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CURRENT COMMENT.

THE Jackson, Mich., State prison has eight hundred and five convicts.

IN order to pay a fine of \$5 for drunkenness a Port Huron Mich., man, one day last week, sold the stove out of his sick wife's room.

THE Y. M. C. A. at Cornell university is making an effort to form a religious library for the use of its members. The association has three hundred members.

THE New York courts hold that the lives of infants can not be insured, the ground being that only those accepting the obligation of membership could be insured.

NOT one in twelve New York city lads who presented themselves to undergo the physical examination as preliminary to cadetship at the Naval academy passed.

A SEERBROOK, N. H., man asked the selectmen to pay him \$2 for hens killed by a dog, but they decided that a hen is not an animal, and that hence the dog law does not apply.

AN Alsatian has been imprisoned for six years in Germany for tattooing himself all over with "Vive la France" when he came to be examined for admission to the German army.

IN San Francisco, Cal., the other day, a school teacher compelled her scholars to strip to the skin to find who had stolen a little girl's dress pin. The next day the lost article was found in the school-yard.

WILLIAM GIRMOUTH won a wager of \$50 at Deadwood the other day by hitching his horse to 500 foot rope attached to a sled on which was loaded a lot of of bowlders weighing 1,600 pounds. The animal pulled the load four feet.

FIFTY years ago two-fifths of the public-school teachers in Massachusetts were men; now about one-tenth are men. The average wages of men then were \$25.44 per month, and of women \$11.38; now men average \$111.23 and women \$43.97.

A RECENT visitor to the Pope asked Cardinal Howard whether she would better tell the Pope at the audience she was to have that she was an Irish woman. "Oh, yes," said Cardinal Howard, "and if you only say you are a home-ruler you will be all the better received."

THE grocers of Tennessee are up in arms at the law passed at the last session of the legislature putting a coal-oil tax on dealers. The effect, it is claimed, will be to drive the grocers out of the market, leaving the field to the "Standard Oil company, which can raise the price high enough to pay the tax."

IN a recent lecture before the Royal society of Edinburgh John Murray, of the Challenger expedition, said he believed that, taking its size in to consideration, there was no country in the world with a better record of scientific literature than Scotland during the past twenty years.

SEVENTEEN years ago Mrs. Rozanna Dennis, of Tiffin O., died of dropsey. The other day, when the body was disinterred, it was found to be thoroughly petrified, with the exception of the feet. It was so heavy ten men were required to remove it. A piece chipped from the body resembles flinty limestone.

DURING the year 1886 the state of Durango spent \$10,079.71 in endeavoring to kill or capture Eracilo Bernal, the prince of modern highwaymen. The state of Sinaloa probably spent double that sum during the same period, and the total multiplied by the number of years Eracilo has been actively pursued would make the neat amount of \$120,000, and this is independent of the expenditures of the federal government made in the same undertaking; so that it may be estimated that the pursuit of this highwaymen has cost altogether about \$180,000.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Domestic News

The largest gas well in the world has just been discovered near Fairmount, Ind. It is flowing nearly 12,000,000 feet per day.

A Washington dispatch states that the Inter-State Commerce act is having a disastrous effect on Canada's export and import trade.

Not one of the 12,000 coke-ovens in the Connellville, Pa., district is in operation, the workers having gone out on a strike for 12 1/2 per cent advance in wages.

A statement has been prepared by the treasury department which shows that during the month of April there was an increase in the circulation \$4,934,170, and a net increase of cash in the treasury of \$3,181,860.

Assistant Secretary Maynard instructs the collector of customs at Marquette, Mich., as to the rights of Canadian contractors who have secured the building of the bridge at the Sault St. Marie, on the American soil.

At Grand Rapids, Mich., the wife of Charles Martind, a young farmer, gave rat poison to her children and took a dose herself. The woman and elder child are dead. The other child will recover. Mrs. Martin had lived unhappily with her husband.

The towns along the Piacataquis river, Maine, have been damaged to an incalculable amount by flood, that river having risen 25 feet. Every industry and nearly all householders are sufferers. People can only get about their villages and farms in boats.

Dispatches from Nanaimo, B. C., announce that the worst fears have been realized regarding the Vancouver coal mine disaster, as about 170 men were killed in the mine. Of this number 105 were white, and 65 Chinese. All were killed by fatal fire damp.

A dispatch from Moncton, N. B., of the 5th says that a passenger train on the Inter-Colonial railroad struck an avalanche of snow which had dropped on the track from a high bank. Two engines and four first-class cars ran off the track and were piled up in a heap of ruins. Fireman Pierre Levasseur and brakeman Alfred Lavard were killed.

Texas and New Mexico experienced earthquake shocks on the afternoon of the 3rd. At El Paso, Tex., the shocks so alarmed the people that none but invalids and the helpless remained indoors. Albuquerque, N. M., court was in session and those in the court room thought the structure was about to fall and a stampede was made for the doors. The judge hurriedly adjourned the court and the officials joined in the rush. The shock appeared to have been general throughout the Southwest. At San Marcial two distinct shocks were felt and the alarm was general. At Lake Valley, 300 miles south, two shocks were distinguished.

A dispatch from Avoca says a belief prevails there that Dr. Charles Bruil, who recently committed suicide in the county jail at Dodgeville while undergoing examination for poisoning his wife, was Dr. John Bender, Jr., a member of the notorious Bender family of murderers who fled from Kansas several years ago to escape punishment for their crimes. The idea was obtained from a letter received there lately from the faculty of the college which Dr. Bruil graduated from in which it was said he was known in the institution as John Bender Jr., and from other facts and circumstances which it is believed connect him unmistakably with that notorious family.

The earthquake May 3 created sad havoc in the northwestern portion of Sonora, Mexico. The portion of the state is far from railroad or telegraphic communication. The following dispatch was received May 8, from Luis E. Torres, governor of Sonora: "The earthquake caused terrible damages to Montezuma, destroying several villages, but those in the northwestern part suffered the most terribly. Opu had all its houses destroyed and Bahipe was utterly destroyed, 150 people being killed. The house were leveled to the ground. A new volcano appeared, and its eruption destroyed all the timber of the adjoining valleys and mountains. Further details are expected hourly." The volcano mentioned in this dispatch is in the famous Sierra Madre mountains.

Miss Henrietta Hempstead, aged 19, a most estimable young lady, was shot through the heart, dying instantly, on Sunday, on the farm of her uncle, Capt. James Blackburn, at Spring Station, Ky. Miss Henrietta Blackburn, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Hempstead, went out to shoot at a mark with a small rifle. They were joined by Samuel Blackburn, a young man of 22, brother of Miss Henrietta Blackburn, and a friendly contention was begun as to who should shoot at the mark first. The three engaged in a playful struggle for the possession of the rifle, and in this struggle the weapon was discharged. The unfortunate young lady gave a slight scream, dropped on the blue grass and breathed her last before her horrified cousins realized the awful calamity that had befallen them. Messengers were hurriedly dispatched for medical and other assistance, and it was with the utmost difficulty that Miss Blackburn and Miss Hempstead's mother could be restored from the shock occasioned by the unexpected and terrible death of the young lady.

Political and Personal.

Jonathan W. Gordon, a celebrated criminal lawyer of Indianapolis died April 27 aged sixty-seven.

New Yorkers will erect a \$10,000 monument over the grave of the late President Arthur, and a bronze statue is to be erected at New York city by his admirers.

The Ohio Republicans have called their nominating convention at Toledo, July 27 and 28. It is regarded probable that Gov. Foraker will be renominated without opposition.

Wm. C. Depauw, of Greencastle, with one exception, the wealthiest man in Indiana was stricken with apoplexy at Chicago, May 4. Mr. Depauw has given a million dollars to the Greencastle University.

Catholic Bishop Borgess of Detroit, Mich., has resigned. He has had many troubles especially with the Poles and French, and recently promulgated a sentence of excommunication against all who were concerned in the Polish riots in connection with St. Albert's church troubles a year ago.

The West Virginia legislature elected Charles J. Faulkner, Democrat, United States Senator May 5. 45 votes were required to nominate and he received 46. He is 40 years of age and a state court judge, and resides at Martinsburg. He is said to be nobody's man, belonging to no faction,

but independent in his views and obligations.

At the meeting of the Ohio Commandery of the Loyal Legion, at Cincinnati, May 4, Gen. W. T. Sherman, was unanimously chosen commander, succeeding Ex-President Hayes, who declined re-election. Hon. James Speed delivered an address upon Abraham Lincoln.

The colored organizations throughout the country have issued a call from Philadelphia for a convention in each State to elect delegates to a National Convention to be held at Indianapolis July 8 next. The main object of the movement is to prepare for the political campaign in 1888.

Mayor Roche is pushing municipal reform to such a degree in the wicked city of Chicago, that a dispatch from that city says: "Many persons say that Mayor Roche is jeopardizing his health by attempting a wholesale reform of Chicago within a few weeks, and point to the untimely death of a minister in Iowa as an illustration of what such radical movements bring about."

It is understood that Gen. C. C. Augur, who is to have command of the national drill encampment, will offer positions on his staff to Brig.-Gen. James R. Canham, of Indiana, Brig.-Gen. Johnston Jones, of North Carolina; Dr. David W. Yandell, of Louisville, Ky.; and Capt. Samuel T. Carnis, of Memphis, Tenn.

The Second brigade band, of Iowa, has been engaged by the military committee as headquarters band.

Before leaving Washington Mme. Patti was asked if she had met Mrs. Cleveland. "No," she replied, "I have not, but I noticed her in the box on the night of the opera. How charming she is. She has sent me her picture with her autograph, and I have sent her mine in return. I shall treasure it highly, for an artist's is but human you know, and when I get home I shall show it to my friends as the picture of the wife of the President of this great country. I do not wonder that the people almost worship her."

Chief Signal Officer Greely, being convinced that the data collected in his office may be greatly utilized by farmers, has decided to issue a weekly bulletin, furnishing reliable information relative to the climatic conditions which have existed the previous week in the agricultural districts of the country. Beginning May 8, the reports collected daily by telegraph, will be charted and summarized at the close of each week and the results given to the press association as items of news, in time for publication in the Monday morning papers.

Among the letters received May 3, by the Inter-State Commission was one from H. C. Moore who owns a big wooden toothpick factory at Fond du Lac, Wis. He complains that for Eastern factories wood toothpicks are rated as from third to fifth class freight, while if he desires to ship west he has to ship by way of Chicago, and his product is rated first class. He prays for relief. G. W. Neff, editor of the Crystal Lake (Minn.) Union, writes to ask if it is really true that editors must give up their passes. He claims that the Omaha has called in his annual.

The Democrats of Kentucky met in State Convention at Louisville, May 3. Speaker Carlisle was made permanent chairman and Gen. S. E. Buckner was nominated for Governor. The resolutions express confidence in the integrity and conscientious devotion of President Cleveland and particularly applaud the President for the fidelity and courage with which he has protected the treasury from pillage by the exercise of the veto power; also demanding an immediate reduction of the war tariff, reasserting the doctrine that taxes should be levied exclusively for public purposes and limited to the requirements of the government economically administered.

Crimes.

Cashier and Manager Knowlton, of the Will county, Ill., Bank, has absconded with about \$100,000. He is at present traveling in Canada with his wife.

W. H. Belton, ex-superintendent of second class matter in the Chicago postoffice, who was convicted of embezzlement of about \$25,000, has been sentenced to four years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Trials of Pan Handle train men are in progress at Pittsburg, Pa., and the attorney for the railroad expresses the opinion that every man prosecuted will be convicted.

For several months past the freight cars of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway have been plundered. The thieves took everything possible from grain to general merchandise. Detectives were set to work and soon discovered that the robbers were committed in the Town of Lake, Cook Co., Ill., and that a large gang of thieves were engaged in the work. All but one of the gang have at last been captured.

The trial of Express-Messenger Fotheringham in St. Louis was brought to a sudden end, when Judge Normille was officially informed that the robbery occurred outside the jurisdiction of his court. Judge Normille wrote out a verdict of acquittal, which stated that, "We, the jury, under the instructions of the court, find the defendant not guilty, because of a variance between the indictment and the testimony of the fact of venue of the offense." This was signed by the jury and Fotheringham was discharged. It is understood Fotheringham will begin a damage suit against the express company.

On the evening of May 3, at Nicholasville, St. Lawrence county, N. Y., Charles Morrow, came home intoxicated and at the supper table began abusing his wife. This was no uncommon thing, as Morrow, when drunk, was violently and unjustly jealous of his wife and had made life a burden by beating and abusing her most outrageously during the past few months. Many times lately Mrs. Morrow has been obliged to leave her four small children with her brute husband and fly to neighbors for safety, because he threatened to take her life if she refused to submit to his violence. Her husband followed her out on the street and, drawing a revolver, shot her in the back of the neck as she ran. He then placed the revolver to his head and sent a bullet through his brain. Mrs. Morrow died within an hour. The husband died several hours later.

Fires and Casualties.

It is both stated and denied that Mr. Farnell is in bad health. One account says that it is suspected he has cancer in the stomach.

Twelve out of eighteen men at work in the Coosa tunnel on the Georgia Central R.R., were killed by the discharge of a premature blast, May 4.

During the burning of a row of cottages and other buildings at New Orleans, La.,

May 4, an old gentleman and his three years old grandchild were burned up.

At Warren, Jo Davies, Ills., a disastrous fire occurred on the 6th. The postoffice building was destroyed, as was the business houses of L. E. Morris, Rohr & Evans, Wm. Spofford and Wm. Phillips. The loss is about \$30,000, partly covered by insurance.

An explosion occurred in the Vancouver company's coal mine at Nanaimo, British Columbia, May 4, at which time 150 men were in the mine, of whom, according to the early report, 100 lost their lives. One man of a rescuing party lost his life. The casualty is supposed to have arisen from fire damp.

DAKOTA.

Bismarck saloon license is fixed at \$500. Huron has raised a bonus of \$1,300, and secured a tow factory.

M. J. Mahan, a restaurant keeper at Mandan, committed suicide May 4, by cutting his throat and a pistol shot in his head.

A street railway company has been organized at Yankton, all the stock taken and two miles of road are to be completed this summer.

A view of the crops in Yankton county shows a very favorable condition of affairs. Spring wheat, oats and barley are all sown, and on many farms the grain is from one to three inches above ground. Plenty of rain has fallen.

May 3, a resident of McIntosh county found the corpse of William McDonald, the hunter, who was lost in a storm last December. A portion of the body had been eaten by wolves or other beasts. The pockets contained a roll of greenbacks and other valuables.

The F. B. Calland company's agency of Bismarck, has written policies for the insurance of the territorial buildings, covering the entire list of public institutions in the territory. The amount insured exceeds \$500,000 and is the largest insurance deal ever made east of the States.

Commander Harrison Allen, of the G. A. R. has appointed the following staff: Col. C. T. McCoy, Aberdeen, A. Q. M. G.; Col. John W. Gregg, Wahpeton, Inspector general; Col. M. W. Greene, Fargo, judge advocate general; Col. Robert Z. Bennett, Berezford, chief mustering officer.

MINNESOTA.

Sixty saloons have been closed at Duluth by high license.

The portion of Osakis, burned last January is being rapidly rebuilt.

Eight saloon licenses have been granted at Lake City, until July 1.

The Duluth harbor was free from ice May 3, and a number of boats cleared.

Thirty-two Mankato saloons have taken out licenses for May and June.

Thirteen marriage licenses were issued in Washington county during April.

Christian Peterson, an incorrigible Red Wing youth, has been sent to the reform school.

Only fifty-four of the 115 saloons at Duluth will continue business under the high license law.

At Hastings on the morning of April 30, several persons were stunned by lightning but none seriously injured.

Rev. C. E. Pollock, formerly of Mankato, preached his first sermon in the First Presbyterian church at Fergus Falls last Sunday.

Gov. McGill will address the graduates of the Normal in St. Cloud some time during commencement week. The commencement exercises begin June 1.

The Red Wing Stoneware Company is burning a kiln of stoneware with crude coal oil. The company are putting in foundation for a large warehouse.

At Fergus Falls, Saturday, the five-year-old boy of Mrs. Stena Rudh, while playing on the bridge, was frightened by a passing runaway horse and fell into the river and was drowned.

May 4th Frank Shutte, a single man thirty-five years of age living in the town of Farming, Stearns county, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun. He was a farm hand, and no cause is known for the act.

At Austin, Mower Co., three hundred and seventy-six instruments were filed for record with the register of deeds during April. Of these about one hundred were deeds conveying property amounting to \$125,000. These transfers far exceed in number those of the corresponding month of 1886.

The city of Crookston had a narrow escape from havoc by prairie fire, on the 7th. A barn in the southeast approach to the main part of the town was burned the cinners carried an immense distance by the gale of wind, but the fire department and citizens made a successful fight against the element.

At Clearwater, on the night of May 3, burglars entered at the back window of S. M. Phillips' drug store, blew open the safe with powder and carried off about \$1,000 in money and jewelry. The work showed the hand of a professional. The plate was drilled by the use of a common bit stock, taken from a neighboring wagon shop, and a fine drill.

About midnight on the 5th, fire broke out in the Mills & Houghton planing mill at Elk River and in two hours that property, the saw mill and five story flouring mill, elevator and lumber yards of the company, a chair and furniture factory, hotel and barns and blacksmith shop were in ashes. Mills & Houghton's loss is \$30,000, with about \$50,000 insurance.

The Waseca summer assembly begins July 5th, and continues seventeen days. The new amphitheater now being erected at Maplewood Park will have a seating capacity for 1,500, with handsome offices and speaker's platform. The association has ordered a windmill and an immense tank, and the park is to be provided with extensive water works supplied from the new mill.

On April 20 a general order was issued from the office of the adjutant-general, so correcting and changing a portion of the record in the well-known Bend McCarthy affair, as to place Col. Bend with the same rank as when appointed colonel of the first record. This was done after consultation with ex-Gov. Hubbard, and virtually expunges the order of suspension issued by the ex-Governor. This action rescinds cer-

tain important orders made under the former administration.

Seeding in Wabasha County is finished. The acreage of wheat is much smaller than in prior years. The acreage of barley, oats and corn is an increase of about 10 per cent. over last year. The farmers have become weary of raising wheat at the prices paid for that cereal during the past few years. They find it much more profitable to adopt diversified methods of farming. Many of them have engaged quite heavily in stock raising.

The prospects are favorable that Mankato, Rochester and Red Wing and possibly some other interior Minnesota cities will be awarded free postal delivery. According to the recommendation of Post office Inspector Spangier Mankato will be divided into four districts, with a carrier to each district and about 30 letter boxes. This will give two deliveries a day. The pay of carriers for the first year is from \$300 to \$500. There will probably be a mounted carrier for the north part of the city.

May 3, the American House at Princeton was badly damaged by fire. Patrick Coughan, a farmer south of Princeton had a large lot of hogs, barn, granary, wheat and machinery destroyed by fire. The loss (\$1,500) is partially covered. At Anoka, on the night of the 3rd, the fair grounds were touched by a miniature cyclone and one entire row of sheds was badly demolished. One shed was lifted up, carried one hundred feet and deposited in the road and up side down. The force of the wind was exerted in a rotary motion. The damage to the grounds and buildings is between \$300 and \$500.

The Villard Hotel, at Brainerd, Minn., took fire from the kitchen at 4 a. m., May 4, and was totally destroyed. The house was full of guests, who barely escaped in their night garments and some on third floor could only get out by the aid of ladders and ropes from the windows. The Madison Square Comedy Company lost their outfit, though the treasurer by throwing it out the window saved his trunk containing \$1,200. The head cook lost \$300, being burned in her trunk. The landlord, W. W. Hartley loses \$7,000 on fixtures, &c. with \$3,000 insurance. The losses of guests and boarders reach the amount of \$6,000 or \$7,000. The hotel was built in 1838, at the cost of \$50,000; insured for \$25,000.

WISCONSIN.

Four buildings were burned at Stevens Point, May 4, a laundry, paint shop and two saloons. Loss \$6,500.

The Governor of Wisconsin, at the request of many influential citizens, has vetoed the bill to prohibit stock gambling.

Lieut. Gov. Ryland is filling the executive chair at Madison during the absence of Gov. Rusk who is now visiting the battle-field of Gettysburg.

A fish belonging to some unknown species has been caught near Racine. It weighed over thirty-seven pounds and was nearly five feet long.

The competition between the new bridge at Sturgeon Bay and the ferry has become very sharp. Both now carry foot passengers free and teams for a few cents.

While riding in a buggy near Vienna Monday night, Mr. and Mrs. John Carbell were shot by some unknown person prowling behind. Carbell died instantly and his wife will not recover.

W. C. Brink, aged 35, of Estelle, Wis., committed suicide in a Chicago boarding house, May 4, leaving a letter for his wife, stating that she would know, without information, the cause of his act. He left a deed to his farm directed to his wife.

May 3, the Northwestern Lumber company's mill at Porterville, this county, was burned. The merchandise was mostly saved. Loss, \$4,000; fully covered by insurance. The general store of William Woods at Weyanwega was burned. Loss on building, \$1,300; on stock \$3,000; insured for \$3,400. Mr. Colt's farm residence and other buildings near Beloit, were burned. Loss, \$3,000; insurance, \$1,500.

A singular accident occurred at Chippewa Falls, May 3. As Mrs. Louis Pilon of Bruce attempted to board a passenger train at the Omaha depot she fell between two coaches on the track. As the train started she leaped from the platform of the car to that of the depot, and attempted to board it again when under good headway, and a result, fell through. The trucks did not touch her, but she was somewhat bruised by the accident.

THE MARKETS.

St. Paul, May 7.	
GRAIN—	
Wheat, No. 1 Hard.....	77 @ 78
Wheat, No. 1 Northern.....	76 @ 77
Wheat, No. 2 Northern.....	75 @ 76
Corn, No. 2.....	38 @ 39
Oats, No. 2 mixed.....	29 @ 30
Oats, No. 3 white.....	30 @ 30
Barley No. 2.....	50
Rye No. 2.....	50
Flax Seed.....	94
Baled Hay, upland.....	12 50 @ 11 50
Baled Hay, Timothy.....	13 50 @ 14 50
PROVISIONS—	
Flour, patent.....	4 25 @ 4 40
Flour, straight.....	4 15 @ 4 30
Flour, bakers.....	3 40 @ 3 60
Butter, creamery.....	35 @ 27
Butter, dairy.....	18 @ 20
Cheese.....	13 @ 14
Eggs, fresh.....	9 @ 10
Potatoes.....	50 @ 55
Dressed Beef, steers.....	35 @ 5
Hams.....	5 @ 11
Veal.....	5 @ 6
LIVE STOCK—	
Steers.....	43 50 @ 4 00
Hogs.....	4 50 @ 4 95
Sheep.....	4 00 @ 4 00
Minneapolis, May 7.	
WHEAT—	
No. 1 Hard.....	79 @ 79 1/2
No. 2 Northern.....	78 @ 78 1/2
No. 3 Northern.....	74 1/2 @ 75 1/2
FLOUR—	
Patent in sacks.....	4 30 @ 4 10
Patent in barrels.....	4 25 @ 4
Patent at New England points.....	95 @ 5 50
Patent at N. Y. and Penn., points.....	4 90 @ 5 10
Bakers.....	3 40 @ 3 50
Chicago, May 7.	
GRAIN—	
Wheat, cash.....	83 @ 83 1/2
Corn, cash.....	38 1/2 @ 38 1/2
Oats, cash.....	29 1/2 @ 29 1/2
Flax Seed.....	1 00 @ 1 05
MESS PORK.....	23 00 @ 23 50
LIVE STOCK—	
Cattle.....	43 25 @ 4 35
Hogs.....	5 25 @ 5 50
Sheep.....	2 25 @ 4 35
Milwaukee, May 7.	
No. 1 Hard Cash.....	82 1/2
Duluth, May 7.	
No. 1 Hard, June.....	82 1/2