

CURRENT COMMENT.

WITHIN a year and a half four newspapers have perished in Cincinnati, and on the last one \$250,000 had been expended.

THE summer of 1884 in the United States will go upon record as a rare one—cool, dry, pleasant, and healthy in town and country.

THE sales of Virginia tobacco have fallen off considerably during the first seven months of the present year, as compared with the corresponding period last year.

A GANG of burglars on Staten Island appointed two of their number to serenade the inmates of a well furnished house while the others broke in at the back and robbed the premises.

THE New York State Fish Commissioners report the introduction of the German carp to have been very successful. It breeds as well and thrives as well here as in its original home.

THE next reunion of the Army of the Tennessee will be held at Chicago the second Wednesday and Thursday of September, 1885. General Sherman was re-elected President of the organization.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR has sent a valuable gold watch and chain to Captain Brien, commander of the British barkentine Susan, in recognition of his conspicuous bravery in rescuing the officers and crew of the American ship Tennessee while that vessel was burning at sea.

DR. KOCH stated in a lecture recently that he was convinced that the Delta of the Ganges was the real home of the cholera. Religious pilgrimages in India greatly promoted the spread of cholera. An improved water supply, Dr. Koch thought, was the best means of checking the disease.

MR. GLADSTONE has several times lately shown signs of physical weakness. About a fortnight ago he nearly fell down in the House of Commons, and since that time he has been in his private room after undergoing a severe cross-questioning in the House on the Egyptian debate.

SENATOR BAYARD is a conspicuous figure this summer at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. He is seen daily in the surf, where his daring feats of swimming attract universal attention. A rather "natty" bathing suit, as a correspondent describes it, distinguishes the Senator from the rest of the bathers.

THE story comes from Grant, Herkimer County, N. Y., of a swindle, and worse, perpetrated on a soldier's widow, named Catherine Pooler. She lately received a pension certificate for nine hundred and fifty-one dollars, which it is claimed she was induced to assign to her nephew, one Garlock, by fraudulent representations on the part of himself and his mother, who have since kidnapped her, and now keep her under restraint.

THE use of balloons in European warfare dates from the last Franco-German war. They were then chiefly employed for the purpose of observation, signaling and escape from beleaguered towns. A German-American scheme of aerial warfare has been under the consideration of the English War Office, in which not only captive but free balloons are proposed to be utilized for aggressive operations. The inventor suggests the dropping of explosive bombs upon an enemy from balloons. In addition to this, by the use of captive balloons, the whole of the enemy's force may be observed and his tactics easily deciphered and counteracted. It is understood that the forthcoming report will be favorable, certainly as to the part of the scheme if not as to the whole.

VINCENT L. BRADFORD, LL. D., who recently died in Philadelphia, was seventy-six years of age, and was graduated with the highest honors from the University of Pennsylvania in 1825. He practiced law in Michigan and entered the State Senate. It was he who first proposed to abolish the law of imprisonment for debt, which was soon after instituted in other States. He had a hand in the act concerning the Revised Code of Michigan, the organization of the Penitentiary, University, and various systems of internal improvements. His business necessitated his withdrawal from the Senate, but he afterward held the positions of Master in Chancery and Circuit Court Commissioner. In 1843 he returned to Philadelphia and joined the law firm of which his father was a member.

SPEAKING of prospects in the Court of Appeals country, C. D. Porter, a mining expert, says: "The first depression has all passed away. Deeper explorations reveal the fact that what was deemed a shallow channel is now a deep river bed filled with gravel, five feet of which next the bed-rock is so rich that in some cases five ounces have been taken out to the pan. This channel has been located for six miles, but the mother vein, as it is called, higher up the ravine, Mr. Porter believes, will be the richest part of that country. Mr. Porter believes the Court of Appeals region in the world, and that it will be good for twenty years. He says it has rained in that region almost daily for five months, and that the dense forest would keep rain dripping for two hours after the showers had passed. But the boys were looking for a spell of clear weather now. He describes the camp as most hopeful, and any claim which has been opened on ragged bed-rock is paying splendidly.

MAJOR-GENERAL HOFFMAN died at Rock Island, Ill., recently.

D. L. MOODY, the Evangelist, has been engaged by the Y. M. C. A. of St. Louis to preach there this fall.

THE executive committee of the Democratic State Committee of New York elected William E. Smith Chairman.

JAMES G. BLAINE has commenced a suit against the Indianapolis Sentinel for publishing certain scandalous charges relating to his early life in Kentucky.

EDWARD McCURTIN, brother of the present incumbent, was elected Governor of the Choctaw Nation by over two hundred majority.

PATRICK EGAN, formerly Treasurer of the Land League in Ireland, was chosen President of the Irish National League of America at a recent convention in Boston.

ABBE FRASZ LISZT has become blind at Bay South. It is said he consumes daily a frightful quantity of liquor and even falls asleep in the theater. He has broken off with the Princess Wlodek, who has not been isolated cases of cannibalism.

THREE children, Robert Wood, Louise D. Wood and Kate Shaw, all under ten years of age, were recently burned to death in a barn on a farm near South Ferry, O.

J. G. BLAINE spoke at a public meeting at Maranhao, Me., on the 12th. There was a large crowd present to hear him, and a considerable enthusiasm was manifested.

THE Rev. R. M. Collison, pastor of the Fullerton Avenue Presbyterian Church, Chicago, shot and killed his wife recently and then shot himself through the head. He was in trouble with his congregation, and it was thought his mind was unbalanced.

BARON DOU has been elected Chief of the Otago Nation, Indian Territory.

THE other day while Robert Knight and William Smith were tampering in a dynamite cartridge for blasting purposes at Granite Falls, Minn., it exploded prematurely, killing the former and seriously if not fatally injuring the latter.

ALEXANDER RAPIDS and ISIDORA freight train ran over a man at Salt Lake, Mich., recently, killing him. Subsequently he was identified as Lewis Youmans, of Oakland, Mich. He was lying between the rails, evidently intoxicated.

MISS GERTRUDE T. BOOMER, who had been a teacher in the village school at Hills, Ill., for several years, recently committed suicide by saturating her clothing with kerosene and setting herself on fire.

A MURDER occurred recently at Iowa City, Iowa, over some liquor prosecutions. A mob captured the prosecuting attorney and tarred and feathered him and nearly killed the prosecuting witness. The latter citizen was released and organized a special police to preserve the peace.

THE Duke of Wellington, son of the hero of Waterloo, died suddenly at Brighton, Eng., on the 13th.

DURING a severe storm in England and Scotland recently, several persons were killed by lightning, among the number Earl Lonsdale, who was overtaken by a storm while out riding.

A LONDON journal says the child of the Duchess of Albany (widow of Prince Leopold) is so delicate that it can hardly be expected to live.

THE scheme to shut down pig-iron furnaces was likely to become general, in which event the coke oven will also close, the demand for coke coming principally for its use in pig-iron works.

THE Salvation Army was mobbed at Toronto the other night and pelted with rotten eggs.

A PHILADELPHIA company struck another heavy gas vein recently at Homestead, Pa., inside the city limits.

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