

Tests made by Dr. Fischer, the well-known German chemist, show that in the ordinary domestic stoves in use not more than 20 per cent. of the fuel consumed is really utilized for warming the rooms, whereas with stoves burning gas 80 per cent. and more of the possible effect is obtained.

An exchange says that day by day the impression grows, being warranted by facts, that business is improving. It is seen in every department of trade and is now almost universally felt and acknowledged. Such being the case, the future has a brighter aspect than for a long time past. Now, keep the ball moving, but be careful not to send it beyond reasonable limits.

The horrible anti-Chinese riot in Wyoming, with its shocking murders and cruelties, has already awakened widespread commiseration for the victims and general detestation for the rioting miners. The Chinese government may have just cause to demand reparation of the American nation for this wanton slaughter. At any rate public opinion will expect the authorities of Wyoming to take every necessary step to arrest and punish the rioters with the utmost severity of the law.

The Chicago Times, reviewing the late river convention says: "But after their excitement has somewhat subsided it may occur to some of them that not all the people of the United States are as liberal with the public money as they are, and that they have demanded so much that they may again come off as they did last winter, with nothing at all. There is some reason to think that congress would have been more impressed if the waterway men had exercised a little more modesty."

The new regulations defining the rights of land grant railroads in reference to the use of timber from public lands are undergoing final revision at the Interior Department. The regulations will provide that railroads must first use the timber on their own lands and prohibit cutting timber on alternate sections owned by the Government. Another new rule is that timber from public lands can only be used constructing the roadbed and not in building stations or other equipments of the roads.

"During eight centuries," says a correspondent of Nature, "one's direct ancestors amount to a far greater number than would be contemplated. Taking three generations to a century, one has father and mother (two) grandparents (four) the great-grandparents (eight). At the end of the second century the number of ancestors springs to sixty-four. Following the calculation, you will find that at the end of eight centuries one is descended from no less than 16,000,000 ancestors. Intermarriage, of course, would reduce this estimate, and there is no doubt it must have largely prevailed. But the figures are so enormous that, in spite of all, I venture to suggest that the words, 'All ye are brethren,' are literally true." Certainly, and if the calculation goes far enough back, it must inevitably narrow down to the original pair, the common father and mother.

Lord John Mauners, postmaster-general of England, an earnest Tory, has adopted the idea, if not the phrase, "offensive partisanship," and has issued a circular to all the officials and persons employed in the postal service warning them against activity in the approaching general election, and forbidding them to support any candidate by public speech or writing. Many gentlemen in the postal service have been effective political writers or speakers, and are not pleased with Lord John's order, which, they say, is unprecedented and despotic, an unwarrantable interference with the political liberty of the subject. The prohibition is understood to be aimed at the liberals, who are more numerous than the Tories among the higher officials of the post office. To Americans, who have been led to believe there was no necessity for anything of the kind, the circular of Lord Mauners will be a surprise.

THE NEWS SUMMARIZED.

Washington Gossip.

The estate of the late Richard E. Merrick appears by papers filed in Washington to amount to \$168,000.

Alexander H. Gambrell of Illinois has been appointed chief of a division in the second auditor's office.

It appears that the order closing the interior department at 2 p. m. each day originated with Secretary Kirkwood in 1881.

Coal for the use of the national house of representatives has been contracted for at \$4.27 a ton. About 800 tons are needed.

The Chinese minister in Washington will wait for an official report of the Rock Springs massacre before demanding reparation.

It is understood at the state department that the successor of John W. Foster, minister to Spain, will be appointed within the next few days.

The issue of standard silver dollars from the mints during the week end Sept. 5 was \$457,291; during the corresponding period last year, \$348,497.

Representative Sloan of Missouri was the first congressman to appear at the White House after the president's return. He has many constituents to supply in the places.

The postoffice department is now sending to special delivery postoffices the messenger books, record books and the forms required for the employes, so that the system may go into operation on October 1.

Land Commissioner Sparks issues an order modifying the former circular prescribing the right of railroad companies in cutting timber from public land. The order is made with special reference to the Northern Pacific.

The acting postmaster general has appointed the following named fourth-class postmasters: Oregon—Dayton, T. M. Perry. Iowa—Le Grande, W. J. Flint; Oxford, Henry Vanderlip; Springfield, Byron H. Hopper; Adela, Samuel E. Carroll.

The Peruvian minister has an advertisement in the paper for a tin case containing valuable papers from his government. It was sent to this country by Lieut. Dye, who died on the way, and the case was entrusted to the mails, and reached Washington to be lost from a mail wagon while on the way to the postoffice.

Indian Commissioner Atkins has received a telegram from Capt. Lee, agent at the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indian reservation, in which he states that 60,000 cattle have been driven off the reservation. About 50,000 yet remain, but they are all moving out with a single exception, where the owner has not yet been able to secure another ranch.

John Hoey, president of the Adams Express company, had a conference with Secretary Manning and Treasurer Jordan, in regard to the transportation of gold and silver coin, which resulted in an agreement that hereafter all such shipments shall be made by the express company in accordance with the contract entered into by Secretary Sherman.

The accounting officers of the treasury department, having notified Admiral Joubert that \$400 was deducted from his pay for the dinner he gave to distinguished people at the New Orleans exposition, are somewhat surprised at receiving a note from the admiral that under the law his pay can be stopped only by the sentence of a court martial. This is a point which the fresh controller overlooked.

United States Consul General Williams, at Havana, was directed so see that Cirilo Poble of New York, who is at present in Havana, has a fair and speedy trial. Poble is a Cuban, but some years since became a naturalized American. He recently returned to Cuba, as he says, on private business. Immediately on his arrival he was seized and imprisoned, on the charge of inciting a rebellion against Spain.

First Controller Durham stopped a requisition to pay the salary for August of J. A. J. Creswell, government counsel before the court of commissioners of Alabama claims, until it is settled that there is a balance due him. The first controller takes the ground that Mr. Creswell is not entitled to a fixed salary of \$8,000 per annum, but that sum is named as the limit of fees to be allowed him for the trial of cases. He says: The law organizing the court says that the government counsel would receive a reasonable compensation for each case tried, and subsequent laws limited such compensation to \$8,000 per annum. The court, however, neglected to fix the amount of a "reasonable compensation," and has illegally treated that item as a fixed salary.

Personal Gossip.

Mrs. Marion A. Mulligan is appointed pension agent at Chicago, vice Miss Ada Sweet.

Miss Shiffel of Allentown, Pa., for a year and a half has slept twenty hours every day. She is the picture of health.

A double wedding of two ex-Gov. A. R. Shepherd's daughters is to take place on Oct. 30. Miss Mamie is to be married to Mr. Quintard, a nephew of George W. Quintard of New York, and Miss Sue is to be married to Mr. Brodie. Both gentlemen are associated with Gov. Shepherd in his extensive mining works in Mexico.

Miss Cleveland writes to a friend in Washington that she has been paid thus far \$7,250 as her share of the profits upon her book. The sale of the book continues fairly well, and her profits upon the venture will aggregate \$25,000. She is so highly elated over her success that she is already engaged in writing a novel, which will record portions of the remarkable career of her brother, the president, and will also contain some chapters of Washington life.

Casualty Record.

The schooner Guardian Angel is capsized off Cape Ballard, N. F., and all but one on board are lost.

At St. Joseph, near Urbana, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Peabody and Belle Hasty, living with them, died with symptoms of poisoning.

Criminal Calendar.

As J. E. Warren, a wealthy merchant, entered his yard in Swansboro, Ga., on the 5th inst., he was killed by an assassin concealed behind a hedge.

Stonewall Tondee of Ellaville, Ga., was assassinated in his store, the assassin discharging a dozen buckshot through a window at him and fleeing.

Masked robbers entered the house of Mrs. Steel and Miss Drojan, at Erie, Pa., and plundered the rooms. Mrs. Steel sprang on one and nearly choked him to death. The rascals escaped.

A negro named Williams ravished the wife of a gentleman of Palestine, Tex. She got away, seized a shot gun, and drove him off. He was subsequently captured and wounded fatally.

Bud Hughton, a hack driver of Waco, Tex., who had made slanderous remarks about Mrs. Oram and her daughters, was shot dead by a son of Mrs. Oram while driving past the Oram residence.

Perry Whitelock, aged 28, went to the residence of his father-in-law, G. Coe, some miles south of Danville, Ill., and shot his wife Emily, aged 25, and her sisters Maggie and Tinchie, aged 28 and 22 respectively, and then killed himself.

Mrs. Moses Gay called at a bank in Youngstown, Ohio, and drew \$2,000 which had been deposited by her husband, and with a daughter aged six, skipped to England. Her husband, who is seventy years old, started in pursuit, and has telegraphed ordering her arrest.

At Atlanta, Ida Maxwell eloped with John R. Shelton. Her father and brother found them at his mother's house and assaulted him. Shelton struck young Maxwell with a hammer. The father and Shelton then exchanged shots, each falling severely if not mortally wounded. The three men are all in a critical condition.

Foreign News.

The best Parisian society shuts its doors against Adeline Patti and Sarah Bernhardt esteeming them both on the same level.

Prince Von Hohenlowe, German ambassador to France, has been treated with marked coolness since he was appointed governor of Alsace-Lorraine.

The German gunboat which occupied Yap was the Hyena, Capt. Langemak, from Australia. She carries four guns and ninety men. The rumors that the German consul at Saragossa and Barcelona had been attacked are denied.

The archbishop of Quebec has issued a circular to his clergy calling their attention in a very special manner to the letter of Pope Leo XIII. to the cardinal archbishop of Paris on the evils arising from the discussion of religious questions in the press, and especially from the tendency of certain Catholic writers in Europe and Canada to claim a sort of infallibility for themselves in condemning as bad Catholics all whose views do not exactly coincide with theirs.

The following rebel prisoners, arraigned at Regina, Manitoba, on the charge of treason-felony, were discharged on their own recognizance, the crown stating it had not sufficient proof against them to prosecute: Louis Goulet, Charles Bremner, James Bremner, William Frank Henry Sayer, Baptiste Sayer, and White Blanket. Scott pleaded not guilty to the charge of treason-felony. His trial proceeded before a jury of six. Some damaging evidence was adduced to show that the prisoner not only sympathized with the rebels, but used his influence to incite rebellion.

Dispatches just received regarding the occupation of Yap state that the Spaniards on the island had hoisted the Spanish flag and had lowered it at sunset for the night, as is customary with all nationalities, and that immediately afterwards the German gunboat ran in, landed marines and sailors, hoisted the German colors and formally occupied the place, despite the protestations of the Spaniards. Prince Bismarck has offered to withdraw the German forces from Yap provided Spain will not occupy it pending a diplomatic solution of the question. As to Spain's claim over the island, Germany will acknowledge the Spanish occupation of Yap provided Spain proves that the Spanish flag had been hoisted on the island before the German gunboat had arrived in the harbor. The excitement in Madrid has quieted down.

Miscellaneous News Items.

The W. C. Rogers Shoe Manufacturing company, of Cincinnati, assigned recently. The Western Union will pay a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. and still have a surplus of \$4,430,393.

The United States consul at Havana is directed to look after the rights of Cirilo Poble, a naturalized American in durance at that place.

Edward Wilson of Wyoming and Collins J. Garnett of Montana, old mountaineers, are appointed assistant superintendents of Yellowstone Park.

Rev. David King, pastor of the First Baptist church of Moaquan, Ill., sued the church for \$100 salary due. The court allowed him \$26.72.

The report of the Ohio state board of agriculture estimates a wheat yield of 21,807,963 bushels, compared with five years' average of 41,500,000 bushels.

The U. S. S. Hartford has been ordered to sea from San Francisco, with a badly leaking boiler and afflicted with general debility. It is believed by knowing ones that she will go to the bottom.

The old steamer Great Eastern, which is to be sold at auction next month, was launched in 1858, with great expectations, from her immense size, but she eventually became a coal carrier, and will be sold cheaply now.

General Manager Callway, of the Union Pacific railway, has notified Beckwith and Quinn the Chinese contractors, that they must get the Chinese out of Evanston and Almy, Wyoming, immediately. The necessary orders have been given to the troops in the case of a threatened attack.

President Von Der Ahe of the St. Louis Brown Stockings is in love with Miss Kitty Dewey. While the Louisville-St. Louis game was in progress in St. Louis, his wife came up behind Miss Dewey, ordered her off the grounds and flourished a soda water bottle over her head. Von Der Ahe dragged his wife away.

Hugh Wissman and Paul Knoch, wealthy strangers, probably from the East, started from Los Angeles, Cal., with a team to cross the desert to Yuma in May last. They sent their baggage and a large sum of money by rail to their destination. The men have never been heard from, and their property lies at the depot in Yuma.

Thomas M. Carnegil, of Edward Thompson's steel works, at Pittsburg, says all the steel rail mills in the country are running to their fullest capacity, with enough orders to keep them busy the remainder of the year. He does not believe there is a firm in the country that can fill orders for immediate delivery. The market is firm, and prices have advanced to \$30.

At the session of the American Pharmaceutical association at Baltimore, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Joseph Roberts, Baltimore; vice presidents, J. A. Hollister, Madison, Wis.; A. B. Prescott, Ann Harbor, Mich.; James S. Evans, Westchester, Pa.; Secretary, J. M. Maisch, Philadelphia; treasurer, S. A. Tuffs, Dover, N. H.; reporter of the progress of pharmacy, C. L. Diehl, Louisville.

The New Catholic University.

The committee appointed by the late plenary council to arrange for the establishment of the Catholic university, which has been endowed by Miss Caldwell, has issued a circular appeal to the Catholics of the United States to provide means to endow the eight professorships with which the university will enter upon its work, and to found the courses, which are a prominent feature of the scheme. The circular is signed by Archbishops Gibbons of Baltimore, Heiss of Milwaukee, Williams of Boston, Ryan of Philadelphia and Carrigan of New York, Bishops Ireland of St. Paul, Kearns of Richmond, Spalding of Peoria, Vicar Apostolic Murty of Idaho and others.

Must Keep Out of St. Paul.

Portland Oregonian: While at the post-office recently a banker was asked by a Chinaman to read a letter, which he had just received, to him. The letter was from St. Paul, and was written in good English and in a good hand. The party receiving it had written to a friend in St. Paul stating that he was out of employment, and inquiring as to what the prospects for work were there. The reply began as follows: "Dear Charley, don't come to this country; this is no place for Chinamen. White labor is so cheap here that the Chinamen cannot compete with it. I am only just able to make a living. If you can make grub in Portland you had better stay there. Our cousin Sam is a long way from here, in Santa Fe. He has a good place. It is warm there. Here it is cold in the winter; the ground freezes four feet deep. Just think of that. I wish I could do something for you, but you had better not come here."

Encouraging for Business.

Bradstreet's Journal, in its commercial summary of the 12th says: The condition of general trade is quite as favorable as mentioned at any previous date within several weeks past. The steadiness and strength manifested by the demand for dry goods and for woolen fabrics have encouraged many dealers at eastern distributing centers to look for steadiness in the movement. It may be added that the gain in the demand for pig iron tends in some degree to inspire the confidence manifested in various quarters that a turn in the tide has at last taken place and that the increase in consumption of staple commodities may preserve a steady growth. It is a welcome sign that no boom is discernible in any direction. The Financial and Commercial Chronicle of the 12th says: The exchanges for five days, as received by telegraph this evening, do not differ materially from the figures of the preceding period, the gain in aggregate being \$3,515,372. The comparison with last year, however, is more favorable, the increase in the whole country reaching 10.4 per cent, while outside of New York the excess is 7.4 per cent.

Sympathy for Riel in Manitoba.

Winnipeg Special: Over a thousand sympathizers with Riel, embracing half-breeds and French Canadians for twenty-eight miles around, held a mass meeting at St. Boniface to work up sympathy for Riel, whose chances of escape seem to be lessening so rapidly. The principal object is to work up a feeling and secure a respite until an appeal is argued before the privy council. Speeches were made by Riel's counsel and other prominent French citizens. During their delivery great excitement prevailed among the crowd, some of whom shouted that they would fight before they would see Riel hanged. The speaker said if hanged, Riel's name would be handed down to history as a martyr, while the names of his accusers would rot in oblivion. Warning language to the dominion government was used in case the sentence is carried out. Unity of the French in Canada was strongly urged in order that such a pressure might be brought to bear at Ottawa as would secure a reprieve. Lemieux, Riel's counsel, just returned from Regina, described the scene in Riel's cell, with two children and his aged mother with head bowed down with grief, clinging about the prisoner, who was unable to move about on account of a ball and chain. Great indignation followed. John Carey, a lawyer, said if Riel was hanged confederation was at an end and Canada wanted no more of it. It is likely that other meetings will be held soon.

Death of a Great Chicago Lawyer.

Emory A. Storrs, a lawyer of national reputation died at Ottawa, Ill., where he went to argue a case at law. After attending to his legal duties he did not return to Chicago, owing to an attack of pleurisy, which, however, did not confine him to his bed. He received the best of medical attendance and had some expectation of being able to return to Chicago last Friday the 11th, but his condition did not improve, and a dispatch was sent to Chicago, summoning his wife to Ottawa. Mrs. Storrs arrived there at 7 o'clock last Friday evening. Mr. Storrs was about the hotel smoking a cigar. Dr. Hurd left him smoking in bed at a late hour Friday night, and Mrs. Storrs, who occupied another bed in the same room administered medicine to him several times during the night. She happened to fall into a doze toward morning and awoke about 7 o'clock. She called to her husband, but received no answer. Going over to his bed, she placed her hands on him, and found him dead of paralysis of the heart. Emory A. Storrs was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., Aug. 12, 1835. He studied law first with his father, Hon. Alexander Storrs, and Hon. M. B. Champlin, at Cuba, Allegheny county, N. Y. Young Storrs then went to Buffalo, where, after diligently pursuing his legal studies in the office of Austin & Scroggs, he was admitted to practice in 1855. In 1857 he went to New York city, remaining there but two years. He went thence to Chicago in 1859, where he achieved great reputation as a lawyer and public speaker. Great for his power as an advocate and speaker, he was one of the best lawyers in America, and he was a man of generosity and fairness to his opponents in political life.

The department of agriculture is becoming convinced that this is not a good year for spring wheat, and reduces its estimates of the total wheat yield of the country to 351,000,000 bushels, a falling off of 12,000,000 since the June estimate. The spring wheat crop is placed at 134,000,000 bushels, or 22,000,000 less than that of 1884. The reports received by the department show that the weather during August was very unfavorable in the spring wheat territory, the general average of condition be-

ing lowered from 95 to 86 1/4 during the month. It is doubtful if the final story told by the thresher will show so large a total crop as 134,000,000 bushels, and the tone of the report of the department indicates that the government statisticians have an idea that it will not.

There are twenty candidates for the office of public printer.

The president issues a proclamation suspending tonnage duties on vessels from the port of Boca del Toro, United States of Colombia.

Rensselaer Stone is appointed collector of internal revenue at Chicago, vice Joel D. Harvey, suspended.

Fred Douglass, who still holds the office of recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia, expects to be bounced at an early date.

The mantle of Morrison has fallen upon Congressman Mills of Texas, who is preparing a tariff bill for presentation to the next house of representatives which provides for the removal of duties upon everything except what he considers the luxuries of life—that is, food, clothing and manufactures which are in common use by the poor classes of people. The duties on silk and satin and velvets will be retained, but that on woolen goods, cottons, linens and other fabrics of ordinary use will be removed or greatly reduced.

The Madrid correspondent of the News says: Germany has consented that the Voga and Valencenes consul matters may be settled separately, and allows Spain's voluntary action in giving satisfaction, the apology to be verbal or printed, in order the best to prevent a fresh popular outbreak, which would tend to strengthen the opposition to the monarchy. The Spanish reply, while not totally rejecting arbitration, will contend that Spain's prior rights are sufficiently proved to justify the termination of the dispute by direct negotiation.

Sir Robert Hart resigned the British ambassadorship at Peking, because he feared that a German would be appointed inspector of Chinese customs, and would combine with France to oppose English interests.

The earl of Carnarvon, being banqueted by the Belfast harbor commission, made a speech, saying it was time to institute an impartial and searching inquiry into the relative nature of free trade and protection. He indirectly favored state aid to develop the natural resources of the West of Ireland.

The Crown Prince Frederick William has replied to the note from King Alfonso. The crown prince assures King Alfonso of the friendly desire of Emperor William not to encroach on Spanish rights. A definite settlement of the pending questions can only be settled by a full agreement between the great powers.

Thomas Scott, of Prince Albert, on his trial at Regina, Manitoba, for treason-felony, was acquitted by the jury and released. The well known Indian, "Leau Man," pleaded not guilty and was released. The commission appointed by the government to investigate the charges of corruption in the transport service is sitting now with closed doors. Gigantic swindles are said to have been discovered.

The mayor of New Haven, Conn., called a public meeting to raise money for the Grant monument fund. The only persons present were the mayor and the junior, and they adjourned the meeting sine die.

Hon. Francis A. Walker is in California assisting Hon. Leland Stanford to mature plans for a great college at Calistoga Hot Springs, upon which he will spend some of his great wealth.

About half of the memorial stones have been set in the various walls of the Washington monument. Within twenty-eight days sixty postoffices have been burned or robbed by burglars. The average loss in each case was less than \$100, which falls upon the government.

A. M. Kelley has formally tendered his resignation as United States minister to Austria, and the resignation has been accepted.

Charles H. Chamberlain has filed suit against the Burlington & Quincy at St. Louis, asking \$100,000 damages for injuries received in an accident on that road near Woodburn, Iowa, ten years ago.

The Westinghouse Air Brake company intends increasing its capital stock from \$60,000 to \$3,000,000, from the surplus, with annual dividends of 12 per cent. The company has paid a dividend of 60 per cent a year.

Two of the class of 1881, of the naval academy have committed suicide—Ensign John A. Shock, who took his life at Greenwich, England, and Ensign Rider, who shot himself at New Orleans.

A commission consisting of Capt. James Kincannon of Mississippi and Mr. Wood of Tennessee has been appointed by the secretary of the interior to open negotiations with the Choctaws, Creeks, Cherokee and Seminole Indians in the Indian Territory for the purpose of having their undivided lands thrown open for settlement.

Lars L. Gunderson, who embezzled \$5,571 while postmaster at Cumberland, Wis., and then fled to Norway, but afterward returned to Winnipeg, where he surrendered himself to the authorities, pleaded guilty in the United States court at Madison. He appeared before Judge Burn, and was sentenced to serve two years in states prison beside refunding to the government the amount embezzled.

Deputy Register Titcomb tendered his resignation at the request of Register Kosenkrantz to take effect on the appointment and qualification of his successor. Mr. Titcomb has been in the treasury department for over twenty-one years. He will be retained in the register's office as a clerk at the salary of \$1,800. The president appointed Ross A. Fish of the District of Columbia to be assistant register of the treasury, vice Mr. Titcomb.

"God bless Mr. Higgins" is the post-card invocation waited over the seas from Minister Cox.

In the reply to the protest of the women's national labor convention against the giving out of the washing of towels for the treasury by contract, upon the ground that it opened the way for a Chinese monopoly, the secretary of the treasury has replied that this work in several of the departments is given out by contract, and in every case it is given to responsible steam laundry establishments which employ American labor, and under no circumstances will it be given to the Chinese.

Elwood and Wilson, the two burglars captured at New York and now being held at Toledo, Ohio, have been identified by means of goods found in their possession.

Ex-Alderman Joseph Cature of Mansfield Wis., was robbed of \$55 in cash and a pocketbook containing several hundred dollars' worth of notes and drafts.