

It is stated that at least one in every four of the woolen mills of New England is idle, while in each of the other three there has been a reduction in the output.

The days of the prize ring are not passed. Never was so much attention given by the public to these brutal exhibitions as at present.

The great trunk railroad companies are cutting passenger rates between the east and west, and there is a prospect of pretty cheap travel for some time to come.

A society writer in the New York Sun says: "Those who are supposed to be behind the scenes have nothing very encouraging to say about the winter prospects for gayety.

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The prosperity of the south is a pleasant thing for the whole country. The average annual increase of assessed value of property in twelve southern states in the years from 1879 to 1883, inclusive, was \$160,000,000.

The great meeting of the Catholic Plenary Council, at Baltimore, which opened at Baltimore on the 3d, is an important event in the history of the Catholic Church of the United States.

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A good many southern men have been brought to ruin by gambling in cotton "futures." A case which has excited much attention has just been decided in Georgia, in which the court held that a note given to cover margins was void in the hands of all parties, whether innocent holders or otherwise.

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Washington News.

One of the treasury clerks at Washington is said to be able to count 4,000 new notes an hour for seven hours a day.

The rumor that Gen. Sheridan had been ordered to New York for duty is emphatically denied by the secretary of war.

It is understood that Judge Advocate General Swain, who is to be tried by court martial on the 15th inst., will make objections to several members of the court—Gen. Schofield, Terry, Murray, Rochester, and probably one other—on the ground that they are prejudiced, for reasons which his counsel will explain to the war department.

Counsel for Gen. Swain laid before the president an argument against the legality of the court martial appointed in his case. The point made is that the court has been ordered by the president, and the president is not empowered to order such court except in cases where the commander of the accused is the accused.

The Patent Office Gazette publishes this week a synopsis of the decision of the United States court for the eastern district of Michigan in the case of the new Process Fermentation company against Koch. In this decision the court holds that where a patent clearly shows and describes a machine whose use necessarily involves the production of a certain process, no other person can afterward patent that process.

Railroad and River News.

The Minneapolis, Sault Ste. Marie & Atlantic was formally opened between Turtle Lake and Bruce, Wis.

The President has accepted the section of twenty-five miles of the Northern Pacific railroad in Washington Territory, extending south-eastward from Tacoma to a point near South Prairie.

Record of Casualties.

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Frederick Granger and Frederick Murray attempted to cross the Boston & Albany track at Allston, Mass., after the gates had been closed. They were struck by the Newton express and instantly killed.

A prairie fire started on Seven Mile creek, near Ray's ranch, on the north side of the Yellowstone and in a day or two assumed tremendous proportions. It has burned every living thing of an area fifty miles long by forty-five miles wide.

The Criminal Calendar.

Bryant Station, Tex., reports a mysterious triple murder.

At New York slinger Sullivan knocked out Laffin in the second round.

Harry De Leslie, alias Charles Santy, charged with robbing the mails on the Northern Pacific last winter, has been arrested at Le Mars and taken to Omaha.

Mrs. W. L. Howard, aged fifty, of Millbrook, Mich., poured oil on herself and ignited it Saturday night. She died Sunday. She was mentally unbalanced.

Dr. J. H. Hallison, a prominent and much-esteemed citizen of Long View, Tex., was assassinated recently by Jim Fillerly, a disreputable character.

In a row between republican and democratic street crowds at Columbus, Ohio, recently, four persons were killed and many wounded, 100 shots being fired. Those killed are William Wickliffe, George Treib, Patrick Doyle and Frank Lang.

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Rear Admiral Murray died recently after a short illness. He participated in the war with Mexico, and was actively engaged in the naval conflicts of the Rebellion.

Dr. Frank Powell (White Beaver) the celebrated "Surgeon Scout" of La Crosse, is said to be the most accurate rifle shot—at small objects—in the world; marvelous stories are told of his wonderful marksmanship.

Miscellaneous News Notes.

Gov. McDaniel of Georgia was inaugurated recently for his second term.

Seventy-one school buildings have been erected in Utah at a cost of \$397,000.

The number of medical colleges in the United States and Canada is stated to be 139.

Gethsemane church, Minneapolis, has been presented with a trio of memorial bells by Mrs. Morris.

Sixty thousand dollars have been given to endow a chair in the new art department at Princeton.

No fewer than five members of the New York Press club ran for office and were triumphantly elected last week.

The schedule of the Hanwell Furnace company, New York, shows \$518,000 of liabilities and \$2,900 of actual assets.

The decision of the French cabinet to forego demanding indemnity from China has caused great excitement and dissatisfaction.

The will of Mrs. L. J. Knowles of Worcester, Mass., gives \$40,000 for art education and a hospital in that city, and \$10,000 to Ripon college, in Wisconsin.

Failure in Dakota.

HURON, DAK., Special.—L. Adler & Co., heavy clothing dealers, failed on Tuesday. They were running four stores, two at Huron and the others at Woonsocket and Redfield. All four were closed by sheriff on judgments confessed amounting to \$18,139.57, as follows: In favor of Oscar Adler, for \$3,600; S. Hyman & Co., \$500; DeSade County National bank, \$5,000; August Ludika, \$1,000; P. Mess, \$1,300; Hattie Weiss, \$1,000; Kramer Bros. & Co., \$1,289. It was a surprise to every one. The firm was rated at \$40,000 and supposed to be perfectly solvent.

President's Proclamation of Thanksgiving.

The president has issued the following proclamation:

The season is nigh when it is the yearly wont of this people to observe a day appointed for this purpose by the president as an especial occasion for thanksgiving unto God. Now, therefore, in recognition of this hallowed custom, I, Chester A. Arthur, president of the United States, do hereby designate as such day of general thanksgiving, Thursday, 27th inst. (present November), and I recommend that throughout the land the people, ceasing from their accustomed occupations, do then keep holiday at their several homes and their several places of worship, and with heart and voice pay reverent acknowledgment to the Giver of All Good for the countless blessings wherewith he has visited this nation.

Proclamation by Grover Cleveland, Governor.

The people of the state of New York should permit neither their ordinary occupations and cares, nor any unusual cause of excitement to divert their minds from a sober and humble acknowledgment of their dependence upon Almighty God for all that contributes to their happiness and contentment; for all that secures greatness and prosperity to our proud commonwealth. In accordance with the long continued custom I hereby appoint and designate Thursday, the 27th day of November, 1884, to be specially observed as a day of thanksgiving and praise. Let all the people of the state at that time forego their usual business and employments and in their several places of worship give thanks to Almighty God for all he has for them. Let the cheer of family reunions be followed by tender remembrances of the watchful care of our Heavenly Father and in the social gatherings of friends and neighbors let hearty good will and fellowship be chastened by a confession of the kindness and mercy of God.

Woman Shot for a Burglar.

La Crosse Special: For several weeks past this city has been infested with burglars, who visited a house in the evening when the family was out and they could ransack at leisure. Tuesday evening Charles M. Bunn, of the law firm of Cameron, Losey & Bunn, while sitting in his residence, heard some one fumbling at the back door. Soon after there was a ring at the window door. Looking through a window he saw three forms clustered on the porch. Not doubting that they were burglars, he fired through the window with a shotgun, killing instantly a servant girl named Margaret Ecker, who with two others had come to call on Mr. Bunn's servants. The girl was in the employ of the widow of the late Frank Thurston, whose tragic death is fresh in the minds of all. Mr. Bunn's family is overwhelmed with grief at the lamentable occurrence.

The dead girl's name was Maggie Eckert, and she was eighteen years old. It transpires that the girl with three companions, supposing Mr. and Mrs. Bunn were at the entertainment at the opera house, thought to frighten their servant friends at Mr. Bunn's home, by making them believe they were burglars. They tried the various doors and windows; and at last Maggie went to the front door and endeavored to open it, with the result above stated.

Sullivan Still Champion.

John L. Sullivan of Boston and John M. Laffin of New York had their much talked of bout, under Marquis of Queensbury rules at Madison Square garden New York, on Monday night. Five thousand were present. Laffin at the first squaring before Sullivan appeared frightened at what he saw. Sullivan led for Laffin's face but did not land. He followed again but Laffin rushed to close quarters and hung his 210 pounds to Sullivan's neck. The crowd hissed and the referee, Mike McDonald of Chicago, parted the men. Scarcely had they faced each other than Sullivan rushed for his opponent and began savage short-arm experiments upon Laffin's face. Suddenly Sullivan loosened himself from another hug that Laffin inflicted, and the latter sank to his knees, leaving bloodstains on Sullivan's breast and gloves. Laffin seemed as witless as a child in subject fear. As he sank to his knees he still clung to Sullivan's neck and was half lifted to his feet again. Then Sullivan knocked him down and rolled on him. Laffin catching at and pulling him down on him as he himself fell. Laffin was set on end again and was again knocked to his knees against the ropes and was actually hunted around the stage without an opposing blow. Another attempt was made to hang onto Sullivan's neck by Laffin, and in a second the referee and Police Captain Williams separated the men and the round ended. The remainder of the battle, if such it could be called, was like the first round. Laffin lacked the sand to meet Sullivan.

Great Destruction of Lumber.

Duluth Special:—The Duluth Lumber company's mills and yards seem to be fated. Since Aug. 1 three fires of more than ordinary magnitude have visited the lumber firms of the district, and the aggregate destroying \$400,000 worth of property. If to these be added the

fire recently at the Northern Pacific Junction, when 9,000,000 feet belonging to J. M. Payne & Co., involving a loss of \$75,000, a total loss of nearly half a million dollars has been estimated in the lumber district in less than three months. By far the most destructive fire was one which visited the city last night and destroyed the saw mills of the Oneota, and Ostarhout & Hughart's Lumber companies, nearly all the lumber on hand belonging to these companies and the other parties, beside nearly a dozen other buildings. About the center of the yard, on the north side of the street, fire was discovered a little before 2 o'clock in the lumber piles, burning briskly. Scarcely the fire crept along towards the saw mill, and that was quickly swept away, and long before the fire engines were on the ground. The men worked hard, but it was a hopeless task. One by one the outside watches made the houses, store, office, stable and half a dozen dwellings were burned. The total space burned was about thirty acres, and as much of it was burning at the same time it can be imagined what a spectacle the monster fire presented. The losses will aggregate about \$250,000, and insurance \$160,855.

Maud S. Reduces Her Record.

Lexington (Rep.) Special 19th.—Just before the mare was sent on the track for a warming-up mile, her shoes were tightened and she was pronounced as fit as could be expected for the muscle-trying month of November. Mr. Bonner took a position in the judges stand. All eyes were fixed upon the handsome chestnut when she came down the home stretch for the real effort and Blair nodded for the word. The first quarter she made in 32 1/2 seconds. The wind now struck her in the face, and it took her 1:04 to reach the half-mile pole, which was a second slower than the schedule prepared by Blair previous to the start. At the three-quarter pole the watches split on 1:37 and now the queen was encouraged by a running horse, driven by Mike Lowerman, starting in behind her. As she came strongly down the stretch Blair touched her with the whip and she gamely responded. The judges stopped her watches in 2:09 1/2, thus making her beat the record by half a second, or about twenty-two feet. The majority of outside watches made the time 2:00. The cheering was tremendous and congratulations were showered upon Mr. Bonner. The ladies were enthusiastic over the record-beating feat of Maud S., and many of them gathered around her when she was cooling off, and caressed her. There were not hairs enough in her tail to go round. Blair led a bright-looking covered boy up to Mr. Bonner, and introduced him as the son of the groom, Charles Grant. Mr. Bonner handed him \$100, with the advice to put it in a savings bank, and the little fellow fairly beamed with happiness. The 2:09 1/2 is a record, as it was for a cup offered by the Woodburn farm. Maud S. will now be turned out for the winter, and Mr. Bonner will start back to New York.

Bishop Ireland of St. Paul in Baltimore.

The Plenary council assembled last Monday morning for the transaction of business. A number of subjects were presented, but nothing determined. A day or two will be required to arrange subjects, after which the work of the council will be presented. The only absent primate is Bishop Twigg of Pittsburgh. The Canadian bishops and Osoff, vicar apostolic of Northern Japan, while not taking part in the deliberations, have been assigned by courtesy privilege seats at all sessions. At the cathedral Bishop John Ireland of St. Paul delivered a sermon on "The Church the Support of the Government." His text was from St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, 7th chapter, 1st verse: "Let every soul be subject to higher powers: for there is no power but from God: and those that are, are ordained of God." The bishop said that he proposed to discuss the bearings of the Catholic church in her teachings and her practical acting towards civil society, especially civil society in the United States. The charge has been made that loyalty to her means disloyalty to free institutions; but this is a false statement; and he loved too deeply the Catholic church and the American Republic not to be ever ready to labor, that the relations of the one with the other be not misunderstood. He closed his long and eloquent discourse as follows: Republic of America receive from me the tribute of my love and my loyalty! I am proud to do thee homage, and I pray from my heart that thy glory may never be dimmed—Esto perpetua! Thou bearest in thy hands the brightest hopes of the human race. God's mission to thee is to show the nations that man is capable of the highest liberty. Oh! be ever free and prosperous, that liberty triumph over the earth from the rising to the setting sun. Esto perpetua—but forget not that religion and morality can alone give life to liberty, and preserve to it a never-fading youth. Believe me, the surest hope is from the church which false friends would have thee fear. Believe me, no hearts love thee more ardently than Catholic hearts; no tongues speak more loudly thy praises than Catholic tongues, and no hands will be lifted up stronger and more willing to defend thy laws and thy institutions, in peace and in war, than Catholic hands. Again, Esto perpetua.

The Chicago Markets.

Wheat, Chicago spring, 74@78 1/2c; No. 3, Chicago spring, 62c; No. 2 red, 78c; No. 3 red, 67c. Corn, cash, 53 1/2@56c. Oats, cash, 27c. Rye, 53 1/2c. Barley, 62c. Pork, cash, \$7.25@7.30. Lard, cash, \$7.25@7.30.

Milwaukee Markets.

Wheat, No. 2, 73 1/2c. Oats, No. 2, 32c. Corn, No. 2 white, 30 1/2c. Rye, No. 1, 55c; No. 2, 53c. Barley, No. 2, 55 1/2c; extra No. 3, 47c. Mess Pork, \$16 cash. Lard—Prime steam, \$7.40. Butter, choice creamery, 26@29c; fair to good, 23@26c; best dairy, 14@21c.

Minneapolis Markets.

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, 70 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, 25 1/2c; 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, unbolting, \$17@18; bolted, \$21@22. Hay, timothy, \$19@20.50; 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, 66c. Corn, No. 2, 53c; No. 3, 48c. Oats, No. 2 mixed, 24c; No. 2 white, 25c; No. 3 extra, 24c. Rye, No. 2, 49c. Barley, No. 2, 57c; No. 3, 40c. Ground Feed, \$18.50. Baled Hay, \$8; 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.

Mrs. Ward Burnett, widow of the late Gen. Burnett, owns the gold snuff-box presented to Gen. Jackson by the New York corporation, and still containing some of the snuff and a vanilla bean placed in the box by the general in 1819.

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