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The sleepy old city of Charleston, South Carolina, has at last awakened to great prosperity, and bids fair to eclipse Memphis, Atlanta, Augusta and other flourishing southern cities.

The season of church fairs approaches and the moralist tells us they are more injurious to the cause of religion than beneficial to the church.

The cost of transferring wheat from interior India to England is 50c to 70c per bushel, which is more than four to fivefold the cost between Chicago and Liverpool.

The most interesting feature of the annual report of Chief Nimmo of the national bureau of statistics, which has just been submitted, is in relation to the internal commerce of this country.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Washington News.

The president has appointed Stephen F. Wilson of Pennsylvania to be associate justice of the supreme court of New Mexico.

Postoffices established: Dakota—Lawrence, Beadle county. Wisconsin—Morgan, Oconto county. Postmasters commissioned—Ella F. Lawrence, Lawrence, Dak.; Sarah Rymack, Morgan, Wis.

At the request of the president a public square situated in the southeast section of the city, in front of Providence hospital, and heretofore known as Providence hospital square, will hereafter be known as Folger square, in honor of the late secretary of the navy.

The surgeon general of the army, in his annual report, says: The deaths of the year among white troops were 250, or 12 per 1,000 of the mean strength, an increase of 2 per 1,000 over the rate for the previous year.

Adj. Gen. Drum, in his annual report to the secretary of war, says the condition of the militia in the several states is generally favorable. He indorses the bill presented by Gen. Slocum at the last session of congress as a matter calculated to further develop and improve the efficiency of the militia.

Capt R. H. Pratt, of the tenth cavalry, superintendent of the Indian industrial school at Carlisle, Pa., in his annual report to the commissioner of Indian affairs gives some interesting details regarding the progress of that institution for the year.

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David McCloy, a subcontractor on McBean's elevator at Virden, Manitoba, fell forty feet and was killed.

A fire on Plymouth street, Brooklyn, destroyed nearly two hundred thousand dollars worth of property.

A fire at Tarentum, Pa., destroyed the pot and box factories connected with Charles Flocius' works. Loss, \$8,000.

The stables and grain of Mr. Rogers, on Centennial Prairie, Black Hills, were burned by prairie fire. Loss, \$1,000.

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An explosion occurred at the Chemung National bank, Elmira, N. Y., recently. The gas had been left turned on in the vault. John Arnot, congressman and cashier of the bank, attempted to enter the vault carrying a lighted candle, when there was an explosion, which blew him across the room and against the counter, burning his hands and face.

Crimes and Criminals. H. C. Hentzleman committed suicide at Shakopee, Minn., recently.

A Monroe, Ga., negro would-be ravisher was given 200 lashes with a buggy whip and left for dead.

Charles J. Downie, member of the Chicago board of trade, who murdered his brother, William H., Sept. 5, committed suicide by hanging in jail last night.

A prize fight with 3-ounce gloves occurred at Jewel Park, Denver between John P. Clow, middle-weight champion of Colorado, and John O. Davis, a local celebrity.

Clayton Brothers' hardware store at Van Meter, Iowa, was burglarized and about \$50 worth of pocket knives, six revolvers, \$10 to \$12 in money and \$20 in notes taken.

Mrs. Charles Johnson, living at Greyson's

mill, near Ramsey Station, Minn., was assaulted with a butcher knife by a burglar, and severely injured. Mr. Johnson is one of the night workmen at Ramsey and Mrs. Johnson was alone in the house at the time.

John Butler was nearly strangled to death at Glendive Ferry, Mont., by vigilantes recently. He was saved by Sheriff Taylor of Glendive, and Johnson of Miles City. These two were posted, and arrived at the scene in time to cut him down alive. The vigilantes are also cleaning up the horse thieves north of Glendive.

Helena Herald: Hanna, who was confined in the White Sulphur Springs jail for the murder of one Nelson at Baker last winter, escaped last Thursday. This is the man, who, it will be remembered, was sentenced to be hanged on the 27th of August, but was granted a new trial by the supreme court a few days previous to the time set for his execution.

Gen. Sam Lappin, ex-state treasurer of Kansas, was arrested at Albany, Or. He was traveling under the name of Richardson, book agent, and will be taken to Kansas as soon as the papers arrive. He had expressed willingness to return. He is charged with having forged \$15,000 school bonds. In December, 1874, he was arrested and jailed at Topoka, but escaped the following July to South America.

At Fort Worth Jim Courtright, a notorious detective, arrested Saturday night by state rangers and officers from New Mexico on a warrant for murder, escaped from his captors. Jim McIntire, accused with Courtright, was arrested at Wichita Falls and brought to Fort Worth. It now transpires that the men are not wanted for the murder of Mexicans at Silver City, but for the killing of two Americans near Albuquerque, whom they are charged with having first arrested as officers of the law and then deliberately murdered.

Dubuque, Iowa, Special.—It was discovered recently that Mr. Brooks, agent of the Chicago, Cascade & Western narrow gauge road at Washington Mills, was short in his accounts, being unable to account for certain drafts, checks, and money which should have been in his possession. He was brought to this city, but managed to escape criminal prosecution. On returning home, learning that Henry Darr, postmaster at that place, had been concerned in his detection, he visited the postmaster's residence and shamefully abused Darr, the postmaster being absent. On the latter's return home he armed himself and went in pursuit of Brooks, who, it is said, left the country and cannot be found.

Personal News Notes. Hon. Pennock Pusey of St. Paul has returned to the United States from Europe, and is now at Philadelphia. He will be in St. Paul Nov. 1.

John H. Evans, representative in congress, died at Sparta, N. C., Monday afternoon. He has long been in delicate health, and declined a re-nomination.

General News Items. Grant Barfoot & Co., lithographers of Toronto have assigned. Liabilities, \$50,000 to \$70,000; assets, \$40,000.

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George Steel, dealer in general merchandise at Sun River, Montana, was attached recently by several creditors. It is reported that his liabilities are about \$80,000, mostly due to Helena banks and individuals and partly secured. Steel has been considered shaky for some time.

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Availing themselves of the "optional" courses at Harvard, some sixty freshmen have dropped their Latin, about eighty their Greek, and about a hundred their mathematics.

At Chicago, Albert H. Dainty was granted a divorce from his wife, Laura E. Dainty, the well known electionist, public reader and actress. From the testimony given it would appear that Mrs. Dainty had become infatuated with the life she leads as an actress and reader, and although her husband has contributed some \$2,000 a year toward her support, she refuses to live with him.

The bequest of the late Mrs. Huntington of Cincinnati to Bishop Whipple is the latest curiosity in wills. Why she should have taken the trouble to make testamentary disposition of a large estate over which she had no control is a conundrum that puzzles the trustees of the Fairbank schools. Neither of the theories advanced seem entirely satisfactory.

Foreign Flashes. Eleven professors of the university at Kiev, Russia, will be requested to resign on account of the seditious papers found at the lodging of the sailor from the steamer Kelso arrested at Riga. The landlord and five others have been arrested.

The unusual mass of requiem for Marie Antoinette (executed Oct. 16, 1793), at the Madeleine church, Paris, was omitted Thursday, though announced in the royalist papers. The service last year was not paid for, and no provision was made to pay this year.

The extraordinary interest of Carlyle's malignant attacks upon everybody living and dead is getting his post-mortem book, just published at London, a great sale, and the people are forgiving his curmudgeonism because of his interestingsness.

It is reported that the Chinese have made an attack on Thai Ngyer, in Upper Tonquin, and been repulsed with heavy loss. Gen. De Lisle advises the government that an effective force of 20,000 is necessary to continue offensive operations and repel the invasion of Tonquin.

There is living in the town of Sysran, in Russia, an old man aged 127. He was wounded in the battle of Borodino, and afterward entered Paris with the allied army. This veteran, who is still in possession of all his faculties, now subsists on the precarious charity of his neighbors.

Six officers of the Russian army, who were sentenced to death early in the week for political offenses, were executed Saturday at St. Petersburg. Besides them there were two women who were sentenced to the death penalty. The only persons witnessing the execution were the ministers of justice and the police officials.

Further revelations from Vienna confirm the report that Hans Makart was literally killed with kindness. The chief source of his downfall and of the nervous disease which destroyed his reason and his life was the aristocratic ladies who would insist on acting as amateur models for the nude voluptuous figures which abound in his paintings.

The Era of Lower Prices.

A letter from New York written on Saturday in reference to the dullness of the grain trade and the prevailing low price of wheat, says: "Wheat sold to-day as low as 83 1/2 cents for November options and at 84 cents for immediate delivery. These are the lowest prices recorded since the war. As here, so in the foreign markets; cablegrams from London announcing sales of wheat at prices never than have been recorded there at any time in 104 years. The prices of some grades are actually lower than that for American corn and wheat is actually being bought and used in the place of the latter. The immediate cause of these abnormally low prices is the prevailing demoralization in ocean freights. Competition is such that for long distances rates have fallen to as low a figure as those for short distances. Not very long since rates from San Francisco to Cork, "for orders" were as high as 88 shillings per ton; now they have fallen to 22 shillings, with but one little business even at that. The depression of industry in England has also much to do with it. In the ship-building trade alone, it is said there are twenty thousand men out of employment, which means, so far as the markets are concerned, that their ability to purchase commodities has correspondingly declined. Another thing may be well stated. The price of fair refining sugar in the New York market to-day was lower than at any time since 1852. It could be bought for 4 1/2 per pound as against 16 for the same quality in 1864.

Carthage, N. Y., Nearly Destroyed by Fire.

The most destructive fire that ever visited Northern New York, broke out in Carthage at 11 Monday morning and burned all the afternoon. The fire began from ashes thrown from Revell's tannery, which set fire to Eaton's planing mills. The flames spread rapidly to Ross' furniture manufactory, and Farr's hat factory, crossed the river to East Carthage, catching Open Guio's planing mill, totally destroying factories and buildings on Rythen and Springless island. The flames then spread to all the houses on Spring, Mechanic and Church streets, the new opera house, Peck's hotel, Disciples church and academy. On Main street the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches were burned, and many residences and a school. Upper James street, Clinton street and the east side of Main are all in ruins. The flames spread so rapidly that the firemen could not keep up with them. At 6:30 they seemed to be nearly under control, and it was hoped to save the business blocks of the village. It is estimated that 230 houses were destroyed, and that the loss will reach \$1,000,000. There are not sufficient dwellings left in town to shelter the inhabitants. Carthage was extensively engaged in manufacturing, and all its industries are in ruins.

Wisconsin's Y. M. C. A.

At the State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Wisconsin held at La Crosse, the following officers were elected:

President, Blackman, Watertown; vice presidents, W. V. Bayliss of Eau Claire and E. E. Bentley of La Crosse; secretaries, C. N. Harned of Oshkosh and Harry R. Miles of Appleton. State Secretary Lewis report showed:

Active membership, 1,338; associate membership, 488. Eleven associations report ladies' auxiliaries. Eighteen hold young men's meetings, having a total average attendance of 578. Mixed meetings, as to sexes, have been almost wholly discarded. Six associations have boys' work—double the number of last year; eleven have reading rooms; fourteen have had lectures—an increase of four over last year; nine have educational classes; two own libraries, with a total of 2,283 volumes—a gain of 1,000; five have building funds pledged to the amount of \$45,000, almost wholly gained during the past year; sixteen report annual current expenses aggregating \$149,391; thirteen report the value of their furniture to be \$5,310.

Horrible Death to Three.

Tunneton, W. Va., Special.—The most horrible accident ever known in this section of the country occurred one mile east of this place, last Sunday night, at the Thomas coke ovens. But six ovens are burning, and three men and a boy do the work. Just after dark the three men pushed a car of coal along the tramway above the ovens. As they passed the fourth oven the boy called their attention to a crack in its top. They stopped to examine it, when the whole thing caved in, carrying with it the men. There was a stifled cry, and they were lost to sight in the mass of white-hot coke. The gases that had collected there instantly. Aid was summoned, but it was fully an hour before the oven could be emptied; and then not a trace of the men could be found except some lumps of melted metal, evidently from buttons, a few silver coins and some tools the men had about them. They were completely incinerated.

The Chicago Markets.

Wheat, Chicago spring, 74@75 1/2c; No. 3, Chicago spring, 62c; No. 3 red, 78c; No. 3 red, 67c. Corn, cash, 55 1/2@54 1/2. Oats, cash, 27c. Rye, 53 1/2c. Pork, cash, \$16.75. Lard, cash, \$7.25@7.30.

Milwaukee Markets.

Wheat, No. 1, 75 1/2c; No. 2, 73 1/2c. Corn, No. 2, 55c; No. 2 white, 30 1/2c. Rye, No. 1, 55c; No. 2, 53c. Barley, No. 2, 55c; extra, No. 3, 47c. Mess Pork, \$16 cash. Lard—Prime steam, \$7.40. Butter, choice creamery, 26@28c; fair to good, 23@25c; best dairy, 19@21c.

Minneapolis Markets.

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, 75 1/2c; No. 2 hard, 72c; No. 1, 67c. Corn, No. 2, 55c; rejected, 48@50c; condemned, 35@40c. Oats, No. 2 old, white, 25@26c; No. 2, new, 25c; rejected, 22@24c; condemned, 22@23c. Barley, No. 2, 58@60c. Mixed Feed, No. 1, \$17.50@18; No. 2, \$16.50@17. Corn Meal, unbolts, \$17@18; bolts, \$21@22. Hay, timothy, \$9@9.50; wild, choice, \$8@8.50; No. 2 wild, \$5.50@6.75.

St. Paul Markets.

WHEAT—No. 1 hard, new, 79c; No. 2 hard, 74c; No. 2, 69c. Corn, No. 2, 55c; No. 3, 48c. Oats, No. 2, mixed, 24c; No. 2 white, 25c; No. 3 extra, 24c. Rye, No. 2, 43c. Barley, No. 2, 57c; No. 3, 40c. Ground Feed, \$18.50. Best Hay, \$7; timothy hay, \$10.00@10.50. Flax Seed, \$1.15. Timothy seed, \$1.20. Potatoes, 25c. Eggs, 14 1/2c. Butter, dairy fair, 12 1/2c; choice, 15c; creamery, 18c.

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