

destroyed by the flood; the other is to extend the authority of county commissioners in cases of dire calamity. All other bills passed are local in character.

For the seventeenth time in the history of twenty-five annual Yale-Harvard regattas, Yale won the famous eight-oar contest at New London, Conn., on June 25, as well as several smaller events.

An equestrian statue of General Joseph Hooker, of civil war fame, was dedicated at Boston, Mass., on June 25. The statue is erected on the state house grounds. Many prominent army men were present at the ceremonies.

An interesting announcement came from Venezuela on June 25 when it was reported that it is the intention of the Venezuelan government to re-establish its legation at Washington and that General Jose Manuel Hernandez, better known as El Mocho, is to receive the appointment as minister. It will be remembered that this man was a noted revolutionist, but was liberated from prison at the time of the recent trouble with Germany and Great Britain that he might fight for his country.

On June 26 Former Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, who was succeeded by Mr. Payne, made public his answer to the charges made by Mr. Tulloch in connection with the postoffice investigation. In this report Mr. Smith says that because of his not being familiar with the work of the postoffice department at the beginning of his services he accepted the working force as he found it.

The intercollegiate races at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on June 26 resulted in a victory for the crew from Cornell college in record-breaking time.

A conflict between the strikers and militia at Richmond, Va., took place on June 24 and six strikers were wounded. The trouble arose in the attempt of the troops to guard the street railway lines against the striking employes and more troops are being hurried to the city.

The extra session of the legislature of Kansas adjourned on June 26. In a statement issued on the same day Governor Bailey declared that it is his belief that a relief appropriation was not necessary as there are sufficient means at hand to relieve any cases of destitution, with the help that has come in from outside of the state.

The last meeting of the cabinet before the president leaves Washington for Oyster Bay took place on June 26. Most of the time was taken up in discussing the postoffice investigation.

Buys Anarchist Library.

Columbia university has just acquired, through the efforts of Dr. V. S. Simkovitch of the library staff, one of the most curious literary collections that has been in the market in recent years. Last winter a French anarchist who had for many years made his home in London died. He had been a man of some wealth and much patience and energy. He devoted the greater part of his life to the collection of books, brochures, pamphlets, papers, and posters dealing with anarchy in all its phases.

At his death the administrators of his estate, knowing very little of the man, turned the collection over to

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Sotheby's, the London auction house. In one of Sotheby's catalogues, containing a list of illuminated manuscripts and early printed books, Dr. Simkovitch ran across an inconspicuous notice offering for sale a collection of some two thousand anarchistic books and pamphlets. This notice appears to have escaped the attention of European libraries and booksellers.

Dr. James H. Canfield, librarian of Columbia, realizing the value of such a collection, with the aid of some friends of the university was able to offer a bid of £50 and got the entire lot for £20. It has recently arrived in 24 boxes. A hasty examination only has thus far been possible, but it is estimated that the collection's pecuniary and scientific value is very great. It includes some pamphlets worth several hundred francs, and some not obtainable at any price. The collection has great interest for students of history, sociology, penology and morbid psychology, and it is said to be unquestionably the most complete of its kind, not only in the United States, but in the world.—New York Times.

Turning Black Hair White.

A telegram to the St. Louis Republic, under date of Passaic, N. J., June 20, says: One flash of lightning has turned the coal-black hair of Thomas Foxhall to a snowy white. Mr. Foxhall's experience is one of the most extraordinary and remarkable in the history of electrical phenomena. He is a wealthy engraver in this city, and once a week his business requires him to visit Philadelphia. He was there the other day, seated in the office of a friend, when a thunderstorm broke over the building.

There was a blinding flash, followed almost instantly by a peal of thunder. The concussion was so great that it caused the window panes to shiver. The flame of blue and purple preceding the thunder clap lighted up the interior of the building with a ghostly glow. Mr. Foxhall and his friend were stunned and blinded.

When they recovered their senses they saw a great rent in the floor where the thunderbolt had passed. It was not more than three feet from the chair in which Mr. Foxhall had been sitting.

Mr. Foxhall scarcely was aware of the change which had taken place in himself until he looked at himself in a mirror. Then he saw his hair had turned white. There was no pain, no distress, further than the feeling of numbness which follows an electrical shock.

The mystery of it all is, how the mysterious energy discharged from the clouds could have bleached the pigment of the hair tubes without causing instant death. So far as known there is no similar case on record.

The Lion of Chaeronea.

With the object of perpetuating the memory of the small band of patriots who died to the last man in defense of their country at the battle of Chaeronea, which was fought in the year 338 before Christ, the Thebans erected over the grave of the vanquished heroes a monument in the form of a lion of colossal proportions, and until the beginning of the last century this massive work reminded all who saw it of the gallant fight which the Greeks had made in the old days against the foreign invaders.

During the war of independence the monument was destroyed, for a rumor had spread that a priceless treasure was concealed under it. Since that time its fragments, most of which are very beautiful, have been strewn on the ground. Conspicuous among them is the head of the lion, not only on account of its beauty, but also be-

cause it shows hardly any trace of injury.

The Achaean society of Athens has now decided to restore and place in its former position this monument, which is known far and wide as "The Lion of Chaeronea." M. Sokohos, a distinguished sculptor, who has carefully examined the fragments, has been intrusted with the work, and he is confident that the lion, after it is placed in position, will be as imposing and majestic a figure as it ever was.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The Postoffice Scandal.

The investigation of the rotten system in the postoffice department is developing some more rascals, but there are much more serious scandals yet to be unearthed involving officials of high degree. It is hardly likely that the whole truth will be known, for even if a congressional investigation was ordered it would be in the hands of the administrationists, who are interested in suppressing the facts that could be uncovered. The railroad mail service offers a fine field for exploration and if some of the reports are true that are openly talked of in Washington, the worst scandal by far has not yet been developed. Any administration long continued in power is bound to become corrupt when the control of vast sums is given into the hands of spoliemen. The "star route" frauds would never have been unearthed if a democratic congress had not been elected and the whole truth about present conditions will be concealed until the voters conclude to give an opportunity of cleaning the Augean stables. Fraud and corruption are rarely uncovered by the political friends of those guilty of the crimes, and the only hope of the country is a periodical change of administration to unearth and expose the sins of commission and omission of their opponents. There are so many congressmen and senators who are directly or indirectly involved that great pressure will be brought to bear on the most honest officials to let up for "the good of the party."—Saginaw Evening News.

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