

THE RED CLOUD CHIEF.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

THE authorities of Edinburgh, Scotland, have resolved to give Henry M. Stanley the freedom of the city.

THE seventy-sixth annual commencement of the Princeton Theological Seminary, at Princeton, N. J., closed on the 6th, a class of fifty-nine graduating.

THE Chamber of Accusation at Constantinople has confirmed the decision of the court that there is no case against Moussa Bey on the charge of ravishing an Armenian girl.

EX-STATE TREASURER ANCHER, of Maryland, has been indicted by the grand jury at Annapolis. The indictment covers 100 pages. It is for malfeasance and carries ten counts.

AT Ruffin, N. C., recently David Stokes died from the bite of a domestic cat. The animal buried her teeth in his arm and her head had to be cut off to release him. He died within twenty-four hours.

THE King of Dahomey is very tired of his war against the French and is ready to make peace at once. He had expected to drive the French garrison away easily, but instead was badly defeated and may even lose his crown.

THE school committee at Providence, R. I., has decided to banish the Bible and all devotional exercises from the city schools and to restrict the application of corporal punishment to cases in which the parents' consent is obtained.

THE Court of Appeals at Albany, N. Y., has handed down a decision in the case of Dilworth Choate, the New York reporter, affirming the judgment of the courts below sentencing him to imprisonment for contempt of court in connection with the Flaek case.

THE defeat of Emile Zola for membership in the French Academy has given a refined satisfaction to a majority of the onlookers. M. Zola bears up well under his rejection by the immortals and the ridicule of the envious world. He says he is not discouraged and will try again.

THE correspondent of the London Chronicle at Berlin says that Germany is disposed to relax the hitherto strict prohibitory regulations regarding the importation of American pork, provided that the United States Government will agree to make concessions favorably affecting German imports.

A SWITZER who claimed to be an agent of a New York life insurance company recently visited Hornellsville, N. Y., and vicinity and appointed each of thirty-five doctors medical examiner for the company and each of 150 other men agent for the neighborhood. Each of the victims paid him a fee of \$5.

TIFFANY & Co. of New York, have been commissioned by the delegates from South and Central America and Mexico to the recent Pan-American conference to make a solid silver "loving cup" of artistic design for presentation to Secretary Blaine, showing the personal esteem of the donors.

THE Railway Age says that over 1,100 miles of railway have already been added to the track mileage of the United States in 1899. There have been many new roads incorporated since the first of January last. The paper predicts that the construction will exceed that of 1898, when 5,300 miles were built.

AT the spring meeting of the New York and Brooklyn Association of Congregational Churches, Dr. Lyman Abbott said: "I am a thorough believer in the eight-hour movement. Under the present system a man becomes a bit of machinery. Eight hours is as long as any man should be a drudge. Any system which makes a man work twelve hours a day is dishonest, because it is grinding a man's body for his labor."

MARY GARDNER, a bright and pretty but wayward girl, was brought to Syracuse, N. Y., from Clyde at the instance of her mother. In the police court she was sentenced to the house of refuge for women at Hudson. On her way to the court house from the police station she jumped into the canal in an attempt to commit suicide, but was rescued as she was about to sink by a big Newfoundland dog, whose master plunged into the water and rescued her.

THE new German Military bill fixes the peace effective at 486,783 troops, exclusive of the one year volunteers. After October 1 the army will consist of 538 battalions of infantry, 465 squadrons of cavalry, 434 field batteries, 31 batteries of foot and 20 pioneer and 31 training battalions. The non-recurring expenditure entailed by the new measures amount to \$1,500,000 marks. The increase in the permanent yearly expenditures is 18,000,000 marks.

REPRESENTATIVE CALDWELL has introduced in the House a bill introduced by S. S. Cox in the Forty-fifth Congress to prevent the desecration of the United States flag. The bill provides that any person who shall disgrace the National flag, either by printing on it or attaching to it any advertisement for public display, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be fined not over \$50 or imprisoned for not less than thirty days, or both.

THE report of the special commission sent out by M. Brunet, liquidator of the Panama Canal Company, to investigate the condition of the canal, estimates that it would cost 480,000,000 francs to complete the canal lock system. To this should be added 23 per cent. for unforeseen expenses and 35 per cent. for additional work, the total cost being fixed at 900,000,000 francs. The report further says it would take six or eight years to complete the canal.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESS. There was an unusually large attendance of Senators and spectators when the Senate met on the 6th. As soon as the Journal was read Senator Blackburn rose and announced the death of Senator Beck. Resolutions offered by him were adopted, and after the appointment of a committee consisting of Senators Blackburn, Harris, Vance, Kennis, Dawes, Kvaits and Anderson to attend the funeral the Senate adjourned. But little business was transacted in the House. Mr. Breckinridge (Ky.) announced the death of Senator Beck, and after the adoption of appropriate resolutions and the appointment of a committee to attend the funeral the House adjourned.

No public business was transacted in the Senate on the 6th, the meeting being only for the purpose of attending the funeral ceremonies of the late Senator Beck. The ceremonies took place shortly after noon and were very brief but impressive. Soon after assembling the House adjourned to attend the funeral of Senator Beck and the members in a body, preceded by the Speaker, repaired to the Senate chamber for that purpose.

AFTER bills were reported in the Senate on the 7th, the House bill to amend the act dividing the State of Missouri into two judicial districts was reported. It passed after an explanation that it was rendered necessary by two mistakes made by the enrolling clerk of the House. At two o'clock the silver bill came up as the regular order, but as Senator Jones, who had charge of the bill, was absent an effort was made to postpone until Tuesday by unanimous consent, to which Senator Vest objected and consideration was proceeded with, but no progress made. Adjourned. Soon after assembling the House went into Committee of the Whole on the McKinley Tariff bill, and Mr. McKinley spoke at length in support of his bill, followed by Mr. Mills in opposition. The debate was continued at the evening session.

THE Senate on the 6th considered at great length the House bill for the classification of worsted cloths as woolen which was finally passed. The Pension Appropriation bill which appropriates \$7,000,000 was then taken up, but no quorum being present the Senate adjourned. Immediately after meeting the House resumed consideration of the Tariff bill, debate on which continued during the day and at the evening session. At 8 o'clock on the 6th the Senate again took up the Pension Appropriation bill, the question being on Senator Sherman's amendment to increase the number of pension agents from eighteen to twenty at a salary of \$4,000. The amendment was agreed to after an animated debate. The bill was finally passed, and the Military Academy bill also passed. The Army Appropriation bill was then discussed until adjournment.

The House passed the bill granting a salary of \$5,000 to the President of the Senate after an animated debate. The bill was then resumed debate on the Tariff bill, which was continued into the evening session and until adjournment.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL. EXPLORER STANLEY was highly honored at London on the 5th. He was led into Albert Hall by the Prince and Princess of Wales and others of the royal family, attended by distinguished leaders of all classes.

HON. C. F. CLARKSON, father of Assistant Postmaster-General Clarkson, died at Des Moines, Iowa, on the 6th. He was born in Maine in 1810 and removed to Iowa in 1855. He was elected to the State Senate in 1863 and has been connected with newspaper work since.

CAPTAIN CASATI, the Italian explorer of Africa, denies that he has entered the service of Germany.

RICHARD CHOKER, the big chief of Tammany Hall, is reported hopelessly sick in Europe.

THE marriage of Governor Toole, of Montana, to Miss Lilly Rosecrans, daughter of General Rosecrans, took place recently at St. Matthew's Church, Washington.

The raid of Major Wissmann on East African tribes was successful.

THEODORE THOMAS, the musician, was married to Miss Rose Fay at Chicago on the 7th.

AUSTRIAN and Hungarian papers are all well pleased with the speech of the Emperor of Germany opening the Reichstag.

The President has nominated Albert H. Jones as United States marshal of Colorado.

The President on the 8th sent in the Oklahoma nominations, headed by George W. Steele, of Indiana, for Governor. Robert Martin, of Oklahoma, is Secretary and Horace Speed, of Oklahoma, is Attorney.

FIVE thousand persons attended the final services over the remains of the late Senator Beck at Lexington, Ky., on the 8th.

Two men were killed by fire damp in the Gilbert colliery near Mahanoy, Pa. CONSUL CALVO, of the Argentine Republic, at New York City, ridicules the statement that dishonest customs officials have robbed that Republic of \$10,000,000 per year.

By the falling of a smoketack at a saw mill at Braddock, Pa., two Greeks were fatally and two seriously injured. THE Pandora levee in Bossier Parish, La., gave way on the night of the 7th and a vast amount of country was inundated.

The Government snag boat C. W. Howell was wrecked at Shreveport, La., recently by striking a pier of the railroad bridge.

The drought has occasioned considerable distress in Cuba. THE jury at Bordentown, N. J., brought in a verdict of guilty against Mrs. Vandegrift, for killing her son Frank to obtain his life insurance.

Two girls named McDonald, aged nine and twelve, became frightened at an approaching train at Portland, Ore., and jumped into a creek and were drowned.

JONAS RUSSELL, aged sixteen, and Clarence Hickox, aged seventeen, went to camp out in a cave and were buried alive and smothered near Des Moines, Iowa.

THE county poor house at Norwich, N. Y., was destroyed by fire recently. A number of imbecile women, who had been locked up as usual for the night, perished in the flames.

THE Clayton-Breckinridge investigation ended at Little Rock, Ark., on the 8th.

O'DONOVAN ROSA, who was recently convicted of criminal libel at New York, has been fined \$100.

THE lime producers' combination in Maine has expired by limitation and prices are now expected to fall nearly 100 per cent.

THE Pennsylvania Railroad Company is reported from Pittsburgh to have its contribution of \$275,000 to the Chicago World's Fair all ready for delivery.

A REKENTATION has been caused in Russian military circles by the discovery that a large quantity of bombs have been stolen from the magazines at Sebastopol. Evidence is abundant that the abstraction of munitions has been systematically carried on and has extended over several months.

THERE was a report that an old charge was likely to be trumped up against Lady Cook (Tennie Claffin) in Illinois. About twenty-six years ago when a girl she was induced by her mother to elope with a man for whom she was betrothed. The woman died and a charge of manslaughter was preferred, but was not pushed.

DURING a Chinese riot in Los Angeles, Cal., the other night, one Chinaman was killed and one seriously wounded. The Wong Chee society has declared deadly war on the Ah Mow faction.

THE annual competition for the Boylston prizes for Harvard students in declamation was held in Cambridge, Mass. The first prizes were won by W. E. H. Dubois '90 and H. E. Burton '90. Mr. Dubois is a negro.

THE miners of Antrim, N. Y., went on a strike recently, making 3,000 men men out of work in that locality.

BUSINESS FAILURES (Dun's report) for the seven days ended May 8 numbered 209, compared with 211 the previous week. The failures for the corresponding week of last year were 207.

RACE excitement was reported at Crawfordsville, Ind., over the graduation of four colored pupils from the high school.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

WHILE Mrs. A. L. Rodwell, wife of the station agent at Alnsworth, was out driving with her baby the other day, a foot-hall was kicked under her spirited horse. A wrecked carriage and serious injuries to herself and child were the result.

THE barn of O. W. Johnson, near Grafton, recently took fire from heated manure piled against the building and was destroyed. Three valuable horses were cremated.

CHARLES CAMPBELL was recently the victim of a peculiar accident. He was hauling a load of haled hay to Blair, and just outside of town some person had set fire to a manure pile close to the road. The wind was blowing very hard and a spark caught in his load. He did not notice it until the fire had got within about a foot from where he was sitting. He jumped off the load just in time to save himself and team. He did not save any part of the wagon except the double trees and neck yoke.

THE Farmers' Union, of Columbus, has adopted a resolution complaining of the exorbitant rates of the Union Pacific on live-stock from Columbus to South Omaha.

CHARLES CLARK, a well-to-do young man of Ashford, recently became infatuated with Miss May McIntyre, an heiress, and when she rejected his advances drew a revolver and shot her twice. He then killed himself. The young lady was not expected to live.

ABOUT midnight the other night the livery stable of George Lang, at Valentine, was burned, together with seventeen head of horses and all his buggies and harness. During the conflagration two men who were sleeping in the barn were rescued, badly burned about their faces and hands.

A MAD dog at Republican City ran through the streets the other day and bit a number of valuable canines, all of which were killed by the authorities.

THE patriotic ladies of Beatrice recently held a meeting to adopt measures for raising the city's quota toward the fund for the colossal bronze statue of George Washington to be presented by the women of America to the Republic of France.

THE Fremont Board of Education at its annual meeting the other night elected Mrs. M. E. Reynolds president of the board for the ensuing year. Mrs. Reynolds has been a member for three years and she is in every way qualified to fill the position of president. Fremont claims to be the only city in the State with a lady in that public capacity.

THE other night a gentleman and lady registered at the Dunphy House in Grand Island as Mr. and Mrs. Burt, and when they retired left a call for an early train going south. The bell boy called twice, and failing to get an answer, reported the matter to the clerk, who climbed in over the transom and found them overcome with gas. A physician was summoned immediately and found Mrs. Burt dead and her husband unconscious. From the appearance of the gas jet the gas had been partially turned on by being struck by something after being shut off. The couple had been married at Silver Cliff, Col., the previous week and were on their way home to Fairfield. Mr. Burt is about twenty-five years of age and his wife probably two years younger. He is a well-to-do farmer and is worth between \$50,000 and \$40,000.

DURING the month of April twenty-four convicts were admitted to the State penitentiary, seventeen were discharged and the sentences of three were commuted, leaving 374 in the institution May 1.

A MAN named Hooker, of Waverlyville, is in jail at Madison charged with stealing agricultural implements.

HOV thieves are growing very bold in Blaine County, the animals being killed before they are taken away.

THE two-year-old child of James Seestelle, of Kearney, climbed upon a chair the other morning and secured from the cupboard a bottle containing carbolic acid, which it drank. It was discovered at once what the child had done, but before medical aid could be secured the little one had died in great agony.

CHARLES SLAYTON, a twelve-year-old Alnsworth boy, has begun suit against the Elkhorn Valley road, claiming \$10,000 for the loss of an eye, the sight of which was destroyed by a railroad torpedo.

TWO young men recently started from Marsland, Dawson County, for Decatur, Burt County, by birchbark canoe via the Niobrara and Missouri rivers, a distance of probably a thousand miles.

OSKAR COUNTY pays a bounty of \$3 on wolf scalps and as a consequence it is alleged that many of the "varmints" are driven across the line from Pierce, Knox, Wayne and Dixon Counties and then killed. The county paid out \$405 for wolf scalps during April.

REV. FLOCK, of Indiana, observed what he supposed was a buzzard after his chickens and procuring a gun brought it down the first shot. It turned out to be a mountain eagle, measuring six feet four inches from tip to tip.

FIERCE STORMS.

The Tornado's Work at Fredonia, Kan., and North Missouri.

Several Fatal Results of the Wind—Great Storm in Pennsylvania—Destructive Storm in Ohio—Also in Iowa.

FREDONIA, Kan., May 13.—Additional particulars of the cyclone that passed over this county Friday afternoon are obtained from Captain S. J. Bartlett, who made the drive of fifteen miles to get a complete list of the dead and injured.

The formation of a funnel-shaped cloud was first noticed six miles west of here, passing in a north-easterly direction two miles north of here making its first dip, fortunately doing but little damage. Upon raising it passed in an easterly direction fifteen miles, again dipping and sweeping a swath from one-fourth to half a mile wide, demolishing first the farm buildings of Sam Sturdevant and in a line Joe Wilsey, Frank Glidden, John Anderson, Alexander Russell and Mr. Peterson's, covering a distance of four miles.

Mrs. Joseph Chandler, while driving along the road, with a child in her arms, was carried high in the air and alighted uninjured, while the buggy was destroyed and horse killed.

Mr. Wood while driving had his wagon made into kindling wood and found one wheel half a mile away. A son of Mr. Wilsey was carried a quarter of a mile away and found unconscious, but soon recovered.

The killed and injured are: Mrs. Zella Glidden, aged twenty-one, killed; Harvey Wilsey, aged fifteen, killed; Frank Glidden, child thirteen months old, hurt severely, can hardly live; Mr. Glidden, only slightly injured; Sam Sturdevant and family of four, all slightly hurt; Mrs. Peterson, dangerously injured; Alexander Russell and family, slightly hurt; John Anderson, slightly hurt; Mr. Wood, slightly hurt.

The four mile strip presents a level plain and has a funeral appearance. The neighbors have already started a liberal subscription and will relieve the unfortunate at once.

THE NORTH MISSOURI STORM. ALBANY, Mo., May 12.—A cyclone passed about five miles north of here at about six o'clock Friday evening. It first struck about six miles northwest of town, blowing to pieces two or three residences and the Shockey school house.

Then the storm passed on east, demolishing everything in its track, destroying about twenty residences in all, killing Mrs. Nathaniel Green, who was visiting at Wint Neodie's, and badly injuring three or four members of John Castor's family. Most of the people took refuge in caves and cellars and were unharmed.

The course of the storm was almost due east, and was about two hundred yards in width. The cyclone remained on the ground a distance of about six miles.

Five or six dwellings and several out-buildings were blown away south of Memphis, fences carried away and orchards swept down, but nobody killed. Near Blytheville Mrs. Jane Moore and Mrs. Henry Young were fatally injured and a number of other persons more or less seriously hurt. More than a dozen houses were wrecked and other property destroyed.

THE PENNSYLVANIA STORM. OIL CITY, Pa., May 12.—The most destructive cloudburst and cyclone ever known struck this section about eleven o'clock Saturday night. Houses, barns, bridges, oil well rigs and gas lines are in ruins.

At East Sandy, eight miles from here, the residence of William Nunemaker was blown down, burying the entire family in the ruins. Mr. and Mrs. Nunemaker are seriously injured and their two children will die of their injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Jackson were buried in the ruins of their residence and were taken out dead and badly mangled.

The residences of Thomas Starr and William Lambert were destroyed.

The Valley railroad suffered severely. Freight train No. 68 struck a landslide at Bull's siding, throwing eighteen freight cars in the ditch. Three hundred feet of track was washed out at Astral and smaller portions at Brandon.

THE STORM AT AKRON, O. AKRON, O., May 12.—At 5:30 Saturday evening, in the midst of a terrific cloud burst, this city was struck by the worst tornado which has ever been known here, excepting, perhaps, the Sharon cyclone of just a month ago. The storm struck the southern part of the city and tore through the Fifth, Fourth and Second wards, doing damage which can not be estimated at this writing, but fully one hundred buildings are completely demolished. Hundreds more are badly damaged, and a stretch two miles long is stripped of trees and buildings of all sorts.

DUN'S REVIEW.

Signs of a Considerable Boom in Trade—Spring Wheat Seedling's Effects.

New York, May 10.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: During the past week the business situation has changed but little. The outward manifestations vary somewhat, but the leading facts are still the enormous volume of traffic in progress, the expectation of monetary expansion and the absence of forces at present seriously disturbing even in details. Chief and most potent of the present favoring influences is still the prospect of increased monetary use of silver in some form. Labor controversies cause less interruption than has been anticipated.

It has come to be recognized that injury to winter wheat may count for 50,000,000 bushels at least, but spring seedling has covered an increased acreage and a larger yield of that kind would naturally follow higher prices. Cotton is a shade weaker than a week ago and accounts of injury less impressive. Iron shows no great change, the radical facts in that branch being the transfer of part of the production to Southern instead of Northern fields. The increase in wool supply this year can not be large, but the expectations of higher prices so generally entertained by growers tend to embarrass the manufacturer. Boston sales were large, with prices stiff.

The movement of meats continues heavy—at Chicago, 3,000,000 pounds of dressed beef against 945,000 last year, and for the year thus far 50,000,000 against 18,000,000 pounds last year. Beef cattle have reached the highest point for the year; lard receipts at Chicago are nearly double, and hogs grow stronger at the West. In general, operations in products are remarkably large, with advancing prices, but mainly because of the expected loss in production this year.

The dry goods business continues of full volume—at Chicago larger than last year—and the shoe trade is also larger. The volume of all trade shown by exchanges outside of New York remains about 10 per cent. above last year's, which in turn was the largest on record. The reports from interior cities indicate fairly maintained activity, with money markets nowhere stringent, though at Chicago and some other points closer about May 1 than before on account of settlements and preparation for assessments for taxation. The disbursements to May 1 were larger than ever before, approaching \$60,000,000.

The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days number 209, as compared with 211 last week. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 207.

LOT JUMPING. Characteristic Lot-Jumping Scene at Oklahoma City, Ok.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Ok., May 10.—Considerable excitement was occasioned here over an attempt at lot jumping. In the morning about ten o'clock a wagon loaded with lumber was stopped in front of a vacant lot on Robinson street, between Grand avenue and Main street, and simultaneously a trio of colored individuals appeared, armed with carpenter's tools, quietly unloaded the wagon and began to construct the foundation of a small house. As if by magic a dozen men appeared upon the scene and without a word began tearing up the foundation and carrying the boards and scantlings to a pond nearby, where they were dumped.

Within two minutes the dozen men were joined by others, who had been informed of the attempt at jump ng, until the streets were filled with excited men, vying with each other to secure a board that they might help in the destruction of the proposed edifice. The lot in question is held under a city certificate by S. C. Woodruff. The would-be jumper was J. D. Willy, colored, formerly a Topeka, Kas., barber. Willy and his two aids disappeared and the crowd dispersed as quietly as they came, but with the understanding that a watch would be kept on Willy, this being his second attempt at lot jumping.

THE PAUPER LOCOAST. The Loss of Life Supposed to Be Far Greater Than as First Reported.

UTICA, N. Y., May 10.—The number of bodies found in the ruins of the poor house in Preston, Chenango County, is already thirteen and the impression is growing that the loss of life far exceeds the first estimate. The building burned very rapidly, as if pitched and tarred, and with great fierceness. The fire was intensely hot the belief exists that some of the bodies were so completely incinerated that no trace of them can be found. The following are known to have been burned besides those mentioned in previous dispatches: Mary Vosburg of Otsele, Estella Mallory of Norwich and Julia Hunt of Norwich. One insane woman was captured near Plymouth several miles away, last night. She was half clad and bewailed the loss of her home. One of the imbeciles was scared into her senses by the fire and escaping from the burn ng room by a window reached the roof and crawled along the ridge board and roused the keeper's wife from slumber, thus saving her life.

A Negro Wins a First Prize. BOSTON, May 9.—The annual competition for the Boylston prizes for Harvard students in declamation was held last night in Cambridge. The first prizes were won by W. E. Dubois, '90, and H. E. Burton, '90. Mr. Dubois is a negro.

To Clear the Right of Way. VINITA, I. T., May 10.—Indian Policeman Thomas R. Knight is in receipt of a telegram from Indian Agent Bennett directing him to clear the "Price" railroad right of way at this place of all houses, fences and other obstructions. As very nearly one-fourth of the business portion of Vinita is located upon lands belonging to the railroad lively teams are looked for when the work of removing the buildings commences. The railroad people say they have tolerated as much intrusion as they will stand and warn the Cherokees to desist in their efforts to hold the lands by building houses upon the right of way.