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CURRENT COMMENT.

VIENNA has granted Johann Strauss the freedom of the city and life-long exemption from income tax.

FREDERICK J. FARGUS, better known in literature as "Hugh Conway," was reported very ill at Monte Carlo.

WILLIAM SULIC BAYLES, of Kingston, N. Y., died recently in his eighty-third year. He ran the stage coaches on the famous old New York and Philadelphia mail and stage route between New Brunswick and Newton nearly half a century ago.

A. SHULTZ, the anarchist, who was expelled from Switzerland in 1884, and who headed the recent anarchist agitation in Italy, has been invited to attend the International Conference which it is assembling in Geneva for the purpose of arranging scientific methods of preventing the spread of cholera.

The Empress of Austria would cut no mean figure in a go-as-you-please walking-match. One day recently she left the Santa Cecilia, Lord Alfred Paget's steam yacht, at Deal, and walked thence to Dover. On arriving at Dover, she went by train to Folkestone, walked back, and then rejoined the yacht, having walked no less than eighteen miles during the day.

WALL STREET is losing its old leaders. Mr. Gould and Mr. Sage are no longer active; Mr. Vanderbilt is preparing to leave it altogether; Mr. Woerhioffer goes to Europe, and Mr. Keene and D. O. Mills are out of the market. Cammack, Osborne, and Travers are no longer energetic. The new comers are Deacon White and Messrs. Slayback, Lewis Bell and Charley Johns.

CHARLES, the obnoxious negro editor who recently headed a delegation to interview the President respecting the recognition to be accorded the colored people and then was unexpectedly confronted with a copy of his paper containing an incendiary editorial justifying assassination by the Southern negroes in the event of Mr. Cleveland's installation, was bounced from his comfortable fourteen hundred dollar clerkship in the War Department.

The Government of the United States is about to have a new great seal. Strange as it may seem, it has been discovered that the seal in use since the foundation of the Government is not designed in accordance with the law which directed its construction. It is faulty in several respects, notably in the number of arrows in the claw of the eagle, also in the shield and in other respects. The new seal is to correspond in every particular with the statute.

LIEUTENANT SCHUTZKE will take with him a gold medal to present to Vasili Bobrowsky, alias Vasili Noolgloof (One-Eared Bill), when he leaves to distribute rewards to the natives in the vicinity of the Lena River, who aided in discovering DeLong's party. "Bill" was given his alias because he had but one ear. The medal is about the size of a silver dollar, and contains on one side the words: "Presented by the President of the United States." On the other side the name of the recipient will be inscribed.

A MENAGERIE was recently burned at Roubaix, Department of Nord, France, and many of the wild animals were roasted to death. There was great danger at one time of the beasts escaping and the citizens became furious over the neglect of the police to prevent or extinguish the fire. A mob seized the police on duty and compelled them to eat portions of the burned animals. The officers soon after became terribly ill with symptoms somewhat resembling those of cholera. The mysterious disease quickly spread to other victims, and has now become epidemic.

At a meeting of rich and influential land owners in London recently, which was attended by the Duke of Argyll, the Earl of Carnarvon and the Marquis of Ripon, it was resolved to take steps for the immediate formation of a large corporation, to be called the "National Land Company," for the purpose of securing a gradual breaking up of the "large parcel" system of land ownership, now injuriously prevalent in Great Britain. The present plan of the new organization is to buy up land at wholesale and sell it out in lots not to exceed forty acres under conditions likely to cause further subdivision and prevent the aggregation of titles. The company will in all likelihood pay for cash, and sell on deferred payments covering at least ten years.

JAMES D. FISH, the ex-President of the Marine Bank, in a recent cross-examination throws some light on the way in which the funds of the bank were illegally used. He said he knew that he had no right to loan more than ten per cent. of the bank's money to any firm. He made these loans to fictitious persons for the purpose of evading the law. The witness considered the standing of the firm of Grant & Ward very high. He understood that they could pay thirty-six per cent. upon Government contracts. He drew half a million of profits from Grant & Ward in two years. A greater portion of it was paid back. He put in more than he took out. Witness believed that Grant & Ward had the assignment of contracts to supply the Government with grain, hay, beef and other articles. Ward completely imposed upon him and struck the bank for about \$700,000.

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

A Summary of the Daily News.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

ANTHONY W. KELLY, of Virginia, recently nominated and commissioned United States Minister to Italy, will decline the position, not wishing to embarrass the administration by reason of the objections that might be offered by the Italian Government against him.

MR. TAFT, the American Minister to Russia, who had been ill for some time, was reported convalescent.

HON. A. M. WYMAN, Treasurer of the United States, has tendered his resignation, to take effect May 1.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FORTEN was recently challenged to fight a duel by ex-Representative Whitthorne, of Tennessee. The note of challenge was returned without answer.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES H. JUDD, who was at Aspinwall when that place was burned some days ago and who was condemned by a medical survey and sent to New York by Commander Kane, has been placed in an infantry regiment.

ORLANDO W. POWERS, of Kalamazoo, Mich., has been appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Utah.

ANOTHER account of the death of Barrios says that he was killed by a sharpshooter from a tree.

It was rumored that Mr. Kelley, who declined the Italian mission for certain reasons, would be appointed to the Russian mission.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A TERRIFIC explosion of gas occurred in the Phoenix Colliery at Pittston, Pa., the other morning. About one hundred men were in the mine at the time, and many of them were severely burned, though none were fatally hurt.

The grand jury at London returned true bills against Cunningham and Burton, the dynamiters, for treason-felony, and also commended the police for their management of the affair.

The Oklahoma boomers under Captain Couch, it was reported, would temporarily disperse to their homes.

It was reported at Bengala that the rival Mahdis had met in battle and that the original Mahdi was defeated, losing two thousand men.

SWEDEN was reported busy with military preparations. The Gothland militia was being mobilized. King Oscar had arrived at Stockholm, and had held a cabinet council.

A CYCLONE struck Denison, Tex., the other evening. Many houses were wrecked, but no lives were reported lost.

The credit demanded by Mr. Gladstone in the British Parliament on the 21st amounted to \$55,000,000. Some of it was for the purpose of railroad building in Egypt, but the Premier was very significant in stating that it was necessary for the Government to hold the resources of the Empire for instant use in other directions if required.

WINANS, the American millionaire and Scotch landowner, has been sued for divorce by a woman named Southfield, with whom he had been living since 1871. The features of the case were similar to those of the Hill-Sharon divorce suit.

FURTHER volcanic eruptions have occurred on the east end of the island of Java. One hundred persons were reported killed.

A FIRE at Vicksburg, Miss., recently destroyed \$250,000 of property.

Two trains came into collision on the Reading Railroad recently and a third ran into the wreck.

It was reported recently that Big Bear would join Riel with twelve hundred braves.

PARIS journals were ready to declare war on Great Britain for instigating the suppression of the Bosphore Egyptian newspaper in Alexandria. Threats of bombardment were made.

FERRYVILLE, on the Tennessee River, was destroyed by fire recently, the work of an incendiary who sought revenge on a man by burning his residence.

The analysis of the contents of the stomach of Preller, murdered at the Southern Hotel, St. Louis, some days ago by Maxwell, indicated that he had died by inhaling chloroform.

At Chicago, the other evening, Charles R. Shultz, an electrician, lost his balance and grasped the rod which supplied an electric lamp. He was unable to let go, and hung writhing to the swinging lamp until some one stopped the engine which supplied the current, when he fell to the sidewalk dead.

RUSSIA has asked Sweden and Norway to close the Baltic against British war ships. But little hope of success existed on the 21st.

OFFICERS succeeded in capturing twelve persons on the Forest branch of the Welsh Mountains of Pennsylvania, charged with committing numerous burglaries and creating incendiary fires.

The Pullman car works at Philadelphia were destroyed by fire recently. Loss, \$500,000.

On the morning of the 21st a terrible rainfall visited Barber County, Kan. At Medicine Lodge the waters swept over the first and second bottoms, carrying away men, women and children, livestock, buildings and wagons. Sixteen persons were known to have been drowned. A great many saved themselves by climbing trees. Thousands of cattle perished in the angry waters.

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