

Oscar Wilde will probably stand for parliament now.

Well directed improvement pays a dollar for every cent that it costs.

"A pants" company having failed, let us hope that it will try trousers next time.

Let us pause and reflect—Washington Post. Better reflect, whether you game or not.

The gasoline can, in the hands of a careless servant girl, is deadlier than a grade crossing.

No doubt there is a part of Japan's treaty stipulations which demands credit for laundry bills.

A Baltimore paper says that the lobster industry is waning. It is natural for it to go backward, anyway.

The first thing an intelligent man does, after the grocer and the dry goods man are considered, is to secure a good newspaper.

"This isn't an ideal world," says Russell Sage. Well, Uncle Russell seems to be doing more than his full share to keep it from becoming so.

There is good reason for New York's pronounced enthusiasm for salt water yacht-racing. That is a diversion which cannot very well be taken away from her by the West.

The best thing that the little Central American States can do is to get together and establish a nationality which big bullies like England will be compelled to respect.

"Every dog has his day," remarks a Milwaukee paper, "why shouldn't every cat have one?" Because the cat has pre-empted the nighttime and is already working a twelve-hour turn.

It will not be the fault of the benevolent people of Cincinnati if the children of that town turn out to be lacking in true grit. They have provided 400 large sand piles for the children to play in.

The women of Grand Rapids have united in a petition to the management of the West Michigan fair asking that "as a feature of the public exhibitions this year the hula-hula style of dance be omitted." This movement is timely.

Boston has a new name. The Westminster Gazette says "to the limbo of less theology is slowly and surely returning." The theologians have recently announced that Boston is the center of their belief. The inference is plain.

The venerable John Ruskin was asked recently whether parents ought to leave fortunes to their children and tersely replied: "When they are strong throw them out of the nest as the bird does. But let the nest always be open to them." It has been said of Ruskin that of late he has been losing his faculties. On the other hand, he seems to have preserved them remarkably.

The bushel of many weights should give way to the cental 100 pounds. The trade needs but one standard unit of measure; more makes needless work and breeds confusion and errors. The cental system of weights is the simplest and its use would greatly facilitate trade. It has no imperfections that need defending, and even the best friends of the bushel have no logical arguments in defense of their opposition to the substitution of the cental for the bushel.

The latest marine horror is the sinking of the Italian steamer Maria P. in the harbor of Genoa, involving the loss of 148 lives. The present year is likely to have an unusual record of great marine disasters, as will be seen by the following list of wrecked steamers thus far: Port Netheroy, Rio Janeiro harbor, 120; Nordsee, North Sea, 25; Intrahull, English coast, 26; Prescott, at sea, 23; Chicora, Lake Michigan, 26; Elbe, North Sea, 332; Terceira, Rio Janeiro harbor, 100; Kingdon, at sea, 40; Reina Regente, Algerian coast, 425; Marie, English coast, 20; Billiton, at sea, 20; Gravinga, at sea, 108; Dom Pedro, Spanish coast, 103; Colima, Mexican coast, 188; Washtenaw, at sea, 30; Maria P., Gulf of Genoa, 148.

Turkey has sent to the scene of the Macedonian outbreak fourteen battalions of infantry, nine squadrons of cavalry, and nine field batteries to put down the Christians of that province. As if the odds were not large enough against the Macedonians, the Christian powers, Germany, Austria, Italy, and England, it is reported, have reached an agreement, which agreement is not to let the Macedonian Christians go too far in putting down the unspeakable Turks. It is astonishing the amount of consideration these cruel and bestial Orientals receive from the great powers. As they have failed thus far, however, in any scheme to protect the Armenian Christians there is no reason to expect that the Macedonian cry "come over and help us" will be answered.

In making his report of the defenses of the Northwest coast Gen. Schofield mentions his approval of localities to be protected by saying "these are the numerous places where

batteries could be planted "should the department ever extend their fortifications that far north." This is a most reasonable qualification. We certainly ought not to consider any scheme of piece-meal coast defense, and we ought not to consider any scheme of extending our defenses unless we know beforehand just how far we are going to proceed with it. It is just as well to bear in mind that this country is menaced by three of the greatest and newest military and naval stations and fortresses in the world, those at Bermuda, Halifax and Esquimaux, all of them the property of our good friends, the English. If we are going to match them gun for gun it is certain to cost us no trifling amount. But unless our defenses are complete they can hardly be worth undertaking at all.

People who have been reading Cooper's novels under the impression that the novels amused or edified them are now rudely jolted out of this notion by Mark Twain. Mark has been reading Cooper, and decides that the author of the "Pathfinder" was an extremely poor hand at his trade. He shows the public, so to speak, that the romancer's art was very shabby and ragged and full of blemishes. One gathers the impression that if Mark were not too indolent he would dash off a romance of the red man just to show how the thing really ought to be done. May be Cooper was not much of an artist. It is to be remembered, however, that he told his vivacious stories and carpentered his somewhat jerky plots in an earlier day and without any thought but to amuse his audience. He did amuse it, and still amuses. His artistic blemishes favor his excellences; he is to be taken without minute inspection. If Mark must hit somebody, why not aim at that untrifled crew of English novel-makers—both men and women—who continue to write slightly varied paraphrases of "Lady Audley's Secret"? Although Hardy and Meredith and Walter Besant have saved and glorified the nation's reputation, the others continue to thrive noisily. Individually they are small, but collectively they would make a first-rate target.

If nothing detrimental intervenes the country this year will have the largest corn crop in its history. It comes at a most opportune time. The foreign demand for both oats and wheat is declining, while that for corn seems to be increasing. For some years the National Government has maintained in Europe an agent whose business has been the introduction of corn as a food product, and this policy has been productive of good results. It has been hard to teach the Europeans that corn was as good a food for man as for other animals, but this fact has come to be understood by the poorer classes—the great food consumers—and the lower price of corn as compared with wheat has been a powerful incentive to its use. This year's corn crop is estimated at 2,400,000,000 bushels, which is more than 200,000,000 in excess of the largest production of corn on record. With no foreign demand such a crop would be almost a calamity to the producers in this country, but the indications are that the exports of corn this year will be more than quadrupled. There has never been so active a demand for corn for export as now, and this demand is more likely to increase than to decline. If corn instead of wheat should be made the leading export crop it would be far better for the American farmer. Corn is more easily raised and is not so exhausting a crop for the soil as wheat or barley. Besides this there is less foreign competition for the producer of corn than for any other grain. The wheat area is constantly diminishing in America, while the corn area is increasing, and the time may not be far distant when the United States will import instead of export wheat for domestic consumption. The growth of the foreign corn trade is one of the most hopeful things about this country's foreign trade.

Wonders Seen by a Native Alaskan. "The Indians of the interior of Alaska," says a traveler, "are as unsophisticated and uncivilized as the natives of the interior of Africa. I saw an Indian lad in Juneau who had been brought from Forty Mile Camp, and it was amusing to watch his interest in the telephones, houses, cattle, electric lights, telegraphs and phonographs that he saw there. The little incandescent electric lights interested him perhaps more than anything else, and he would have gone broke in buying them if his guardian had not prevented him. He thought that he could take them back to his tribe and make them glow by simply turning the thumb-screw, and he believed that he could sell them like hot cakes on the Yukon. The mysteries of the phonograph seemed to him something supernatural, and they were entirely beyond his powers of understanding."

Growth of Public Libraries. The growth of public libraries in the United States is one of the remarkable features of our system of progress. There are now nearly 5,000 of them; and a recent writer points out the significant fact that with the single exception of the county, there is not a single civil division of our government that has not adopted this form of educational service. The nation, the States, the cities and towns have libraries for general use, and the work of the librarian has become a regular profession, with requirements of systematic study and training—Astoria Astorian.

Fracture Made More Painful. The pneumatic principle has been applied to the fracture of the hip tubes lie between the upper and lower bones, and give a springy movement to the foot calculated to reduce friction with the ground and to alleviate fatigue.

TANDING UP FOR THE BANNOCK.

Report Says That They Are Not as Miserable as We Think.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 14.—The report of Indian Agent Teas of the Ft. Hall reservation upon the recent Bannock trouble was received at the Indian bureau yesterday. It confirms the heretofore sent accounts of the Bannock Indians in connection with the killing of these Indians an interchange report has been received by the secretary of the Interior. It is from Capt. J. T. Vanardale of the Seventh United States cavalry, formerly acting agent of the Ft. Hall reservation. The report says in part:

"Being short rationed and far from self-supporting, the Bannocks hunt for the purpose of obtaining sustenance by privileges they are granted by treaty. It would seem that the killing of these Indians under the circumstances was nothing more than murder. Furthermore, I believe that there is no wanton slaughter of game by these Indians, while it is a notorious fact that hundreds of the animals are killed by white men for nothing more than heads and horns. There are men in that country who make it a business to plot hunting parties from the east and abroad, who not only slaughter elk, but capture and ship them out of the country. The killing of game by Indians interferes with this business. The Indians can hardly be expected to submit to the killing of their people while engaged in an occupation which they think they have a right to follow more than white men, and a failure by the government to take proper action is liable to result in serious loss of life and property."

The report is dated at Ft. Logan Colo., and bears the endorsement of Lieut. Col. Henry E. Noyes of the Second cavalry, commanding the post, who says he concurs heartily in what Captain Van Ardale has said. It is also endorsed by the brigadier-general, Frank Wheaton, commanding the department of Colorado, who hopes that Captain Van Ardale's recommendations will be favorably considered.

The following telegram from General Coppinger, dated Jackson's Hole, August 12, was received at army headquarters yesterday:

"The last scouting parties under Lieutenants Parker and Gardner, now in, found no fresh Indians. This section has been well worked. All is quiet here. Shall take troops and work eastward through White river mountains, Address Ft. Washakie. I leave Major Chaffee in command of all troops in Jackson's Hole country."

Testing the Plates

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 14.—A test of two steel experimental plates was made Tuesday at the Indian field proving grounds. The first contained chrome instead of nickel steel. It was ten and one-half inches thick and was fired at with an eight-inch gun. The first shot was fired with a velocity of 1,866 feet a second and the second 1,756 feet. Both made clean holes through the plate. The second test was that of a seven-inch Harveyized plate, with a corrugated surface. The corrugation was used to better observe the work of the carbon. Two shots from a six-inch gun were fired, the first at 1,800 feet a second, the second at 2,100 feet, Carpenter shells being used. The first shell was imbedded in the plate, with the front nearly through; the second shell went through, half of it dropping on the rear side of the plate. Nothing of importance, however, was developed.

Corbett Gets Excited

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 14.—Jim Corbett and McVey, his sparring partner, created considerable excitement at the Lyceum boxing carnival last night by giving an exhibition that was not down on the program. During the second round of their bout Corbett made a punching bag out of McVey and the latter, in a spirit of resentment, attempted to clinch and throw the champion, at the same time hurling vile epithets at him. Corbett pushed McVey to one side, with the remark that if it was a fight he was after he would be satisfied in the next round. When time was called Corbett pale as a ghost, sprang to the center of the stage with the quickness of a cat and pounded McVey all over the stage. The round was cut short by the master of ceremonies and the pugilists retired to their respective dressing rooms.

Will Not Take It

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 14.—A Tribune special from Frankfort, Ky., says: Senator Lindsay will not accept the vacancy on the supreme court bench caused by the death of Justice Howell E. Jackson if President Cleveland should tender it to him. This announcement is authoritative, coming from an unquestionable source. The reason assigned for this is that from a financial standpoint Senator Lindsay could not afford to accept a place where his expenses would be necessarily increased and his income diminished. The senator has one of the most lucrative law practices in the state.

Hard up to Get a Jury

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—The objection of business men to do jury duty in the Durrant case and the alleged case of those who pretend to be willin, has given rise to the idea that it will be impossible to get a jury in this city and that a change of venue will be necessary. The attorneys in the case are, however, satisfied that a charge will be unnecessary and that the jury box will be filled very soon. No jurors were passed yesterday. Judge Murphy continued the case until Friday.

TAYLOR GETS FIVE YEARS

The Ex-treasurer of South Dakota is Sentenced at Last.

AGED EX-MINISTER DROWNS HIMSELF.

rather Steals a Child and Places It in a Convent, Where It is Finally Found by the Mother.

PIERRE, S. D., Aug. 15.—Ex-State Treasurer Taylor was Wednesday morning sentenced to five years in the penitentiary at Sioux Falls by Judge Gealy.

The court room was crowded when judgment was pronounced on the offending ex-state treasurer. In a low voice the defendant, in reply to the question if he had anything to say, said: "I have nothing." The court then reviewed the crime and the statutes bearing on the case. He considered the much-discussed section void and estimated that the two-year sentence was not intended to cover such a case. The worst part of Taylor's crime, in the estimation of the judge, was that he had tried to force a compromise after getting his hands on all the state funds he could.

Got Back Her Child

WARRENSBURG, Mo., Aug. 15.—A writ of habeas corpus was served Wednesday on the Sisters of Charity in charge of St. Cecilia's seminary at Holden for the possession of Cora Jones, about seventeen years old, an inmate of the seminary for the past three years. Four years ago in Chicago Martha M. Jones secured a divorce from Joseph Jones and secured the custody of their child, Cora. The father stole the child and placed her in St. Cecilia's seminary at Holden, where she has remained ever since. She was discovered there by Mr. Hinde of Kansas City, a friend of the family, who informed the latter. An uncle of the girl made a demand on the sisters for the possession of Cora and was refused, as they would give her up to no one but her father. Yesterday Mrs. Abbie Helman of Chicago, an aunt of the girl, representing her mother, came to Warrensburg and swore out the writ. The girl was released.

Tied a Rope Around His Neck

COLUMBUS, Kan., Aug. 15.—J. H. Cook, known as "professor" living about five miles northwest of here, talked freely with his wife Tuesday telling her how he wanted to be disposed of when he should die, but did not hint that he had any idea of taking his own life. When his wife went to call him to his breakfast in the morning he was not to be found. A note was found on a table bearing these words: "Look in the water hole." Mrs. Cook then went to the place and found him lying with his head under the water with a rope around his neck and a stone fastened to the other end. The deceased was seventy-six years old, a native of New York state and a man of fine education. He was, in early life, a minister in the Methodist church but later renounced his faith in that denomination and became a Universalist. His body was taken to St. Louis yesterday afternoon for cremation in accordance with his wishes.

Killed Three Men

ARDMORE, I. T., Aug. 15.—The boiler of a steam thrasher at work near Oakland, twenty-five miles east of here exploded Tuesday with terrific effect, killing three men and wounding ten others. The dead are: Lee Norwood, E. P. Norwood, Will Craft. The injured are: Will Tippet, scalded; will die. C. E. Hamm, scalded; will die. James Walker, scalded. J. B. Walker, badly bruised. Claud Howell, scalded. T. P. Carter, cut on head, seriously. Short, engineer, scalded; will die. Three others received burns and bruises, but will recover. The cause of the disaster is not known, as the engine is too badly hurt to say anything.

Lynched and Shot

ELLENBURG, Wash., Aug. 15.—At an early hour Wednesday morning Charles Vincent was lynched for the shooting of Milk Kohlopp in a drunken brawl Sunday. A large mob gathered at midnight and attacked the jail at about 1 o'clock. The sheriff made resistance, but had a small force of men and was over-powered. Vincent was hanged to a railroad bridge and his body shot full of holes. His hearing was to have taken place yesterday. Tuesday night John Burglin, who was stabbed by Vincent's father in the same row, died from his wounds. The elder Vincent may also be lynched. Young Vincent had served time in the Oregon penitentiary for burglary.

With Much Enthusiasm

HAVANA, Aug. 15.—Captain-General Campos started yesterday morning for Santa Clara with 100 members of the First brigade, who displayed much enthusiasm.

Chased by Bloodhounds

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 15.—Yesterday morning an unknown negro entered the home of Mrs. Hutchings, three miles from here, and assaulted her. The woman's screams attracted the attention of men working in a tobacco field near by, and at their approach the negro ran out of the house and escaped. Officers are in pursuit with bloodhounds. Mrs. Hutchings was found in an unconscious condition with bruises on her throat and head.

LOTS OF MONEY BEHIND DURRANT

Funds Being Mysteriously Supplied for His Defense.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 16.—The police are still working to ascertain the source of the fund which is being used by the defense in the Durrant case, but thus far without effect. The Durrants have mortgaged their home, but it is not a costly one, and the money so raised would go but a little ways toward paying the expenses of the defense. The police have for some time said that a great deal of money was being raised by subscription among those with whom Durrant associated before the murders were committed. The police do not say they have any information that money is being wrongfully used in the case, but they think it may be and Captain Lees says he is very much afraid of manufactured testimony. This morning 125 vairemen from the new panel are present, and it is hoped that the necessary four jurymen will be found among them.

The people who live in the vicinity of Emanuel church, where the brutal murders of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams was committed, are much mystified by the fact that the police are paying mysterious visits to the church. Just what this renewed activity of the police at the church means can only be conjectured, for the members of the department are close-mouthed as usual, and even deny that they have been at Emanuel church more frequently of late than heretofore. Detective Cody, who appears to be leading the van of this last descent upon the church, says he was simply engaged in securing accurate measurements of the building to be used as evidence during the trial. But why half a dozen policemen should be engaged in the same business along with he does not say. Rumors are plentiful. They always were ever since the two distorted and lifeless bodies were found in the church—one in the balcony and the other in the library.

The statement is made on good authority, however, that the present movement on the part of the police is to forestall all evidence which will be introduced by the defense and upon which it is said Durrant's attorney will take their firmest stand and make their bitterest fight. This movement will be to establish, if possible, Durrant's statement that he was at work on defective electric wire in the loft of the church on the afternoon that Blanche Lamont was slain, and that the disheveled appearance which he presented when seen shortly afterwards by the Organist King was the result of being overcome by gas which had escaped from the pipes and collected in the loft.

Won't Let the Law Stop Him

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 15.—A great deal of interest is being manifested in the proposed bull fights which are looked to occur at Gillette on August 24, 25 and 26. There is considerable difference of opinion regarding any law which might be invoked to prohibit this class of sport. That there is no law specifically forbidding bull fighting is generally admitted, but the humane-disposed citizens claim that the statute relating to cruelty to animals is sufficient to stop the brutal performances. Joseph Wolf, the promoter of the coming sporting tournament, assured a United press reporter yesterday that the entire program would be carried out, the main feature of which was a regular Mexican bull fight each day and that no court injunction could stop the fight. He says all arrangements have been completed, at a cost thus far over \$10,000. Mr. Wolf says that the notorious Bull Hill crowd from Cripple Creek will brook no interference from the peace officers from this end of the country.

Married Couple Missing

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 16.—No trace could be found of either Dr. or Mrs. Hamilton, who came to Chicago two days ago from Los Angeles and lost track of each other and finally disappeared entirely. Dr. Hamilton, it was thought, could be found with a Dr. Moore at State and Adams streets, but no Dr. Moore is in the neighborhood. Mrs. Hamilton was cared for Tuesday night by Miss Katharine Stein, who is cashier of a restaurant on Adams street and lives at the Ronkford hotel. The clerk at the hotel said that Mrs. Hamilton came to the hotel at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning and waited for Miss Stein, who come in at 6 and took her to her own room. Mrs. Hamilton went out later in the day and the hotel employes had not heard of her since.

ashes All That is Left

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Aug. 15.—Wednesday night the town of Hindostan, just north of here, was wiped off the face of the earth by fire. Incendiaries got in their work and yesterday nothing remains of a beautiful hamlet but a few smoldering ashes. Loss about \$30,000, with only a few hundred dollars insurance.

To Be a Syracuse

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The democratic state committee selected Syracuse as the place for holding the democratic state convention. The convention will be held in Alhambra hall, that city, September 24 at noon.

Shot While Eating

WHITESBURG, Ky., Aug. 16.—Mrs. Sarah Kelley, who lives in Lee county, while sitting at the supper table in her house, was suddenly fired upon from the outside and mortally wounded Wednesday. The bullet struck her in the face, entered her mouth and severed her tongue. She is a good woman of good reputation and no reason is known for the deed. Officers are scouring the country for the guilty party and if captured he will certainly be lynched.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Table with columns for years (1895, 1896) and months (AUGUST). Rows show days of the month from 1 to 31.

Some of the wells at Rock are running short of water.

The town marshal of Cozad gets \$10 a month and boards himself.

The plum crop in the North Platte country is much lighter than common.

The sugar company at Norfolk has decided to use crude oil for fuel instead of coal.

A wave of reform has swept over Sidney and everything except the hotels is closed on Sundays.

The appearance of Canada thistles in a few fields of Bart county is making the farmers feel weary.

Seward county has decided not to hold its fair this year on account of the partial failure of crops.

Lexington has a wheel club containing several speedy riders who will be developed by systematic training.

A Wayne man by the name of Thomson received a jail sentence of thirty days as a penalty for beating his wife.

Burglars entered a hardware store at Staplehurst and carried away about \$65 worth of cutlery and \$7 in money.

North Platte proposes to send a train load of produce, mostly potatoes, to the Atlantic seaboard as an advertisement.

The mortgage indebtedness on farms in Gage county decreased to the extent of \$20,847 during the past six months.

Relentless creditors have pounced upon the Scribner creamery and will sell it at auction to satisfy a modicum of their claims.

Thurston county farmers are receiving letters from their Illinois friends asking if they can supply their demand for hay this fall.

A. J. Ashmead, a former well-known Union Pacific railroad man, died recently in Palestine, Tex., and was buried at Valley, Neb.

Messrs. C. F. Ingraham and H. Phelps of Tecumseh have organized an old-style one-ring circus and have started out for a tour of the state.

Lincoln county has more than an average crop of prairie chickens and local sports will kill none of them till the birds are legally ripe.

Green precinct, Deuel county, has a movement on foot to organize an irrigation district for the purpose of testing the artesian well scheme.

A. C. Miller, a farmer living near Lexington was adjudged insane and taken to Norfolk. A sunstroke some years ago was the indirect cause.

To avoid being butchered by a falling pile driver derrick, George Todd of Nance county made a phenomenal jump and broke his leg in doing it.

Mrs. Mary E. Frye of Nebraska City, has been pronounced incurably insane by the commissioners of insanity and will be taken to the Hastings asylum.

Plattsmouth is a well-behaved city. Only three arrests were made in July, and the police think the boys run in must have acquired their jags across the river in Iowa.

About twenty of the leading ladies of Shelton waited upon the city council and asked that honorable body to take steps to suppress the boot-legging joints that are running open in that town.

Bert Taylor, a brakeman on the F. E. & M. V., was injured accidentally at Newport while switching. The right arm broken; also four ribs. He was taken on to Long Pine, where his injuries were looked after.

A west-bound passenger train on the F. E. & M. V. ran into an open switch at Crowell. A little three-year-old girl of Plattsmouth, was the only one severely injured. Five cars were smashed into kindling wood.

The state board of transportation has ordered 5,000 new maps of Nebraska printed for the use of the public. These maps will show the irrigation; ditches completed and in course of construction as well as the railroads.

The comptroller of the currency at Washington reports that at the close of business July 11th, the national banks of the state had total resources of \$20,089,357; loans and discounts, \$13,045,610; stocks and securities \$118,121,68; furniture and fixtures \$1,129,621,73; due from reserve agents, \$1,463,137; gold coin, \$569,290; specie, \$697,052; capital stock, \$6,965,000; surplus, \$1,333,599; deposit, \$8,822,345,94; re-discounts \$387,298.

James Eatner, a farm hand at Nebraska City, some time since showed signs of insanity and disappeared. When found it developed that he had been hiding in the woods, and was very weak from lack of food. He will be sent to the asylum.

H. W. Lloyd, a farmer living two and a half miles from Union, Cass county, is farming out the water from his well at a big profit. The water contains some of the elements of eternal youth and sick people drink it for the fun of getting well.