

# Cooperstown Courier.

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The constitutional convention Southern Dakota will be held a Sioux Falls on the 4th day of September. It is believed that the business will be transacted in a few days.

Minnesota, like Wisconsin and some of the other western states, does not inflict capital punishment for murder. In her penitentiary there are now 300 prisoners, and of these forty-five are murderers who are "doing" a life sentence.

If, generally represented by recent foreign advices, the grain crops of England and France are short this year, those countries will need more of our American grain during the next twelve months than their necessities required during the past year.

The preliminary report of the bureau of statistics on foreign and domestic commerce makes an exceedingly favorable showing. The value of exported merchandise during the past year has exceeded that of the imports of \$100,683,153, against an excess of the preceding year of \$25,902,683.

While emigration from Europe to the United States has been smaller this year than last, Canada had received more immigrants by seven thousand at the end of July than arrived in the first seven of 1882. But it is hinted that many of these immigrants find their way in a short time to the "land of the free and the home of the brave"—which is this side the line.

The terrible effects of the late cyclone at Rochester, Minn., might have been partially avoided if every household had been provided with an underground place of shelter such as are now so common in cyclonic sections of Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas. There seems to be no means of preventing losses of property by severe cyclones, but lives can be saved by precautions that are inexpensive and entirely practicable.

As soon as the completion of the Northern Pacific shall have been supplemented by a connection with California from Portland, trains will run through from St. Paul to San Francisco, via Oregon, in the same time now made by the Union and Central Pacific from Omaha to San Francisco. The distance from St. Paul to San Francisco, via Portland, will be 2,700 miles. It can be made in four days at an average speed of less than thirty miles an hour.

The late Hon. Jeremiah Black of Pennsylvania was one of the most terse, crisp and vigorous writers in the country—his style, in some respects, resembling that which has made reputation for Gen. Sherman. He was formerly Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and was the attorney general of President Buchanan's cabinet. Judge Black was one of the democratic leaders who unhesitatingly espoused the cause of the Union and the Government when the South threatened secession and finally rebelled. He was a man of ability and undoubted patriotism.

The failure of the strike of the telegraphers seems to have produced no unpleasant results, as nearly all have been taken again into service by the telegraph company, which could ill-afford to dispense with such an amount of skilled labor. The causes of the failure are attributed to the difficulty of making a close combination of 10,000 persons scattered all over the country, and to the sympathy and aid extended to the company by other large corporations which felt that they were, or might soon be, in the same boat. It is hinted that some concessions will now be made by the company.

Few are aware of the great reductions in freight charges within a few years from the west to the seaboard. It cost 21.22 to send wheat from Chicago to Liverpool in 1873, while last year it cost 7.74 cents per bushel, and this year the average cost is 9.08. The freight charges on grain from Chicago to New York by lake, canal and rail have fallen off since 1868 on an average 66 per cent. Of the grain received at Atlantic ports last year 80.2 per cent. came by rail and 19.08 per cent. by the lakes, canals and the Hudson river. The extortion, if it prevails anywhere is on the local lines and not on the great trunk lines.

Henry Ward Beecher during his vacation has visited various points in Minnesota, Dakota and Montana, and is now in Portland, Oregon, stopping with one of his sons, and this week will be in San Francisco. Before returning to Brooklyn he will make a short lecture tour of the South, his Church having given him an extended leave of absence. The Beecher of to-day is not the Beecher of ten or twenty years ago, as all admitted who heard him then and again on his present tour. He has left a trace of disappointment as wide as the continent among those who expected too much of a man over seventy-five years of age.

# PITH OF THE NEWS.

## EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.

Postmasters commissioned: Wisconsin, J. H. Bonstedt, Trenton; Eliza E. Lawrence, Token. Iowa, Edward J. Bremer, Rising Sun. Minnesota, Reynold Ken p. Dresbach; Joseph W. Bragdon, Lake Wilson. Dakota, George W. Stetson, Stetson. Postoffices established: Dakota, LaBelle, Spink county. Minnesota, Fir, Marshall county. Wisconsin, Five Corners, Outagamie county. Postoffices discontinued: Montana, Halpin, Missoula county; mail to Superior. Railroad services changes: Minnesota, Duluth to Helena, Northern Pacific railroad from Sept. 2. Extend service from Helena to Missoula, Mont., via intermediate points.

A letter has been received at Washington by Gen. Swain, from Fort Leavenworth, stating that Maj. Edward B. Grimes, quartermaster, who has been very ill at that post for some time with dropsy, is failing so rapidly that no hope remains for his recovery. He was appointed assistant quartermaster of the volunteers in 1862, and was transferred to the regular army in May, 1865, being promoted in March, 1882, to major. His present duty is as depot quartermaster at Fort Leavenworth. In 1875-6 he was on duty at St. Louis, and was a prominent witness at the whisky conspiracy trial, and prior to that served at St. Paul, Bismarck, Chicago and other points.

The treasury department is informed from various quarters that frauds are being perpetrated in connection with the stamping and branding of cigar boxes. Manufacturers are induced to affix the stamps and caution labels so that they can be readily removed, and to brand the boxes so slightly that a very little scraping with a sharp edged tool will efface all signs. The object of this is to sell the cigars at a large increase upon their market value as imported Havana goods. It is intended to prosecute manufacturers who do not so stamp and brand their boxes as to render this crime next to impossible.

J. H. Saunders, of the special United States treasury commission, has just returned from Europe and expresses his belief that England will remove its restrictions on the importation of American cattle, but that Germany will not remove its restrictions on the importation of American pork until this government inaugurates a system of thorough inspection.

A \$1,000 United States bond was cashed for a traveler by a steamship company in Liverpool. The bond was forwarded to the treasury department at Washington, where it was found to have been stolen, and the owner secured it. The steamship company is out \$1,000.

The court martial which tried Capt. John A. Kress, of the ordinance department at San Antonio, for neglect of duty in exceeding the amount appropriated for the erection of military barracks at that post, recommended his acquittal.

Judge Lawrence, the first controller of the treasury, asserts that there is no doubt that congress has full power to regulate the tariff of telegraph companies, the same as it has in regard to railway rates.

The following postmasters have been appointed: Joseph H. Wagner, Rochester, Minn., vice Abram Harkins, resigned; Thomas P. McMaster, Ludington, Mich., vice R. F. Dundass, suspended.

Commissioner McFarland, of the general land office, says that the St. Cloud land sale was a great success.

## NEWS OF THE RAILROADS.

General Manager Finney, Superintendent Carroll and other officials of the Wisconsin Central, were in consultation recently with the officials of the Omaha, making arrangements for the business they have in common. In addition to this, the contracts existing between the two companies were revised and what changes rendered necessary for the opening of the Omaha's Chipewa Falls & Northern branch were made.

The Wabash train, "cannon ball," which left Clinton Bluffs last Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock, when near Clifton, Mo., at 2 p. m., ran over a cow. The engine, baggage car and one coach were derailed and the engine upset. Engineer Hall, one of the oldest employes of the road was killed. No passengers were hurt.

The Northern Pacific are having made large placards, to be posted on the first through freight train from St. Paul to the Pacific. On the first fast express red placards will be posted, showing the time made on each division and also from St. Paul through to the end of the road.

The Northwestern's earnings for the third week in August increased \$49,000.

## GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

The San Francisco Bulletin publishes a letter, brought down on the steamer St. Paul, from Ounalska, announcing a large gold discovery on the Yukon river, Alaska. Owing to the extreme cold—28 deg. below zero—it was impossible to do much prospecting. The miners who made the discovery were a party fitted out by E. Schieffelin, who made big discoveries in Arizona and who cleaned up over \$1,000,000 in that section.

The Boston Herald thinks, despite the statement made by Shaw & Brother that all their property had been assigned for the benefit of creditors, \$100,000, was turned over to relatives of Shaw three months before the failure.

Mayor King has closed all the pool rooms in Philadelphia on the ground that buying and selling pools on horse or other races is gambling. The mayor acts under a new construction of an old law, which prohibits gambling.

The profits of the Moody & Sankey hymn-books have been in the neighborhood of \$400,000. The profit funds have been applied to charitable and evangelical purposes.

The directors of the Farmers' bank of Richmond, Ind., have given notice that the affairs of the bank will be closed up, but all depositors will be paid in full after Sept. 3.

The town of Middlefield, Mass., celebrated its one hundredth anniversary on the 15th inst. The exercises were held in a tent capable of holding 2,000 people.

Jackson S. Shultz has begun proceedings to stop the ringing of all church bells in New York. He says there is law enough to do it.

Abram, a St. Louis grocer, sixty-five years of age and worth \$2,000,000, has filed a bill

of divorce from his wife. He alleges abuse of himself and children.

The report that the missing Miss Churchill of St. Louis had been found in Keokuk, is without foundation.

High wages are causing sailors to go into the harvest fields along the St. Lawrence.

An important gold discovery is reported from the Yukon river in Alaska.

## CRIMES AND CRIMINALS.

A young girl about twenty years of age, was wandering around the south part of Battle Creek, Mich., in a demented state. She evaded capture by running, but was finally secured and taken to the sanitarium, where a note was found upon her which gave her name as Miss Olive Wheeler, Bank Center, Minn. When she became conscious she said her insanity was caused by fright. Some person at the Grand Trunk depot, when she arrived had insulted her by improper proposals. She had recovered so far as to be able to identify the villain as Frank Smith, a well-known bad character of Battle Creek, who has already served one term. He was held in default of \$500 bail.

Recently Edward Walker forced his way into a pleasure party given by Wiley Robinson at Wooding, Ill. He insulted the wife of the host, and when the latter protested Walker drew a revolver and killed him. The murderer remained sequestered several days, when he was arrested and confined in jail at Edwardsville. It is anticipated that an attempt will be made to lynch him, and the jail is guarded in consequence.

The court martial trying soldiers who participated in the massacres at Alexandria last year, sentenced thirteen culprits, charged with organizing the massacre, to be hung opposite the police station, and two to fourteen years, and six to five years' penal servitude.

Dr. Connolly, arrested at Bruff, Limerick county, charged with being concerned in a murder conspiracy, has brought action for slander against John Carroll, a rent warner of Earl Limerick, for stating that he had conspired to murder him.

Judge Barbot, a well-known actor, was knocked down and robbed by highwaymen in New York. Policeman appearing, the robbers fled, when one of them was shot and killed by his companion, who fired at the policeman.

Mat M. Smith of Nashville, Tenn., received a box of wedding cake from Annie L. Sullivan, whom he does not know. It contained strychnine, and he narrowly escaped dying, having eaten some of it.

E. A. Bennett, a well-known wheat buyer of Humboldt, Iowa, shot himself to death on the 27th inst., on account of losses and other misfortunes.

A man named Jackson Murphy was lynched at Park City, Mo., on suspicion that he had murdered a man named Brennan.

The stamps stolen from the East Grand Forks postoffice were found under Brook's elevator, with a lot of burglars' tools.

Peter Smith of Maysville, O., was killed by a blow from a billy in the hands of Pres Lawson, one of his employes.

Christian Daesner, proprietor of a saloon in Toledo, shot and instantly killed Corban Caswell of Wood county.

## RECORD OF CASUALTIES.

Flames were seen issuing from the bandstand residence of Sylvester Cahill at Crawford, N. J., on the 19th inst. Persons who attempted to enter the house, the family being absent, were met by a large Newfoundland dog which drove them out. In consequence the house burned.

A fire at Wellington, Ill., Saturday night burned Fisher & Co's mill and carriage shop, with contents. Loss, \$30,000; insurance, \$15,000. Another mill owned by M. D. Keenly. Loss, \$2,000; no insurance. Carriage shop owned by John Atkinson. Loss, \$3,000; no insurance.

Tillie Larson, a Swede girl, employed at the Hotel Lafayette, Lake Minnetonka, was instantly killed on Wednesday, by the explosion of the "wringer" or drying apparatus in the laundry.

A dispatch from Fort Fetterman states that Harvey Boyd was gored to death by a cow. Deceased was son of John Boyd and nephew of Hon. J. E. Boyd, ex-mayor of Omaha.

By the falling of a part of an unfinished building in Akron, Ohio, Samuel Harris was killed and William Carmichael was badly injured.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

There seems to be some sort of a discussion going on quietly as to who shall take Lieut. Gen. Sheridan's command at Chicago, when he vacates it October next to assume command of the army. But this result may be well set down; Maj. Gen. Hancock will remain where he is now with headquarters at Governor's Island, N. Y.; Maj. Gen. Schofield transferred to Chicago, and Maj. Gen. Pope to San Francisco. This may also involve the transfer of Gen. Miles from Vancouver's barracks to Fort Leavenworth, and of Gen. Mackenzie from Santa Fe to Vancouver's barracks, although some hold that the latter officer will take command of the department of the south on the retirement next month of Gen. Hunt.

Miss Addie Gates, daughter of A. A. Gates and a graduate of the Minneapolis schools, has taken first prize in art and sculpture at a recent exposition in Paris, France. Miss Gates left for Europe about three years ago, and her parents are still residents of Minneapolis.

Senator Maxey of Texas carries in his travels through the North a gold-headed cane of bois d'arc wood. It has a reddish brown tinge, and, according to Mr. Maxey, is the most valuable wood found in Texas. He thinks that there is nothing to surpass it in durability in the country.

The will of Mr. Gallup of Hartford, Conn., gives \$100,000 to the town of Plainfield for support of poor; to Sheffield Scientific school of Yale; to Hartford hospital; to city of Cincinnati to add to the Woodward high school fund, and to Lieut. Gov. Sumner, Mr. Gallup's son-in-law.

Hilario Balso, a well-to-do Frenchman, and a noted swimmer has just arrived at New York, and declares it his intention to swim the Niagara whirlpool rapids or die in the attempt.

Mrs. John Russell Young, wife of the minister to China, gave birth to a son in Paris last week.

J. Lindsay Smith has married Miss Blanche, daughter of C. B. Sleeper of Brainard.

Assistant Surgeon William H. King, of the army, died in Philadelphia recently.

## FOREIGN NEWS GOSSIP.

London Cable: The Standard, in an editorial review of the slump in American securities and the outlook for the money market, says: The end of the crisis has not as yet been reached. The giants of the market have not been brought down, nor have the multitudes of pledged and perhaps worthless stocks, with which the banks are loaded, been as yet flung out into the street to find their level. A renewal of the downward course of prices is therefore what we should expect from the coldest possible estimate of the facts. The Americans are threatened with a financial crisis of the first magnitude and an excess of currency, and that being so, the importation of gold from Europe could do little to mitigate the severity of that crisis. Already our markets are over-burdened with American wheat, and there have been no anticipatory drawings of bills against future shipments of produce, for the reason that money has been too dear here for the operation to pay.

The prorogation of parliament was done by proxy, and the ceremony was a dull affair. The closing session was altogether uninteresting. The government succeeded in passing thirteen of its promised measures, and three of these are of the utmost importance. Toward the close of the session the government seemed to have become over-cautious, and because of this, and of its hesitation to suppress the obstruction and turbulence of the extreme radicals, many charged it with having lost its grip. Certainly if the government had taken strong measures to quiet such radicals as Bradlaugh, either by quietly finding a way to allow him to take his seat, or that privilege being denied him, of suppressing the great rebellious demonstrations made by him, it would have received more of the respect, if not of the support, of the conservatives.

At the examination of Dr. Connolly, and Pat Connolly, brothers, at Limerick, arrested at Bruff on the charge of being concerned in a murder conspiracy, a man named Dinneen testified that the Connollys had compelled him to swear that he would shoot John Carroll, a rent warner of the earl of Limerick, and promised him that the head center would pay him £50 for so doing. He and prisoners had lain in wait several times for Carroll, but the witness' courage failed him, and he did not shoot him. Witness also swore that the Connollys had proposed poisoning Carroll and his sister.

Mr. Parnell will proceed to Ireland while there he will actively direct the work of perfecting the branch organizations of the national league and use every effort in his power to carry out his new programme, even to the smallest detail. He is greatly encouraged by the election of Mr. Lynch, who was returned undoubtedly because of the discipline of his supporters and not by reason of any particular popularity or capacity of his own.

Patrick O'Donnell, who killed James Carey has arrived at Cape Town. He wishes to be tried in Cape Town. Applications for a writ of habeas corpus will be made to a supreme court. It is believed Mrs. Carey will give important evidence which she has heretofore withheld on account of her husband.

Lord Cairns is said to have bought up from news stands and book stores in London several hundred photographs of Miss Fortescue, the actress whom his son, Lord Gargyle, is to marry.

The value of dutiable goods entered for consumption in Canada, exclusive of British Columbia, for July was \$7,088,006; and the duty was \$1,785,999. The value of free trade goods was \$2,967,775.

The French civil commissioner at Tonquin has gone to the capital of Annam to negotiate with the Annamite court which is greatly alarmed by the movements of the French.

At Winnipeg, Fred L. Garvin and Joseph Cameron went out in a boat. Garvin shook the boat, which capsized, and Cameron was drowned. Garvin was arrested.

The prince of Wales has accepted Ernest Longfellow's painting of the poet Longfellow's residence at Cambridge, Mass.

Citizens of Montreal has appointed a committee to give a ball to the officers of the United States steamer Vandalaria.

A French nobleman was killed on the 26th ascending Pitz Berria, the highest mountain in the Engadine group, Switzerland.

At St. Thomas, Ont., in a wife-beating case, Judge Hughes decides that a husband has the right to whip his wife.

The first car load of coal from the Saskatchewan river, 700 miles west of Winnipeg, has arrived at that city.

The London rumor is that Miss Chamberlayne is going to marry Mr. J. S. Cairns, the Wyoming cattle king.

A pension of £250 per annum has been granted to Mathew Arnold, the English poet and writer.

## Terrible Slaughter of Jews in Europe.

St. Petersburg Special Advices from the scene of the recent riots against the Jew say 346 houses were wrecked and plundered during the progress of the riots. The losses sustained by the Jews is estimated at 621,000 roubles. Fourteen Russians who were wounded by troops in quelling the outbreak have since died, making the total killed 281. Numerous cases of Jew beating are reported at places elsewhere, but the police and troops are acting with energy, and in most instances promptly suppressed any attempts at outrages against the Jews. At Berchadi, however, eighty houses of Jews were fired and their inmates are without shelter, and suffering great privation.

Violent riots against Jews occurred in Hungary on the nights of the 24th and 25th inst. Two thousand peasants took part in the outbreak and wrecked all the houses and s'ops of the Jews in the place, and shouted "Murder all Jews." Troops were called out, but were unable to suppress the violence of the mob until reinforced. The rioters also released a number of prisoners. A force of infantry and cavalry was ordered to proceed to the scene of the riot from Buda-Pesth. Riots at Egerzsz lasted three days. Peasants armed with muskets stoutly resisted the troops: It is reported that twenty soldiers and many rioters were killed. Riots against Jews also occurred at Churco Kezlety, and troops have been called out to suppress disturbances.

## A Female Bigamist From Minnesota.

Chicago Special. A female bigamist is something of a rarity, but a young woman who has lived in Chicago during the past two years had a narrow escape from prosecution for this crime. Her maiden name was Ella Nelson, and she was married June 6, 1880, to C. R. Plum, in St. Paul, Minn. The couple lived in that city for a year and then came to Chicago, which continued to be their home until about three months ago. Their married life was happy, but at that time Plum was offered a situation at Litchfield, Minn., and went there, leaving Mrs. Plum in this city. The girl he left behind him did not long pine for his society, for she began to receive the attentions of one John C. Rhode, who was led to think she was a single woman. He was so assiduous in his devotion that he won her heart, and led her to the altar Aug. 5. Not long ago Plum returned to the city in haste, being alarmed because he had not heard from his wife. He learned the state of affairs and sought his wife, who flew to his arms. Rhode, the second husband, resolved to have revenge, and to-day appeared before Justice Woodman for a warrant for bigamy. He unfolded his tale of woe, and the court was about to issue the warrant when Plum rushed in and told him the bird had flown. She had started for Europe, having been provided with railroad and steamship tickets by Plum. Rhode was induced to abandon the prosecution, Plum agreeing to pay the expenses of procuring a divorce. They left the court room together and everything is lovely, while the woman in the case has got started eastward on her summer vacation.

## Two Minneapolis Banks Bilked.

The First National bank and the Security bank of Minneapolis would like to see one of their old depositors very much, altogether about \$11,500 worth. Some time ago a gentleman of bustle and address started what he represented to be a very extensive mercantile business in Minneapolis and made pretty heavy deposits in both the above banks. He drew his check against them, and the paper was always cashed, the drawer in the meantime gaining the confidence of the bank officers. Of this he took advantage a week ago by presenting forged papers to both banks and receiving cash thereon, the First National bank giving up \$3,500 and the Security \$4,000. The man at once jumped the town, and when the bank officers came to discover the fraud they found no one but the clerks, whom they arrested; but having no proof that they were parties to the fraud, they were let go.

## Another Steamboat Horror.

The steamer Riverdale, having on board about fifty passengers bound for Peekskill and intermediate points on the Hudson, blew up on the 28th, in the North river and sank almost immediately after. Accounts of the number of passengers vary from 50 to 200, and of killed from ten to fifty. The most trustworthy accounts place the number of killed at from three to six. There is reason to believe nearly all had a chance to escape. Among those killed were Mrs. Julia Lissou of Iarrtown, N. J., Charles Thomas, her grandson, W. B. Chapman, Thomas Gregg of New York, John Cravett, fireman.

At Vincennes, Ind., the Spring Lake ice house was burned. It was owned mainly by Cincinnati men. Loss, \$40,000; insurance, \$33,000.

Lieut. William H. Baldwin, Seventh cavalry, now on leave of absence, will report to superintendent general recruiting service, New York City, to accompany a detachment of recruits to Fort Snelling, Minn.

Walter Curtis, of Bath, N. Y., dislocated his jaw by yawning too wide the other day. Mrs. Bode of Milwaukee, laid her gold ring on her wash tub bench. Conrad Mehler's tame raven flew off with it. Conrad was sued and made to pay for the ring.

One hundred cattle from Canada inspected as being infected with disease were killed on their arrival at Liverpool. No trace of disease was found in the remainder of the same shipment, and they were released and forwarded.

Maj. Dexter G. Hitchcock died on board the steamer Lampasas at her pier in North river, New York. Deceased arrived the preceding day from Galveston. Maj. Hitchcock served with distinction in the Confederate army in the late war.

An interesting event at the home of Senator Conkling on the morning of the 28th conferred on the ex-senator a new dignity. A little daughter was born to Mrs. W. G. Oaktaun, Mr. Conkling's daughter.

Jacob Christ's brewery in Red Wing was damaged recently by fire to the extent of \$2,500, fully covered by insurance in the German-American, Phoenix of New York, Continental of New York, and British American.

The United States has 43,000 miles of telegraph lines, 131,000 miles of poles, and 374,368 miles of wire.

Police officer Maurice McNamara of New York has been arrested for causing the death of John Smith by clubbing. Only a few days previous McNamara was before the police commissioner on charges of cruelly clubbing a respectable citizen a few weeks ago. Capt. Petty in command of the precinct to which McNamara is attached said: "I am sorry to say I have men under me I would not believe under oath. They are a shame and a disgrace to the city, and if I had power they would not remain on the force twenty-four hours." McNamara was arrested while patrolling his beat.

The mayor of Rush City paid a draft from the mayor of Rochester on W. H. Wynkoop, president of the council, for \$100, which is the contribution of Rush City to the cyclone sufferers.

George T. Wilson, an employee on the capitol at Albany, fell from the roof to the floor of the open court, 110 feet and was instantly killed.

Thomas Conway committed suicide at Monroeville, Ind., while intoxicated.

The English crop reports show that the harvest will again be inadequate to the demands of domestic consumption, and that the people must depend very largely upon America for their food supply. This will help business on this side, and probably avert the threatened "dull times" here.

A joint resolution has passed the New Hampshire legislature in favor of the government postal telegraph system.