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A CYCLONE

Several Towns Swept Northwest.
CHICAGO, May 11.—A cyclone of tremendous force swept over a portion of northern Indiana to-night. Telegraph wires throughout a considerable territory are prostrated and an idea of the extent of its ravages can only be formed from a few scattering reports.
At Winslow siding a Nickel Plate railroad train of sixteen freight cars was lifted from the track and distributed across the surrounding prairies.
At Wanatah a number of houses were unroofed.
It was thought the city of Valparaiso lay in the path of the cyclone and much alarm was felt. But a later dispatch says Valparaiso was not touched. The storm was deflected two miles to the south. Three hundred telegraph poles were leveled in the neighborhood.

A Protest From Merchants.

EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, May 12.—The merchants of Piedras Negras held a private meeting yesterday to take measures against the heavy, and they claim illegal tax levied upon them by the government for the pretended support of the municipality. The tax now collected on imports into the so-called free zone of Piedras Negras amounts to 6 per cent ad valorem on foreign goods and 2 1/2 per cent on goods of Mexican manufacture. This is a heavy drawback on the merchants of that town, and the interior merchants threaten to withdraw their trade from this point if they have to pay this additional tax. Of this 6 per cent, 4 per cent goes to the city and the balance to the State. The amount collected for the city is between \$3,000 and \$4,000 per month, and the total expenses of the city government are only \$1,600 per month. The money is drawn out of the treasury by the Jefe Politico. The query in the minds of the merchants is where does it go to? Messrs. Rafael, Musquiz and Susno were appointed delegates to lay the matter before the government at Saltillo, and try and have it remedied.

Orders for Border Officers.

NOGALES, A. T., May 11.—The secretary of war of Mexico, has notified the military officers stationed along the border, that hereafter the rules regulating the demeanor of the military officials will be strictly enforced, and that the extreme penalty, including a heavy fine, will be meted out. As a punishment for conduct unbecoming an officer for crossing over into the United States with troops and interfering with the affairs of citizens of a friendly nation the highest penalty, death, will be imposed. This step was taken just after the inquiry into the cases of Col. Arvizu and Lieut. Guiterres, who crossed the line at this place and fired upon the American civil officers and rescued a prisoner. These two officials were tried by court-martial at Guaymas and sentenced to be shot. They appealed to the Supreme Military Court, which has just affirmed the decision and sentence of the court-martial. President Diaz has, however, commuted the sentence to twenty years hard labor in the military prison in the state of Santiago.

An American Venice.

GALENA, Ill., May 12.—The city of Galena has been turned into an American Venice, and the novel spectacle of skiffs and barges as a means of transportation is now seen in all its business portion except Main street. On the east side of the latter thoroughfare the water in many places is nearly up to the first floor, and preparations are being made by those most interested to move into safer quarters. Boats can now be roged entirely around the custom house and post office buildings, and both Commerce and Water streets are navigable nearly the entire length.

A Country Bank Robbed.

PRATT, Kan., May 11.—The Pratt County National bank was entered at noon today and robbed of \$4,000, all in currency. The cashier's momentary absence enabled the thieves to effect an entrance by kicking a pane of glass out of the window.

Child Killed By a Train.

FAIRBURY, Neb., May 12.—A child of Joe Mortimer's between two and three years old, was killed while playing on the track by a freight train of the St. Joe & Grand Island this evening.

The Bonds Will be Issued.

HEBRON, Neb., May 12.—The bond election for \$16,000, to build a new high school building at Hebron, was carried by fourteen votes over the required two-thirds.

THE FARM.

There is a frequently recurring complaint from the farm, reached through the agricultural press, of the reluctance of boys to remain in farming pursuits; indeed, sometimes even to enter on such a life. What is the cause of this restless and unwilling spirit? Are country employments odious in themselves? Is it a task more dreary or more dangerous to break a fiery colt than it is to face the winter as brakeman on a freight train? Is it more perilous to attend a shorthorn bull than it is to be a policeman and club burglar? Is it worse to do chores as a small boy on his father's farm than it is to work for \$4 a week and pay traveling expenses to reach the office, where the boy is the scapegoat who is always wrong, and at whose door the shortcomings of every other employe lie? Is it harder lines to plow behind your own team, to drive your own mowing machine, or do a good part of your own carting, than it would be to work in a factory at any one of the various industries carried on throughout our land?
While we are compelled to acknowledge that farming has its unsatisfactory points, none can dispute that much disagreeable is broadcast everywhere. The advantages offered by agriculture to its followers are freedom, not from duties, but from personal inconveniences. It is the farmer's own fault if his house lacks comfort; the artisan must work in his employer's shop or factory—the larger the establishment the less the individual. How many typesetters have injured sight? How many brakemen are maimed and killed? How long is the dark list of mechanics worn out before they have reached maturity from the hardships incident to the duties of their callings?
So take a look at a higher social grade as contrasted with what country vocations offer. It is appalling to note the young lives wrecked in cities; youth who strain every nerve and use every means to attain a profession, who just reach the threshold and then succumb, worn out in mind and crushed in body. Of the vast multitudes who year after year leave their country homes to seek fortune in cities, how many succeed? The percentage is very small, even of those who find a moderate amount of success. Some lack ability, others endurance, and many do not possess sufficient strength.—American Agriculturist.

The Druggists' Convention.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 12.—The druggists' association closed its meeting last night with a banquet, given to the visiting druggists by the home druggists. It was a success of the most pleasant character. Responses to toasts were made by Governor Thayer, M. E. Schultz, H. B. Bayden, A. B. Hayes, H. T. Clarke, Allen W. Field, James E. Lilly and James E. Reed. In proof of the statement that the greatest decorum was preserved by the banqueters, it is only necessary to say that the ladies were invited, and that wine was excluded from the menu.
A pleasant incident connected with the meeting was the presentation of a gold-headed cane to W. C. Lane, local secretary, by the exhibitors, to whose convenience and comfort he has devoted himself most assiduously during the session.

Winged Messengers at Key West.

KEY WEST, Fla., May 12.—The establishment of a pigeon messenger service in connection with the signal office at Key West is a foregone conclusion since the order has been promulgated by General Greeley, who has the matter in charge, for necessary lights and fixtures. The first purpose of this service is to bring adjacent islands, especially the Bahamas, into communication with Key West and by cable with the main land. Those familiar with the use of pigeons as messengers believe the scheme will be a success, the only drawback being the liability of loss of birds in sudden storms on the ocean.

Will Celebrate.

BEAVER CITY, Neb., May 12.—Furnas county will celebrate here May 17 by laying the corner stone for a \$12,000 court house. The ceremonies will be conducted by the Masonic order, assisted by the Odd Fellows, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Knights of Pythias and other civil societies. Ex Governor Furnas will deliver the oration and other prominent men will speak. A basket dinner, music and a big time generally is promised. A grand display of fireworks in the evening. A general invitation is extended.

Justice Hanging on a Coat Tail.

VALENTINE, Neb., May 11.—Justice McKean's court was the scene of a sanguinary conflict today during the trial of a case between two of Valentine's prominent attorneys. One insisted the other resorted to sly practices and in return was called an ass. Blows and blood followed, resulting in black eyes and bleeding noses. They were finally separated by the spectators with the judge clinging frantically to the coat tails of one of them. His honor fined them \$15 each for contempt of court.

Not Drowned, But Murdered.

MENOMINEE, Mich., May 12.—The body of J. H. Keil, a prominent citizen of Oshkosh, Wis., was found in the Cedar river near here today. He had been inspecting the bridge over the river, and it was at first thought he had been drowned but examination revealed the fact that he had been murdered and robbed and the body thrown into the river. There is no clue to the murderer.

Charged for the Correctness.

"Do you wish to take a cab, sir?" inquired the hackman.
"No, I want a cab to take me," was the reply of the jurist.
And the cabby meekly bowed his head and made the charge \$4.75 per cent. of which was for the enforced lesson in grammar.—Detroit Free Press.

A Trifle Overlooked.

Farmer (returned from town)—There's the terbacker, an' the molasses, and the condition powders for the sick brindle heifer, an' the—
Wife—Where's the quinine, John, I asked you to get for me!
Farmer—Hugum, I forgot all about it.—The Epoch.

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Memory of a Railroad Conductor.

An illustration of how the memory may be cultivated in retaining a long list of numbers, one has only to observe the freight conductors, and very often remarkable examples of retentive memories will be found. I have been on the road as a freight conductor for fourteen years, and in that time my memory has had a careful training in the particular line of retaining numbers on the cars. I start out on a run and know the numbers of all the cars with which the train is made up, and while some cars will be left at stations along the road, and other cars will be taken up, yet at the end of my run if an officer asks me whether I have a car number so-and-so, I can invariably tell him without referring to my book.
Now, when it is remembered that the train may be made up of forty cars, and that the numbers run all the way from the hundreds to the twenty-five and thirty thousands, and that a dozen cars may be taken off and another dozen taken on along the run, my statement undoubtedly seems incredible to those not familiarly acquainted with this particular department of railroading. But it is a fact, nevertheless, and I have known quite a number of freight conductors who have memories of equal retentiveness. Noting the numbers on the cars daily for years, a conductor becomes so familiar with the work that his memory holds these large numbers with but little difficulty. The style and peculiar finish of the cars from different roads are also learned, and a conductor at a glance can tell the road to which a car belongs as far as he can see it.—Globe-Democrat.

Unlucky Horseshoes.

We had a run customer in our jail recently, remarked the sheriff of an adjoining county in Kansas. I was away when he arrived at the jail, but a day or two later, when I was making the rounds, I saw him in his cell.
"Hello," I said. "What are you in here for?"
"Arrested by the sheriff," he replied.
"Yes, sir," said I.
"Well," he returned, "the community in which you live and in which I was so unfortunate as to sojourn is the most intolerant I ever heard of."
"How so?" I asked. "Have you anything to do with the liquor traffic?"
"No," he replied, "but they arrested me for superstition, and here I am in jail. The idea of arresting a man for superstition. This is a free country. Hasn't a man a right to be superstitious?"
"Why, I guess so," I replied. "What was your superstition?"
"Well, sir," said the prisoner, "my mother always told me to pick up a horseshoe whenever I found one, for good luck. I picked up four in this town; they were found in my possession, and I was arrested, tried, convicted and jailed."
"I guess you're lying," said I, and with that I went out of the jail, and met the prosecuting attorney. I asked him about the case and he said:
"Those four horseshoes had a horse fastened to them. That fellow is the most notorious horse thief in the state."—Kansas City Journal.

One of Mr. Conkling's Hobbies.

Bathing was one of Mr. Conkling's hobbies. The operators at the Hoffman house and the Lafayette place, like to tell how they have rubbed down his manly form. One of the Hoffman house bath attendants said in the hot room there the other morning that the Senator preferred the Russian mode, and that he had taken at one period two and three baths a week. After he moved into the Hoffman house annex he had the bath room connected with his suite fitted up especially for him. A large porcelain tub was made and put in, and the Senator used it every morning. He used salt in profusion, and often bathed with the water at a very low temperature. It was about the only form of indoor exercise that Mr. Conkling took of late years. Once he used the gloves and Indian clubs a great deal. He didn't hesitate about exposure, and often went out for long drives of twenty and twenty-five miles. It made no difference how severe the weather was, he felt that he could brave it and he did.—New York Sun.

NOTICE

We earnestly request all of our friends indebted to us to call at once and settle accounts due. We have sustained heavy loss by the destruction of our Branch House at Fairmont, Neb., by fire and now that we need money to meet our obligations, we hope there will not be one among our friends who would refuse to call promptly at this particular time and adjust accounts.
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