

GENERAL.

Dry weather has greatly damaged crops of all kinds in Southern Virginia. The Baltimore and Philadelphia Knights Templar, returning from the conclave, went east Sunday over the Rock Island route, that road entertaining them in royal style.

New England Irishmen have agreed to boycott the Boston Herald for not publishing an appeal for aid for the families of the Phoenix Park murderers.

Yellow fever has been officially reported at Mazatlan.

Nickel ore averaging 30 per cent, has been discovered in Mexico.

Dispatches from various parts of New Hampshire and Vermont state a heavy frost occurred Monday night and did considerable damage to crops.

A Springfield (Ill.) special on Tuesday says: A private dispatch states Company A, Ninth regiment of infantry, state militia, returning home to Grayville from the encampment of the Second brigade, met with a dreadful accident on the St. Louis & Evansville railroad, between Carni and Grayville. The train ran through a bunch of cattle and ran over some of them. The car in which members of the company were was overturned, killing nine and wounding fifteen.

A boy in charge of the passenger elevator in the Grand Pacific hotel, Chicago, lost control of the machine Tuesday morning as it was making an upward passage, and advised two passengers on board at the time to jump off at the next landing. In attempting to do so, Christian Jacobson, a painter employed in the hotel, was killed. The tragedy was quite needless, as the automatic appliance caused the elevator to stop naturally on reaching the upper story.

A special train conveying President Arthur, General Sheridan and other members of the Yellowstone party, arrived at Chicago at 2:05 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. A great crowd had gathered to witness their disembarkment, but the official reception, owing to the uncertainty which had prevailed as to the president's movements, was informal. The reception committee awaited the president's arrival at the depot in carriages and members of his party were at once driven to the Grand Pacific hotel under escort of one hundred veterans.

Etta King, a domestic, was burned to death Wednesday at Seabrook, Ill., trying to fill a gasoline stove while the stove was lighted. She suffered dreadfully.

In the Dakota constitutional convention on Wednesday a committee was appointed to memorialize congress in favor of the immediate opening of the Sioux reservation.

The first train on the Mexican National railroad arrived at Saltillo, Mexico, Wednesday evening. The whole town was out to witness the great event.

Late Wednesday afternoon a fire was discovered in the Wabash division of the Chicago stock yards in the cattle sheds, and but for favorable wind the entire yards, containing millions of dollars' worth of stock, would have been destroyed. As it was, the firemen were only able to stay the flames after fifteen sheds, covering two and a half acres, had been consumed. There were in this division between 1,500 and 1,800 head of cattle. Of this number, fifty-five, together with four ponies, burned to death. It was very exciting work for a time getting the maddened animals out of harm's way, as they went plunging and bellowing from side to side of the pens in which they were penned. Loss on buildings, \$30,000, and on stock, \$7,000; fully insured.

Two coal trains collided on the Lehigh Valley road near Easton, Pa., Friday, wrecking the engine and twelve cars. Nobody was hurt.

About 2 o'clock Friday morning a fire was discovered in out-buildings of the Long Island hotel at Hunter's Point. The building was used as a laundry and sleeping apartments for musicians, who barely escaped with their lives. Several were almost suffocated and had to be carried out. One musician, named Adolph Frederich, was burned to a crisp. His remains were gathered up. Musical instruments and music were consumed; also the bathing pavillion and laundry.

A heavy frost in Wisconsin on Friday and Saturday nights did great damage to corn, buckwheat and sorghum, the crops being nearly ruined. In eastern Iowa late vegetables were damaged and in northern Illinois the injury runs from slight damage to total ruin.

Boston gave a banquet to Lord Cole ridge on Saturday night.

Only one bid was made on the Greeley farm, which was sold Saturday under forced sale—that of Gabrielle Greeley, who bought it for \$10,000. The property, with buildings, drainage and cultivation, cost Greeley \$70,000. It comprises seventy-eight acres. A few neighbors were present, but would not bid against Miss Greeley.

A fire late Saturday night destroyed half the business part of Auburn, Kentucky. Loss, \$23,000; heavily insured.

CRIME.

A man boarded a train at Ogden at a late hour on Sunday night and relieved eight passengers and two trainmen of their watches and money.

Redfield and Tuttle, who robbed a stage and killed the express messenger,

were hanged at Florence, Arizona, on Monday.

Dr. A. K. Ritchey, of Mendota, Ill., shot and mortally wounded his wife Monday night and fled. Officers are now in search of him. Jealousy was the cause.

James Donahue, aged 25, on Tuesday morning without apparent provocation shot and killed his step-father, Michael O'Connell, aged 55, at Cleveland.

The stabbing of Arthur Fagan by his room-mate, N. H. Lewis, at two o'clock Tuesday morning at Des Moines speedily ended in the death of Fagan. The quarrel arose about admitting a cousin of Fagan to the room and bed to sleep during the night. Lewis gave himself up to the police.

Geo. Rankin, convicted of pension frauds in the United States district court at Philadelphia Tuesday, was refused a new trial and sentenced to two years imprisonment.

Officers of the Commercial bank of Youngstown, Ohio, state Kennedy, their bookkeeper, is short \$14,000, of which \$10,000 has been secured by attachments on real estate. Kennedy's friends say they will make good the deficiency, and he is expected to return from Canada, whither he had fled.

The Utah robber who recently single-handed held up a railway car and relieved eight people of their money and valuables, has been captured.

Martin Keller, aged 31, was fatally shot by a constable named Johnson at Highland Park, near Chicago, on Wednesday night. The murderer fled, and an attempt was made shortly after to burn his house by the dead man's friends. Johnson appeared Thursday morning suffering from knife wounds which he claims were made by Keller and some friends.

Rev. Thos. H. Oakley, general delivery clerk in the Cleveland postoffice, was arrested on Friday for stealing stamps from prepaid packages and selling them.

Ex-Senator Wm. Sharon was arrested Saturday afternoon at San Francisco, on the charge of adultery, as he was taking the train for the east. The charge was preferred by Miss Aggie Hill, well known in society circles. The lady claims a contract of marriage was drawn up and agreed to between them; that in addition she loaned him \$30,000, \$78,000 of which he had repaid her. She placed matters in the hands of a man named W. M. Neilson, of unenviable reputation, with instructions to claim the balance of \$12,000, said to be due her, and at the same time swore out a writ charging Sharon with adultery. It is stated that Sharon drew his check for the amount and gave bonds in \$5,000 to answer the charge. Miss Hill bases her claim of marriage on the fact of an agreement of marriage, as she states, having been entered into between Sharon and herself, holding that in point of law it is equivalent to the marriage having been consummated. The affair is openly pronounced a miserable case of blackmailing, kept back until the last moment, when Sharon was leaving for the east.

WASHINGTON.

Increase in the public debt during August, \$8,671,851; decrease since June 30, \$14,572,442. The condition of the treasury is: Gold coin and bullion, \$304,150,028; silver dollars and bullion, \$119,029,357; fractional silver coin, \$27,818,180; United States notes, \$53,917,721; total, \$4,040,915,489; certificates outstanding: gold, \$54,392,430; silver, \$75,443,771; currency, \$12,075,000.

Count Roseval, of Bordeaux, France, has sent the department of state some extracts from a note concerning prohibition of American pork, which had recently been handed the minister of commerce by delegations of the chambers of commerce of Paris, Marseilles, Bordeaux and Havre. In this note the chambers represent that the loss caused by prohibition to the merchant marine and the country in freights, etc., has been very great, and that the sanitary question has been decided by the committee on public hygiene adversely to prohibition.

In answer to the application from the French chargé d'affairs for permission to take twenty Indians from their reservation to France for exhibition, Commissioner Price has advised the secretary of the interior to refuse the request upon the ground that such exhibition would result in demoralization of the Indians and render them dissatisfied with life at the agencies.

The excess of value of exports over imports for the twelve months ended July 31, 1883, is \$107,379,236; imports of merchandise decreased \$23,785,054, compared with last year, and exports increased \$79,419,772.

FOREIGN.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Admiral Commerel, of the British flag-ship Northampton, on Tuesday investigated a serious outrage perpetrated on four British vessels by French fishermen, headed by the shore captain at Cape Orleans, on the southeast coast of Newfoundland. A number of Frenchmen, in August, stripped four British fishing vessels and forbade them to fish. Two days later the sails and gear of the vessels were restored and they were ordered to quit the harbor. The people of Newfoundland are indignant at the violent outrage, and will not unlikely lead to internal complications.

CHINA.

A French naval demonstration is regarded probable on the Chinese coast in the direction of Canton. Admiral Peyou, French minister of marine and the colonies, has a telegram from Saigon, saying that according to mandarin accounts 1,200 Anamites were killed and 1,500 wounded, during the recent bombardment of forts on the

river. Besides two transports leaving with 1,000 men for Tonquin between the 10th and 25th, another transport will take a battery of mountain guns and material for 4,000 men from the African army. There is no question of a French expedition into the interior of Madagascar. The French will retain their positions in Madagascar until satisfaction is given by the Hoas.

FRANCE.

Unveiling of the statue of Lafayette took place Thursday in Lepuy in the presence of an immense crowd despite the severe rain. The streets were decorated with American and French flags, and triumphal arches were erected over the prominent avenues. Ministers Morton and Sargent were present, together with a number of distinguished representatives of French official life. Senator Vissangel delivered the opening address, in which he eulogized Lafayette as one of the principal authors of French liberty. He characterized him as the forerunner of the French republic. Minister Morton said he desired to express in the interest of the government the affection felt by the citizens of the United States for the patriot who, next to Washington, had awakened the gratitude of all American hearts as an ardent lover of liberty. Would that he could now see the result of his noble work. America had attained that prosperity and splendor which Lafayette had predicted. The nations of France and America were never more united than now, and may that friendship which Washington and Lafayette founded remain unbroken. Senator Lafayette, in a brief address, returned thanks to the memorial committee and to the eminent men present for the honor conferred upon the memory of his ancestor.

CHINA.

The Chinese ambassador had another conference with the French minister of foreign affairs. The departure of Marquis Tzeng for England is postponed. A Paris telegram states that nothing in the nature of a treaty between France and China has yet been agreed upon. China submitted her proposal, and now awaits a counter proposal from France.

Dakota's New Capitol.

BISMARCK, September 5.—The procession was formed at 8 o'clock to march to the capitol grounds where the ceremony of laying the corner stone of Dakota's capitol was announced to take place. At that early hour the streets were already filled with decorated carriages and wagons, in which were the beauty of the city and prairies, numbering not less than 3,000. The Villard party was escorted to the grounds, where no time was lost in preliminaries. Governor Ordway welcomed the party to Bismarck, the capital of Dakota. Closing his speech he said: 'I have the honor to invite you, President Villard, and you, Jay Cooke, whom we all recognize as the Alpha and Omega of a great national enterprise, the completion of which you are now on your way to celebrate, to assist in placing the corner stone of the capitol of Dakota.'

Villard replied, thanking the people of Dakota for the great attention shown his guests. He said: 'I am glad to assist in laying the corner stone. In behalf of representatives of my native land let me add they, I am assured, feel particularly proud to be able to assist at this ceremony in a town that bears the name of the greatest living German statesman.' In conclusion he said: 'May this edifice be the seat of good and honest government. May it be the seat of wise legislation, and of all the blessings of justice and liberty that are the birthright of American freedom.' [Loud applause.]

Gov. Ordway next presented the German minister, Baron Elsendecker, with an engrossed copy of resolutions of citizens of Bismarck, in honor of the German chancellor, after whom the city is named. The baron accepted the resolutions in a few neat remarks. He said he wished the capital of the territory would make its name sound through the land as highly as the name of its god-father sounds in Germany. [Cheers.] Hon. Wm. M. Everts spoke briefly. Gen. Grant was then called for, and said:

Ladies and Gentlemen: It is with some reluctance that I respond to your kind request. As you are aware from your reading, when I get to talking before a crowd I scarcely knew when to quit. [Laughter.] I am sure that were I to stop to tell you of my feelings, and the sights I have seen, the train would not get off on time. I never set foot on Dakota till yesterday. I had heard so much of your country, but I was not prepared to see what my own eyes have witnessed. I predict for you a brilliant future. In a few years you will rank far above the best of states, and perhaps their representatives, unless congress hasten to admit you. Remarks were made by Carl Schurz, Mr. Billings, Carter Harrison and Secretary Teller. Sitting Bull was then introduced, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter.

Villard then closed the ceremony. When the box was ready to be placed in position, Gov. Ordway invited those present to deposit anything they wished. Many gentlemen put in their cards.

Frank James Acquitted.

The trial of Frank James at Gallatin, Mo., in progress for two weeks was brought to a close on Thursday afternoon by the jury returning a verdict of 'not guilty.' The accused succeeded in proving an alibi.

OWENTON, KY.—Dr. I. F. Mundy says: 'I have found Brown's Iron Bitters one of the best tonics and prescrib it frequently.'

It is no disgrace not to be able to do everything; but to undertake, or pretend to do, what you are not made for, is not only shameful, but extremely troublesome and vexatious.—[Plutarch.]

Northern Pacific Festivities.

MINNEAPOLIS, September 3.—This has been a most eventful day in the history of Minneapolis. The announcement that President Villard and his guests would stop in Minneapolis on their way to witness the driving of the golden spike on the Northern Pacific caused the citizens to stretch every nerve to make their visit a memorable one. The day dawned clear and bright, and nothing occurred throughout to mar the festivities. For several days every one has been busy fashioning mottoes and designing and executing novelties in the way of decoration and adornment. When the hour of noon came all business houses on the principal thoroughfares were lavishly adorned with emblems, flags and mottoes. At the intersection of Nicollet, from the First National bank across to Harrison hall, there was a section of the Northern Pacific bridge over the Missouri river at Bismarck, with a miniature train of cars upon it. Between the bank block and the Johnson block, across the alley from the Nicollet house, was an accurate representation of Minnehaha falls, the water falling over and through the mass of evergreens. Across Hennepins at the intersection of Washington, was a section of the Manitoba aqueduct now being built across the river at Minneapolis, and over which, on leased tracks, the Northern Pacific trains will run from the eastern terminus in this city to connect with St. Louis boats at the landing down at the river. Across the avenue, in front of Anthony Kelly's, was another magnificent arch, and still another spanned the street in front of Windom block. All along the avenue were novel mottoes. The prettiest was on Windom block, where, among other things, was piled a huge stack of flour with the motto 'Give us the wheat; we will feed the world.' In front of the Nicollet house, facing on Washington avenue, the grand stand, with accommodations for 1,000 people, had been erected and elaborately decorated for the distinguished visitors. From this elevated position the guests had a magnificent view of the decorations on the opposite side of the street, conspicuous among which were large pictures of Villard and Jay Cooke, handsomely wreathed in flowers and evergreens, and large paintings representing scenes along the Northern Pacific railway. The news that President Arthur, Generals Grant and Sheridan, and Secretary Lincoln would be present had spread far and wide, and the trains coming in the city were crowded to their utmost. It is estimated fully 40,000 visitors were in the city to-day. Thirty carriages containing Villard and guests were drawn up to the Nicollet house, preceded by a company of mounted police and Darczee's full band. As the company alighted they were greeted with prolonged cheers by the thousands who occupied every inch of available space in front of the stand and windows of adjoining buildings. The appearance of President Arthur on the platform was greeted with round upon round of cheers, and when Governor Washburn stepped forward and introduced Robert Lincoln, the son of the martyr president, the vast audience gave him a greeting no less demonstrative than that which followed the appearance of Grant and Sherman. A moment later the appearance of Villard was the signal for an outburst of applause; cheering that was renewed long after the gentleman had acknowledged his introduction, and was again taken up, when Mrs. Villard came onward and took her seat beside him. President Arthur's special train arrived from the west the same moment that Villard's train came, and he received Sheridan and Lincoln at the depot. At a given signal the vast procession, which had been waiting over an hour, began its march past the grand stand. The first wagons contained reminders of the early days of Minnesota, representative Indians in all their simplicity, some seated in birch-bark canoes, log cabins of the early day, stage coaches, the inevitable 'prairie schooner,' containing the immigrant, his family and possessions. Then came the wagon filled with baggage representing the early-day express business, followed by a wagon on which a card was placed, marked 'Minneapolis to Portland, via the N. P. R.'

The Anti-Monopoly Convention.

Special to Omaha Republican. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., September 6.—The anti-monopoly convention convened in this city at 10 o'clock to-day. The entire forenoon was taken up in perfecting the organization, and in speech-making.

J. C. Burroughs was elected permanent chairman, and J. I. Armstrong permanent secretary. There were ninety-five delegates present, and not more than one-half of the counties. The nominations were as follows: J. W. Savage, of Omaha, for supreme judge.

For regents of the university, long term, David Butler, of Pawnee; short term, J. H. Ames, of Lincoln, and J. H. Merritt, of Atelope.

J. C. Burroughs was elected chairman of the state central committee.

The resolutions favor (1) control of the railroads and all corporate monopolies by legislation; (2) reduction in passenger and freight charges; (3) favor postal telegraph; (4) taxation of railroad lands, patented or unpatented; (5) tariff for revenue only.

I slept and dreamed that life was beauty, and waked and found that life was duty.

When cooking a large fowl or joint of meat it may be covered with buttered paper to prevent its being scorched.

Evil habits are webs which are too light to be noticed until they are too strong to be broken.

A gallant railroad engineer met a girl in the morning, courted her all day, and in the evening married her. That was a sort of locomotive spark.—[Philadelphia Bulletin.]

When you are bilious, use St. Patrick's Pills.

Hampton Journal: At Bradshaw on last Monday Mr. I. Ryan's little son was hurt by a cow knocking him down and stepping on his face, cutting his lip so badly as to make it necessary for the doctor to sew it up. The boy was leading the cow to pasture when she made a lunge at him, knocking him down and injuring him as above described. He was improving at last accounts.

Wheat in the eastern part of Phelps county will run from 20 to 25 bushels an acre.

Wahoo Tribune: Last Tuesday morning a sad accident occurred at the house of Mr. Fred Eberhardt, which resulted in the death of his youngest boy. Mr. E. was shelling corn and at the time was on the horse power driving, when unknown to him the boy, aged about 5 years, passed the horses and climbed upon the frame work of the power, and as the sweep passed over him it crushed him between itself and the frame upon which he was sitting. Just as the next sweep was about to pass over him his father noticed him and sprang and grabbed him from off the power and told him to run to the house, not knowing that one sweep had already passed over his body. The boy ran a few steps then staggered and fell. The father ran and picked him up and saw that he was hurt. He took him to the house where he died in about ten minutes. Upon examination it was found his chest had been crushed in by the sweep and that he died from internal injuries.

Liberty is to have an elevator and a grain buying firm.

A roller skating rink has been opened at Wymore.

Gates College, at Neligh, will have about a hundred students this season.

Stuart Ledger: On Friday last John Shirving's eldest daughter, May, was bitten in the arm and terribly mangled in the side by a vicious dog belonging to Mr. Childs. The dog was hanging around the house, and when May (who had been in the habit of getting milk there) approached and rapped upon the door, the dog made the attack. This is the third child this same dog has bitten.

A thirty thousand dollar hotel is talked of at Wymore.

Antelope county will have a county seat election on October 2d.

A gentleman is at O'Neill looking over the prospects for a steam grist mill.

Fairfield Herald: Mrs. Ann Fowler's wheat averaged 55 bushels per acre and Mr. Hardy had a field that made 33.

The first kiln of briok has been burned at O'Neill, and was a success.

Valentine Reporter:—Married—Last Thursday evening, by J. F. Tucker, county judge, Mr. Charles Henning, of this place, to Miss White Buffalo Cow, of Rosebud agency. The marriage took place at the office of the county judge, and as the dark-hued bride was somewhat shy the doors were closed, and seats at the windows commanded a premium. All the young unmarried men in the town envy Charley this final step to matrimonial happiness.

O'Neill Banner: A very sad accident occurred at Inman last week, which resulted in the death of J. T. Moore, a man who lived near that town. Mr. Moore had loaned to one of the Van Valkenburghs his rack and went to get it on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Van was raking with a span of wild ponies, which had been bought out of a herd a short time before. The men both went to unhitch the team, Mr. Moore on one side and Mr. Van on the other, of the room. The pony which Mr. Moore was unhitching became frightened and kicked, striking Mr. Moore in the abdomen, from the effects of which he died Wednesday evening about 30 years of age, and leaves a wife and two children.

Red Cloud Argus: Wednesday evening last a daring and successful burglary, or rather a series of them, was perpetrated in the city, the victims being Henry Cook, C. H. Potter, and Sheriff Jos. W. Warren. The light-fingered house-breaker gained an entrance into Mr. Cook's house by cutting out the wire gauze on one of the windows, the sash being raised and a light burning in the room. He appropriated a watch and a well-filled purse, amounting in all to about \$50. Mr. Potter lost about \$40 or \$50. At Sheriff Warren's house the foot-pad froze onto a revolver and a pocketbook containing money and paper to the value of \$75. No clue to the perpetrator of the theft has been found.

Blair Republican: The last of this week will see two spans of the bridge nearly completed. The trestle work on the east side is nearly all up and with no mishap trains will be crossing on or before November. The rip-rap on this side has been strengthened with thousands of carloads of rock and brush and now presents a continuous line of impregnable front to the river which looks able to withstand the highest water. The sinking of the embankment into the earth still continues, and the povel mound which rose below has attained an altitude of fifteen feet, we should judge. For six weeks carloads of earth have been tumbled into the depression, and still the earth swallows it up. Some express the opinion that it must go down to the bedrock of the river. A well is now being sunk to determine the character of the soil and the progress of the work.

Cedar Rapids has not carpenters enough to do the work.