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COOPERSTOWN, GRIGGS CO., DA.

Exact returns of the nationality of all the Union soldiers in the late war show that the native Americans numbered 1,523,300 or 74.48 per cent. of the whole...

The estimate for the cotton crop of 1882-'83 places the yield at 7,100,000 bales, which is 1,600,000 more bales than was produced the preceding year.

The Financial Chronicle prints some figures about railroad earnings during the first six months of the year which, so far as they go, indicate general prosperity.

The income of the government for the last fiscal year was \$398,338,520 or nearly \$8 a head for every inhabitant of the United States.

The tendency to exaggeration in reports of storms, cyclones, and kindred occurrences, is almost universal, especially when these reports are written or conveyed by witnesses to those who did not see what is described.

Iron is king in Pennsylvania and everything is made subsidiary to that interest. During 1882 Pennsylvania produced 2,449,256 tons of pig iron, 1,123,886 tons of rolled iron and 859,908 tons of iron and steel rails.

It is amusing to read some of the noxious papers which assume to be the especial guardians of "society." They have nothing but sugared words for unscrupulous capitalists; they can endure stock watering; the continuous extensions of a gigantic monopoly, frequent reductions of the pay of men and women who depend upon labor requiring untiring industry for the support of themselves and families without murmuring—but when these people driven desperate by heartless corporations, threaten to strike, they are informed, that if they strike for an advance of pay and a reduction of hours of labor they "must accept what society at large always gives to those who defy or rob it."

St. Cloud is to have a chamber of commerce with a capital of \$10,000.

PITH OF THE NEWS.

EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, special: Col Tourtelotte, the staff of the general of the army, received a letter from General Sherman recently, written at one of the stopping places in Yellowstone Park.

The president has directed an army retiring board to convene at Fort Snelling, Minn., the headquarters of the department of Dakota, on Aug. 16.

The first victim under the order of the postmaster general prohibiting postmasters of the higher grades from being absent from their posts without leave, is Lyman M. Gates of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Col. Guido Ligas, eighteenth infantry, has been directed to return to his station at Fort Assiniboine, M. T., and remain there in arrest pending the promulgation of the proceedings of the general court-martial in his case.

NEWS OF THE RAILROADS.

The loss by the burning of the Northern Pacific depot and freight house of Dawson, Dak., on the 26th, is estimated at \$25,000.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

It appears that the importation of Russian Jews has proved a sorry failure. About a fifth of the twenty thousand who came have been sent back.

At Miles City, a notice was found posted on Charles Brown's door, saying: "Bullard, Burleigh, Ringer, Dear, Van Gaskin, Russell and others—murderers—You're marked."

The body of Senor Barca, Spanish minister, who blew out his brains in New York, were sent to Spain recently on the steamship Normandie.

Mayor Edson of New York has suspended the license of John Jones, the expressman who was accused of an attempt to extort money from James Kane of Green Isle, Minn.

Jacksonville, Ill., has just closed a big camp meeting at which Harrison, the infant evangelist, made converts enough to push his total up to 32,000.

The match game of billiards between Slosson and Heisler, at Long Branch, closed after midnight. Heisler was beaten thirty points.

A negro ran from North Attleboro to Providence R. I., thirteen and a half miles, without stopping, recently, and won a \$25 bet.

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS.

Mace Jones and Bernard Lanser attempted to drive a man named Wilson out of the village of Brooklynn, Ill. Marshal Greene, in protecting Wilson, had a quarrel with Jones, in which threats of shooting were freely indulged.

The president was, it seems, attacked by a miscreant, who hurled a stone through the window of the car in which he was riding while en route to Louisville on the 30th inst.

Charles Cowles, medical examiner at Baraboo, Wis., was arrested on the 31st, charged with taking money in consideration of procuring pensions for applicants.

John Gilkey of Raleigh, N. C., has lost caste and will probably have to change his residence because, instead of shooting Dr. Crowten who seduced Mrs. Gilkey, he sent the latter to her father and sued the doctor for \$5,000.

RECORD OF CASUALTIES.

The hail and rain storms around Lancaster, Pa., on the 29th were more destructive than indicated by earlier reports. Over 1,000 acres of growing tobacco were completely destroyed.

A fire at Lincoln, Nebraska, on the 29th, destroyed ten business buildings. Loss, \$250,000. Leighton & Brown, wholesale druggists, are the heaviest losers.

The city hall building at Minneapolis, including the Tribune, was damaged by fire on the 30th to the amount of about \$5,660.

PERSONAL MENTION.

The representatives of the Western Press Association numbering about eighty persons, arrived in St. Paul Thursday evening, en route to the Northern Pacific, and were dined and winned.

Senator Crane of Kansas offered the Ma-

rine Ladies' Aid society \$5 if they would make a quilt without speaking a word.

Mr. and Mrs. Northcote, nee Fish, daughter of the ex-secretary of state, are in England on their bridal tour.

Ex-Congressman William E. Lansing died suddenly of heart disease at Syracuse, N. Y., recently.

Antonio Meucci of Clifton, Staten Island, claims to be the original inventor of the telephone, and shows in proof three caveats issued to him in 1871-2-3.

Emory W. Cobb of the Rozeman (Mon.) National bank, has presented the city of Kankakee, Ill., with an opera house, to cost over \$100,000.

The late Daniel Hersey of Nashau N. H., left \$50,000 for a public library, on condition that the city purchase a suitable site.

FOREIGN NEWS GOSSIP.

London Cable: Carey was bound for Port Elizabeth, Africa. He had regained a good deal of his self-possession and spirit, and was pretty well convinced that his identity and destination were unknown.

New York Herald: Poor Turkey is floundering about at the present time in a very whirlpool of political troubles, from which, turn where she may, there is apparently no outlet.

Great consternation has been occasioned in Mexico by the proposal of a general divorce law. It is looked upon as a blow at the Catholic church.

Cholera is depopulating Cairo at the rate of 1,500 a day.

Land Office Fees.

CIRCULAR FROM COMMISSIONER McFARLAND. WASHINGTON, Special Telegram, July 31.—The commissioner of the general land office has issued a circular to registers and receivers explaining the provisions of the act of the last session of congress in relation to fees for reducing testimony to writing.

For a diagram showing entries only, \$1; for a township plat showing entries, names of claimants, and character of entry, \$2; for a township plat showing entries, names of claimants, character of entry and number, \$3; for a township plat showing entries, names of claimants, character of entry, number and date of filing or entry, together with topography, etc., \$4.

Prior to the act of March last all fees were reported and accounted for by receivers. The effect of the change will be to give officers that were maximum a good deal more compensation than they were receiving before, while it will not benefit officers that were not maximum, for the reason that officers that were maximum before got \$3,000, and now they will get fees in excess of this.

A Desperate Encounter With Burglars.

A special from Wisconsin Junction, Wis., says: Lorenzo Crandall, keeper of the farmers' co-operative store and postmaster of the village, was attacked at his home on the 28 inst., by three masked men, who rushed into the sitting room while he was lying on the sofa talking to his wife.

he received in the house. The others escaped. Crandall was presented with a purse of money by the citizens and resolutions applauding his bravery were passed to-day at a mass meeting.

A HORRIBLE EARTHQUAKE.

Casamicciola, Ischia, Lacco, Forio, on the island of Ischia, Destroyed by an Earthquake—The Former City Entirely Destroyed—3,000 People Known to Have Perished.

Naples, Special Cable, July 29.—The town of Casamicciola, on the island of Ischia, near Naples, was almost entirely destroyed by an earthquake last night.

The ground opened in many places, while in other places there was no movement. Water gushed out of springs, and several boilers in the bathing houses burst.

The bishop of Casamicciola, Don Filipani of Rome, and the prefect of Cagliata, are reported, to be among the dead.

Ischia is a volcanic island situated at the north entrance of the Bay of Naples. The circumference is about nineteen miles, and the superficial area about twenty six square miles.

The earthquake at Casamicciola in 1881 was upon Friday, March 4, of that year. There were two shocks, the first occurring at 1:30 p. m. and the second an hour later.

The whole upper part of the town was destroyed, and two thermal establishments destroyed. The second, which was the fatal shock, and was accompanied by a noise like subterranean thunder.

A BIG FAILURE.

A Boston Sensation—Failure of the Largest Tanning Firm in the World—Liabilities 5,000,000.

The Boston Journal of the 30th says: Stedman & Co., shoe dealers of New York, have suspended in connection with Copeland & Co., of which house they are a branch.

The house of Charles W. Copeland & Co. was established under the title of P. & U. Copeland & Co. in 1835, and now consists of Charles W. Copeland and Arthur W. Stedman, a branch firm being located in New York under the title of Stedman & Co.

The liabilities are now stated by the authority of counsel of the firm to be \$3,500,000 and nominal assets \$5,000,000. The assets include tanneries in northern Maine, New York State, New Brunswick and Quebec and 1,500,000 acres of land in Maine.

The failure occasioned great excitement throughout New England and New York, and caused several smaller suspensions in the oot and shoe trade.

A \$50,000 Fire at McGregor.

Last Wednesday morning fire broke out in the row of buildings opposite the post-

office at McGregor, Iowa, commencing in the wooden building occupied by Pat O'Brien as a grocery store, and extending rapidly to the other buildings to the east and west of it, and in a few minutes the whole block was in flames.

Horrible Railroad Accident in New York.

A terrible accident on the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg railroad occurred at Carleton station, N. Y., at 9:30 o'clock on the 27th inst., by which nineteen were killed and thirty wounded.

Following are the names of the persons killed, who have been identified: Thomas Hayne, Chicago; Louis Trout, Bremen; A. Taylor, Watertown N. Y.; Jane Carl, Lansing, Mich.; Prof. C. W. Stone, Battle Creek, Mich.; Lute J. E. Francis, Oswego, N. Y.; Willie Lafayette, Bay City, Mich.; Ashley Tyler, N. Y.; Thomas Stalla, Watertown, N. Y.; O. B. Troop and granddaughter Mary Troop, Schoharie, N. Y.; J. C. Schenk, Cleveland, Ohio; Thomas Dixon, 249 Pearl Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

The fireman was instantly killed, and Engineer James McCarthy, of the second engine was terribly scalded.

Mrs. Moses Sweeter, Parkersburg, Va., spine bruised and head cut; will recover; Mrs. T. G. Field, Parkersburg, Va., eye contused, ankle sprained and injured about the hip; will recover; Mrs. A. L. Briggs, Saline, Mich., cut about the head; will recover.

Thomas Barbour base baller to Benedicta Price at Liverpool twenty-eight years ago and came to America to seek his fortune.

On the 3d a crowd assembled at the jail at Marysville, Fla., and demanded the keys from the sheriff, who refused.

Chief Justice Waite writes that he is rapidly recovering from the injuries sustained by his accident.

The treasury cattle commission in their report say that, after examining all the great stockyards and feeding stables from Kansas City, Council Bluffs and Omaha to the seaboard, they have been unable to find a single case of foot and mouth disease complained of.

The wreck of the colliding freight trains on the Troy & Boston railroad, near Powall, Vt., has been cleared, and bodies, believed to be those of Mark Sutherland, engineer; H. H. Bruce, operator, and Charles Marden, engineer, found, burned frightfully.

About 2 o'clock on the morning of the 23d an attempt was made by two men to enter the store of Hoace Bigelow at Grove Lake, Minn. The burglars tried both windows and the door, when Mr. Bigelow fired five shots from his revolver, which caused the would-be robbers to run.

Dr. Young of Waseca has received back notice to the amount of \$3,000.