

CURRENT COMMENT.

AUGUSTIN DALY says the interstate commerce bill has increased the railroad fares of his company fully 20 per cent.

THE Pennsylvania legislature adjourned, sine die, on the 19th, but the legislatures of Illinois and Michigan still hold on.

THE highest price ever paid for an orchid, \$325, was given last week in London for a cypripedium Stenel platyentium.

THE salmon catch at Astoria, Oregon, is still small, owing to cool, rainy weather. The pack to date is about 25,000 cases.

MRS. MARTHA J. LAMB, editor of the "Magazine of American History," is petite, slender and dark. She is a chatty and vivacious talker.

MRS. GLADSTONE generally goes with her husband to the house of commons with a comforter to wrap around his neck when he leaves the place.

EMIL DORSCH, the German-American poet, who recently died in Michigan, left a valuable library which his widow has given to Ann Arbor university.

Mrs. LOGAN has not recovered from the shock produced by her husband's death. She goes daily to the vault where his coffin is deposited at the Washington cemetery.

Six cases of insanity were reported at Tucson, Arizona territory, during last week. They are believed to result from earthquake fright, as the patients nearly all have much to say on the subject.

At Point Pleasant, W. Va., a few days ago, a 12-years-old boy died from the effects of a dose of patent medicine administered to him by his father. The boy died with all the symptoms of arsenical poisoning.

A LEADING New York jewelry firm has instructed its agent at Paris to invest \$250,000, and more if necessary, in securing the choice of the French crown jewels now being disposed of at auction by the French government.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made to utilize the immense deposits of salt near Comanche city. A Kansas company has a lease of eight hundred acres of land, and will immediately begin operations. The supply of salt in the locality is thought to be almost inexhaustible.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE, the millionaire manufacturer and literator, has written a letter declining to participate in or assist the proposed celebration of the queen's jubilee in New York, on the grounds that he is "an American citizen, who rejects the monarchial idea as inconsistent with and insulting to his manhood."

ACCORDING to the Diario Romano it is now precisely 2, 641 years since Mr. Romulus, C. E. first laid out the streets and lots of Rome and the event is still celebrated in the Eternal city by the illumination of the Coliseum and the forum and by banquets at which the memory of the distinguished citizen is appropriately disposed of in silence.

THIRTY years ago, says Labouhere in The London Truth, a favorable review in The Times of a new novel was enough to sell a large edition, but its prestige has utterly departed. Recently a new story was highly praised in a long and elaborate notice, and I hear from unexceptionable authority that the sole result of The Times' review was a sale of two copies. Mr. Delane cared for nothing but politics, and the literary department was for some years left very much in the hands of an individual, long since deceased, who jobbed it in a scandalous manner. One of Dickens' later works was very favorably noticed by this writer in The Times, and he was rewarded by a present of the manuscript, which he acknowledged in a very gushing letter; but before the week was out he sold it for £250 to a well known American publisher.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Domestic News

A case of sun-stroke occurred at New York on Sunday. Omaha has been designated as a "reserve city" under the provisions of the act recently passed by congress.

Representatives of certain lines of trade in Pennsylvania have agreed to restrict the output of coal for a limited period.

A gloomy feeling prevades the hop districts of Central New York, as the third disastrous year in succession is apprehended.

The business failures during the last week number for the United States, 159; for Canada 28; total, 180, against 167 last week, and 183 the week previous to the last.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad Company threatens to take dire revenge on Winnipeg if the Manitoba legislature grants a charter to any competing line within the province.

Another collision between the partisans of the deposed Polish priest at Detroit and their opponents occurred in that city in which clubs were freely used, but no one was seriously hurt.

The suspension order issued by the interstate commerce commission in the case of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads, has been enlarged so as to embrace the Denver & Rio Grande railroad.

Edward Morris, of a canning company of Chicago, cables from Paris that he has concluded a contract for 1,500,000 kilns of canned meat for the French army and for 3,000,000 kilns for the navy. This is stated to be the largest contract ever made with an American firm by a foreign government.

The Daughters of Rebekah monument to the late Vice-President Colfax was unveiled at Indianapolis on the 18th. This order was founded by Mr. Colfax and the monument, which cost \$60,000 was erected in remembrance to his devotion to Odd Fellowship, and particularly this branch of the organization.

The Michigan Senate has passed the iron-clad oleomargarine bill, making it a misdemeanor to manufacture the commodity in Michigan. Grocers selling it or hotel-keepers furnishing it to guests must exhibit a placard prominently stating the fact, or be liable to from six months to one year's imprisonment and from \$100 to \$500 fine.

Further dispatches to Gov. Torres regarding the Mexican earthquake show that in Babise City seven persons were killed and nineteen injured. In Oputo nine were killed. The inhabitants of Babise, Racera, Oputo and Cusabas are living in the fields under the trees and in dugouts. A number of women died from fright. In many of the mountains are to be seen what appears to be eruptions, and continuous smoke indicates volcanic action.

The Chicago Farmers Review of the 23d, says the reports from Dakota are highly satisfactory and prospect for heavy crops are good. The percentages of condition are beginning to show the effects of continued dry weather, local rains have fallen in many districts and conditions may consequently be expected to improve should the rains continue. The hay crops will probably be light in most of the western states. Eight counties in Wisconsin report an average condition of 85 per cent. Rain is badly needed. In Iowa the average condition of winter and spring wheat is 100 per cent, and prospects are good. Chinch bugs are injuring the wheat in many Kansas counties, while others are free from the insect. 13 Illinois counties report the average condition of spring wheat at 90 per cent; 10 counties in Indiana winter wheat at 85 per cent; Ohio ranges from 66 to 100 per cent on winter wheat.

Editor O'Brien arrived at Kingston, on the 20th, a place of 15,000 inhabitants, and spoke to an immense audience at the skating rink. Near the close of the meeting some 500 Orangemen gathered on the outside and made the night hideous. When the meeting closed and Mr. O'Brien appeared outside, the mob raised savage yells, and cried "There he is," and rushed across the street. Cobble stones and bricks began flying like hail. Women screamed and general confusion reigned. "Oh, they're at it again," said O'Brien in a tone of mournful regret, more than of anger. "Yes, yes," roared the mob, "There he is," "Drag him out here on the street." "Kill him," "Choke him," "Tear him asunder," and they almost burst through O'Brien's bodyguard, which consisted of American special correspondents and local officers of the national league. A man charged hats with O'Brien and he was rushed to a place of security, but not before he was hit in the neck with a stone. The police were in sympathy with the rioters, and made no arrests. As a matter of spite the office of an Irish Catholic newspaper was destroyed, and then the mob dispersed. The Mayor made no attempt to prevent the riot and did not appear until it was over.

Political and Personal

The remains of Vicar-General Quinn, who recently died at Paris, have arrived at New York. The interment will be from the cathedral.

It is now decided that Mr. Blaine will not spend the summer in Europe, or that he will go to Europe at all. On the contrary it is said he that he will put in the season at Bar Harbor.

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.

May 17th, was quite extensively observed in the Northwest as the 73rd anniversary of the independence of Norway, Swedes and Danes joining with the Norwegians in the parades, speeches and other festivities.

Ex-Gov. "Extra Billy" Smith, died at Warren, Va., on the 18th. For upwards of sixty years he had been conspicuously identified with the affairs of Virginia as lawyer, legislator, congressman and governor, serving several terms in congress and two terms as governor. Had he lived until September he would have been ninety years of age.

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.

The President has appointed Major J. L. Rathbone of California, Consul General at Paris. Maj. Rathbone was born in Albany, N. Y., of which city his father was mayor.

He was educated at West Point and served for several years on the staff of Maj. Gen. Schofield. After resigning from the army, 15 years ago, he located in California, where he became one of the foremost citizens of the Golden State.

Senator Beck of Kentucky, in an interview at Chicago, said of the Inter-State Commerce law, that while he voted for the law, he was not as much in favor of it then as he is now. He has come to the conclusion that the new law is a beneficial one, much more than he had anticipated, and hereafter he will be a strong champion of it. He is especially impressed with the power of the new law in putting an end to certain monopolies, the principal one being the Standard Oil company, which will hereafter be deprived of many benefits it now enjoys, for the railways will no longer be able to pay secret rebates of 40 per cent of the rate received for freight.

Editor O'Brien reached Niagara Falls, at two o'clock Sunday morning and a crowd of several hundred were in waiting to receive him. He remained in his room all day and applications were made to visit Rochester, Buffalo, Philadelphia and other cities. The doctors say that the cartilages of Mr. O'Brien's right hand and 13 ribs are partially detached. There is also an indentation in the cartilages themselves and inflammation of the base of the lungs is the result, and besides, O'Brien is suffering from a severe cold. Mr. O'Brien could say but little about his recent trip, as the condition was so serious that the doctor told him he would be probably laid up for three weeks.

The visit of Editor O'Brien to Toronto, on the 17th, produced a day of excitement in that city. He addressed a great audience in Queen's Park, and succeeded in making a speech, though there were rowdy interruptions that marred the occasion. These friendly to him were in a majority among the populace and his keen thrusts at Landstam were heartily cheered. A great crowd gathered in the evening around the hotel where Mr. O'Brien was stopping composed of those hostile to him, but notwithstanding he ventured out for a walk, the crowd following, hooting and jeering and quite a riot ensued between the friends and foes of the Irish Champion, in the course of which O'Brien took refuge in a store to avoid violence and the mob satisfied their hot passion with damaging the store and throwing missiles at O'Brien's friends.

Fires and Casualties.

Dispatches received from various points throughout Manitoba report serious losses during the past week to settlers by prairie fires and heavy windstorms. Near Prairie Hills Messrs. Black, Crogan and Crompton were burned out. At Bamaley, Katespew, Gladstone and McGregor several settlers lost their stables and barns. At Plum Creek, Croshawite's agricultural warehouse was blown down and the roof of the Crescent hotel blown off.

The upper peninsula of Michigan, has, within the space of ten or twelve days seen over 3,000,000 worth of property disappear under raging, consuming forest fires. The greatest disaster centered at one point was at Lake Linden, Houghton county, a village of twenty-five hundred inhabitants, where 270 buildings were burned, leaving but two standing in the business portion. Three hundred families were deprived of their homes and all their possessions. The loss there is estimated at \$1,500,000.

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A mob of Hungarian and negro coal strikers, numbering 500, raided Emerson, Pa., and destroyed \$50,000 worth of property, besides brutally beating peaceable laborers.

An Express train on the Missouri Pacific R. R. was stopped at McNeil station Texas, on the night of the 20th, by a dozen heavily armed train robbers, and \$4,000 secured from the Express company safe. The robbers did not interfere with the mail or molest the passengers.

A mysterious robbery took place in Greenville, O., May 20, at the residence of John W. Spady, a wealthy citizen. He was at home at the time. The robbers got \$17,000 in currency and gold. Both Mr. and Mrs. Spady are so much excited that they can give no statement of how the theft occurred.

Abner G. Cody, one of the most expert passers of counterfeit money in the United States, has been arrested near Painted Post, Steuben Co., N. Y. He is seventy-two years old, and has been in the business since he was sixteen years old. Government officers have been hunting him for ten years.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Mr. Parnell is said to be haunted with the idea that some one is trying to poison him. Fierce gales are reported in various parts of England and Scotland. Many wrecks are said to have occurred on the coasts.

The Emperor William has ordered the inauguration of the Baltic canal to take place June 3, as he has to attend the celebration at Leignitz June 5 of the seventieth anniversary of his appointment as colonel of the King's grenadiers.

A Vienna dispatch says a more hopeful view prevails among Austrian statesmen of the European situation. The Emperor, in closing the Hungarian diet next week, is expected to emphasize his confidence in the preservation of peace.

London Cable to New York Evening Post: It is no longer possible to disregard the rumors which have repeatedly gained currency lately concerning Mr. Parnell's health. His private life, as every one knows, is passed in the most complete seclusion. The Irish members, even if they knew, would not, of course, communicate to the outside world any unwelcome news about him. From another and trustworthy source, however, I learn that the health of the Irish leader is not only bad but alarming. My informant went so far as to add that even his participation in the future political struggle is doubtful. I have reason to believe, but cannot state positively, that his disease is cancer of the stomach.

MINNESOTA.

Mrs. E. L. Hersey and Mrs. C. N. Nelson of Stillwater, have gone to Europe.

Hon. Knute Nelson will speak at Alexandria on Decoration day, and H. L. Gordon at Anoka.

Charles C. Maginnis, Mayor of Morris has been appointed Receiver of Public Moneys at Duluth.

Numerous cases of measles are reported among children at Owatonna, Minn., and a few deaths have occurred. Three horses valued at \$600, the property

of Geo. Nelson, living near Litchfield were killed on Saturday because of glanders.

Col. William Collville, a veteran of Gettysburg, has been appointed Register of the Duluth land office, vice Marble, resigned.

The Minnesota companies that participate in the National drill, left for Washington on the 20th. Gov. McGill and members of his staff, with their families were of the party.

A Cannon Falls, Goodhue county, Minn. on the morning of the 21st, twenty-five business houses, in the business center of the town, were destroyed by fire, and the loss is stated to be \$350,000.

Congressman McDonald of Minnesota arrived at Washington last week to remain until after the National drill. An incident of his visit is said to be the appointment of Col. Collville to the Duluth land office.

The date for the band convention at Rochester, has been set for June 23 and 24. Bands intending to compete for the \$300 offered in prizes should send in their names to Prof. B. F. McCosh at Rochester.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission through Judge Cooley have informed Mr. Hanley of the Minnesota and Northwestern R. R., that the Commission has no power to permanently suspend any section of the law.

The St. Paul White Lead and oil works, containing \$75,000 worth of manufactured goods, took fire on the 30th, from the engine room and came near destruction, but were saved with the damage of \$5,000. Two small houses adjacent burned.

The Minnesota companies A, and D, reached Washington Sunday evening and went at once into camp. Gov. McGill is the guest of J. H. Porter, of the Treasury department, and others of the party are at Senator McMillan's boarding place on C street.

At Duluth, Monday afternoon. Mrs. H. Smith, wife of the cashier of the Merchants National bank, was out driving with her brother when the horse took fright and started on a run. Mrs. Smith was thrown out of her seat striking on her head, causing concussion of the brain. The injuries will likely prove fatal.

At Anoka, on Sunday, Mr. A. Herriek lost his eight year old son in a very painful manner. The boy went out to the stable in the morning, and in playing near the horses was kicked in the face. His jawbone was broken in three places and the base of his brain badly injured. After remaining unconscious during the day the little fellow died at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Some horses were stolen from Collinwood on May 14. Sheriff Holm started in pursuit the next day, followed the thief to Murray county, where he arrested him and secured the horses. The young man with whom the horses were found denies having stolen them, but says they were delivered to him by others. He gives his name as James Martin. He has waived examination and been committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

For want of witness fees at the disposal of the United States marshal, no grand or petit jurors will be drawn for the June term of the United States district court at Winona. Upon communicating this fact to Judge Nelson, of the district court, an adjournment will be taken to Sept. 1, at which time witnesses can appear and persons out on bail will receive notice accordingly. The grand and petit jurors will be drawn from a box at Winona for 1st of September.

A meeting has been held at Fergus Falls, for the formation of the Swan Lake Assembly as a co-acton. The plan is to form a stock company, purchase grounds at Swan lake, erect buildings and run it on the same principle as the Chautauque assembly in New York. J. J. Hill has agreed to lay side tracks and take stock. Rev. Hingsley states that no move toward organizing will be made until the full amount of stock has been subscribed, 300 shares at \$10 each. Forty shares were taken at the meeting. Swan Lake is five miles from Fergus Falls.

From a nitro-glycerine explosion at Spirit Lake, at noon on the 18th, Duluth and West Superior and the surrounding country had a taste of earthquake vibrations. In the 20x48 dynamite factory of the Bay City Company were over four tons of nitro-glycerine, mostly in tin cans and the explosion tore open the ground 100x40 feet to the depth of 12 to 40 feet, leaving huge cracks in the earth for a considerable distance around. The 20 iron tanks used at the works were twisted up like bits of paper, and two large water tanks entirely disappeared. It is thought two men were at the works at the time and if so, their fate is not uncertain. The nearest house, 1,000 feet distant had one side blown out and Mrs. Sayre, wife of the owner, was injured. Other houses, farther away were damaged. At Duluth, seven miles distant, and West Superior 6 miles, windows and crockery were broken by the violence of the upheaval. The occasion of the explosion will probably never be known.

A general meeting of the committees having in charge the preparations for entertaining the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at Sauk Centre from June 6 to June 10, was held on Saturday. The grounds selected are at the foot of Third street, on lands on which the proposed Minneapolis & Pacific railway depot is to be located. The grounds have been laid out into streets and alleys, preparatory to erecting tents and booths. A large tent, 40x30 feet, has been furnished for amusements, and about 400 small tents belonging to the state are to be erected. A large flag-staff, with flag, will point out the location, and a 12 pound field piece will break the morning slumbers. The committee on decorations will erect some very tasty and extensive pieces, and public and private buildings, business places and residences will be decorated. More flags and bunting will be displayed than ever before in the history of the city. The committee on invitations reports that the Governor and his staff, all the state's delegation in congress and many other prominent citizens of this state are to be present. Gen. R. F. Cateson, of Gen. Logan's staff, will be the grand marshal and have charge of the parade. The largest Grand Army of the Republic gathering in the history of the state is expected, and ample preparations will be made for the entertainment of all.

DAKOTA.

The South Dakota Educational association will meet in Mitchell June 29 and 30.

Adjutant General Tyner has ordered the election of officers of the Second regiment, D. N. G.

Twenty-one churches were represented at the meeting of the Central Dakota Associa-

tion of Congregational churches at Watertown on the 18th.

Sanders Olson, who has been in jail at Highmore, a short time, bound over to await the grand jury under charge of the murder of his wife, committed suicide in jail on the 17th by hanging himself with a towel. He was 45 years old and left five children.

The Sheriff of Grand Forks made the capture in Northwood of Carl P. Baxter, a farmer, believed to be hopelessly insane. He cleaned out several houses in his neighborhood by frightening the inhabitants with his strange conduct. The insanity board will examine him.

Thirty-seven places of business were destroyed by fire at Minot, Monday afternoon comprising about one half of the town. The fire started in a livery at his and its origin is unknown. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, with very little insurance. The burned section will be speedily rebuilt.

The Grand Lodge Dakota I. O. O. F., concluded its session at Grand Forks, on the 19th. Grand Master Harvey J. Rice announced the following gentlemen to fill the appointive offices for the ensuing year: Grand Chaplain, Rev. George W. Freeman, Elk Point; grand marshal, C. R. Lavalley, Reynolds; grand conductor, E. E. Overholser, St. Lawrence; grand herald, J. W. Wallace Bell, Kimball; grand guardian, F. H. Sturzemacker, Ellendale; finance committee, F. S. Langdon, Casselton; C. S. Loetster, Ellendale; J. B. Smart, Eden. The next annual meeting will be held at Huron.

Watertown Telegram: Decisions from Judge Spencer in the attachment cases on the lumber stock of Beede & Bray have been received dissolving the attachments on property amounting to \$14,000. The case of the county against the saloonkeepers was decided in favor of the county. This decision compels saloons of incorporated cities to pay county as well as city licenses, and affects all cities in the territory. It is probably the most important decision rendered this year. In interviews, three of the five commissioners of this county are found to be prohibitionists, and have already passed a resolution refusing to license any saloon in the county.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of Redfield College, the plan of W. H. Hammond, a Mitchell architect, was accepted. The building will be one of the handsomest in the James river valley. The cornerstone will be laid July 4 with a grand celebration. An orator is to be secured in New York for the occasion; a banquet will be given; and special trains will run, and no pains will be spared to make the day a fitting commemoration of the history of an institution of learning second to none in the West. The building will be completed Sept. 1, 1887. By vote of the board, only the academic, normal, business and musical courses will be opened for next year, but each of these will be up to the New England standard characteristic of all Congregational institutions of learning.

WISCONSIN.

A German farmer was killed by lightning near Wilson, Wis., Saturday.

The Janesville Knights of Labor will celebrate July 4th, and lodges from the southern part of the state will join. General Worthy Foreman Griffith will be the orator.

Forest fires, doing vast damage, have prevailed along the Black and Eau Claire rivers, even logs in the rivers burning, the streams being very low. From Chippewa Falls fires are reported as spreading through the timber, and damage has already begun on Court D'Oreilles reservation.

Under the new law Gov. Rusk has appointed the following game wardens:

H. D. Farquharson, Rosobel; W. Y. Wentworth, Ft. Atkinson; F. J. Bartels, Ellis Junction; John P. White, Alma. They are empowered to appoint deputy wardens for the various counties. The wardens serve two years and are entitled to \$50 each year inclusive of expenses.

Mrs. Langtry and Fred Gebhardt, according to a Madison dispatch, were in that city on Sunday enroute to St. Paul. They employed the early evening in a two-mile pedestrian jaunt through the most beautiful residential part of the city, along the lake shores, and were recognized and curiously regarded. Mrs. Langtry was attired in a street gown which, though simple, fitted her handsome figure finely and looked very pretty. She cast many arch glances at her escort who contentedly sauntered along much of the time carrying his hat in his hand because of the excessive heat. At 7 o'clock the couple entered their private car and an hour later were rapidly rolling northward.

THE MARKETS.

Table with market prices for various goods including grain, flour, and livestock. Columns include item names, prices per unit, and dates like 'St. Paul May 24' and 'Chicago, May 24'.