

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Washington News.

Porfirio Diaz, who has been reelected President of Mexico, seems to be almost the only man of intelligence, force of character and honesty among the Mexican leaders of to-day.

Application has been made to Mr. Lowell, the United States Minister at London, in behalf of certain Scotch holders of the bonds of the Oregon Railway for his official aid in protecting their interests.

The lengthening of the summer holiday season is one of curious features of these times. From a week or possibly a fortnight, in the olden times, a month has come to be the minimum among those who pretend to take summer recreation.

Among the thousands of lakes in the Northwest, Lake Minnetonka, Minnesota, is probably frequented by the largest number of citizens and strangers, owing to its size, depth, beautiful surroundings, fine fishing, commodious hotels, and accessibility by rail from St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The testimony of Secretary Chandler in regard to certain frauds in one bureau of the Navy Department, shows the facility with which signatures are obtained to recommendation for office, or anything else.

The commissioner of the Indian affairs offers \$300 reward for the arrest of the murderer of Kaibacy, chief of the Sac and Fox Indians, Kansas.

The secretary of war has spared Gen. Swain the humiliation of being placed under arrest, and the latter still goes through the form of attending to the duties of the judge advocate.

The president has recognized J. R. Dawson consul of Belgium for Oregon, to reside at Portland; E. J. Ledyard, consul general of Costa Rica in Louisiana, to reside in New Orleans, and Walter Techau, Lyall consul of her Britannic majesty for Texas, to reside at Galveston.

The medical officers of the navy have prepared a handsome memorial brass tablet to the memory of Dr. Ambler of the ill-fated Jeannette. The tablet is erected in Leeds church, Fauquier county, Va., near Dr. Ambler's home and final resting place.

The president is preparing for his summer cruise. The steamer dispatch is lying at the navy yard fully equipped and provisioned, and as soon as some matters of importance now pending are disposed of, he will board her for a cruise along the North Atlantic coast, stopping at Newport and some other points, and going as far as Mount Desert. His family will go with him.

Judge Advocate General Swain is said to be really anxious to go on the retired list of the army, and his friends assert that he is suffering so much from nervous prostration that it may be necessary to place him there.

The work of disinfecting in the thickly populated tenements of this city was begun on Monday. Thirty-seven men, all told, comprise the army of disinfectors for accompanying each tank.

James Reilly, a snake charmer, was fatally stung by a rattlesnake Sunday in New York.

A heavy thunder storm passed over Sheldon, Iowa, on Friday forenoon. During the storm the house of a farmer named Hanson, six miles east of the town, was seen to be on fire.

Mrs. Riterling, an elderly woman, committed suicide, or was murdered, at the three-mile ranch near Fort Laramie.

Postmaster William T. Kaley of Camden, N. J., was arrested recently charged with embezzlement and held in \$3,000 bail for hearing Monday.

The wife of Paul Loscher of St. Joseph left him, and went to Montague, Mich., where she hired out as a cook at a hotel. Her husband followed and shot her dead.

At Dallas, Texas, W. H. Beale and Bowie, in a room in the third story of the National hotel, fought a duel to the death with pistols.

J. C. Cotton, who has been traveling under the assumed name of "Jay George," has just been apprehended at Fort Townsend, Washington Territory, at the instance of a person who knew him.

At Elk Garden, W. Va., Sunday, several young men were having photographs taken in a tragic attitude, one of them being in a position as if shooting the other with a cocked revolver.

Mrs. Almira Hart Lincoln Phelps, the authoress, died in Baltimore, aged ninety-one.

Dr. Kotch, the cholera specialist, has a brother in St. Louis. Dr. Kotch is a graduate of Göttingen.

Gen. Grant is at Long Branch for the summer. He has discarded his crutches and is able to walk with a stout cane.

Miss Hurst, the Georgia magnetic girl, has paid off a \$3,000 mortgage on her father's farm since she began traveling.

Col. Squire, the new Governor of Washington Territory, was reared at Clyde, Ohio, which was the residence of Gen. McPherson, and during the war served on Gen. Thomas' staff.

Mr. Fish, of Marine bank fame, still lives in his fine quarters in the Mystic Flats. They are furnished in "Oriental splendor," as the reporters say, and look directly out upon the Moorish beauties of Casino. He is to be seen nightly on the roof of the Casino, always accompanied by some lady, generally Miss Sally Reber, an operatic portage of his.

A hydrophobic cat attacked Miss Reed, at Orangeburg, S. C., and tore her clothes all off, but fortunately did not bite or scratch her.

Found His Frail Daughter.

Winnipeg Special: Mr. Bryce, for nine years a member of Pinkerton's detective agency of Chicago, but recently employed by the Canadian Pacific railroad here, reported to the police a few days ago that his daughter of nineteen years had been induced to leave her home in Minneapolis about a week ago by a printer who brought her to Winnipeg.

The Public Must be Patient.

The American flint glass-workers met in national convention at Pittsburgh recently. Eight delegates present from all parts of the country. President W. R. Ford, select council, delivered an address of welcome and S. J. Irvin, president of the glass-workers' association, responded.

Belfast Cablegram: The Orangemen of this city who left here to participate in the procession at Newry, Saturday, caught a party of Catholics on their return here in the act of destroying the triumphal arches and other emblems erected by them to commemorate the battle of the Boyne.

Amusements in Ireland.

Woodhaven, a picturesque village between East New York and Jamaica, was recently the scene of a romantic attempt at suicide. August Roden, treasurer of the Congregational church, fell desperately in love with Clara Sallier, a member of his Sunday school class.

He Tried Corrosive Sublimite.

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Market Reports.

St. Paul.—Wheat, No. 1 hard, 90c. No. 1, 82c; No. 2 hard, 84c; No. 2, 75c. Corn, No. 2, 51c; No. 3, 46c@48c. Oats, No. 2 mixed, 28c; No. 3 mixed, 27c; No. 2 white, 30c; No. 3 white, 28c. Barley, No. 2, 55c; No. 3 extra, 45c; No. 3, 40c. Rye, No. 2, 54c. Balf Hay, wild, \$8.50; timothy, \$10.00. Eggs, 16c@17c. Milwaukee.—Wheat, No. 2, 81c@82c. Corn, No. 2, 50c. Oats, No. 2, white, 34c. Rye, No. 1, 61c. Barley, No. 2, 57c. Mess Pork, \$16.50. Lard, \$7.10. Butter, choice creamery, 17c@18c; fair to good, 16c@17c; best dairy, 13c@14c. Eggs, 15c@15c. Chicago.—Wheat, No. 2 Chicago spring, 81c. Corn, 50c. Oats, 25c. Rye, 61c. Barley, 62c@64c. Flax Seed, \$1.50@1.51. Pork, \$16.00@17.00. Lard, \$7.00@7.15. Butter, creamery, 17c@18c; dairy, 14c@15c. Eggs, 15c@15c.

KILLING THE WARDS.

Recapitulation of the Case—An Indictment Man Turns States' Evidence—Sensational Testimony.

Special from Grand Forks, Dak.—The crime for which twelve men are to be tried for their lives, one after another, is a sad one. The trial will best be understood by rehearsing some facts which are undisputed.

Grand Forks, Special says: A not unexpected sensation in the trial of Lair was the testimony of Dick Turpin, one of the defendants, who turned state's evidence.

The evidence of the coroner's inquest was offered and Gov. Bates objected. Lair appeared at the inquest and admitted he was at the fracas and had shot fired.

Grand Forks Special 11th.—The defense put John W. Bell, one of the defendants, on the stand, to prove his actual possession of the premises in question.

The defense is all in the Ward case, and the relation on both sides closed the 13th. Counsel for the defense is preparing requests for instructions to the jury, which will be argued Monday, 14th and will consume all the day.

Charles makes up and fired five shots before anything was done. Witness heard Pat McQuoney say "Boys I am shot. Lair and witness went to the east; did not see the fracas between Fred and Bell; saw Fred after he was down; Lair and witness were over 100 feet east of the shack; saw Charles all don't think he stirred after that; that time Lair had no gun; he didn't fire then; Richard Turpin I did not see there.

down on the west side of the Bell shack, coming round and falling near the east side of the shack.

He was at the inquest; did not see the pistol of Fred Ward. On cross-examination said he did not see Lair have a gun; that he saw the only gun I saw was in the shack; went with the party from the Headquarters building; there were three or four little parties; did not see any weapons in the hands of any of our parties from the time of going there to coming back; remember the incident of some other men coming out of the shack; he was told to throw up his hands; he threw them up, and Col. Ulline said:

"DON'T SHOOT THAT MAN!" I did not know any man was going to shoot him. I was thirty or forty feet from him. Ledfield, Maly, Mullarkey, Col. Ulline and myself were about him. If there were others they were of the same party. There were no weapons there that I saw. Saw a shotgun in front of the shack after all was over. Ledfield wanted to take it along. Ulline told him it was not his and he should let it alone.

Witness was confronted with the different statements made in his affidavit before the coroner, and said he was not correctly reported by Powell, who wrote the testimony. This was the complaint of others who had made statements.

Pat McQuoney, another defendant, said: Am twenty-three; was behind Bell at Ward's shack when Bell called. Bell said: "Hello, Ward." Ward said: "Hello."

He soon opened the door and asked: "What do you want?" Bell told him he came prepared to move the shack. When Ward came out with his hands on his hips and said: "You t—n of a b—ll down you first!" Bell and he then scuffled, and Charles Ward came in the door and shot five times. He hit me in my arm.

Witness took off his coat and showing the mark of the wound on his right arm, showed also the position in which he was standing when struck.

I did not speak at once till I felt the pain, when I told the boys I was shot. I went about sixty yards from the shack to Ulline. He gave me a handkerchief to bandage up my arm. To the time of this shooting not one evil word was said by us.

The peaceable reputation of the defendant was admitted by the coroner before the coroner was admitted under an exceptional. An offer to prove the declaration of Fred Ward to United States Receiver Anderson shortly before his death of his purpose of going on Bell's claim, was ruled out by the court.

On the point of threats they ask the following, in order to determine who made the first assault:

The jury may consider the testimony of the threats testified to have been made by Charles Ward before the fatal collision, even if such threats were not communicated to the defendant or heard by him.

In regard to non-participation directly in the killing, they ask the following: If it is not proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant fired the fatal shot, and it is a reasonable hypothesis raised by the testimony that the fatal shot was fired by some other person than the defendant, they you must acquit him.

In reply to this Wallin, for the district attorney, maintained that the principles of self-defense were inapplicable to this case and the defendant was not entitled to instructions upon that law. Mr. Van Arman further replied, reviewing the facts as proven, and admitted by the defense themselves.

He held that what took place before Charles Ward had gasped his last breath was flying, for his life was immaterial. He denied in toto the position taken by the counsel for the defense, and said he was sure his honor would not be induced to participate in the attempt to give the jury an excuse to shield the most dastardly and unprovoked murder on the principal of self-defense.

The controversy between Mr. Bell and the Ward boys over this claim is not involved in this trial. You have nothing to do with that. You could not adjust it if you should attempt it. Whatever the merits of that controversy may have been cannot now affect the guilt or innocence of the defendant.