

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge is graceful and well dressed. She talks with great vivacity.

Sir John Macdonald is to be given a seat in the English House of Commons and will retire from Canadian politics.

Mrs. Martha J. Lamb, editor of the "Magazine of American History," is petite, slender and dark. She is a chatty and vivacious talker.

Miss Florence Groff is the first American woman who has been admitted to the School of Oriental Languages (Arabic and Persian) in Paris.

Mrs. S. S. Conant who is the temporary editor of Harper's Bazar during Miss Booth's absence, is rather stout and dark in complexion. She is a pleasant talker.

Mrs. David G. Croly, "Jennie June," at present editor of "Godey's Lady's Book," of Philadelphia, is slight and dark. She is a vivacious talker, and has an engaging and expansive smile.

Louisa M. Alcott now and then takes from her desk an old-fashioned portfolio and exhibits a quantity of sketches after Turner made by her artist sister, the original of Amy in "Little Women," who married and died abroad.

Mme. Ristori, who is now staying in Rome, is occupying her leisure by writing her memoirs, dating from her first appearance on the stage. She was then a mere infant, being but three months old. Her nurse carried her in, and her debut was, it is said, singularly successful.

Frank Vizetelly, the artist, was supposed to have perished in the expedition of Hicks Pasha. A Syrian Greek who has arrived at Cairo says that among the European prisoners at Khartoum is a short, stout man, with a full beard, wearing glasses. That description fits Vizetelly to a "t

Mme. Offenbach, widow of the opera bouffe composer, is dead. She was an Irish-Spanish woman, a sister of Mr. Robert Mitchell, editor of the Bonapartist journal Le Pays. During her husband's lifetime she was a popular leader in Parisian society, but after his death she lived in strict retirement.

George William Curtis' daughter, Elizabeth interests herself decidedly in the working-girls, as distinguished from the young ladies of leisure, and has banded those of Staten Island into a Working-Women's Guild with reading-rooms, library, and pleasant evening recreations, which are showing themselves of decided practical good.

George W. Childs, the Philadelphia Ledger publisher has a superb wine cellar, but he never touches wines or intoxicants of any kind. He doesn't know the taste of them. Apollinaris water, which is served up in a superb silver flagon, is his favorite tippie. He never uses even tea or coffee. As to his eating, wheated grits and oatmeal porridge are his favorite dishes.

Gen. A. R. Lawton, who has been appointed Minister to Austria, has made much money at the bar since the War, and is reputed to be worth several hundred thousand dollars. He will have an opportunity to spend some of his wealth at Vienna, for his \$12,000 salary will not go far if he entertains much company in that gay Capital.

Mme. Papp has completed the fiftieth year of her editorship of the well-known Belgian newspaper, Le Journal de Bruges. The paper was founded by her husband, who was an eminent geographer, and is one of the most important dailies in the kingdom. Another Belgian journalist will in a few weeks celebrate his jubilee. This is M. Fetis, the musical critic, who has been on the Independence Belge staff since 1837.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Domestic News.

The Haythien and English governments have settled all their difficulties, and the former has paid the latter \$20,000.

The Wool Growers and International Sheep Shearers' Association will hold their second annual convention in St. Louis.

News has been received at San Francisco, that the steamer Brenton was run into and sunk by the Fair of Pemang on the Indian ocean, and 150 people were lost.

By a vote of 3 to 44 the Michigan house passed the high license bill. The general tax is placed at \$30 and on wholesale and retail establishments it is \$-00.

Drillers at the big gas well southeast of the city of Findlay, O., drilled in a gasser with a capacity of 20,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily, the biggest in the world.

A seizure of \$20,000 worth of smuggled opium was made at San Francisco, Cal., by customs officers, on the 13th. The contraband shipment was made from Hong Kong.

The captain of a British ship reports in London that the crew of the American ship Accidental had mutinied, that the captain had been killed, and the ship was in charge of the mate.

General Master Workman Powderly has issued a circular recommending that the Knights of Labor celebrate the Fourth of July with appropriate demonstrations wherever an assembly is in existence.

John B. Finch, chairman of the national committee of the Prohibition party, will go to Texas to stump the state in favor of the prohibitory constitutional amendment. He is now flooding the state with prohibition literature.

The controller of the currency on the 9th, authorized the Western National Bank of the City of New York to begin business with a capital of \$3,500,000. The officers are: Daniel Manning, president, and Ferdinand Blankinham, cashier.

There is considerable talk in Ottawa of testing the feeling of parliament on the question of commercial union with the United States. The members from the maritime provinces and the extreme West are almost a unit on the question.

Martin Bout, while plowing on his farm near Michigan City, Ind., exploded a dynamite bomb which had been placed there by unknown parties. His arm was blown off, both legs broken, and he was otherwise terribly mangled. He will hardly recover.

The 13 Irish constables who resigned their office because they were compelled to carry on evictions, and who arrived in New York last week, announced their intention of becoming citizens of the United States by filing their application papers in the court of common pleas.

The United States revenue cutter Richard Rush has been ordered to proceed to Sitka, Alaska, where she will take the United States Marshal aboard and convey him to Onaska for the purpose of selling at auction the British schooners seized in the Behring strait last year for illegal seal fishing.

Justice Woods, of the United States Supreme court, returned to Washington from California a few days since, and has grown worse since his return. He is now lying critically ill at his residence, and his death may occur at any moment. He is suffering from dropsy and a complication of diseases.

A cyclone struck Blue Springs, Gage county, Neb., Friday afternoon, and blew down a school house from which the children had just been dismissed. W. H. Rusburgh, the janitor, was killed. Several other houses were demolished. Mrs. Will Matthews was killed by lightning during the storm.

Thursday afternoon, at Pittsburg, Pa., Andrew Maloney, employed on the new court house, carelessly stepped from a stone elevator when 155 feet from the ground. When picked up there was scarcely a whole bone in his body. He was conscious however, and sent a message to his wife and family. Shortly after removal to the hospital he died.

Two Chicago barb wire fence houses as signed at Chicago on the 10th. Mr. Marsh a member of both firms, gave as the immediate cause of the failure the operation of the interstate commerce act. He said: "That bill has had the effect of simply shutting us out. We could not get out of Chicago with our products and hope to do business on anything like a paying basis. The truth is, however, the business has been anything but profitable for the last three years. There has been too much over-production in barb wirefencing."

The condition of the iron trade which is deemed by many thoughtful men, as indicative of the business pulse of the country, is thus summed by Dun & Co.'s Weekly Trade Review: The output of pig-iron again increases, reaching about 139,300,000 pounds weekly. But this is probably high-water mark for the time, many furnaces in the Pittsburg region having since been "banked" because of the coke strike, while other Eastern furnaces discontinued production on account of rail rates. Enormous imports also tend to depression. The lockout of stove-molders has increased in importance and suspicions are growing that the manufacturers desire, through a general suspension of work, to reach a higher range of prices for products.

The exports of wheat in April were 6,524,061 bushels, against 5,352,975 last year, and 955,260 barrels of flour, against 703,128 last year. Exports of breadstuffs reached \$12,554,439 in value, against \$11,959,948, last year, showing that the comparatively quiet market in that month favored large shipments. But prices have since climbed rapidly with sales of nearly 80,000,000 bushels in a week, and exports are checked, while accounts of seeding show a great increase in acreage in Dakota and Minnesota. Cotton exports in April were reduced 8 per cent compared with last year the price having risen 16 per cent while goods advanced only 3 per cent. Receipts are now barely a quarter those of last year, but crop prospects are more favorable. The lumber trade shows an increase of demand, with scarcity in some lines.

Crimes.

Albert Turner, one of the murderers of Jennie Bowman, has been indicted, pleaded guilty, and sentenced to be hanged July 1, at Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baker and her mother, living in Hancock County, West Virginia, had their heads beaten in by burglars, who were robbing the house on the 10th.

On the night of the 14th, masked men

broke into the house of James Porter, near Harrington, Del., and after a desperate struggle with Porter and his wife, secured over \$38,000 in cash and bonds, making their escape with a horse and carriage belonging to their victim.

Fires and Casualties.

The Patterson, N. J., iron works burned on the 12th. Loss \$300,000; insurance \$15,000.

In several of the upper counties of Michigan, serious forest fires have occurred damaging standing timber and destroying ties and wood.

Slight earthquake shocks were felt at Charleston and Summerville, S. C., on the 13th, but not forcible enough to do any damage.

Milan, Mo., was visited with a severe fire on the 13th, the county jail and other buildings being destroyed. Total loss \$53,000.

The whaling bark Europe, owned at New Bedford, Mass., has been wrecked off the Japan coast, the entire crew of thirty-two perishing.

At Coal Valley, Pa., Mrs. Cook while kindling a fire with coal oil, set fire to her clothes, and herself, two children and the house were burned up.

A forest fire beginning at East Falmouth, Mass., took a run of twenty miles along the Cape, burning over five hundred acres, and a number of buildings, on the 12th. The damage was large.

Reports to the Associated Press from Kennebec and Bangor, Me., and Middleboro and Buzzards Bay, Mass., say that large forest fires are raging. Much damage has already been done, and much greater loss is threatened in timber and buildings.

On the 11th, a large fire occurred at Newton Village, N. H. The conflagration started in the livery stable of George H. Hoyt. It was caused by a horse kicking over a lighted lantern. Twenty buildings were burned, causing a loss of \$25,000.

John B. Fassett and wife, both aged 60, were burned to death in their saw mill at Moretown, Vt., on the 15th. Mrs. Fassett's body was found near the river next morning, while that of her husband was found in the ruins of the mill, over which they lived.

GARFIELD STATUE.



UNVEILED AT WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 12, 1887, BY THE SOCIETY OF THE ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND.

Political and Personal.

Over 8000 immigrants arrived at Castle Garden, N. Y., Friday.

Editor O'Brien had a most enthusiastic reception at Quebec.

Actor John T. Raymond's wife and child will receive only \$3,000 from his estate.

The Illinois legislature has increased the number of Aldermen at Chicago from 36 to 43.

The monument to Gen. Sedgwick was unveiled at Spottsylvania, Va., on the 18th.

J. W. Holcombe of Indiana has been appointed chief clerk of the bureau of education at Washington.

Randolph Tucker, of Virginia, is mentioned as a possible successor of Justice Woods upon the Supreme Court bench.

The Ohio Democratic state central committee has fixed on Cleveland, July 20 and 21 as the place and the time of holding the state convention.

The Mayor of Toronto, Canada, has notified Editor O'Brien that public sentiment in that city demands that he forego his purpose to speak there.

Ex-Gov. R. A. Alger, of Michigan, has bought Munkacy's famous picture, "The Last Days of Mozart," paying for it \$50,000, and it will be presented to the Detroit Art Museum.

At a meeting of the Democratic State Committee held at Harrisburg, Pa., Allentown, August 31, was fixed upon as the place and time for holding the next State convention.

Lord Lansdowne, Governor General of Canada, has caused public announcement to be made that he wishes Editor O'Brien to have full liberty of speech, everywhere in the Dominion. He will visit and speak at Toronto.

The Pennsylvania high license bill which by the signature of Gov. Beaver has become a law, provides a \$300 license for cities of 30,000 population and over, \$400 for smaller cities, \$200 for borough and \$100 for township hotels.

It is reported from Rome that Archbishop Corrigan of New York has been notified to warn Dr. McGlynn that if he does not present himself before the Supreme ecclesiastical authority at Rome, within 40 days, he will be formally excommunicated.

James W. Hyatt, of Connecticut an ex-

perienced book examiner has received the appointment of Treasurer of the United States, as the successor of Mr. Jordan. This is the second time Connecticut has held this position, Treasurer Gilliland appointed by President Garfield, having been from that state.

Information has been received at San Francisco, California that J. R. Fruichter, an American citizen who left there last October to visit France, was seized on his arrival there, imprisoned, denied counsel, and forced to serve in the French army. He is now in the regiment of the line in the garrison of Calcers.

It is said that as the Supreme Court Judges may retire at the age of 70, the person to be appointed the successor of Justice Woods, under a rule adopted by the Senate Judiciary committee must be under sixty years of age to be eligible to confirmation. The successor of Judge Woods will be the first Democratic appointment since 1858.

A complimentary breakfast was tendered to Queen Kaplolani by Mayor O'Brien at the Parker house Boston, Mass., Monday. The room was handsomely decorated with flowers and bunting. Gov. and Mrs. Ames, Mayor and Mrs. O'Brien, ex-Mayor Prince and Oliver Wendell Holmes were present. Speeches were made on behalf of the guests, which were responded to by Gen. Auska on behalf of the queen.

A New York dispatch of the 13th says: The fact has just been made public that Mrs. U. S. Grant has been suffering from malignant diphtheria for some days and was near death's door until today, when she was pronounced out of danger and on the road to recovery. She took cold while out riding a week ago last Thursday and was taken alarmingly ill on the following day.

Justice W. B. Woods died at Washington, May 14, having passed the age of 70 years. His birthplace was Newark, Ohio, to which place his remains have been taken for interment. His collegiate life was passed at Yale and he began the practice of law in 1847. In 1857 he was elected to the Ohio legislature as a Democrat and made speaker, and was re-elected two years thereafter. In 1861 he went into military service as lieutenant colonel of the Seventy-sixth infantry, serving until the war closed when he was brevet major general. He was mustered out in Alabama, where he remained. He was chosen state chancellor for six years, but after serving in this position for two years was appointed by President Grant, circuit Judge of the United States for the Fifth district, which office he held while living in Mobile until 1880, when he was called to the Supreme Court bench at Washington.

The monument of Gen. Garfield provided by his comrades of the Army of the Cumberland was unveiled at Washington on the 12th. The statue, which is a bronze, is the design of the sculptor, J. Q. A. Ward, who also designed the equestrian statue of Gen. Thomas in Washington. It is ten feet six inches in height and represents Garfield facing the west in the act of delivering an address with his right hand resting on a column and a manuscript held in his left. Recumbent ideal figures at each corner of the triangular pedestal represent the student, the warrior and the statesman, typifying the three epochs in Gen. Garfield's career. Bronze tablets above the figures bear a globe, a trumpet and sword and a laurel wreath enclosing the scales of justice. The inscriptions upon the shaft are placed upon the three sides. The monument cost \$56,748. The Society presented the monument to the United States, President Cleveland accepting it in behalf of the people.

MINNESOTA.

Serious prairie fires are reported from the townships of Getty and Grove, Stearns County.

Flint Brothers furniture factory at Faribault, burned on the 10th. Loss \$3,000; no insurance.

It is now believed that the construction of the Winona & Southwestern railroad from Winona to Mason City, Iowa, a distance of 115 miles, is assured by January 1, 1889.

Attention is directed to the notice in another column of a rare business chance in St. Paul. It is a rare opportunity and would not be offered except for health consideration.

The premises at Stillwater, known as the Staples foundry, were destroyed by fire on the evening of the 10th. Loss on machinery and unfinished work \$22,500, on buildings \$20,000. Insurance \$12,500.

Mrs. Ellen Goldsmith, an aged Bohemian woman, who had been in this country but two years, living in Rice county, near Montgomery, was burned to death in a trash fire on the 14th.

Crop reports from 125 counties in Minnesota, Dakota and Iowa show that seeding through the Northwest has been completed. With favorable weather, the crops harvested next fall in Minnesota and Dakota will be unprecedented.

Forest fires have done large damage along the Mississippi river from Brainerd toward Aitkin. The Northwestern Lumber Company of Minneapolis and G. S. Canfield of Brainerd are heavy losers. Some of the homesteaders have suffered considerably.

Fire at Ortonville, on the afternoon of the 11th destroyed Engquist's plow factory, the Godfrey house barn, a portion of the Charles Becher lumber yard and several other buildings. The loss is \$10,000, and insurance \$3,000. The city had a very narrow escape.

At St. Paul, on the 10th, Bertha Hegener and Charles Hegener of Minneapolis pleaded not guilty to an indictment for manslaughter in the first-degree, for the killing of John Murphy, the former as principal and the latter as accessory before the fact. Bail was continued in \$5,000.

The Minneapolis and St. Louis railway blacksmith and repair shops at Minneapolis, were destroyed by fire on the night of the 12th, causing a loss of \$70,000 to \$75,000. Three other small fires occurred in the same city during that night, but the damage was slight.

John M. Lynch, a farmer living eight miles from Rochester, Olmsted County, fell from the top of his windmill, striking his head on a milk chest, crushing his skull, and causing death. His wife, who witnessed his fall, went into hysterics, and lies in a precarious condition.

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 safe was drilled by the use of a common bit stock, taken from a neighboring wagon shop, and a fine drill.

A letter has been received at St. Paul announcing the death of John D. Martin, who was tried and acquitted at the last term of the Ramsey district court, for the murder of Buck Moore at the Minnesota Transfer. The death occurred at the home of a cousin, at Plattsburgh, Neb., a small town near Omaha, and the immediate cause was inflammatory rheumatism.

At Milwaukee, on the 9th, John Bauer, a carpenter sixty-six years of age, committed suicide by tying one end of a stout cord around a bed post and the other around his neck, and then rolling off the bed and choking himself to death. Dependancy, growing out of a charge at his arrest two weeks ago for a petty offense, was the cause. Bauer had made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide by cutting his throat three years ago. He was a divorced man and had no children.

Red Wing, Farmington, Hastings and Shakopee were considered by the Commission to select a site for the Reform School on its removal from St. Paul. On the 12th the Commission decided upon a site at Red Wing, after five ballots, the first ballot being, Red Wing 3, Farmington 3, Hastings 1, Shakopee 1. The last ballot stood, Red Wing 3, Hastings 1, Farmington 3. The State property at St. Paul now occupied by the Reform School is valued at \$250,000.

The Milwaukee & St. Paul depot at Owatonna, was burned to the ground at 6:30 Tuesday morning. A large amount of freight that was stored in owner's risk was lost; only tickets and a few articles in the agent's office being saved. The people will now ask that a union depot be built by the two roads. The St. Paul mail bag was burned with contents in the depot fire.

At Dawson, Sunday, Station Agent Hinsey was shot while on a gunning trip. He and a companion in working their boat over the rapids discharged a gun lying in the bottom of the boat in the city. The shooting in Mr. Hinsey's arm, in spite of the efforts of three surgeons, the wound proved fatal on the 9th. Mr. Hinsey was an Odd Fellow and Mason. He was severely wounded during the war. A wife and child survive him.

Col. D. A. Robertson and family, of St. Paul, were passengers on the ill-fated La Champagne at its collision near Havre. The passengers were transferred to the La Bretagne and pursued their homeward voyage. Regarding the disaster Mrs. Robertson said: "When the disaster happened, I lady said: 'My anxiety is that French sailors get excited and lose their heads, but the result shows that French sailors are splendid seamen. I am convinced that their coolness and discipline cannot be surpassed."

WISCONSIN.

All public schools of Madison, have been closed on account of the prevalence of scarlet fever. A few deaths have occurred but the disease has proved hard to suppress and all cases are traceable to the schools.

Old papers found in the office of the Register of Deeds, at Madison, show that Daniel Webster once owned 3,000 acres of land in Dane county, embracing part of the present site of the city of Madison, and that he was interested in the romantic scheme of founding in that county, on the bank of the Wisconsin river, a city which should, in time, be the metropolis of the West.

The Chicago Farmers Review crop report of the 14th says: Reports from the winter wheat counties in Wisconsin indicate a condition of 75 to 80 per cent. The spring wheat growing territory gives the following figures: Ten Iowa counties report an average of 90 per cent. Two report good; one above the average, and one below. From Minnesota nine counties report the condition fair to good. Seven counties in Dakota report a full average condition, and the same is true of six counties reported from Nebraska. While the showing on the whole is fairly good for the time these reports were forwarded it remains a fact that continued dry weather will naturally reduce these percentages of condition. Throughout almost the entire territory covered by our reports the meadows and pastures are reported as needing rain.

"Men must work and women weep. So runs the world away!" But they need not weep so much if they use Dr. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription," which cures all the maladies peculiar to women. Sold by druggists.

THE MARKETS.

St. Paul May 16.

Table of market prices for grain, flour, and provisions in St. Paul, May 16. Includes items like Wheat, No. 1 Hard, Flour, patent, and various meats.

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