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THE thermometer registered 108 deg. in Stockton, Cal., on the 1st. There were four deaths from sunstroke.

LORD SALISBURY has informed the Irish peers that the government will oppose further amendments to the Irish land bill.

MARK W. HARRINGTON, of Ann Arbor, Mich., is the new chief of the weather bureau under the agricultural department.

M. THEODORE ROUSTAN, the French minister to this country, says the exhibit of France at the World's fair will be a very complete one.

BYRON AYRES dispatches says that the revolution which broke out in Catamarca has been suppressed and the regular provincial government reinstated in power.

THE 1,000 employees at the Pottsville (Pa.) Steel and Iron Co.'s works struck at midnight, on the 1st, because the company refused to sign the western scale of wages.

THE president issued a proclamation, on the 1st, granting copyright privileges in the United States to citizens and subjects of Belgium, France, Great Britain and Switzerland.

THAT part of the McKinley tariff bill which affects the duty on tin plate imported from England went into effect on the 1st. The former duty was one cent per pound; the duty will now be two and two-tenths cents per pound.

THERE is much indignation in London over the remark of Rev. Mr. Parker in a sermon opposing the Kaiser's visit on Sunday to the naval exhibition: "Surely even the emperor can't want to spend all the six days of the week in playing lacrosse."

THE building, plant and leasehold of the Chicago Gold Storage Exchange Co. has been purchased by the London and Colonial Finance Corporation, limited, for \$4,500,000. Half of this vast sum will be in cash and half in stock of the succeeding corporation.

WILLIAM COE and Charles Adgate, while on a passenger train leaving Cleveland, O., at midnight, on the 4th, engaged in a jealous quarrel, and Adgate threw Coe off the coach. He fell on the rails and both feet were amputated and his skull fractured.

THE body of an infant, which had probably been dead two months, was found among the rags at the Teklah paper mill at Appleton, Wis., on the 30th. The rags were shipped from Chicago. A similar case happened at another paper mill in that city last winter.

THE Colorado desert basin at Salton, sixty miles west of Yuma, Ariz., is rapidly filling up with fresh water from a subterranean passage, believed to be connected with the Colorado river, caused by the high waters of last February. At last advice the desert was converted into a lake five miles wide.

THE Florence (Ala.) tripoli works commenced operations on the 30th. It is the only works of the kind in the United States, and the proprietors are certain that they have a bonanza. The tripoli is found in large quantities in Lawrence county, Tenn. It is said to be the only deposit of tripoli on this side of the Atlantic.

AN attempt was made on the night of the 1st, to wreck the "Steamboat train," near Wilson's station, Conn. The locomotive struck and exploded a dynamite bomb at that point, damaging the engine and tearing off a foot of the lower part of the rail. The train, however, kept the track, and a dreadful catastrophe was averted.

PROF. ROLAND P. FAULKNER, Ph. D., of the Wharton school of finance and economy, university of Pennsylvania, has been elected to the chair of political economy in the new school of political science in the Northwestern university at Chicago. Dr. Falkner is a graduate of the Wharton school and of the university of Halle, Germany.

THE Paris Temps, in discussing the renewal of the triple alliance, says that England's undertaking to protect Italy from a French attack is not needed because such an attack is utterly improbable. The obvious design of England is to maintain the balance of power in the Mediterranean without favoring any individual power.

THE London Standard, commenting upon the French occupation of the province of Luang Prabang, supposes the movement is a prelude to an eventual attempt by the French to annex Siam with the object of aiding Russian designs in eastern Asia. Continuing, the Standard says such a project is certain to involve antagonism on the part of China.

THE census bureau has issued a bulletin on the subject of schools for the blind. It appears that the total number of students in these schools in this country in 1889 was 2,331, while in 1890 the number was 2,041, an increase in the decade of 890. This apparent increase, it is said, is due to some extent to the increased facilities for the reception and education of the blind.

ABOUT 12 o'clock on the night of the 4th grasshoppers stopped the Rock Island passenger train at Lyman, Col., about five miles from the Kansas line. They covered the track for a distance of five miles, and the wheels of the engine revolved helplessly. Another engine was procured at Lyman which pushed the train through the five-mile column, it taking two hours to accomplish it.

THE drought in the Madras presidency of India continues, and all hope of obtaining intermediate crops has been abandoned. The land presents a dreary, scorched waste, and the people, so far as the poorer classes are concerned, are already suffering acutely from a famine and from a scarcity of drinking water.

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

C. D. EVANS, compiler of the Memphis and the Philadelphia city directories, was found dead in his room at Memphis, Tenn., on the night of the 30th. A vial, supposed to have contained poison, was on a table near his bed, and suicide is inferred.

SECRETARY NOBLE has appointed Hon. H. C. Ballou, of Illinois, to be assistant chief clerk of the pension office, vice Green B. Baum, Jr., resigned.

THE United States steamship Alert left Victoria, B. C., for Behring sea on the 30th. She is in command of Lieut. Wainwright. Coal and supplies for the warships have been shipped on the steamer Costa Rica.

THE Southern Passenger association has made the lowest first-class fare for the round trip to the national G. A. R. encampment in Detroit, Mich., in August. The Boston Passenger association has made a rate of \$15 from Boston to Detroit and return, August 2-30.

At Magdalena, N. M., on the 30th, W. B. Newberry and W. V. Nolan, prominent cattlemen, quarreled. Newberry began firing at Nolan and two shots took effect in the groin. Nolan returned the fire with a Winchester, the second shot passing through the heart, and Newberry fell dead.

REPORTS from various portions of western Oklahoma go to assure immense crops of wheat, cotton and corn. The wheat crop is being threshed and is yielding from fifteen to thirty bushels to the acre. Corn is insured by recent rains and is already in the ear. The cotton crop, it is estimated, will yield from a half to a bale per acre.

THE friends and trustees of Kenyon college, the old and wealthy Episcopal institution at Gambier, O., are greatly excited over the discovery that \$21,000 of the endowment fund has been used to meet the running expenses of the college. For several years the treasurer's reports have shown small deficiencies, but no one was aware that the trust funds had been impaired.

SAMUEL MYERS, an employee of the New Adirondack & St. Lawrence Railroad Co., went away from his camp near Saranac Inn, N. Y., on the afternoon of the 28th, for a stroll, and has not been heard from since. Fifty men with experienced guides have been searching the woods for him.

THE Minnesota state democratic conference gathered at Minneapolis, on the 1st, with 150 leading politicians in attendance. The ostensible object of the gathering was to organize the club movement of the state and discuss campaign plans.

A SPECIAL from Bar Harbor, Me., says that Mr. Blaine had a bad turn shortly after dinner, on the 1st, and a physician was summoned. The attack proved to be not very severe.

THE Norve Vremya of St. Petersburg says unless France and Russia make a formal alliance the parties to the dreadnought will become so arrogant that war will be provoked.

WHILE a tug-sail boat was conveying a pleasure party across the bay of Arr. from Largs to Rosneath, Scotland, on the 1st, it capsized, and eight persons were drowned.

THE Marquis Imperiali, secretary of the Italian legation, was at Bar Harbor, Me., on the 1st, to consult with Mr. Blaine.

SECRETARY FOSTER, it is understood, has practically decided to extend the 4 1/2 per cent. bonds at 2 per cent. interest.

THE Iowa republican state convention, in session at Cedar Rapids, on the 1st, nominated Hon. Hiram C. Wheeler, of Sac county, for governor, by acclamation; Geo. Van Houten, of Taylor county, supreme judge; S. M. Weaver, superintendent of public instruction, Henry Sablin, railroad commissioner, Frank T. Campbell.

THE London police have warned the German and French socialists and anarchists against any overt act during the Kaiser's visit to that city.

A BRAZILIAN tourist fell into the crater of Mount Vesuvius, on the 1st, and met a horrible death. A companion was saved by the guide.

THE new form of debt statement issued on the 1st shows that the increase of the public debt during the month of June, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,999,382. Total cash in the treasury, \$745,749,751.63. The bonded debt decreased \$2,218,666.22.

A TERRIBLE tornado swept over the Crete district of Rhenish Prussia on the 1st. In the town of Cretefeld booths for a hall which had been erected for the use of a rifle meeting, together with fifty houses, were destroyed. Many persons were killed and injured.

THE Pall Mall Gazette wants the British government to censure the Duke of Cambridge for smoking in Kew gardens against the rules.

VESEVUS has renewed its volcanic activity, and the torrent of lava rushing down the mountain side is rapidly increasing in volume.

SECRETARIES FOSTER and Rusk left Washington, on the 3d, for West Virginia, to spend the Fourth of July with Mr. S. B. Elkins.

ON the 2d, 3,500 iron workers of Glasgow, Scotland, struck against a proposed reduction of 5 per cent. in wages.

HENRY BRABHAM, the negro who so brutally murdered Jno. Moea, an Italian, in Charlotte, N. C., on the night of April 11 last, was hanged, on the 1st, in the corridors of the Mecklenburg county jail. Through his spiritual adviser he confessed he murdered Moea.

THEATRE NERBERG issued his statements of assets and liabilities, on the 3d, under the new form adopted by the department. The total assets are stated at \$203,143.708 and the total liabilities at \$133,893.509. The assets are made up of the following items: Net gold, \$117,667,722; net silver, \$17,564,509; treasury notes on hand, \$9,763,253; net United States notes, \$1,601,744; trade dollar billon, \$1,848,203; fractional sil-

ver and minor coins, \$19,982,003; national bank notes, \$5,655,174; and deposits with national banks, \$28,358,699.

A DISASTROUS storm swept over Ransom and Sargent counties, S. D., on the 2d, completely destroying nearly 10,000 acres of growing crops. In Miller township there are 1,300 acres of growing wheat ruined and in Kingston township 700. Whole farms in Ransom county have been devastated by the terrific storm of hail and wind which swept over it.

THE St. Louis Republic's Holy Land tour's contest resulted in the selection of Rev. Dr. Cave for the tour of the Holy Land and Father Brennan for the tour of Europe. Rev. Dr. Matthews, the third on the list, will also be presented with a tour by the promoters of the contest. The votes of the three were: Dr. Cave, 159,573; Father Brennan, 116,908; Dr. Matthews, 23,141.

A STATEMENT prepared at the treasury department shows there was a net decrease of \$1,210,954 in the circulation during the month of June and a net decrease of \$7,033,504 in the money and bullion in the treasury during the same time.

ARGUMENTS were made, on the 3d, in the Few Tails murder trial at Sturgis, S. D., and the case went to the jury in the afternoon. After being out two hours the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and the white men charged with murdering Few Tails were set at liberty.

JUDGE JAMES M. LOVE, of the United States district court for the southern district of Iowa, died at his home in Keokuk on the evening of the 3d. Judge Love was born in Virginia in 1819, and has occupied a position on the United States bench since 1855.

SIR GEORGE BADEN POWELL, the English Behring sea commissioner appointed to arbitrate the sealing question, arrived at New York, on the 5th, on the Etruria. He will spend a few days at Ottawa in consultation with Premier Abbott and Minister of the Marine Service Tupper, when he will leave for Vancouver, where he will be joined by the commissioner on behalf of Canada, Dr. Dawson, and their course will be direct for Behring sea.

WHILE laboring under an attack of religious insanity, on the 5th, Mrs. Mary Miller, of Pittsburgh, Pa., attempted to kill her 8-month-old babe by hitting it on the head with a hatchet. The baby's cries attracted the attention of a woman who lived in the same house, who prevented her from finishing her deadly work. Mrs. Miller says her child is a second Christ and it was her duty to kill it. The baby cannot live.

SEVERAL fires in San Francisco, resulting from the use of fireworks on the 4th, caused losses aggregating \$109,000. One fireman was fatally injured and five others badly hurt by a falling ladder.

WHILE troops were practicing on the construction of a ponton bridge on the river Aar, near Solothurn, in Switzerland, on the 5th, the pontons capsized and nineteen men were drowned.

RECEIPTS of wool at Boston, for the week ended on the 4th, were 13,377 bale domestic and 316 bales foreign. Sales, 1,651,000 pounds domestic and 400,000 pounds foreign.

THE Chilean transport Itata and the United States steamer Charleston arrived at San Diego, Cal., on the 5th, direct from Iquique, Chili, after a trip of twenty-three days.

EX-VICE PRESIDENT HANNIBAL HAMLIN, who served during the first term of President Lincoln, died suddenly, on the evening of the 4th, at Bangor, Me.

A GERMAN merchant named Donner has donated 2,000,000 marks to erect a hospital at Hamburg.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

THE first carload of this year's crop of wheat was received at Philadelphia on the 6th. It was grown on the eastern shore of Maryland, and sold at \$1 per bushel.

MRS. JANE DAVIDSID at Kansas City, Mo., on the 6th in utmost qualor from starvation. She had saved during her lifetime \$1,500, which she had on deposit in a bank but refused to draw it to buy food.

THE first bale of cotton of this year's crop was received at Houston, Texas, on the 6th. The first bale last year was received on July 23d.

A TERRIBLE cyclone struck Baton Rouge, La., on the 6th, killing ten persons and wounding thirty-six.

GLASSHOPPERS are increasing rapidly in North Dakota. Many farmers are catching from five to ten bushels per day.

THE entire barbed wire interests of the country have been merged into a trust to be known as the Columbia patent company.

THIRTEEN persons were killed and a large number wounded in a railroad wreck near Charleston, W. Va., on the 4th.

BAINS & PORTER, one of the largest wholesale and retail drug firms in Birmingham, Ala., assigned on the 4th. Liabilities \$55,000.

J. A. R. ELLIOTT and Will Crosby shot for the American field cup at Kansas City on the 4th. Elliott won by the remarkable score of fifty straight birds.

THE ex-Confederate Association of Franklin County, Ark., held a reunion at Ozark on the 4th. It was a complete success, more than 3,000 persons attending.

WHILE John Milson was stirring the contents of a vat at St. Louis on the 4th, in which huge chunks of meat are boiled to separate the flesh from the bone, he slipped and fell into it. He was in the vat only a few moments, but the water was boiling hot and in an instant he was literally parboiled.

THE committee having charge of the collection of subscriptions for the Jefferson Davis monument fund report that \$50,000 is in sight.

A LARGE pond, covering about ten acres, at Sheffield, Ala., has disappeared through an underground outlet, leaving the former site of the pond completely

A FRIGHTFUL WRECK.

Fifteen Persons Killed and Fifty-Eight Injured by the Fall of a Train Through a Burned Trestle on the Kanawha & Michigan Railroad at Farm, W. Va.—List of the Killed.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., July 5.—The greatest disaster in the history of this community was the wrecking of a Kanawha and Michigan train at Farm, a village 8 miles north of this city, yesterday morning. There is a trestle there 35 feet high which caught fire at some time during the night from an unaccountable cause, probably from a cinder from an engine passing about midnight. While the bridge was not consumed its foundations were so badly damaged as to render it unsafe to cross. No notification of the fact was received here, however, and the train, the first of the day, attempted to cross it as usual. The engine, tender and baggage car passed over safely, but the two coaches went through.

Engineer Det Conner succeeded in realizing the situation, and pulled open the throttle in the hope of pulling all over safely, but it was too late. Both coaches were crowded and scarcely any one in them escaped injury.

The station is three miles from the nearest telegraph office, but as soon as possible a relief train was sent from this city, which returned about 2:15 p. m. bearing the dead and wounded.

One of the most pathetic incidents of the accident was that of the Welcher family. Mr. Welcher, his wife and child were on their way to Point Pleasant to visit friends, being their first trip outside of the city for years. Mr. Welcher was instantly killed, and his wife was brought here a few hours later so badly injured that she died shortly after her arrival. Their little child, aged about 2 years, was somewhat bruised and bleeding, three fingers of its right hand being cut off.

S. J. Satterthwaite, of this city, who was first reported killed, is still living, but is in a very precarious condition. He is semi-conscious and his recovery is very doubtful.

So far the deaths stand at fifteen, with the possibility of three or four more, out of the fifty-eight injured.

Following is a list of the dead:

Amos Coulton, Elk City.
Orville Robinson, Midway.
Thomas Thornton, Charleston.
Walter Welcher and wife, Charleston.
Jasper Daugherty, New Martinsville, Col.
C. W. E. Fife, Putnam county.
Misses Mary Sullivan and Ella O'Leary, Charleston.

Frederic N. Wilson, of the Gallipolis Bulletin.

R. J. Satterthwaite, Charleston.
L. C. Rose, Blue Creek.
John Hoffman, Blue Creek, Kanawha county.

Mrs. R. S. Truslow, owner of the Albert hotel, Charleston.
An unknown woman dressed in red is still in the wreck. The rescuers being unable to get her out.

The injured number fifty-eight. The cars were crowded and it is a wonder that there were not more fatalities. Scarcely anyone of them escaped unhurt.

THE RAVENNA WRECK.

The Bodies of the Victims of the Ravenna (O.) Wreck Sent to Their Friends in Corning, N. Y.

RAVENNA, O., July 5.—The bodies of the seventeen glass-blowers who were killed in the Erie wreck here Friday, were yesterday sent to Corning, N. Y., where they had hoped to spend the Fourth.

It now transpires that the supposed body of a child was the corpse of Willie Kane, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was on his way home from the west. His remains were sent east also.

The unknown woman has been identified as Miss Kenan, of Cincinnati, a nurse girl employed by Ignatius Kugel, of Cincinnati, who resumed his journey to Lakeview, N. Y., on the same train.

The coroner's inquest has been commenced. The witnesses examined were firemen. They seem to think the freight was not flagged soon enough. It was brought out at the request that the freight was running twenty-five miles an hour, and that with hand brakes it would have been impossible to stop it inside of three or four minutes. The inquest will be resumed tomorrow.

A BALLOONIST'S FATE.

William Hennessy, who Took an Involuntary Ride at New Lisbon, O., Dashed to Death—The Aeronaut Badly Injured.

NEW LISBON, O., July 5.—Fully 8,000 people were assembled here yesterday to see Prof. Brady, of Cleveland, make a balloon ascension and parachute leap. When the word was given and the balloon shot upward, the multitude was horrified to see a man hanging head-downward immediately below the mouth of the balloon. The man, whose leg was entangled in a rope, disentangled himself and dropped to the parachute, striking it in such a way that the knife cut the rope, detaching the parachute from the balloon and he and the aeronaut fell to the ground with great force. The upper man fell about 300 feet and was instantly killed. The parachute broke Brady's fall, but he was seriously though not fatally hurt. The name of the man killed was Wm. Hennessy, a resident of this place, who was helping to inflate the balloon. He was 50 years old and leaves a widow and four children.

Second Only to New Orleans Mardi Gras.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 5.—The Fourth was celebrated here yesterday morning in the grandest style in the history of Chattanooga. The procession was nearly two miles long and it took two hours to pass a given point. Four thousand men and boys and 1,200 horses and mules were in the line of march. There were twenty gorgeous floats and five brass bands of music. Fifty thousand people witnessed the parade. This was the greatest celebration ever known in the South, with the exception of the New Orleans Mardi Gras.

SOUTHERN GLEANINGS.

Gen. Benj. F. Butler on Jefferson Davis.

Gen. Benj. F. Butler has written a book. The general's book will doubtless be read, as it is said he tells a good many things that have heretofore been kept quiet. He explains why he voted fifty-seven times for Jefferson Davis in the Charleston convention of 1860. He says:

As secretary of war, Davis had shown great reach of thought and great belief in the future of the country. It is to the surveys and explorations ordered by him as secretary of war that much of the prosperity and growth of the northwest is due. We owe to these surveys and explorations the Union Pacific railroad, which was built to bind the east and west together as with a chain of steel after Davis had succeeded. While he was secretary of war he made a tour through a portion of the New England states. In a part of this trip I accompanied him, and I then had occasion to learn his character and his abilities. He was not an original disunionist, but felt bound to follow his state. He himself told me this in December, 1860. For these reasons I voted for him fifty-seven times in convention and then the convention adjourned without any break in the votes. Near the beginning of the voting, when thoughts were still on the side of a majority, one of Douglas' friends came across the hall to our delegation and said: "Who here is voting for Jefferson Davis?" A vote for Douglas which will give him a majority is worth 25,000." I said to him: "Sir, it takes two of us here to carry a vote, as you know. Here is my colleague in voting. Mr. Chapin. He is worth a couple of millions or more. Perhaps you can prevail upon him, if you would like to try." That conversation went no further. For these votes for Jefferson Davis I have been criticised and abused for more than thirty years in every form of words that characterize calumny. I have not up to my voting for him, the only occasion by the representatives of any state was that the delegation of South Carolina when it withdrew from the democratic convention for sought that anybody in the world knew Davis was still loyal to the Union. As a loyal Union soldier he had been rewarded by a seat in the cabinet of President Pierce as secretary of war. This post he had filled with commendation, and had then taken a seat in the senate.

Melons by the Million.

Says a St. Louis paper: J. J. Griffen, assistant freight agent of the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia railroad, has published a pamphlet for the benefit of the dealers and shippers of watermelons, which is full of valuable information on this toothsome subject. It gives the name and acreage of every melon-grower on the Savannah, Florida & Western, Central, East Tennessee & Georgia Southern railroads and branches, with the total acreage of each shipping station and each road. It will probably surprise a good many people who read the totals in Mr. Griffen's pamphlet. The watermelon is certainly becoming an important commercial item when a single system of railroad finds it necessary to get up such an extended report upon the crop. Here are the figures:

Acreage on Central and branches..... 9,329
Acreage on E. T. V. & G..... 1,631
Acreage on C. & F..... 1,341
Acreage on S. F. & W..... 12,225
Total acreage..... 22,526
Less acreage in Florida..... 1,506
..... 21,020

Estimated for:
Atlanta & Florida..... 800
Georgia Railroad..... 500
Columbus Southern..... 1,000

Acreage for Georgia..... 30,704
Or about 10,200 cars of melons.

The importance of this information can hardly be overestimated. The wide-labeled exaggerated estimates of the crop have prepared the commission merchants for a glutted market and the feeling hitherto has been decidedly bearish. In view of the partial failure of the fruit crop, if this information is correct, as it bears evidence of being, the Georgia watermelon this year will be no drug in the market. The crop now offers to be little larger than last year and with a shortness of the fruit crop it ought to be in demand.

Hydrophobia.

Near Rutledge, Ga., George W. Malcom, a prominent planter, died of hydrophobia. Several weeks previous he was attacked in the road by a big dog, which caught him by the nose and mouth and held on till Malcom succeeded in beating him to death with a stone. Malcom took things coolly, saying he had no fear of hydrophobia, as he believed the dog was not mad. A few days ago he went to get a drink. The sight of the water caused a spasm, and then he knew his fate. Calling his family about him he said he was going to die, made his will and waited. Spasms came at short intervals, and he died in great agony.

Stonewall Jackson's Body Removed.

At an early hour the other morning, just about day-break, the body of Gen. T. J. Jackson ("Stonewall") was taken by order of the committee in charge of the monument from the grave in the Lexington (Va.) cemetery, where it was interred at the time of his death, and placed in the vault over which the monument is now building in that city, and which will be unveiled July 21. The vault was sealed up permanently. It was Mrs. Jackson's request in a letter that the body be removed in the night, and that no one should know of it but the committee in charge. This request was complied with.

Two Boys Killed by Lightning.

A severe thunder and wind-storm visited the neighborhood of Jessup, Ga., a few days since. Just as it commenced raining two negro boys who were hauling wood with a pair of ponies drove under a shade-tree and stopped. They had hardly halted when a bolt of lightning struck the tree and, passing down, killed both boys and ponies. The tree was not injured except that the bark was split in several places.

A Warning.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat warns the people of the south not to vote too many bonds to railroads, and repeat the errors of many northern communities.

Got Off Light.

Henry Hardin, colored, playfully threw a negro boy into the water at Mobile, Ala., and the boy drowned. Hardin got three months in jail.

At the Age of 109.

William McPherson died near Talladega, Ala., aged 106 years. He was Alabama's oldest citizen, and lived for seventy years where he died.

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