

CURRENT COMMENT.

The winter wheat crop throughout Illinois is in a promising condition.

LOUIS DUPRE, formerly of the old St. Louis Times, has been appointed Consul to San Salvador.

The New York Legislature has repealed the Broadway Surface Railroad bill and annulled the charter.

Berlin has of late years so completely boycotted French styles that only a dozen Parisian modistes and cooks are now doing business there.

The Khedive of Egypt offered a personal subscription of eight thousand pounds sterling to the fund that was being raised to assist Turkey against Greece.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for a universal short-hand congress to be held in London in 1887 for the discussion of the history and progress of stenography.

The Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce has adopted the Callum bill with an amendment increasing the penalty from one thousand to fifteen hundred dollars.

IBONOCHO GORO, a Japanese, recently became impressed with the fancy that Miss Vanderbilt was in love with him and went to the New York Charity Commissioners as insane.

WILLIAM C. NEIL, through whose efforts the "color line" was broken in the Boston schools and who was the first colored clerk in the post-office of that city, is to have a monument soon.

The Belgian Government was reported preparing a bill to make compulsory the enrollment of all persons in Belgium in a general military service, liable to be called into requisition at any time for the preservation of order.

The Senate in executive session recently confirmed the nomination of Henry Vignaud, of Louisiana, as Secretary of the Legation at Paris; John L. Oberly, of Illinois, and Charles Lyman, of Connecticut, as Civil Service Commissioners, and J. M. Stockslager, of Indiana, as Assistant Commissioner General of the Land Office.

FIRE broke out early the other morning in the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, and many valuable pictures were burned and pieces of statuary damaged. The amount of the loss could not be estimated, as so much of it was burned early and replaced by money. One of the largest paintings burned was Harrison's "Bord de Mer."

The Overland China Mail, recently received, says the news of the anti-Chinese persecutions in the United States has created a dangerous and foreign feeling in Canton, and fears are entertained that the natives would attempt the reprisals mentioned by the Viceroy of Kwang Tung in his dispatches to the Chinese Minister at Washington.

News was recently received in Berlin from the commander of the German gunboat Cyclops, on the west coast of Africa, stating that he had bombarded the town of Moneybimba. The natives were driven away by the bombardment. The marines landed and completed the work of destroying the town. Nobody belonging to the gunboat was injured.

The Lancet and some other medical journals favor Prof. Bisson's treatment for hydrophobia in preference to Pasteur's. It is alleged by these advocates that the latter's effluvia even after rabies have been devolved. The treatment consists mainly in vapor baths of hot boracic solution and injections of picric acid, inducing profuse perspiration.

The British Government, in correspondence with the Dominion Government recently respecting Chinese restrictions, held that it was a Canadian matter, but intimated in an informal way that it was their desire that the Chinese restriction act should be made no more stringent than at present, and that great care should be taken not to pass any legislation which would involve Great Britain in dispute or disturb the friendly relations with China.

The new postmaster at Kansas City, Mo., not regarding it as his duty to notify the Civil Service Commission of the need of holding an examination for his office, treated the commission's failure to hold one as creating an emergency authorizing him to appoint persons not examined. The Treasury and Post-office Departments have decided that there was no such emergency and that these appointees must be paid by the postmaster himself, or go without pay.

SOME experiments were in progress recently at the Washington Navy Yard that promised to revolutionize the art of naval warfare. They were in the nature of aerial torpedoes, much more destructive and harder to guard against than any implement thus far invented. Only a meager description could be given of the new invention, as the details were a secret. These torpedoes are fired from cannon, and are expected to lodge in the rigging or across the deck of the enemy's vessel. Before they are discharged they are closed up into a space a few feet in length, but the act of firing draws them out like a telescope, so that they are from ten to twenty feet long. They will explode as well under water as in the air. Lieutenant Payne, an officer of the navy, is the inventor, and expects to sell the right to manufacture them to the Government.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESSIONAL. In the Senate the 9th Michigan presented a petition of an association of colored citizens of Kansas praying for assistance to emigrate to Africa, with a view to building up another Liberia. The Interior bill was taken up and debated until 11 o'clock. The Interior bill was reported from the Committee on Indian Affairs. The Post-office Appropriation bill has been passed. The Interior bill was reported from the Committee on Indian Affairs. The Post-office Appropriation bill has been passed.

At the expiration of the morning hour on the 14th the Senate resumed consideration of the bill to renege the army. After long debate the bill was passed and the bill was defeated by a vote of 19 to 23. The Senate then adjourned. After the usual morning session in the House the bill to renege the army was taken up and debated until 11 o'clock. The bill was reported from the Committee on Indian Affairs. The Post-office Appropriation bill has been passed.

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SHOT BY SHERIFFS.

A Reign of Terror in East St. Louis.

Deputy Sheriff, After Being Worked, Five Times, Shot and Killed by Sheriff's Men. - Intense Excitement - The Deputies Chased For Their Lives. - Necessitating.

St. Louis, April 10. - Great excitement was occasioned by events that occurred over the railroad strike in East St. Louis yesterday afternoon. Four deputy sheriffs stationed at the Louisville & Nashville yards, near Broadway, fired into a crowd of 300 strikers about 2:30 p. m. Five men and one woman were shot. Three of the men, whose names are not known, are supposed to be mortally wounded. It appears that a number of strikers, without apparently having formed any organized body, were in the yards at the time the shot was fired. The strikers were in the yards at the time the shot was fired.

The business failures during the seven days ended April 10th numbered for the United States, 173; for Canada, 41; a total of 214, as against a total of 214 the week previous. The failures were light in every section of the country except in the West, where they were unusually numerous. The conference at Wheeling, W. Va., between the mill manufacturers and a committee of united millers and heaters broke up without result. The manufacturers refused to pay any more than they had been paying.

A DISPATCH from Laredo, Tex., of the 9th, referring to the recent riot there, says that two of the men wounded on Tuesday's riot were killed yesterday. The rioters were in the yards for some time, and although considerable excitement prevailed no violence was done. The rioters were in the yards for some time, and although considerable excitement prevailed no violence was done.

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THE TARIFF QUESTION.

SPECIAL MESSAGE.

Text of a Special Message from the President of the Senate in Respect of Chinese Treaty Rights - Inconclusive as to the Issue. - The President's Message. - The President's Message.

WASHINGTON, April 6. - The following is the full text of the President's message, sent to the Senate to-day, respecting the treaty rights of Chinese subjects: "The Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled."

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FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT.

GOULD GOSSIP.

A Passenger Train Plunges Down an Embankment. - A Fatal Accident. - The Train Plunges Down an Embankment. - A Fatal Accident.

GREENSBORO, Mass., April 8. - A terrible disaster occurred on the Pittsfield railroad last night midway between Hardwick and Fanny and West Deerfield station, the east-bound passenger train due at Greenfield at 6:05 p. m. going over a culvert 300 feet high. Six bodies have already been taken out of the ruins and it is now known that many more are in a perilous condition. The train was the eastern express and consisted of a baggage car, a smoker, a sleeping car, a mail car and two ordinary passenger cars. It was in charge of Conductor Foster with Herbert Littlejohn as engineer. The point where the accident occurred is the most dangerous on the road.

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