milwaukee, Aug. 2. - Flour steady. Wheat higher; No. 1 Northern, 83c. 2 spring, 80 1/2c; December, 74 7/8c. Corn firm; No. 3, 27c. Oats firm; No. 2 white, 21 1/2@21 3/4c. Rye higher; No. 1, 41 3/4c. Barley steady; No. 2, 33 3/4@34c; sample, 29 3/4@30c.

Sioux City, Iowa, Aug. 2. - Hogs - \$3.30@3.52. Cattle - Canners, \$1.80; heifers, \$3.00@3.20; bulls, \$2.50@3.50; stockers, \$3.00@3.75; yearlings, \$3.70@4.00; calves, \$4.50.

South St. Paul, Aug. 2. - Hogs - \$2.05@3.45. Cattle - Cows, \$3.05; stockers, \$3.25@3.75; mixed, \$2.05; heifers, \$2.30@2.50; steers, \$3.50; bulls, \$3.25; calves, \$3.85.

St. Paul, Aug. 2. - Wheat - No. 1 Northern, 79 1/2@80 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 78 1/2@79c. Corn - No. 2 yellow, 24 1/2@25c; No. 3, 23 1/2@24c. Oats - No. 3 white, 20 1/2@21c; No. 3, 19 1/2@19 7/8c. Barley and Rye - Sample barley, 24 1/2@26c; No. 2 rye, 30 3/4@31 1/2c; No. 3 rye, 34 1/2@35c. Seeds - No. 1 flax, 70 1/2@71c; timothy, 90c@1.10; clover, \$3@4.20.

## Joplin's Rich Find.

Joplin, Mo., Aug. 2. - A rich lead mine has been struck on Main street, within a few blocks of the business center of the town. H. D. Graves and Sam Vaughan, two miners, who discovered it, took out at the depth of seven feet over a ton of ore. Machinery will be put in and the mine will soon be in operation right in the heart of the city.

## Injured on a Cycle Track.

Cleveland, Aug. 2. - Fourteen bicycle riders and six bystanders were more or less seriously injured at the bicycle races at Scenic Park. None of the injuries resulted fatally, but one of the spectators of the races was in an unconscious condition for several hours. The accidents were the result of an overcrowded race track.

Secretary Sherman, it was reported at Annapolis, L. I., will remain another week with his daughter. He is gaining strength daily.

## READY FOR WAR

### SPANISH MINISTRY IN A VERY TIGHT PLACE.

Canovas Has a Plan - He Would Unite Spain by Fighting Over Cuba With This Country - The Time Almost in Sight When He Must Give Up the War in Cuba - Canovas Coming Home - Weyler Denies.

London, Aug. 2. - A Spanish diplomatist who is in close touch with Senor Canovas del Castillo, the Spanish premier, informs the correspondent of the Associated Press that it is useless longer to disguise the fact that the Spanish ministry is in a very tight place. He says:

"We can keep up the war in Cuba only so long as our funds last, and the time when they will fail is almost in sight. When it comes we must give up the struggle. Now we are too proud a race to do so at anybody's demand; but we can do so by pleading force majeure in a war with the United States. Such a result naturally would be very unpleasant to us; but in order to prevent a revolution in Spain and the overthrow of the monarchy, war is the only way out."

"The premier knows from President McKinley direct that the president personally does not want war and wishes to save us from the cost and the bloodshed. But his cabinet only partly shares his views, while the senate, the house, the American press, and the people of the United States favor a settlement with big guns."

"President McKinley, however, while first for peace, has declared himself as not shrinking from war, if any measures fail. This is the position, and naturally lends strength to the independent course which Gen. Woodford will pursue. His instructions will be at the outset to attempt to obtain for Cuba the peaceful means of Cuban independence. He is destined to be defeated in his proposal, the moment it is made; for Spain would infinitely prefer war, with or without encouragement of other nations, to any surrender on the Cuban question. This is the fact, and the premier sees no other way out of the present position. He will court war the moment the United States becomes imperative in its demands."

"The wave of great emotion and patriotic feeling which would all out in Spain would naturally sink all threatening domestic questions and disturbances. The Carlists, Republicans and all others would unite for the nation as they could be united by nothing else; and when defeated, if Spain should be defeated, Cuba could be surrendered without imperiling all present political and monarchical institutions."

## Cubans Coming Home.

Madrid, Aug. 2. - A hundred Cuban prisoners who were recently pardoned have arrived at Gibraltar, whence they will proceed to New York. The government organs express the opinion that they will rejoin the insurgents.

## Weyler Denies.

Madrid, Aug. 2. - Capt. Gen. Weyler has telegraphed the government from Havana that he has decided to grant amnesty to 1,500 exiles, including Dr. Montalvo, and denies the American dispatches in which it is stated that the Cubans are using artillery against the outposts of Havana.

## NOT PACIFIED.

### Insurgents Kill Forty-Nine Spaniards and Secure \$40,000 in Gold.

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 2. - The story telegraphed from Havana last week about an attack by insurgents on the suburbs of that city is confirmed by passengers who have just arrived from Havana. The attack referred to was made on the little village of Mannano, about ten miles southwest of the city and the terminus of the antiquated and dilapidated Mannano railroad. The engagement was short and desperate. Forty-nine Spaniards were killed and 120 wounded; two Cubans were killed and forty wounded. The inhabitants of the town fled for their lives, leaving the insurgents in complete possession. They sacked the place and secured \$40,000 in gold besides a large quantity of supplies that they could not carry off. It is said that the wildest terror reigns in Havana, and that the well-to-do inhabitants are leaving as fast as local laws will permit.

## GREECE WILL NOT LISTEN.

### King George May Abandon if Foreign Control of His Kingdom's Finances Is Ordered.

Paris, Aug. 2. - It is rumored that the possible abdication of the king of Greece has inspired the following dispatch from Athens:

"It is stated on good authority that in the event of a proposal looking to the establishment of foreign control over Greek finances being adopted by the powers, the king will make a declaration of exceptional gravity."

Russia and Germany having counseled Greece to submit to the conditions imposed by the powers, M. Ralli, the premier, replied officially that Greece would never entertain the idea of financial control proposed, and that she would help herself.

## Its Location Known.

Washington, Aug. 2. - Nothing can be done more than already has been done toward marking the boundary line between Alaska and the British possessions along the 141st meridian until the senate passes upon the boundary treaty now before it. There is, however, no doubt of the location of the line along this meridian, and most people in the locality know where it is.

## House Burned Up.

Henry, S. D., Aug. 2. - During a very heavy thunder storm a large farm house belonging to George Washburn, five miles east of Henry, was struck by lightning and entirely consumed, together with the contents.

## Fred Grant's Successor.

New York, Aug. 2. - Mayor Strong has announced the appointment of Col. George Moore Smith, of the Sixty-ninth regiment, to succeed Col. Fred D. Grant as police commissioner.