

CURRENT COMMENT.

IMPORTERS of Sumatra tobacco ask that duty be assessed at 35 cents instead of 75 cents per pound.

BRITISH Chambers of Commerce will issue a protest against the Canadian import duties on iron and steel.

It is stated on high authority that a reconciliation between the Vatican and the Italian Government is only a question of time.

GOV. HILL, is understood to have invited the President and party to visit him in Albany on their return from the Adirondacks.

HOWELLS, the novelist, says that he writes his stories to please himself and not the people who read them. This explains a good many things.

THE price of coffee has gone up forty points within a week. The chicory crop is a failure and dealers expect to be forced to use coffee in their coffee.

LADY RANDOLPH CHURCHILL, in a letter to a New York relative, says that she hopes to be in America with her husband for a month or two this year.

THE BRECHER memorial fund is gradually and satisfactorily growing to the amount needed to erect the monument. The sum now in the hands of the committee is nearly \$22,000.

DONALD G. MITCHELL, pleasantly known to many thousand American readers as "Ik Marvel," has wholly given over literary work, and is spending his quiet evening of life on a farm near New Haven, Conn. He is 65 years old.

THERE reside in Lowell, Mass., three men who were present at the laying of the corner stone of the Bunker Hill monument sixty-two years ago, all members of the old Concord Light Infantry—E. B. Path, Isaac Deming and James Russell.

A MONUMENT to Gen. James B. Steedman was unveiled at Toledo, Ohio, last week. It was erected at the expense of a New York man who was with Gen. Steedman at Chickamauga and believes the honor of that day belongs to him.

JAMES LICK died in San Francisco ten years ago, leaving in the hands of trustees an estate of about \$3,000,000, to be divided among various charitable and scientific societies. The estate is yet unsettled, but the trustees have drawn over \$400,000 in salaries and have paid out nearly \$200,000 in lawyer's fees.

MR. COLEMAN, United States Commissioner of Agriculture, speaks hopefully of the new method of obtaining sugar from sugar-cane by diffusion. On returning from a recent trip to Louisiana to investigate the operation he is convinced that the process will prove successful. Cane which under ordinary circumstances and methods will yield eighty pounds of sugar to the ton yields 140 pounds under this process.

MISS ANITA LUCILE CODY, daughter of "Buffalo Bill," is a beautiful brunet of 22 summers, is tall, has a pretty figure, and is vivacious and well educated. She sailed for England Tuesday, accompanied by a chaperon. Her father telegraphed for her to come to London the day after Queen Victoria paid the Wild West a royal visit. When she arrived in New York last Saturday she received a letter from her father saying that she will be received at court.

THE New York Staats-Zeitung, which cannot fairly be accused of prejudice in the case, has been making an investigation of the present strength of the Knights of Labor in the metropolis as compared with the membership of a year ago, and the result shows a loss of over 50 per cent. Stated in exact figures, the total membership has decreased in that time from 97,432 to 43,192. Several things are mentioned as contributing causes of this large falling off; but the main one, according to the best testimony, is the dissatisfaction growing out of unsuccessful and injurious strikes.—Ex.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Domestic News

Queen Victoria's 63rd birthday was celebrated on the 24th in the many domes where on the British flag waves supreme.

The order of Commissioner Coleman, quarantining Cook county on account of pleuro-pneumonia, created great excitement among Chicago cattle dealers and others, until it was learned that the order did not apply to cattle in transit.

A singular accident occurred Friday night on the Pennsylvania road, not far from Altoona, to the fast west bound train, the wheel of a freight train car bursting and crashing into a passenger car killing four men and injuring several others.

The Canadian fisher Advance has sailed for the western fishing grounds. The cruiser Triumph has reported at Shelburne. A dispatch from that place reports a large number of American schooners off the coast but says no fish have been taken yet.

The Montreal express train which left Troy at 11:30 o'clock p. m., Friday met with an accident above Addison Junction. Four cars fell 15 feet into Lake Champlain. Express messenger L. V. Thayer and Baggage-man James Cobine were slightly injured.

The business of the government up to the 28th, indicates a large reduction of the public debt. The receipts to date are \$11,385,021, and expenditures \$20,546,838; surplus for the month \$10,738,188. The expenditure included about \$10,000,000 paid on accounts of pensions.

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.

A. McDonald, Pa., special of the 25th says: During a storm at midnight, lightning struck a French boarding house and instantly killed two boarders named Abel Arquin and Ferdinand Pourbid, who were asleep in bed on the third floor. The fluid descended to the second floor and seriously injured two children.

The United States supreme court rendered decisions in about 50 cases. The telephone cases, however, were not among them and only a few of the judgments announced were of general interest. The court denied the petition for a hearing of the Maxwell land grant case. The court has adjourned for the term.

The Interior Department has approved the right of way of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway Company through that portion of the Blackfoot reservation in Montana, lying within the jurisdiction of the Ft. Peck Indian agency. The distance is 177 miles. The number of acres required is 3,508, for which the company pays 50 cents per acre.

Reports from nearly every town and village in the upper peninsula, and from a number of points in Northern Wisconsin, say the forest fires are all out. Rain has fallen every day since Saturday. No further damage is feared. Calumet and Red Jacket raised \$3,000 each for the Lake Linden sufferers, and Houghton and Hancock as much more. Marquette contributed \$2,000 and Ishpeming the same. Contributions are pouring in rapidly from all parts of the country. It is estimated that \$100,000 is needed immediately. The State legislature has appropriated \$20,000.

At New Haven, Conn., Mrs. Patrick O'Brien placarded her house on the Queen Victoria's birthday, one of the bullions reading: "God Save Ireland from the widow of John Brown." Crowds gathered in front of the house all day and night. The street was impassable for a block in the vicinity of the house. The crowd was composed of the Irish element throughout, and Mrs. O'Brien was cheered time and again. The celebration wound up by the burning of effigies of the Queen and Lord Lansdowne. A huge bonfire was built and while the effigies were being destroyed, the crowd howled in joy and discharged an abundance of fire crackers.

Ten thousand people assembled at Hamilton depot to receive and welcome Editor O'Brien on his arrival at 2:55 Monday afternoon. The great crowd was briefly addressed by Mr. O'Brien from his hotel balcony and the evening meeting at the Palace rink was a grand affair and the address of the orator was as incisive and outspoken as usual. After the meeting Mr. O'Brien left for his hotel in a carriage which was fired upon and the driver wounded. Eggs were thrown and a bloody spirit manifested by a few, who escaped any attention from the police. Mr. O'Brien and his party suffered no injury beyond the excitement of the occasion.

United States Treasurer Hyatt assumed the duties of his office on Tuesday, and the Acting Secretary appointed a committee to make an examination of the books and assets of the office of the United States treasurer incident to the transfer of that office from Mr. Jordan to Mr. Hyatt. The examination will consist of an actual count of all the money in the treasury, including \$13,000,000 in paper money, \$200,000,000 in vaults; \$85,000,000 in the gold vault; \$20,000,000 in standard silver dollars; \$25,000,000 in gold coin, and a small quantity of fractional silver. The committee is making this count will have the assistance of 75 persons, including expert counters.

Fires and Casualties. The dry goods establishment of H. P. Wasson & Co., of Indianapolis, was discovered to be on fire Friday, and before the flames were subdued it was badly damaged. Mr. Wasson estimates the loss at \$50,000, and the insurance adjuster at \$30,000.

The loss at Lake Linden foots up \$2,000,000 and the insurance \$427,000. On the 22d, \$15,000 had been raised in Calumet, Red Jacket, Hancock and Houghton for the sufferers by fire, and subscriptions are coming in liberally from all parts of the state. Great suffering must ensue unless money and clothing comes immediately. A number of large wholesale houses in Milwaukee, Chicago, Detroit and other cities telegraphed aid. Only one man lost his life.

Crimes. At Morris, Ills., Henry Schwartz and Newton Watt, brakeman and baggage master on the Rock Island R. R., convicted of the murder of K. Egg Nichols the Express messenger, have been sentenced to the penitentiary for life in accordance with the verdict of the jury. The prisoners will not be taken to the penitentiary probably until their case has been taken to the Supreme Court, which will be in about a month.

Political and Personal. President and Mrs. Cleveland left Wash-

ington Thursday to spend a couple of weeks at Lake Saranac, in the Adirondacks.

J. K. Stone, of Minnesota has been appointed timber depreciation agent at \$1,800, and A. W. Stiles, of Minnesota, has been transferred from the treasury department to the land office.

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.

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.

The following appointments were made on the 26th, W. L. Reid, Virginia, assistant register of the treasury; E. H. Lacombe, New York city, additional circuit judge in the Second judicial circuit, New York; and Richard H. Schooley, Rochester, N. Y., commercial agent at Port Rowan, Canada. Lacombe is at present Corporation Counsel in New York City, but accepts the Judgeship, a life appointment, with the salary of \$8,000 a year.

President Cleveland decides that he cannot attend the dedication of the soldiers and sailors monument at New Haven, Conn., June 17. In his letter to Mayor York he says: "The citizens of a state so rich as yours in honorable traditions; related to heroic sacrifice and so full of the sturdy which a hardy love of liberty teaches, do well to erect to the memory of her fallen heroes monuments which shall constantly remind future generations that all they enjoy was dearly bought, and their inheritance of peaceful prosperity is charged with an obligation of honor and affection for those from whom it descended and with a duty of its preservation, by the exercise of patriotic citizenship. Yours very truly, GROVER CLEVELAND."

Editor O'Brien paid his final visit to Montreal on Friday and was given a magnificent and enthusiastic reception, Irish, French Canadian and City societies joining in the demonstration, fully eight thousand men carrying torches at the evening parade. On the principal street along the route the houses were illuminated and electric lights and fireworks flashed. Mr. O'Brien stood on the upper gallery of Larin's hotel, from which the speeches were made. Spread out in front and on the neighboring streets were at least 30,000 persons. The Irish boys shouted "A Bas Lansdowne," and thousands of French citizens present took up the cry "Down with Lansdowne," "Land for the people," "Lansdowne must go," "Home rule," "God save Ireland," "French and Irish join hands," and "Down with Orangemen." were some of the mottoes on the flags. When O'Brien came to the front an indescribable scene followed. At the close of the meeting resolutions denouncing Lansdowne were passed with enthusiasm. The crowd returned to the hotel with a strong body guard surrounding O'Brien's carriage. At a subsequent banquet Mr. O'Brien announced the close of his Canadian mission, which he declared had been more successful than he had even hoped for. He left for Boston Saturday.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

A cyclone has visited Calcutta. Four ships are reported missing and one has foundered.

Bismarck will be prevented by muscular rheumatism from going to Freiderichruhe as usual.

30 lives are now reported to have been lost by the burning of the Opera Comique, and great excitement exists at Paris.

A procession of unemployed people in Dublin, Ireland, carrying the black flag, skull and crossbones was dispersed by the police.

The Opera Comique at Paris, the oldest play-house at the French capital was wholly consumed by fire on the 25th, while a play was in progress. One actress was burned to death in her dressing room and fourteen lost their lives. The number of injured approximates one hundred.

A dispatch from Odessa says that Wednesday night, while the czar and czarina were driving in an open carriage from a ball given by members of the nobility at Nova Teherkast, a shot was fired at them from the crowd on the street. Great uproar followed. The man who fired the shot was so maltreated by the people that he was insensible when the police secured him. The culprit had in his possession a bottle of poison, six cartridges, a revolver, and a dagger. He refuses to answer questions.

Evictions are being carried on at Bodeky attended by exciting scenes. A fight occurred, and the police charged the people with batons. The sheriff in command was seized with epilepsy. A truce was had at once, and was used by the people to strengthen their defenses. The persons to be evicted are all barricaded in their homes, and have plenty of friends along to assist in resisting the police. It is believed that severe fighting and even bloodshed are inevitable.

DAKOTA.

At Milbank, on the 27th Geo. W. Bartlett, city marshall, a soldier of the late war, fell dead from heart disease.

At the Broadlawn farm, eight miles from Hope, Steele County, on the 24th inst., John W. Smith, aged 23, a native of New York, recently of Minneapolis was killed by the premature discharge of a Hercules powder cartridge which he was sinking to blast rock in an artesian well. Both legs were blown off and he was disemboweled. He lived about 45 minutes after the accident.

Dr. Langdon, Deputy Territorial Veterinarian, has issued orders to the railroad companies to admit no stock to the Territory without bills of health unless inspected on entrance. All cattle from Illinois, Virginia, and Vermont are quarantined until further orders.

Henry C. Reese, of Huron, was found in a box car at Salem Tuesday morning, crushed to death by lumber with which the car was loaded. He left the day before in search of work, and his wife and six children are in almost destitute circumstances.

York for the occasion; a banquet will be given; special trains will run, and no pains will be spared to make the day a fit beginning 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.

MINNESOTA.

Crittenden's saw and feed mill at Chatfield, burned on the 24th. Loss \$2,000, no insurance.

The President has appointed Alex. D. Ross post-master at Litchfield, Meeker county, by request of Congressman McDonald, to take effect July 1.

Fire originating in a smoke house at Austin damaged business property to the amount of nearly \$17,000, on the 25th. Insurance about one half.

Company A., of Minneapolis was the first company to appear in the national prize drill at Washington. It did very well although not winning.

The Brewers National Association held its annual meeting at Baltimore last week and adjourned to meet at St. Paul for its session in 1888.

The Wisconsin Central R. R., has decided to build extensive repair shops at St. Paul to be completed within a year, and has purchased the land for the site.

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 \$250,000.

At Hawley, at 3 a. m., on the 26th, the farmer's elevator burned with over 30,000 bushels of wheat. It is thought to have been the work of tramps. Loss, \$25,000. The elevator will be rebuilt.

While the family of Michael Dooley, three miles from Kilkenny, were working in the cornfield, their house and contents were consumed by fire. Nothing was saved. Cause unknown. Loss \$2,700.

Fire at Elgin on the 24th, burned a hotel one residence and two barns, most of the contents being saved. The fire originated from an unjointed stove-pipe in the hotel. Total loss \$6,000, insurance \$3,250.

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.

On the 26th, a freight train westward bound, at Norwich, twelve miles east of Minot, left the track, causing the death of Engineer Posey Miller and Brakeman Louis Brainard. The accident was caused by the displacement of a switch.

Thomas Hogan, one of the crew of the steamer Glenmont, was drowned at 11 o'clock Tuesday night at Chimney Rock, 20 miles above Wadena. The boat had landed to make repairs and while several men were turning the paddle wheel three were thrown into the water. Hogan could not swim and went down before aid could reach him. He was a single man.

Parties washing sheep in Lake Preston near Hutchinson on Friday found the body of a man disfigured beyond identification, but there were such marks as to lead to the supposition that it was the body of a man. It is thought that it is the body of David Topf, a well known person of considerable means, who had not been seen around the past week.

Wm. Gilbert, a traveling man for the Rutan manufacturing company of Chicago, was found dying about one o'clock Thursday morning upon the rear second story stoop of a colored bungalow in St. Paul. A post mortem examination was made and reported to the Coroner's inquest Thursday, the verdict rendered being in accordance with the testimony of the surgeons to the effect that the man came to his death by a fit of apoplexy, and implicating no one as to the cause of his death.

At Lake McCarron, 3 miles from St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Davis and Mr. McCarron were in a row boat fishing, Monday afternoon. By a misstep the boat was capsized in 14 feet of water, six rods from shore. Mr. Davis caught his wife on one arm and supported her and swam ashore, using the other arm. He then rendered material assistance to Mr. McCarron, who, but for this aid would have been drowned. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are the parents of Ex-Gov. C. K. Davis, and aged 75 and 72 years respectively.

The prizes for the infant companies contesting in the National drill at Washington were awarded Monday, Gen. Sheridan making the announcement. Co. D., of St. Paul, took the second prize. The award of prizes is as follows: First prize, \$5,000, \$2,500, Company D., St. Paul; second prize, \$1,000, Belknap Rifles, Texas; fourth prize, \$500, National Rifles, Washington; fifth prize, \$500, San Antonio Rifles, Texas. Company D., will give a reception upon its return to St. Paul.

The details of a frightful crime are given in a dispatch from Fergus Falls, committed in the township of St. Olaf, Otter Tail county. The victim was Lillian Field, daughter of Mrs. A. W. Field. The family consisted of Mrs. Field, her grown-up son, Lillian and a 4-year-old boy. Friday morning Mrs. Field and her son went to Fergus Falls, leaving the two children at home with the hired man, Nels Olson Holong. Soon after they started he sent the boy to a neighbor's. When he returned Lillian and the hired man could not be found, and on search the body horribly mutilated was found in a hog pasture, concealed with brush. He not only cut her throat but disembowled her and mutilated her in other ways. His object in committing the crime is not known. It is reported that Holong is almost an idiot. After committing the crime he took a rifle belonging to Mr. Field, and has not been seen since. A. W. Field, the father of the girl, was quite a well known breeder of fine sheep. He committed suicide about a year ago.

A Washington special gives a readable account of the call of Gov. McGill and staff, with Congressman McDonald and Ex-Congressman Straight upon President Cleveland. The party were cordially received. Among the number was Master Cain, son of Col. Field, and has not been seen since. As the call of Gov. McGill's staff. As the Congressman McDonald led the little fellow up to the President and introduced him. The President took his hand and greeted

him very kindly. Judge McDonald then presented the President with a blank card, saying, "Mr. President, Master Cain is desirous of procuring your autograph. Will kindly favor him with it?" The President replied, "With the greatest of pleasure." He stepped to his desk, sat down and wrote his name with the date, enclosed it in an envelope, and handed it to the lad. While writing the President asked the boy what he was going to do with the autograph. The little fellow was too embarrassed to reply, but Judge McDonald said, "He will keep it as an inspiration to prompt him to vote the Democratic ticket when he becomes of age." The President laughed heartily for he presented for that purpose. Master Cain is proud of a souvenir that few of the thousands now here carry away with them. All present heartily enjoyed the incident.

WISCONSIN.

In the case of William Barnes trustee, appellant, vs. the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company, appeal from the United States circuit court for the Eastern district of Wisconsin, Chief Justice Waite delivered the opinion of the supreme court Monday affirming the decree of the circuit court dismissing the bill.

The Chippewa Falls woolen mills were badly damaged by fire on the 24th. The fire evidently originated from spontaneous combustion, as the building was not opened until the flames were discovered. The loss on the building was \$1,500; on the machinery \$10,000; on the latter there was an insurance of \$10,000 in outside companies.

Mrs. Alexander Mitchell of Milwaukee is not satisfied with the provision made for her in her husband's will, of \$300,000, the homestead and \$50,000 a year during her life. Her dower interest in the estate is two and a half million dollars and it is understood that she will make a stand for that method of settlement. She is not qualified as an executor and it is known that she has had a representative engaged in making an appraisal of the estate. An intimate friend of the family is authority for the statement that should Mrs. Mitchell prefer to stand on her dower right rather than accept the conditions of the will the matter will be quietly settled in that way without litigation or publicity.

IOWA.

Frank Branden, a youth of eighteen years was drowned Friday a mile below the city of Dubuque under singular circumstances. He was on the river with a skiff and went ashore, leaving the craft on the beach. When he returned he discovered that a passing raft steamer had washed the skiff aft and sent it down stream. To regain it he stripped off to swim, became chilled and exhausted in the long struggle and was drowned. The body was recovered.

At Des Moines, last winter Constable Pierce went to the post office ostensibly to subpoena a man man as a witness, and on being ordered out, refused to go, until the officers appeared. He was arrested and bail was given for his appearance before the federal court on the 25th. His case came up for hearing on the charge of obstructing the mails, and after a short absence the jury rendered a verdict of guilty. Sentence has not yet been imposed.

At Oskaloosa, on Monday, Wm. Andrews, an amateur balloonist undertook an ascension with a large crowd for witnesses. The balloon was inflated with hot air and rose rapidly to a height of about seven hundred feet, Andrews clinging to a trapeze. Suddenly it was observed that the balloon had caught fire, and Andrews was seen climbing upward to its mouth and endeavoring to put out the fire. His efforts were unsuccessful, and in two or three minutes the collapse came and the aeronaut came crashing down from the awful height and fell upon the roof of a business block, the body being crushed beyond recognition.

Inscription on an Ancient Bedstead.

In a mediæval ballad there is mention made of "four gospels on the four pillars, and heads of angels all of one mold." The invocation still in use in some of the English country places is an echo of this old custom: "Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, Bless the bed that I sleep on. Two angels at my head, Four angels round my bed; Two to watch and two to pray, And two to carry my soul away."

THE MARKETS.

Table with market prices for St. Paul, May 31 and Minneapolis, May 31. Includes categories like GRAIN, FLOUR, WHEAT, and LIVE STOCK with various sub-items and prices.