

CURRENT COMMENT.

At Bergen, in Norway, there is an octagon shaped church constructed of papier-mache. It will accommodate 1,000 people.

KING HUMBERT, of Italy, rises at 6, is busy all day, and seldom goes to bed until after midnight. Evidently it would not suit eight-hour professors to be king.

COUNT TOLSTI, the Russian novelist and philanthropist, thinks he is a good shoemaker, but those who have tried to wear his shoes wish he would stick to his pen rather than to his last.

CLARA LOUISE KELLOGG, sailed a few days ago for Europe. She is going to London, Paris, and Carlsbad, and will return home in September to make a concert tour under the management of Carl Strakosch.

PHIL ARMOUR, it is stated, will be the next millionaire owner of a traveling steamer. He talks of having a yacht built similar to Lord Brassey's Sunbeam and for the same purpose—a voyage round the world.

THE Belgian Chamber of Deputies has adopted a bill declaring two-fifths of a workman's pay inalienable and one fifth free from liability to be taken by legal process. Clerks' salaries are made free from liability to seizure unless they exceed \$240 per annum.

In the parliamentary election to fill the vacancy in the Spalding division of Lincolnshire the Gladstonian candidate, Mr. Halley Stewart, defeated Mr. Tryon, the Conservative and Liberal-Unionist nominee, by a vote of 5,110 to 4,363, a most important and valuable victory.

THE Vanderbilt lines have declared the following dividends: New York Central, 1 per cent for the quarter; Lake Shore and Michigan Central, 2 per cent each for the half; and Canada Southern, 1 1/2 per cent for the half year.

A NEW coercive measure directs Russian Government employes in Poland to forward frequently to St. Petersburg complete lists of resident foreigners. Jews are not allowed to remain in St. Petersburg longer than a week, and are not allowed to enter corporations or academies.

THE fifteenth anniversary commemorating the first introduction of the service of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Iowa will be celebrated in Trinity Parish, Davenport, Ia., July 15. The Rev. Dr. Louderback, as the oldest living rector of Trinity Church, will by invitation preach the sermon on that occasion.

THE RT.-HON. VISCOUNT KILCOURIE, ex-Vice-Chamberlain and at present a Liberal member of the British House of Commons for South Somersetshire, is arranging to send a deputation of English laborers to Ireland to investigate for themselves the condition of the Irish laborers and report the truth, as the deputation finds it, to the laborers of Great Britain.

WILL HAYES, the popular song writer, who ranks second only to Stephen Foster in that line, is a Louisville newspaper man. He tells an amusing story about his first poem, written when he was of the veal age of 16, and addressed to a young lady whose charms had deeply smitten him. "I sent it to the Louisville Times," he says, "and the editor told me it would be printed. Then I followed it up and hung around the office by day and watched it solicitously by night for three days. Then the poem appeared in print, with my name to it. I read it over and over again and again, until my eyes ached and my head swam with ecstasy. I saw fame and fortune in those lines until the girl's brother, who was older than I, met me on the street and licked thunder out of me for writing the verses to his sister. To make it worse he told it about town that it wasn't for writing them to his sister, but because the poetry was so bad." Since then some 8,000,000 of Will's poems have been sold.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Domestic News.

Mormons and Gentiles celebrated the Fourth at Salt Lake City.

\$500,000 in gold was received at New York last week, from Europe.

Armour & Co., of Chicago have invested \$500,000 in a pork packing plant at Omaha. The shipments of fractional silver coin during the month of June amounted to \$688,446.

The Michigan Secretary of State estimates the wheat crop of that state at 21,000,000 bushels.

Three brothers named Moffatt were drowned near Fenlon Falls, Ont., while bathing in Runyon river.

Three hundred and fifty money order offices were established July 5. Ninety additional postal note offices.

At the House of Mercy, New York, a sixteen year-old, committed there, was refused because she was colored.

The issue of standard silver dollars from the mints during the week ending July 2, was \$509,020. The same time last year, \$457,588.

Nearly 500 Pinkerton and other detectives will be distributed about the Pennsylvania coke regions to protect any of the old employes who return to work.

During a church picnic at Susquehanna Pa., the roof of a hall collapsed. Nine persons were seriously injured. Maggie Griffin and Griff Williams may die.

The Topeka Farmer says that the wheat crop of the state will not exceed twenty-five per cent of that harvested three years ago. Corn, however, promises a large crop.

The crop report from the Department of Agriculture at Washington, shows a decline of 8 per cent in the condition of spring wheat from last month, owing to chinch bugs.

The Salt Lake Tribune declares that the article in the proposed Mormon state constitution pretending to abolish polygamy is a fraud and sham, as it can easily be evaded.

The business failures during the last seven days number for the United States 136, for Canada 18; total, 154; against 181 last week and 179 for the corresponding week of last year.

July 4, a meeting in favor of commercial union with the United States was held at Port Hope, Ont. Addresses were made by Hon. Ben Butterworth, Erasmus Wyman and others.

The 149th call for \$19,716,000 percent bonds matured on the 1st, inst. Since then \$15,512,600 of the bonds have been redeemed by the treasury department, leaving \$4,204,900 of that call still outstanding.

Walla Walla, Wash., complains to the interstate commissioners that the freight per 100 pounds on cotton piece goods from Chicago to Walla Walla is \$4.70, while to Portland, Or., 250 miles further, it is only \$1.20 per 100 pounds.

Mr. Powderly, in a speech at Scranton, Pa., said there was too much indiscriminate immigration for the good of labor, and every immigrant should be able to show that he was self supporting for one year before landing on these shores.

Dr. Henry Carpenter, who was the physician of President Buchanan and Thaddeus Stevens, died in the house in which he was born at Lancaster, Pa., on the 9th. He had attended at the birth of nearly 8,000 infants. His ancestors for five generations were physicians.

At Buffalo, N. Y., the extreme heat of the past week had the effect of increasing the death rate to almost double that of the corresponding week of last year, the deaths being ninety-three and fifty respectively. Monday the deaths in New York numbered 200 and Tuesday they were 208.

A terrible and fatal scourge is now raging on Cockburn Island, Lake Huron. The disease broke out last week and from Friday to Tuesday nine deaths had occurred, and the mortality was seemingly on the increase. The disease is supposed to be diphtheria. There is no doctor on the island, and the inhabitants are fleeing for their lives.

Mr. J. W. Sanborn secretary of the Missouri state board of agriculture, makes the following crop report for June: Wheat, average condition, 95.08; spring wheat, 92; oats, 89.03; corn, 105.08; Irish potatoes, 94.08; tobacco, 84.09; cotton, 92; timothy, 83.05; apples 61.08; peaches, 94; grapes, 87.

The sloop Mystery, with an excursion party of 37, was capsized in a gale at 6:30 p. m., Sunday, off Barren island, near New York, and thirty of the party lost. Those saved were picked by a tug that came to the rescue. When the gale struck the sloop, it capsized and all on board were thrown into the water.

The Utah constitutional convention completed and adopted its constitution on the 7th. The planks already mentioned regarding bigamy and polygamy, representation for the minority and separation of church and state, were adopted with others. The vote of the people will be taken in August. Only those who have taken the "test oath" will vote on the ratification.

At Tonawanda, Pa., on the 7th, Mrs. Isabelle Lyon, wife of Dr. Randolph Lyon who murdered Richard Moe on Saturday by shooting, and afterwards killed himself, committed suicide by taking strychnine about 10 o'clock, her death following shortly after terrible agony. It is thought that grief and depression drove her to this last act of a tragedy by which three persons have been murdered.

The statistics of immigration at the port of New York for the first six months of the current year show a large increase in comparison with the same portion of last year. The figures are: First six months of 1886—148,707; first six months 1887—212,655. For the whole year 1886 there landed 300,918 immigrants. If the immigration continues for the next six months at the increased rate this year will show a gain to nearly 500,000.

The Fourth was, as usual, observed as a universal holiday and celebrated in various ways, but with less formality than is sometimes observed and happily there is no record of distressing casualties. The most notable celebration of the day was at Gettysburg, when the veterans of the Blue and Gray, united in fraternal ceremonies. Mrs. Pickett, widow of one of the Union heroes was present and was extensively lionized.

The payments from the U. S. Treasury on account of pensions since the 1st inst. amount to nearly \$12,000,000. The expenditures so far this month exceed the receipts

by over \$900,000, and the indication is that this excess will be maintained, if not increased, through the month. It is still maintained at the treasury department that the large expenditures to be made between now and the first of September will reduce the treasury surplus to about \$36,000,000 by the last named date.

A special from Paducah, Ky., says: In 1873, while J. Hamp Swift was sheriff of Callaway county, Kentucky, his accounts were \$3,000 short. He thought a deputy had robbed him. Making good the deficiency bankrupted him, and he has since supported his family as a day laborer. Recently his wife was sent to the insane asylum, and in her ravings told of money hidden in a smoke house. Investigation revealed \$3,200 in greenbacks. It is thought she concealed the money in one of her attacks. The discovery not only set the ex-sheriff on his feet, but cleared his reputation of suspicion.

Petroleum is being developed in Colorado in profitable volume, according to the manager of the oil works at Florence, who says: "There are now twenty oil wells being worked in this State, producing 700 barrels of oil a day sufficient to supply the demand of this section of the West. The figure lower than can be met by the Eastern companies. This will shut out of the Colorado market all the Eastern oil, including that of the Standard Company, and the question now with Colorado producers is to handle their product to the best advantage. Colorado oil is the sweetest and best ever discovered in the world. The Pennsylvania oil is sweeter than the foreign."

Among the twenty-four ladies taking the black veil, at the German convent at Wilkes-barre, Pa., on the 6th, were Sister Alberta, Red Wing, Minn.; Sister Canisia, Minneapolis, Minn.; Sister Bonavita, Chaska, Minn.; and Sisters Febronis and Methodos of New Ulm, Minn. Among those taking the White veil were Anna Hoffman, now Sister Gabriel, of Le Mars, Iowa, and Catherine Hentges, now Sister Plaudia, of Benson, Iowa. Father Nagle of Wilkesbarre, administered the vows, assisted by Fathers Borneman of Reading, Schinda of St. Louis, Scriber of Cleveland, and Delher, a Jesuit priest of Buffalo. Many distinguished Roman Catholic clergymen were present from all parts of the country.

Crimes.

256 deaths were reported at New York City, July 3, the largest for one day since 1876.

John Feisthorne, who fatally stabbed John Orkner in Chicago Sunday, committed suicide Tuesday, on the death of his victim.

Monday afternoon, at Laurens, S. C., Jno. D. Shehan killed Rufus I. Bishop, firing six shots at him. Bishop died in five minutes. Shehan surrendered to the police.

July 4, James Cavanaugh, a longshoreman, was murdered in New York by two young ex-convicts, Michael Mahoney and Barney McGuire. They were arrested.

Bridget Finnegan was shot through the head, at Worcester, Mass., by her husband, P. J. Finnegan, Monday afternoon, and killed. Finnegan is held on a charge of murder, but the evidence is very conflicting, although there were three persons in the room at the time.

The prisoner arrested in Lansing, Mich., as Henry McMunn or Matt Kennedy, who was implicated in the Cleveland fur robbery, claims to be Jesse B. Lamb, a farm hand, and to have no connection with the murder of Hurligan. The Chicago police think that he is not the guilty man.

A dispatch from East Lansing, Mich., reports the capture there of Matt Kennedy, alias Harry McMunn, the fur robber who was released at Ravenna, Ohio, where Lieut. Hurligan was murdered. This completes the gang, Morgan, Harrington and Coughlin being already in custody.

The sentence of the court martial at Fort Snelling, Minn., in the case of Lieutenant Wilcox, charged with duplicating his pay accounts some twenty-one times has been promulgated, and he goes to the Stillwater penitentiary for two years. As it was not generally known how much Wilcox had indulged in duplicating his pay, the de-annulment causes quite a ripple of surprise.

A Cincinnati paper prints a talk with Mr. E. L. Harper late of the Fidelity National Bank, and now in jail awaiting trial. He says he had no idea of any disaster to the bank, and that he bought stock the day before the closing, and only three days before put \$30,000 in deposit. If the bank examiner had not come there would have been no trouble. He denies that he kept his deals secret, and said that all the directors were responsible. He also went back into past history, and said that at the time of the Handy wheat deal a Cincinnati bank vault was literally emptied. He then put in \$30,000, and the deal was carried through successfully. Mr. Harper now says that some of the managers in that transaction are now foremost in condemning him.

Fires and Casualties.

Fire at Alfred Center, N. Y., destroyed several buildings. Loss, \$40,000; insurance \$30,000.

The buildings of the Weber brewing company at Cincinnati burned Monday night, and two men were killed by falling walls. Loss \$160,000.

An explosion of fire works, on the evening of July 2, in Keary Bros., store, New York city, did damage amounting to \$140,000. Two firemen lost their lives.

At Kingston, Ont., while fire works were being set off on the evening of July 2, in honor of Canadian Federation, a rocket was misused and struck J. M. Thompson with such force that his whole neck was torn away and his breast frightfully mangled. Another man had his face frightfully disfigured by the same missile.

The St. Louis cooerage establishment, the largest concern of the kind in the West, situated on the river bank, close to the old arsenal in the southern part of the city, was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. Loss, \$100,000, said to be fully insured. The fire is supposed to have resulted from the careless use of fireworks. Four hundred men are thrown out of employment.

At 11 a. m., Thursday, at Arlington, N. J., an explosion occurred in the Callonite Manufacturing company's works. A Swede named August and Miss Arlanis Muchmore were instantly killed, and about twenty others were seriously injured, none fatally. The works, three brick buildings, were totally destroyed. The loss is \$50,000. A number of stores and houses were damaged, and people were thrown down in their houses from the force of the explosion. The loss in the town cannot yet be estimated.

A brewery at Genesee, Mont., burned on the 5th. Peter Schawer, the proprietor who was sleeping on the second floor, was burned to death. He was a native of Ger-

many, about forty years old, unmarried and had no relatives in this country. He was making preparations to return to Germany having received a legacy of \$5,000 left him by the recent death of his father. The fire is supposed to have been caused by the explosion of a lamp, overturned by a dog or cat, in his room. The dog fiercely resisted the parties who went to the rescue of his owner.

The little village of Clarendon, Warren Co. Pa., was destroyed by incendiary fire on the morning of July 5th, the fire starting in a planing mill and obliterating the town, the Philadelphia & Erie R. R. depot being the only building of importance not burned, and the area burned over being about 20 acres, and a thousand people rendered homeless. The loss is \$350,000 with light insurance. Threats were made of burning the town when liquor licenses were refused in Warren County. John Maloney proprietor of the Weaver hotel has been arrested in that hotel were found the charred remains of a man supposed to be a hack driver, who was intoxicated on the night of the fire.

Political and Personal.

Ex-Gov. A. P. Morrill, died at Augusta, Maine, at 11 a. m., July 4, six days after he was stricken with paralysis. He was 84 years of age.

President Cleveland has written a long letter to Mayor Francis withdrawing his promise to visit St. Louis. The President says he is unwilling to occasion discord at the Grand Army encampment.

At the Bowen celebration of July 4, at Woodstock, Conn., the notable feature of the day was the delivery of an oration by Col. Clark E. Carr of Galesburg, Ill., upon the life of General John A. Logan.

Jacob Sharp, in Ludlow street jail, New York city is gradually dying. Tuesday a council of physicians was held. He had to be propped up in bed when his lawyers called. He is unable to eat and cannot get out of bed.

The long expected edict from Rome, excommunicating Father McGlynn, was formally served upon the deposed priest on the 9th. The service of the pontifical decree involved no ceremonies and the matter was not alluded to in the churches.

One of the swellest weddings of the New York season will be that of Thurlow Weed Barnes, nephew of the late Thurlow Weed and Miss Frances Isabel Morris, daughter of John A. Morris, the Louisiana lottery king, whose fortune is estimated at \$10,000,000.

The famous Malinckpott, (German) Convent, located in Wilkesbarre, Pa., was the scene of most impressive ceremonies Wednesday, consisting of taking the black veil by 20 lady candidates from various parts of the United States and Germany, and the taking of the white veil vows by 24 novitiates from prominent cities in the United States and Europe.

The equestrian statue to Gen. Burnside, was unveiled at Providence, R. I., July 4, Gen. Horatio Rogers delivering the oration. The statue is bronze on a granite pedestal, sixteen feet high, and is one and a half times life size, the figure of General Burnside being nine feet high.

The state convention of the Ohio Union Labor, at Columbus on the 5th, nominated the following ticket: Governor, John Seitz; lieutenant governor, J. F. McDonald; supreme judge, long term, Timothy O'Connor; short term, Granville N. Tuttle; auditor, J. Sutton; treasurer, E. N. Harter; attorney general, William Baker; member board of public works, Carl A. Raeder.

Ex-Judge Luke P. Poland, died at Waterville, Vt., July 2, aged 72 years. In 1848 he was elected to the State Supreme court and served seventeen years. He served a short time in the U. S. Senate and afterwards three terms in the House. For twenty-two years he was President of the St. Johnsbury bank. During all of his public life he wore a blue swallow tail coat with brass buttons.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The Indian government, at Simla, will issue 4 per cent bonds for a loan of \$2,000,000.

The French revenue returns for June show that the receipts were 4,000,000 francs less than the estimates. The total deficit for the half year is 25,000,000 francs.

A farm house at Ardnahoe, Buteshire, Scotland, was destroyed by fire Friday night and three men and four women servants were burned to death.

The reception usually held at the United States States legation on the Fourth of July, in Paris, did not occur, owing to the ill health of Mrs. Mackin, wife of the minister.

Bordeaux—An explosion of gun cotton occurred on the 7th in the powder mill at St. Medard, En Jalle, eight miles northwest of this city. Three persons were blown to atoms and many others were injured.

The presentation of the American testimonial to Mr. Gladstone (a massive piece of silver work) occurred at a garden party, at Dalrymple Hill, Saturday. Mr. Gladstone received the tribute with an address characterized with much feeling.

Five hundred Orleansists, including many titled persons, paid a visit of homage to the Count of Paris on the Island of Jersey. The count deprecated the demonstration, and when a number of visitors crowded around him shouting "Vive le Roi" he ordered them to desist.

The Panama Star and Herald publishes a statement to the effect that natives of Colombia are being captured on the upper tributaries of the Amazon and are subsequently sold in Brazil, and that Colombian diplomats have been directing their attention to the matter.

The trial of Klein and his comrades implicated in the Schnabel affair has opened at Leipzig. Klein admitted that he acted as a French spy under the orders of Schnabel and that he sent plans of designs for fortresses at Strauburg and Mayence to the French minister of war.

Advices from Cabul says that the Ameer suspects the fidelity of Jamshodies, near Herat, owing to visits of a Russian emissary to the imprisoned Khan, and threatens to execute him unless his tribe send to Cabul some of their chiefs as hostages. A number of the head men of Jamshodies have gone over to Russia. The forts at Herat have been repaired and crops around the city harvested.

Berne cable, 6th.—Half the new quays at Zug fell into the lake. Forty houses, a crowded inn and the Hotel Zurich, a four-story story structure, full of visitors, vanished entirely. The occupants of the buildings were engulfed while they slept and at

least 100 perished, including M. Collean, president of the Canton. Men are now at work trying to recover the bodies of the victims. An infant was found alive in a floating cradle.

King Kalakaua, of the Sandwich Islands, has temporarily, at least, averted revolution in his domains by submitting to the overthrow of his ministry and the arrest of his chief state officials, and the appointment of a new cabinet, named and demanded by the populace. By adopting this policy the King saved his own deposition which was clamored for by his discontented subjects. Wm. L. Greene, the premier of the new ministry is an Englishman by birth, and Gibbes the deposed prime minister was an American.

Prince Ferdinand Maximilian Charles Leopold Marie, Duke of Saxe-Coburg, who has just been elected to the throne of Bulgaria, was born February 26, 1851, at Vienna, being the fifth child and third son of the late Prince Augustus, Duke of Saxe-Coburg, and Princess Clementine daughter of Louis Philippe, King of the French. Prince Ferdinand has served as lieutenant in the 11th regiment of the Austrian hussars and now holds a similar rank in the Hungarian honved. His serene highness has traveled much, and is a good linguist.

The Independence day reception at the American legation in London was the largest ever held. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. James G. Blaine. Minister Phelps proposed the Toast, "No Country to Americans Like Home." It was responded to by Mr. Blaine, who said: The United States is the only country with a known birthday. All the rest began, they know not how, and grew into power, they know not how. If there had been no Fourth of July, England and America combined would not be so great as each actually is. There is no Republican, no Democrat to-day. All are Americans. All feel their country greater than party. We meet here tonight on this platform of patriotism warmed by emotions and traditions of the Fourth of July. We celebrate the day on foreign soil with generous people of the British Isles giving their presence and their sympathy, and contriving by their art and beauty to the completeness of the occasion, which is at once inspiring and memorable.

MINNESOTA.

At Brainerd, while bathing in the river near the bridge Sunday afternoon Willie, ten-year-old son of John McElroy, was drowned.

Knute Johnson, a farm hand of Tallor Swenson, of the town o. Minneola, was gored to death by a bull, the animal's horn passing through his body. The bull was known to be vicious, but ran at large.

At Duluth, on the 7th, John Horner, aged 24, swimming in the bay with several companions, got out of his depth and sank. He was only in the water seven minutes, but all efforts for rescue proved unavailing. Horner had only been four weeks in Duluth.

The suicide of a young man named Burt Wood is reported from Amboy. He shot himself in the head with a rifle twice, terribly mutilating his face, and lived about twelve hours in great pain. He was aged twenty-five, and did the deed in a fit of temporary insanity.

Dassel special: Crops about here are generally good. Corn never looked better at this season of the year. Haying has commenced and the quality and yield are excellent. Wheat is all headed out and looking nicely. Those who used seed plentiful have excellent prospects for large yields.

Out of fifteen saloons only four remain at Caledonia to pay the high license. Twenty-one Crookston saloons have taken out license under the new law against 35 running under the old. Last year there were 2,296 saloons in the State, paying \$50 license. These must all now pay \$500, and it is estimated there will be about 1,200 under the new law.

Anton Manrus, a young man residing at Chaska, made an attempt to kill himself on the 6th. He and some of his relatives have had trouble over money matters, and the result is he had been troubled with melancholy, and he shot himself with a revolver. The bullet passed through the upper portion of the forehead, and passed out through the scalp. The wound is not a fatal one.

At Wadena, Monday evening, G. Townsend and A. Goben became involved in an altercation over a girl. The former used a revolver on the latter while Goben hit Townsend with a hammer. Goben then fled. The marshal endeavored to capture the culprit and ordered him to stop. Not doing this the marshal used a shot gun, filling his face full of shot. Both parties are quite seriously injured.

The Waseca Assembly opened at Maplewood Park July 5, with an attendance of 1000 people, the grounds, amphitheatre and hotels being in an admirable condition of readiness.—Rev. A. H. Gillett, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is superintendent, and Prof. C. C. Case, of Cleveland, Ohio, has charge of the music, N. B. C. Love, instructor of the boys and girls department. The Assembly presents all the advantages of famed Chautauqua.

Washington, D. C., special: Secretary Lamar has received a letter from Lieutenant Rice, of Minnesota, saying that at the Benson land office ignorant foreigners are allowed to locate upon certain lands belonging to the Manitoba road. There are now before the department over 4,000 applications from settlers to file on granted and indemnity lands of railroads within the Benson and Worthington land district, most of which have been rejected by the local officers and appealed to the commissioner.

Dr. L. H. Garrard, who settled at Frontenac, Minn., in 1858, died at Lakewood, N. Y., on the 9th. He was 53 years of age. His purchase at Frontenac was 5000 acres much of which he improved. He introduced thoroughbred shorthorn cattle and Southdown sheep in Minnesota, and was the first person in Minnesota to cultivate orchard grass. He served two terms in the legislature, in 1856 and 1876. He removed from Frontenac to Lake City in 1870, and about ten years thereafter to Cincinnati, O., where he has since resided. Dr. Garrard was an author of some repute, prominent among his works being "Wab-to-Jah and the Tock Trail," a tale of New Mexico and the Rocky mountains.

Mahtomedi, through its Chautauqua assembly July 21 to 30, presents unusual attractions this year and as there are more than 2,000 persons within its circle there is every reason to expect a large and interesting attendance. In addition to the zealous local corps of workers the assembly will be graced by the presence of Leon H. Vincent of Rochester, N. Y., Rev. W. L. Davidson of Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., Cincinnati, Ohio, ex-Senator Bruce of Mississippi, Rev. Dr. Willits of Louisville,