

CURRENT COMMENT.

It is not considered good taste to wear much jewelry in very warm weather.

A VISITOR to Abbottsford records in Cleveland Leader his failure to find a single American book among the 20,000 volume collected there.

EDWARD COOPER and Mrs. Hewitt children of Peter Cooper, have given \$190,000 more to the endowment of Cooper union, New York.

DAVID DUDLEY FIELD has gone to Europe, and will attend several international conferences of English and European jurists while abroad.

CANNON WILBERFORCE, in his Boston lecture: "From all the cold, calculating orthodoxy, and unfeeling, religiosity, good Lord deliver me."

CHIEF Engineer Melville the Arctic explorer, is on duty at the navy department in connection with the tests of machinery for the new cruisers.

THOMAS BALL, the Boston sculptor, has completed a colossal statue of P. T. Barnum, ten feet in height, to be placed in the park at Bridgeport, Conn.

MRS. MAGDALENA BOGGS of Milton, Ind., was born in Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 22, 1783, and is therefore nearly 104 years old. She is in pretty good health, but her memory is weak.

MRS. MARGARET E. PARKER of Dundee, Scotland, founder of the British Women's Temperance Association, proposes to bring 1,000 English women to this country to become house servants in California.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER'S "Mexican Notes" are centered upon the picturesque and salubrious cities of Morelia and Patzcuaro in the July Harper's and the description abounds with the usual flow of acute comments and sunny descriptions.

THOMAS county, Kansas, is named after General Thomas, and all the townships in the county are named after soldiers of the Eighth Kansas regiment who were killed in the battle of Chicamanga. That part of Kansas should be especially attractive to the "boys in blue."

THE third of Dr. Ely's second series of "Social Studies" in the July Harper's deals with "The Future of Corporations." The professor argues with great force that the ultimate solution of the labor problems now agitating the world will be achieved in the transformation of corporations into co-operations.

SAM JONES says there are some St. Paul Christians who will not be in Heaven twenty-four hours until they have a real-estate sign swung out and will be trying to sell corner lots in the Celestial City. The statement doesn't sound extravagant in a city where preachers have been known to convert the church study into a real-estate office.—Ex.

JAY GOULD continues in perfect health according to statements sent out from his office. He doesn't come to town, but it is suggested that he is staying away merely to get a chance to enjoy athletic exercises uninterrupted up at Irvington. A doctor visits him regularly, but his calls are supposed to be purely and only of a social character.—New York Times.

THE library of the British Museum now contains more than 2,000,000 books, which occupy three miles lineal of bookcases eight feet high. The library has increased to such an extent that the disposition of the books has become a serious difficulty to the authorities. There is still so much crowding that in a very short time the state of the library will necessitate the building of a new wing, unless other means are devised to obviate the difficulty. The scheme which has now been considered by the trustees, and has received their sanction, is one for the introduction of moveable presses into the library.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Domestic News

The discovery of coal and natural gas is reported ten miles north of Denver.

Street cars in Montgomery, Ala., are being operated by the electric motor system.

The liabilities of Arnold & Co., the swamped New York coffee firm, are said to be \$781,000.

The strike of the shoemakers at Spencer, Mass., has collapsed, the lasters and bottomers returning to work.

Messrs. Whitley, Foster & Kelly, the big reaper firm of Springfield, Ohio, have gone into the hands a receiver.

W. P. Snyder, a New York bank examiner has been appointed receiver of the Fidelity National Bank at Cincinnati, Ohio, and has taken charge.

The Legislature of Missouri has refused to impeach the Democratic State Auditor, recently charged by an investigating committee with the misappropriation of State funds.

The losses of the American Exchange bank at Chicago, by the recent wheat deal and collapse of the Fidelity bank, are reported at \$298,000. The bank is declared solvent.

At Suspension Bridge, N. Y., on the 22nd, Stephen Peer, a shoemaker residing on the Canadian side of the Niagara river, crossed the river, walking upon a five-eighths inch wire cable.

The colored people of St. Louis are making extensive preparations to take part in the reception and entertainment of the Grand Army veterans during their encampment in September.

The annual meeting of the Society of the Army of the Potomac took place at Saratoga, on the 22nd. Gov. Hill and Gen. Sherman reviewed the procession. Chauncey M. De Pew delivered an oration in the evening.

Negotiations are going on looking to the removal of the works of the United States Rolling Stock company from Urbana, Ohio to Decatur, Ala. The company is one of the largest car manufacturing companies in the country.

In the oil exchange at Oil City, Pa., Thursday, Mike Keating failed for \$41. Keating is but 24 years old. Before he was 20 he made a fortune of \$60,000, but afterward lost it; He says he will make up his failure of \$41 and begin over again.

Friday, the 24th, was a quiet day at Cincinnati. Controller Tenholm arrived and took personal charge of the Fidelity bank, and was looking the ground over for the appointment of a receiver. Harper and Hopkins were still in jail, not having secured bail.

The banquet of the Army of the Potomac at Saratoga was attended by over 300 persons. Gen. Sickles was appointed chairman of a committee to make arrangements for the meeting at Gettysburg, in July, 1888, and to invite the Army of Northern Virginia.

Wednesday evening at Wilmington, Del., a violent storm of rain and wind broke over the city raging with unabated fury for an hour. Trees were uprooted, chimneys leveled and houses unroofed. Mrs. James Noble, Mrs. George Doran and her little boy were killed.

A crowd of 5,000 persons witnessed the interstate drill at Louisville on the 23rd. The race for first prize of \$2,000 was between the Montgomery Grays and the Louisville Light Infantry, with the Montgomery True Blues second, and the Detroit City Grays the least in favor.

The Secretary of the Treasury has given general consideration to the plan for the reorganization of the New York custom house, recently reported by the commission. The Secretary approves the plan proposed and will direct that it be put into operation about July 1. Much will be left to the discretion of Collector Magone in carrying out the details of the report.

The Michigan legislature has passed the high license liquor bill. The high-tax men were victorious. By the terms of the agreement the tax is fixed at \$300 for selling malt liquors and \$500 for selling spirituous liquor, an increase of \$100 and \$200 respectively. The bonds must be secured in city, village, or township where the business is carried on. Saloons are allowed to remain open from 6 a. m. to 11 p. m.

There was something of a panic in stocks in Wall Street on Friday, and for a short time things went wild, and nearly the whole list of stocks was raided down several points, but before the close of the day there was a comfortable reaction, caused in part by the presence of Jay Gould, Cyrus W. Field and Russell Sage as buyers. There were no disasters of any moment, and those best informed pronounced the flurry over at the end of business hours.

The extraordinary story comes from New York that Guiteau's head is to be placed on exhibition there. The museum authorities do not know whether the soft parts were actually destroyed or not. They say that this is very possible that instead of destroying the muscles and flesh of the head and neck after it was taken from the bones it might have been preserved and set up, and that it is probably what is referred to above. But the skeleton of Guiteau complete, head and all, is new in the Washington museum.

The developments in the Fidelity bank case at Cincinnati, Ohio, caused the bondsmen of vice-President Harper and Assistant Cashier Hopkins to surrender them, and they were taken into custody, and being unable to secure bondsmen they were taken to jail at eleven o'clock Thursday night. J. W. Wiltshire, the broker, who took the checks of the Fidelity bank to Chicago to try and hold the market was also arrested, and charged with aiding in the willful and unlawful misappropriation of the funds of the bank. He gave bonds in \$85,000.

A Centennial celebration of the framing and promulgation of the constitution of the United States, is to take place at Philadelphia, Sept. 15, 16 and 17. The President of the United States will be present and preside on the 17th. The memorial address will be delivered by Justice Miller, of the supreme court, and there will be a commemorative poem by a national poet. There will be elaborate military and industrial displays and other ceremonies. The militia of the several states are to be invited to appear and to take part in the grand parade. Gov. McGill has appointed ex-Gov. Ramsey as a commissioner from Minnesota.

The National Roman Catholic university will most likely be located at Washington, D. C. Rt. Rev. Bishop John J. Keane, who

has the matter in charge and has just returned from Rome with plenary power in the matter, is an old-time Washington priest. His assistant, a priest at St. Patrick's church, when he was elevated to the bishopric of Richmond. He knows all the advantages which are afforded by the national capital to young men, and is naturally inclined to favor the city where some of his dearest friends reside. The university will cost \$1,000,000 to build and \$200,000 to furnish with all necessary scientific apparatus. New York is bidding for the university, as are several other cities, but it is safe to predict that Bishop Keane will decide upon Washington as the best educational center.

R. G. Dun & Co., in their trade review for the week say: Wheat has fallen about 3 cents. In the stock market, liquidation has been the feature. There is less confidence as to the effects of the interstate act. A heavy increase in shipments by lake and canal is reported, and the enforcement of the law threatens to stop manufacturing and mining at numerous points. Under all the circumstances, the strength of the market is surprising, especially when it is remembered that new securities for several hundred millions have been listed this year. Railroad building seems to have been checked a little. Real estate at the West is still unusually active, and, though the boom is off the boom, no visible reaction in prices is to be expected at present. The business failures during the last seven days number for the United States 171, for Canada 26, total 197, as compared with 213 last week, and 162 in the corresponding week of last year.

The Interior Department has refused to approve the recommendation made by Commissioner Sparks that the pre-emption period of residence be increased from six months to twelve months. Referring to this matter the law officer who prepared the opinion says: We considered the matter fully, and finally decided to keep the rules as they stand now, that the residence period shall not be less than six months, and allow ourselves a margin in our decisions. The fact is that actual residence is not what the law demands in pre-emption entries. It is not contemplated that a man who buys the land from the government at a fair price shall be hampered by any restrictions as to what he shall do with the land. When the government gives a man a homestead it makes it a free gift, with the intention that the man shall make it a homestead for himself.

In their weekly trade review R. G. Dun & Co. congratulate the commercial public that two of the great speculations by which legitimate business has been embarrassed for months have come to an end without disaster to other parties save those who invited disaster. This refers, of course, to the Chicago wheat corner and the New York coffee deal. The cotton prospects are more favorable than for seven years past. The iron market is depressed by the breaking of the coke combination. Railroad earnings continue large. Imports are increasing and exports falling off. Trade generally is in a satisfactory condition, though stringency in the money market is centered from some important financial centers. The business failures in the United States numbered 213, as compared with 155 during the corresponding week of last year, the increase being due to the grain-gamblers' panic.

Bank Examiner Eugene Powell, acting under instructions of Controller Tenholm closed the Fidelity National Bank of Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 21st, and appointed John DeCamp, Vice-President of the Metropolitan National Bank receiver of the Fidelity. This action was necessary by involvement of the bank caused by its support of Joe Wiltshire and Vice-President Harper of the Fidelity, in the smash-up of the Chicago wheat corner, it being claimed that Harper and Cashier Amiel Baldwin and Assistant Cashier Ben E. Hopkins violated the National Bank act in the support of the wheat clique and impaired the resources of their bank. It is unofficially stated that the liabilities of the Fidelity, independent of its capital, are \$5,500,000. The deposits of the Bank amount to \$2,500,000, and the directors think depositors will be paid in full. Before his operations in the Chicago wheat corner, Harper was worth \$2,000,000, which has been swept away by this crisis. It is said the embarrassment of the Fidelity does not involve any of the other banks at Cincinnati or Chicago, and only those engaged in the wheat gambling deal will, in the end, be losers.

Further developments from the Fidelity bank at Cincinnati, put a worse light upon its affairs. Vice-President Harper, Cashier Baldwin and Assistant Cashier Hopkins have been arrested, the first named giving \$75,000 bail, and the others \$10,000. There was talk Wednesday of arresting all the directors. It is stated that Joe Wiltshire used \$1,100,000 of the bank's money and that collateral for other loans were hypothecated in New York and elsewhere. It is the belief of some that Wiltshire acted as the agent of Harper in conducting the wheat deal and was not really a borrower. The grand total of liabilities is put at the minimum \$7,000,000, but may go to \$10,000,000, and the assets will fall from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 below the liabilities. Great blame is laid upon Harper, and all his property is attached. The arrests made place the implicated parties liable to five or ten years in the penitentiary.

Crimes.

Preparations are being made to extradite Wilson, the Philadelphia forger under arrest at Toronto.

John H. Rodman, a St. Louis carpenter, believes that the girl mysteriously murdered at Rahway, N. J., was his daughter Mary.

Brooks, alias Maxwell, the murderer of Freller, against whom the Missouri supreme court has decided, is to be hanged Aug. 12.

James E. Nowling has been convicted at Cambridge, Mass., of murder in the first degree for the killing of Codman, a milk peddler, last winter. Sentence was deferred.

A telegram from Matrona, Pa., reports a small riot there Monday evening between the Pennsylvania Salt works strikers and non-union men. Several shots were fired, and a woman is said to have been fatally injured.

Wednesday morning five men boarded the 1:15 a. m. Grand Trunk train at Fort Gratiot, going east, and held up the passengers. Several lost what money they had and one man lost \$160. Three men have been arrested.

Upon the ground of self-defence Curtis Fisk has been acquitted at Liberty, Sullivan Co., N. Y., of the killing of John Wiley, a man who was visiting the mistress of Fisk a widow who kept the principal hotel in that place.

The Tolliver band of desperadoes that has infested Rowan Co., Ky. for the last years, causing the death of twenty-one persons, was extinguished on the 22nd by the killing of Tolliver and three of his band and the capture of the rest by a Sheriff's posse.

In the vicinity of Albuquerque, New Mex-

ico, for six months an organized system of brigandage has been sweeping the country. Police officers were murdered, train wrecking, jail breaking, horse stealing and other outrages were indulged in. Believing that the condition of affairs need heroic treatment, the citizens of that vicinity have organized a vigilance committee to rid the country of the desperadoes.

John T. Maxwell, a Methodist preacher, on the 22nd shot and killed a man named John Ricketts at Irondale, Alabama. About ten days ago Ricketts went to the house of Maxwell during the latter's absence, and attempted to outrage his wife. Maxwell has since been searching for him, and meeting him for the first time shot him twice with a shot-gun and once with a pistol. Ricketts was a mineral prospector, and leaves a wife and several small children.

Fires and Casualties.

The Tours building, at New Orleans, La., the most imposing business block in the city, burned on the 23rd.

Two six story, one four story factory and a four story tenement house were destroyed by fire at New York, on the 23rd.

Near Longview, Harrison county, Texas, on the 24th, while Frank McIntyre, a colored boy, was handling a gun, it was discharged, blowing off the top of his infant sister's head and wounding his mother. His father had died suddenly the day previous.

At Cambridge, Ohio, on the morning of the 24th, a Baltimore & Ohio fast line train dashing into the rear of a freight train standing on the main track. The passenger engine was demolished, and six cars of the freight train were torn to splinters. Several persons were hurt in the wreck, but no one was fatally injured. Property to the amount of \$30,000 was destroyed.

At Nanticoke Pa., on the 23rd, an explosion of gas occurred in No. 4 Slope of the New Susquehanna Coal company. John McKeasman, James Kelly, Joseph Lesseps and Loty N. McKelvey were killed, Barney and John Skozki fatally, and Norman Thomas slightly injured. The gas was ignited by a powder explosion.

Two passenger trains collided at Haver de Grace Tuesday afternoon. One passenger was killed and a number injured, among the latter, Rev. J. P. Pinkham, of his city of Friends, Minneapolis, Minn., had his arm and shoulder fractured. The collision was due to the failure of air brakes to do their duty, on one of the trains.

At Louisville, Ky., the tobacco ware houses of Thomas H. Glover & Co., Sawyer, Wallace & Co., T. B. Parish & Co., and the boarding house of Mrs. Annie Bender, occupying the square between Main and Market and Ninth and Tenth streets, were totally burned Saturday morning, together with \$60,000 worth of tobacco. The loss is about \$100,000; partially insured. The fire is thought to have been incendiary.

Fire broke out at an early hour Sunday morning in the tank room of the Chicago Packing and Provision Company and before it stopped burned over five acres of buildings and yards owned by that company and Armour & Co., consuming 17,000 barrels of pork, 19,000,000 pounds of ribs and nearly 100 live hogs. The loss is estimated at a million and a quarter dollars, with insurance of nearly the same amount. One fireman died from over exertion. No one knows the origin of the fire.

Political and Personal.

Mrs. Cleveland has been elected one of the trustees of Wells Female College at Aurora, N. Y.

Among the thirty-five post-office inspectors appointed on the 25th, were Capt. J. D. Wood of St. Paul, Minn., and Irving Bath of Sioux Falls, Dak. The salary is \$3,000 a year.

Gen. A. H. Terry was taken suddenly ill at New Haven, Wednesday. His physicians say he over-exerted himself during the exercises attending the dedication of the soldiers' monument.

Geo. F. Slosson, the famous Chicago billiardist, has returned from his six week's jaunt in Europe. When he sailed for Europe it was his intention to accept Mme. Adelina Patti's invitation to spend the greater part of the summer at her castle in Wales, but his actual stay there was confined to a period of two weeks. Mr. Slosson enjoyed his visit and describes Patti's castle as a grand and beautiful estate. "The fact is," he says, "Nicolini was so insanely jealous of me that I concluded to avoid trouble by cutting short my delightful visit."

MINNESOTA.

The old First Minnesota regiment held its annual reunion at Stillwater on the 23rd, having a very enjoyable day.

At St. Cloud, John Crell was convicted of criminal assault upon Anna Zimmerman, and sentenced to the penitentiary for 30 years.

A dispatch from Duluth says that on Saturday in blasting rock in the west end of the city and apparently extensive vein of silver ore was found.

The dead body of Andrew Palm, a disipated man, aged 65 years, was found near the river at St. Peter on the 23rd. It is not known from what cause his death transpired.

The largest lumber cargo ever shipped from Duluth, was sent out on the 24th, on the barge Wahnapitac, consisting of 2,300,000 feet of lumber. Tonawanda, New York, the destination.

From Duluth about one hundred people will attend the completion ceremonies of the Northern Pacific road at Tacoma next month. The board of trade will be represented by a large delegation, and the city and other organized bodies will send delegations.

L. H. De Boer, a traveling salesman for a New York silver plating house committed suicide at St. Paul, Tuesday by shooting. For several days he had been gambling at the Turf Exchange and the loss of \$900 brought him to a stage of despondency which caused the act.

Pipestone special, 20th: Nine precincts out of thirteen in this county gave 500 majority to-day to bond the county for \$80,000 in aid of the Willmar & Sioux Falls road. The people are very jubilant. Cannons are firing, bells are ringing and flags flying, for this insures the building of the road.

At St. Cloud, the warehouse of D. H. Spicer, furniture dealer and manufacturer of the Spicer kitchen cabinet, was nearly destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon. The building was completely filled with finished kitchen cabinets and other furniture, part

of which was destroyed and more or less damaged.

The Southwestern Minnesota editors association held its annual meeting at Mankato June 21. Addresses were made by President Todd, Hon. T. E. Bowen and C. H. Sanborn of Madelia. The following officers were chosen: L. P. Hunt, of Mankato, president; C. E. Wise, Mankato, 1st vice president; A. J. Henry, Janesville, second vice president; E. H. Dearth, LeSueur, secretary; T. E. Bowen, Sleepy Eye, Treasurer; J. H. Sherin, of Winnebago City, J. N. Johnson, of St. Peter, Wm. Hinds, of Shakopee, and C. H. Sanborn, of Madelia, executive committee.

Mathias Jelinek committed suicide at New Prague on the 20th, by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. He was temporarily deranged on account of business troubles, but his death was a shock to friends. He was a member of the United Workmen and other orders, and leaves a wife and two children.

Judge Aaron Goodrich, a resident of St. Paul, since 1849, died June 24. He was the first Chief Justice of the territory of Minnesota, appointed by President Taylor. In 1861 he appointed by President Lincoln secretary of legation of Belgium and was abroad eight years. He was a native of New York, born July 6, 1807.

Burglars visited the house of Rev. Father Von Lent, the German Catholic priest at Faribault, on the night of the 23rd and blew off the door of his safe, getting \$60 in money. Every window in the house was broken by the explosion. Father Von Lent, awakened by the noise, went after the burglars with his pistol but it would not go off and the rascals escaped.

Two hundred thousand dollars will hardly cover the loss caused by the burning of the Laird-Norton gang saw mill at Winona, on the 24th, one of the largest and best equipped in the Northwest. The fire broke out at 5:06 a. m., in a fire box and at 6:30 the four blocks covered by the mill and lumber piles were cinders and ashes. The great lumber yards across the R. R., tracked with millions of feet of lumber were saved by the firemen. There was no wind or the loss would have been greater. The insurance carried was \$30,000. Two hundred workmen are thrown out of employment. The mill will be re-built.

At Bell Grade, Benton County, on the 21st, Frank Brinkman killed Charles Berger for adulterous intimacy with Mrs. Brinkman. Brinkman left his home saying he was going to St. Cloud, but returned to his home and unobserved, hid in a closet. Berger soon came and had dinner with Mrs. Brinkman. After dinner they proceeded upstairs and went to bed together in the room where Brinkman was hid. In a few moments Brinkman stepped out of his retreat and advancing discharged a shot gun at Berger, literally blowing off the top of the adulterer's head. Brinkman and a brother-in-law of his have given themselves up to the authorities.

Park Ryan, at Verdale, had 3,500 people within its inviting bounds, on the 22nd, the opening day of the G. A. R., encampment, of whom 875 were Veterans of the war Department Commander L. L. Wheelock reviewed the troops. A match game of ball was played between the Verdale Dudes and a picked nine, resulting in a three to one victory for the Dudes. The ladies' dinner was a decided success. The speech of welcome was delivered by Hon. H. F. Harkness, of Verdale who was followed by Maj. Whitney of Winona, Col. Wheelock, A. S. McMillan, and others. At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Commander, Capt. M. L. Verning, of Fergus Falls; senior vice, Capt. W. Roberts, of Detroit; junior vice, H. Lowell, of Leaf River; quartermaster, Col. John Compton, of Otter Tail. The next encampment will be held in June, 1888, at Fergus Falls. The programme on the 23rd, consisted of a sham battle, horse racing, camp fire, and farewell ball. Addresses were delivered by Hon. M. E. Clapp and Judge Collins, of St. Cloud. The encampment was a decided success.

WISCONSIN.

Near midnight on the 23rd, at Watertown, fire broke out in the rolling mills of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway. The entire plant was destroyed, entailing a loss of \$180,000, and throwing about 200 men out of employment.

Racine, special, 24th—A sensation was caused here to-day by the issuance by an ex-alderman and prominent citizen of this city of 150 invitations for the celebration on Sunday next of the death of his wife. The lady died last spring. It is reported that the man has bought \$50 worth of fireworks to be used in the "celebration."

THE MARKETS.

Table with market prices for St. Paul June 24 and Minneapolis June 24. Columns include grain (Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye, Flax Seed, Baled Hay, Timothy), provisions (Flour, Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Potatoes, Dressed Beef, Hams, Veal), live stock (Steers, Hogs, Sheep), and wheat prices for various grades.