

NEWS SUMMARY.

Disastrous Earthquake in India. News has reached Bombay of a disastrous earthquake in Cashmere, India. The shocks began Sunday the 31st and have continued at intervals of ten minutes ever since.

Cancer Like Grant's Is Fatal. Gustave De Paetz, a German actor, died in New York, recently of a cancer at the root of the tongue similar to that which afflicts General Grant.

Minister Phelps Banqueted by the Lord Mayor. United States Minister Phelps was the principal guest of the evening at the banquet given to the judge by Lord Mayor Fowler at the mansion house, London.

FROM WASHINGTON. C. S. Squires has been reappointed assistant postmaster at Chicago. It is thought that the Minnesota surveyor generalship will be disposed of this week.

Ex-Judge McClure of Brooklyn, now solicitor of the treasury, has bought in Washington a house adjoining that of Admiral Almy, on Vermont avenue.

The jury in the case of John W. Drew, who has been on trial for presenting false vouchers against the bureau of medicine and surgery of the navy department, brought in a verdict of acquittal.

Col. F. D. Stephenson of Illinois, chief of the middle division of the pension office, was recently removed for "offense against friendship." This middle division has jurisdiction of the pension business of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan.

Without his making an application or being consulted, George W. Julian has been appointed surveyor general of new Mexico. The appointment gives him an opportunity to show his zeal in protecting the public domain from land thieves.

Sixth Auditor of the Treasury McConville says the recent changes in his office were made to increase the efficiency of the service. There were some 370 clerks in the office, and he thought that the services of sixty could be dispensed with with advantage to the public work.

The court of claims rendered a decision in the case of Cadet Engineer Perkins, who sued for his pay for a period subsequent to his dismissal from the service by Secretary Chandler. The court holds that the secretary of the navy has no power to dismiss a cadet, and that Perkins is still in the navy and entitled to his pay.

The pension appropriation act, which becomes operative July 1, provides that after that date no vacancies occurring in the clerical force of the pension bureau shall be filled by appointment or promotion until the force shall be reduced 150. This practically directs a reduction of the present force, and after July 1 further appointments cannot be made for at least one year.

William H. Walsh of Maryland has been appointed by the president deputy third auditor of the treasury in the place of A. M. Ganger, whose resignation had been requested. Mr. Walsh is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in 1826. He was a lawyer in early life and was an attaché of the American legation when Mr. Buchanan was minister to London. In 1872 he removed to Baltimore, edited the Gazette, and was a Democratic elector in 1880 and once a state senator.

THE CASUALTY RECORD.

Half a dozen persons were killed in the vicinity of Chicago by lightning recently.

A severe hail storm in Murray county knocked out a good many window lights for the farmers. Small grain was also considerably battered into the ground, but to this real injury was slight.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox is writing her first novel. At Joliet, Ill., Judge Josiah McRoberts, just re-elected judge in the Ninth judicial circuit, was found dead in his bed.

Miss Julia Jackson, daughter of the late Stonewall Jackson, was married to William E. Christian of Richmond, Va. The church was crowded with a brilliant assemblage. The bridal party included friends of the contracting parties from South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Maryland, Washington, D. C., North Carolina, New York and Virginia.

Wilson P. Westfall, formerly a banker of Minneapolis, and later, representative of the northwestern mutual life insurance company of Milwaukee, at St. Paul, died recently of peritonitis. He had a wide acquaintance throughout the northwest, being known in almost every town in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Dakota, his reputation being that of an honorable gentleman and first-class business man.

At Bozeman W. H. McMartin tries to kill Widow Allen for refusing to marry him, and, failing, commits suicide.

Wilfrid Bryant, aged fourteen years, killed a boy named Gibson in Nelson county, Va. Bryant claims that Gibson had drawn a knife on him. Bryant is in jail.

Townsend Cook, colored, who attempted to outrage Mrs. Knott near Mount Airy, Md., was taken from the Washington jail by masked men and lynched recently. He was hanged to a tree and also shot.

Arthur E. Marsh, who embezzled \$50,000 while acting as superintendent of the business of Koch, Sons & Co., New York, and who was arrested at Queenstown on the steamship Nevada, remains in this city under surveillance.

A. L. Jalkington, sheriff of Idaho county, Idaho, with a posse of three, shot and killed a horse thief named Fox, at the Lapwai agency. Fox resisted arrest, and drew a revolver on Jalkington. All four fired, inflicting fatal wounds.

W. H. McMurtrie of Gallatin, Mont., went to the residence of Mrs. Kate Allen, a highly respected widow living on the Madison, and earnestly importuned her to become his wife. This Mrs. Allen refused to do, whereupon McMurtrie drew a revolver and shot himself.

R. M. Reynolds, late first auditor of the United States treasury, killed himself at the Southern hotel, St. Louis. He was in excellent spirits when last seen alive, and no motive can be suggested for the act. He was on his way to Kansas to purchase land. He left the United States treasury only two weeks ago. He was about sixty years of age.

I. H. Hibbs, the late postmaster at Lewiston, Idaho, sent six of his \$100,000 money orders to the Freeborn County bank at Albert Lea for collection, and afterward ordered it by registered letter to Lewiston. Suspicion being aroused, Postmaster Hankness advised Cashier Cady, of the bank, to hold for investigation, and the money is now in the bank here, which can be recovered by the post-office department.

FOREIGN GOSSIP. A Berlin dispatch announces the death of Prince Charles Antoine of Hohenzollern, head of the Catholic branch of the royal family.

A demonstration of radicals was held in Rome, in commemoration of the death of Garibaldi. A procession marched through the streets shouting "Down with the Vatican."

A village in Northern Hungary containing 400 houses was recently destroyed by an incendiary fire and 1,000 persons were destitute. The enraged populace discovered the culprit and roasted him to death over a bonfire.

The emperor of Austria has liberated Dr. Julius Rosenberg for the remainder of the two-year term of imprisonment to which he was sentenced at Tamsvar, Hungary, on Jan. 22, 1894 for killing Count Stephen Battyany in a duel.

The Union Bank of Lower Canada has issued a circular marked "confidential" to the shareholders, saying that on account of the heavy losses at Winnipeg, it would be impossible for them to pay a dividend. The bank lost \$231,000 at Winnipeg by the failure of two lumber firms. It has a capital of \$2,000,000, and no reserve.

London Cable: Minister Phelps' reception by the prince of Wales was of a very cordial nature, the prince detaining Mr. Phelps an hour in a long, familiar conversation. Mr. Phelps was received by the duke of Edinburgh and Cambridge. His reception everywhere is especially friendly, and the warmest opinions are expressed concerning him.

A dispatch from Senjou says the Russians are evacuating Penjdeh, but public notice of its cessation has been posted at Herat. The Afghan soldiers are incensed. They had expected to avenge their defeat. Influential Afghans complain that they would prefer to fight Russia, in order to show the Moslems that they are fighting for Islam, not for England, thus light a religious flame which would lead every Afghan to espouse their cause.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES. The New Orleans exposition has closed. The taxable real estate in New York city has increased \$53,291,288 during the past year.

The Pennsylvania Steel company has 2,700 men on its pay roll, the wages of whom in the aggregate amount to \$199,000 per month.

The Hessian fly and chinch bugs are making sad havoc in Kansas wheat, and it is not believed that the state will harvest over fifteen to twenty million bushels.

The eleventh tier of stone has been put down on the Bartholdi pedestal on Bedloe's Island. At the present rate of progress, the pedestal may be completed in the last week of July.

There is an organized effort in Vermont to secure the defeat of Senator Edmunds at the senatorial election of 1896. Ex-Gov. Smyth is a leading candidate of the opposition to Edmunds.

Representative Hewitt of New York, who is a large iron manufacturer, speaking of the strike of the iron workers at Pittsburg, said he did not believe the strike would affect any interest in the vicinity of New York. He does not blame the striking workmen for opposing a reduction below the figures they believe themselves entitled to, but they were ill advised to strike during such a condition of trade as now existed, and he was now afraid that sufficient pains had not been taken to inform them of the true state of their employers' affairs beforehand.

DAKOTA STATISTICS.

The Cost of Production of Wheat in the Territory—Some Interesting Facts and Figures Regarding Taxation.

The territorial department of immigration and statistics has prepared some valuable statistical tables for the use of the Italian minister of agriculture, who is also the secretary of the commission on revision of the tariff, appointed by the Italian government. The statistics given are of two kinds, one relating to wheat production, and the other to rates of taxation for farmers. The figures prepared by Mr. Lauren Dunlap, the statistician and commissioner of this bureau, differ slightly as to the cost of wheat raising from those furnished by some of the bonanza farmers of North Dakota, but the explanatory remarks accompanying the tables tend to verify to some extent the lower figures of the wheat kings of the north. It may be, as the statistician says, yet an open question as to the relative cost of production per acre and per bushel, as between the bonanza wheat raiser of the Red river valley and the small farmer of Central Dakota, but the argument of figures and results is certainly up to this time on the side of the capitalist-farmer. Perhaps it might be urged that the figures of the territorial statistician on the crop of a 160-acre farm would indicate the possibilities of farming in Dakota rather than the actual results obtained. But a moment's reflection will convince any one conversant with the facts that it would be unfair to confound the general average realized in a country as new as this, where so many farmers are just making a start, and at best are only half-cultivating the soil whose generosity is expected to furnish a maximum crop on the slightest provocation at the point of the plow, with the average results possible and now being obtained in every hand by the well-to-do class of farmers, of which the number is largely increasing year by year. The tables on wheat raising are as follows:

Table showing cost of production per acre and per bushel for wheat raising in Dakota. Includes items like plowing, sowing, harvesting, and marketing costs.

EXPLANATORY REMARKS. The cost of production depends upon the methods employed by the farmer upon his means, and on the character and extent of his operations. The figures given in the above tables were made up from those furnished by several farmers out of their own experience in Central Dakota during the past two and three years, and are based upon what it costs the average farmer, who puts in his own time behind the plow, with the help of perhaps a couple of men to prepare the ground and put in the crop, and who hires his threshing and has his harvesting done with other machinery than his own.

The tables of rates of taxation present some interesting comparisons, owing to the representative character of the counties taken from each of the three sections of Dakota east of the Missouri river. There is the same necessity for guarding against overtaxation in Dakota as there is in every other farming country, where a spirit of extraordinary activity prevails and the rapid accumulation of wealth, which should be as speedily put to various uses. There is a liability to incur indebtedness on account of expensive public improvements that would be a credit to a country of thirty years' growth. In this way taxes are apt to be run up to a rate which, while it may not seem to be at all oppressive, is of a really excessive, and is calculated to operate to the disadvantage of a community in after years, when there is a call for further expenditures on account of new enterprises which in a country as full of energy and incentive as Dakota are constantly crowding to the front. There is nothing alarming, however, in the present rates of taxation on farm property in Dakota, and an examination of comparative statistics such as are afforded by the tables given below, and of the kind which it will be the province of the territorial statistician to furnish in the future, ought to have a good effect in the endeavor exerted on the part of the taxpayers of the different counties to correct any inequalities that may exist, and to keep their taxes down to the lowest point consistent with a sound public economy.

The rates of taxation are as follows: Yankton county, Southern Dakota. Rate of \$1 in mills; total, 25. In addition to the above, a special township school tax, ranging from five to twenty-five mills, was assessed for 1894, to provide for the special assessment of school houses. This tax is levied in each school township separately, and will be applied in the future to the maintenance of township schools. It will be levied for 1895. It should be stated in explanation of the special assessment for township school taxes in Badde, Hughes and other counties in the newer portions of Dakota, that as the cost of building and maintaining township schools is borne by each township, the tax is proportionately higher in townships that are more sparsely settled. Every year's growth therefore will materially decrease the rate of this tax.

Casey County, North Dakota—Rate on \$1 in mills; total, 18.6. In addition to the above road poll tax of \$1.50, and a school poll of \$1 assessed per capita. Rate of taxation per acre: In order to obtain the rate of taxation per acre, multiply the total assessed valuation by the total rate of taxation, and divide by the number of acres. For example, the owner of a farm of 100 acres in Yankton county is assessed on his land, improvements, machinery, stock and personal property, to the amount of \$800. Multiplying that sum by .023, the rate of taxation, which gives a multiple of \$18.40, and dividing by 100, the number of acres, we have .115 (eleven cents and five mills) as the rate of taxation per acre.

The imperial war minister of Germany is drafting a plan for a large increase of the army, based upon calculated results of the coming general census. The peace effort will be raised from 418,000 to 800,000. Besides this two new batteries will be added to each corps d'armee and two guns to each battery now mobilized, practically augmenting the artillery 60 per cent. The cavalry increase has not yet been decided upon.

Cardinal Guibert, archbishop of Paris, has issued a manifesto to the clergy of his diocese, in which he denounces the profanation of the Pantheon. "For the third time," he says, "an impious philosopher, who denied our religion and national traditions, has ravished a church from the patron saint of Paris." He directs that special services in reparation be held on Sunday throughout the diocese. The clerical demonstrations threaten to lead to a counter demonstration on the part of the communists.

Secretary Lamar has before him the duty of selecting an assistant secretary of the interior department to take his desk on the 1st of July. The new assistant secretary will have the first rank in the department after the secretary. Assistant Secretary Muldrow, who holds the only assistant secretaryship in the department, will probably be promoted to this newly created office, and the new assistant will be appointed to succeed him. There are a half dozen candidates for the place.

The secretary of the interior has thus decided: Lands purchased by the United States and transferred to the interior department is to be regarded as part of the public domain held in trust for the people, and is on the same basis as the lands acquired by cession. The question arose from a discussion of the act of July 3, 1884, providing for the transfer to the interior department of certain lands formerly used as military reservations.

The Iowa editorial excursion party, numbering over one hundred persons, including ladies, arrived in Washington from Baltimore. They visited various points of interest in the city, and left for Lexington, Va., by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and visited Harper's Ferry. They then started for Chicago, stopping at Cumberland Deer park and Gratton.

The army and navy survivors division of the pension office, recently organized by Gen. John C. Black, is becoming a valuable branch of the bureau. During May the divisions furnished the names and postoffice addresses of 1,127 officers, 878 non-commissioned officers, and 4,654 enlisted men for use in establishing claims.

Judge Mackey, father of Consul Mackey, has received a cablegram from Rio de Sul, Brazil, stating that the consul had been absolved unanimously by the jury. Mackey had had a row with the editor of a paper there.

Gen. Rosecrans having decided to accept the office of register of the treasury, the resignation of ex-Senator Bruce, who was appointed register by President Garfield in May, 1881, was accepted. Gen. Rosecrans will be installed, and thenceforth will place his autograph upon the national greenbacks. The appointment of Gen. Rosecrans seems to give satisfaction to everybody—Republicans and Democrats alike. He has been a most conscientious, hard-working congressman, and his friends are all glad to see him in the office, which has a very gratifying salary of \$4,000 a year.

The president has appointed Hunter Wood to be collector of internal revenue for the Second district of Kentucky. In respect to a flood of applications for positions as postoffice inspectors, the postmaster general selected 250 names of persons most favorably recommended and sent to them notices requiring answers to certain questions by which their fitness could be ascertained. The questions were as to the age of the applicants, their parents, experience in postal business, etc. Answers were received from about one hundred and seventy-five persons. A special committee was appointed to examine the answers and select the most promising subjects. About thirty-five applicants were rejected because of advanced age.

The Roman Catholic bishops of Canada have received permission from Pope Leo XIII, to establish a seminary in Rome for Canadian students. Mr. Lowell was waited upon by a deputation of the Workmen's Peace association in London, who presented an address declaring their admiration of his official course. Mr. Lowell felicitously responded.

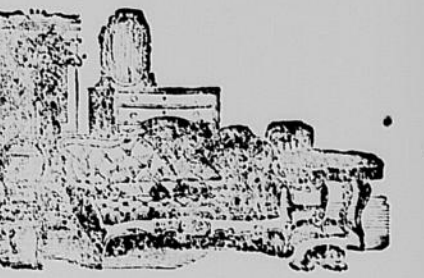
Chief Commissioner Wrigley, of the Hudson Bay company at Winnipeg, is informed that the Indians have been committing serious depredations in the Green Lake country. A pretty girl of Fayette county, Pa., aged nineteen, has just married for the third time. Millions of seventeen-year locusts have appeared about Hamilton, Ohio.

William T. Dorrance, for eighteen years cashier of the Providence (R. I.) National bank, was arrested for the embezzlement of \$30,000. Two Cincinnati policemen have been dismissed for accepting bribes.

The hail storm of last Sunday did some damage. At Owatonna hail stones as large as hen's eggs fell, entirely covering the ground. The west windows of the Masonic and Odd Fellows' hall were demolished; hundreds of other lights were broken, shade and fruit trees were almost stripped of their foliage, and corn and small fruit is damaged. Cattle and horses in pastures were following and neighing with pain and fear from the pelting received, which lasted about ten minutes. The hail was piled up in drifts on the west side of buildings.

R. A. Kestler, editor of the Las Vegas (N. Mex.) Optic, recently received \$1,000, paid by Millionaire Lynch, if he would abstain from liquor for six months. He wrote up his experience under the head, "Six Months Out of Hell." The earthquake shocks at Serinagar and other points in the vale of Cashmere continue at intervals, averaging three hours in length. Whole villages have been engulfed, and terrible subterranean noises are heard, driving the people frantic with fear. The horrors of approaching famine are added to other results of the disaster, as many thousand bushels of grain in storage have been swallowed up in the chasms which are constantly opening.

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