

CURRENT COMMENT.

PROF. J. M. HOPPIN, of Yale, is going to Europe for six months to study art.

MISS BRADDON'S fiftieth novel is about to appear. If quantity is taken as a standard, Miss Braddon's works place her among the first of novelists.

HERMAN STRICKER, of Reading, Pa., has refused an offer of \$13,000 for his collection of butterflies, said to be the largest and most varied in existence.

LORD RUTHVEN, a well-known Scotch nobleman, is running a coach daily between Hamilton and Lanark, and has been obtaining much patronage from tourists.

It appears that King Kalakaua's crowning extravagance lay in building an \$80,000 man-of-war. He owes his embarrassment to a man of war and not a woman, strange to say.

CAMP-MEETING John Allen was once chaplain of the Maine Legislature, and one day prayed that the legislators might be enabled to "condense their deliberations and stop when they had got through."

THE exports of specie from New York from Jan. 1 to Sept. 3 aggregated \$12,743,958, against \$13,677,515 for the corresponding period last year. The imports from Jan. 1 to Sept. 3 were \$14,477,461, against \$11,400,527 for the corresponding period last year.

REFERENCE is made in the society columns of various Eastern papers to "Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox and husband." It must afford the husband of Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox much quiet enjoyment to see that the lapse of time does not dim the brightness of his fame.

SAYS a Chicago paper: A man attracted some attention at a railway restaurant in this city by reverently bowing his head and silently asking a blessing upon the food that had been placed before him. The act indicated a sublimity of faith to which few mortals ever attain in this sin, ridden old world.

SIR LIONEL and Lady Playfair refused to attend the dinner given by Mrs. Paron Stevens at Newport to the Duke of Marlborough, alleging that they were "otherwise engaged." It is said that when Mrs. Stephens learned the real reason of their refusal the atmosphere in her vicinity suddenly assumed a deeply cerulean hue.

THE happiest man in the United States is a Detroit citizen who goes about with a half-bushel of hair on his head and face. Several years ago he made a vow to wear his hair and beard uncut until the Detroit Base-Ball Club won the championship. He has already made a contract with a barber, on favorable terms, for the removal of the entire mass.

NOR long ago a well-known artist sent to a lady whom he had met several times one of his best pictures, handsomely framed, as a souvenir gift. The next day he received a note from the lady, in which she thanked him for the picture, but begged to return the frame, as she made it a rule never to accept anything valuable as a gift from a gentleman.

MISS CORA SLOCUM of New Orleans, who is soon to marry Count Savorgnan de Brazza, the elder brother of the celebrated explorer, is now in Paris superintending her trousseau. The marriage will take place in America in October. Miss Slocum is the only child of the late Gen. Slocum of the Confederate army. Her mother was a noted American beauty, Miss Abbey Day, of Stonington, Conn.

THE Sultan of Turkey has been having a good deal of trouble of late. Not long ago his harem revolted, and His Oriental Majesty has been much annoyed by caricatures which have appeared in the comic journals of Vienna. The Sublime Porte has officially requested the Austrian Government to interfere in behalf of the Sultan, and the result is that the offending editors have promised to ridicule no more the sensitive monarch of the Turkish Empire.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Domestic News.

The Chicago Farmer's Review in its issue this week says: The average yield of winter and spring wheat, and oats, as shown by the census, is reported as follows: Illinois—Winter wheat, 17 bushels; spring wheat, 29 bushels; oats, 35 bushels; Indiana—Winter wheat, 15 bushels; oats, 36 bushels; Iowa—Winter wheat, 18 bushels; spring wheat, 12 bushels; oats, 36 bushels; Kansas—Winter wheat, 10 bushels; oats, 23 bushels; Kentucky—Winter wheat, 10 bushels; oats, 12 bushels; Minnesota—Spring wheat, 13 bushels; oats, 35 bushels. Two countries report a failure of the spring wheat crop. Missouri—Winter wheat, 19 bushels; oats, 31 bushels. Nebraska—Spring wheat, 14 bushels; winter wheat, 22 bushels; oats, 32 bushels. Ohio—Winter wheat, 14 bushels; oats, 33 bushels. Dakota—Spring wheat, 14 bushels; oats, 30 bushels. Pastures continue to show improvement in condition.

The Toledo vicinage, in Ohio, has suffered a tornado visitation. It originated in Southern Michigan and did considerable damage. The track of the tornado was south by east from Toledo, along the line of the Toledo & Ohio Central road. It is from 100 to 200 yards wide; no fences nor tall trees are standing in its track; corn is scattered, houses and barns unroofed for miles. At Waterville and other villages to the southward there is much injury done. No loss of life is reported, but many narrow escapes are narrated. Dr. Embury, the assistant superintendent of the insane asylum at Toledo was driving into the grounds with his wife and little girl. The buggy was overturned and the three thrown out. The doctor held on to the vehicle, was lifted and carried several rods. His wife and child were carried over a hundred feet and dropped into a ditch in two feet of water.

The Charleston, S. C. News at Courier publishes a trade review for that city for the commercial year showing a heavy fall in receipts of naval stores and domestics is also noted. The total trade is over \$63,250,000, only \$600,000 less than in the preceding year, despite the diminished cotton receipts. The amount of the general wholesale and retail trade and of manufacturers is \$3,000,000 in excess of the previous year. The cotton crop will exceed last year's in this state by 67,000 bales; corn by 3,000,000 bushels, and wheat and oats 5,000,000 bushels each. The News and Courier's review of the earthquake work will show that the cost of rebuilding and repairs is \$43,000,000, of which Charleston spent \$3,000,000. In the past year 6,000 buildings have been rebuilt or repaired, and 217 new buildings have been erected.

In the Montana legislature, in the council Mr. Burleigh made the statement that the amount spent in killing ground squirrels and prairie dogs since April 1 had been nearly \$60,000. He introduced a bill to repeal the bounty law, and the council passed the same immediately, under a suspension of the rules. The house bill reducing bounties was laid on the table. In the house the bill to repeal the law concerning the sale of liquors in variety theaters failed to pass. The bill to create the county of Cascade with the county seat at Great Falls occasioned a lively discussion, but the Cascade men were well organized and carried every point in committee of the whole. This scheme attracts more attention than all other acts of the session on account of the pressure for and against it.

Advices from Saratoga, Worcester, Binghamton and Norwich, N. Y., and Haverhill, Mass., report extremely violent wind storm accompanied by the heaviest downpour of rains experienced in years. At Saratoga it ended with a fall of hailstones, some of which measured an inch to an inch and a half in diameter. It resulted in great destruction to crops and forests. Houses were unroofed and many barns blown down, while others were struck by lightning and burned. Several persons were picked up and carried considerable distances, and at Worcester, Amos Connell was dashed against a barrel and killed. At Haverhill several persons were partially paralyzed by a stroke of lightning.

A singular accident befell Dr. Wetmore, a venerable physician of Waterloo, Ill. On his way to Washington to attend the Medical Congress he arose in his sleep and walked off the train. He was picked up at Pennsylvania, and though at first it was thought he would die, his injuries are not now thought to be necessarily fatal. They consist of a large scalp wound over the right parietal bone. A piece of scalp, circular in shape, and about two inches across, was torn loose and exposed the skull. There is also a contused wound over the right elbow that bled freely after being dressed. There is no evidence of a fracture of the skull.

Two months ago Judge Noonan of St. Louis decided the Sunday law not operative in St. Louis, and the bars in saloons and beer gardens, theatres, and ball parks that had been closed by the police were immediately reopened. The case was taken to the Circuit Court and Judge Valliant handed down a decision in which he holds that the law is applicable to St. Louis, and calls upon the Board of Police Commissioners to enforce it. The decision has caused the greatest excitement among the saloon element. An appeal was immediately taken to the Supreme Court, and is probable that the law will not be enforced until the Supreme Court passes on it.

On the 11th, as the New York express was descending a steep grade near Rodamer's station W. Va., on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, the brakes refused to work. The train became unmanageable, and dashed down the grade at the rate of 75 miles an hour. At bridge No. 75 the engine, tender and two baggage cars left the track, plunging into a ravine 100 feet deep. Brakeman O. W. Cooper was crushed to death. A number of passengers were injured, but none fatally. The escape of the entire train from wreck is miraculous.

Advices from Tucson, Ariz., are to the effect that a tremendous flood has swept away fully twenty miles of track of the Southern Pacific railway between Tucson and Benson. Full details of the disaster are not yet known, but the officials of the Southern Pacific declare that it will cause an entire cessation of traffic over the Southern route for at least two weeks. The disaster is the most serious of the kind in the history of the road.

Nellie Wood, 20 years old, and Charles Florence, 18, of Charleston, Ohio, have eloped. The girl is handsome and owns a farm in Pike county and had \$1,000 in her name in the bank. She lived with the boy's widowed mother. A week ago she went on a visit, and by arrangement she and the boy met in Columbus, took the girl's \$1,000 and started for California. They were last heard from in Chicago.

The City of Toledo, Ohio, has held a natural gas jubilee in honor of the arrival of the new fuel in Toledo, it being piped from the Hancock and Wood county fields. Standpipes were erected and lit up the city in all directions. A grand open-air meeting was held. Mayor Hamilton presided, and

ex-President Hays, the orator of the occasion spoke; Gen. James A. Ashley also spoke.

A Jacksonville, Fla., special in the News Herald from New Smyrna says that Lizzie Abbott, aged eleven years, committed suicide there. Her mother returning from a brief absence, found the child dying. She admitted taking strychnine, and said: "Mamma, I am tired of living. I want to go to papa." There is no cause known for the act other than a morbid mind.

A Conneville, Pa., coke operator says the operators will present their ultimatum to the men at the wages conference soon, and if the scale be not signed there will be a strike. The workmen expect an advance, but the operators will not pay more than the present wages.

Phillip Scembs, a baker of Louisville, Ky., committed suicide while in jail by cutting his throat and the main artery of his left arm with a tin bucket. Scembs' wife is now in Europe after a legacy left her by her father. His suicide is the result of drunkenness.

Gen. Crook has returned to Omaha, and says Colorado is on the reservation, and for the present at least, all trouble is over. The only difference, now is, he says, in regard to the restitution to the Indians of the horses and cattle stolen by cowboys and other men.

The two Canadian convicts who escaped from the Kingston, Ont., penitentiary in a yacht, landed near Oswego, N. Y., and have disappeared.

A Canadian vessel has been seized by the American authorities at Suspension Bridge, N. Y., for carrying passengers contrary to law.

The Augusta, Ga., authorities have suppressed the exhibition of the Passion play by a negro troupe as sacrilegious.

Pigman and Perry, of the Rowan County, Ky., vendetta, were acquitted of the charge of killing Craig Tolliver.

Fires and Casualties.

The business portion of Calico, a village in Southern California, was burned. Loss, \$75,000 to \$100,000.

At Somerset, Ky., the machine shops of the Darren Fork Coal company were burned. Loss over \$100,000.

The Pennsylvania railroad's new round house, machine shops, five locomotives and six tanks at the Lewistown, Pa., junction were destroyed by fire. Loss \$65,000.

Odilen Menard, his wife and baby were struck by a train when driving across the track at Salem, Mass. The man and child were killed and the woman, it is thought, fatally injured.

At Nedmore, Tenn., the floor of an upper room used for a church crushed down 13 feet from the weight of the audience. About 70 persons were hurt, a few seriously and one man killed.

Fire destroyed the Roaring Springs, Pa., blank book factory building and warehouse, with all the machinery, stocks, books, and a large quantity of paper; also a wagon manufactory. Loss about \$35,000; insurance, \$12,000.

The business portion and several residences of the village of Newbury, Ontario, has been destroyed by fire, John Wells was so seriously burned that he will probably die. Loss, \$50,000; insurance unknown. Fifty families are houseless.

At Montreal, Canada, Henry Porter's extensive tannery and five adjoining tenement houses were burned to the ground. No lives were lost, although many people had narrow escapes. Twenty-six families are homeless. The total loss is estimated at \$300,000.

At Patterson, N. J., fire started in the Joseph Jackson silk mill, a part of the Grant Locomotive works building, and was communicated to every part of the building. Of the Grant works nothing remains but the erecting shop, the foundry and a part of the new machine shop. The loss is \$150,000.

Editor O'Brien has been placed under arrest at Dublin for refusing to stop speaking and declining to agree not to visit London. He said: "So long as there is breath in my body my voice will not be silent until I am gagged. I am proud to suffer for Mitcheltown. When in Kingstown I was told that I would not be arrested if I did not undertake to go to England. That shows that the government is beginning to dread us in England."

At Dealville, Ala., a negro woman locked her four children, the eldest 8 years of age, in her cabin, and went to church. When she returned the cabin was on fire. The piteous wails from the little ones within, when reaching to death, were still audible, but nothing could be done to extricate them from the flames, as the roof of the house had fallen in upon them. When the flames had spent their fury the charred remains of all four of the children were found in the debris.

At Rushville, Ind., two destructive fires occurred in one day burning two dwellings entire, damaging others and destroying several barns and the old woolen mills, containing machinery to the value of about \$40,000. There was no insurance on anything. The fire started in a stable belonging to William Havens, supposed to have been started by a tramp with a view to burglary, and several of them were arrested while robbing houses during the progress of the fire. The total loss is estimated at \$75,000 to \$100,000.

A special from St. Johns, New Foundland says reports daily arriving from all parts of the country go to show that the gale of the 26th of August was one that will long be remembered for the loss of life and extent of damage sustained. One hundred thousand dollars will not cover the extent of damage to property sustained by New Foundland vessels that were on the banks during the storm. There are as many as five banking schooners missing from Surin, five from Grand Bank and one from Burgeo, all of which were on the banks on the morning of the gale, and have not yet been seen or heard from. If the worst should come to pass and that these vessels are lost, the bread winners of hundreds will have met a watery grave.

Crimes.

Jacob Clark, of Louisville, 70 years old, was nearly burned to death by his wife Mary, aged 28, who poured coal oil on him and set it on fire. Jacob will probably die.

The safe of the county treasurer at Greenville, O., was opened and robbed of \$48,000. The treasurer and his son have been arrested, charged with embezzlement and grand larceny.

Thomas Kave, of Abington, Ill., tried

to kill his wife, firing three shots at her. She fell, but the last shot was unhurt. Thinking her killed she put a bullet through his own head, dying instantly.

The residence of Cardinal Gibbons was robbed on Sunday of two valuable rings, one of which was a present from Pope Leo, and the other was left by the late Archbishop Bailey and valued at \$1,000.

Samuel Chew, aged 80, who was assaulted and robbed by masked burglars on the night of Aug. 25, near Lucas, O., has died from his injuries. Two brothers, William and Cal Spayde, have been arrested for the crime.

At Columbus, Ohio, one of the most horrible crimes committed in that city was perpetrated by Wm. Farner, a colored man, in murdering a young colored woman named Agnes Jones, by cutting her throat from ear to ear in a fit of jealousy, nearly severing the head from the body.

Syl Bassett, a young desperado living near Shelbyville, Ind., was beating his aged father Sunday night, when his brother, Albert Bassett, interferred. Syl turned on him and stabbed him five times, inflicting fatal injuries. At last accounts Syl was holding the fort with a shotgun and defying arrest.

John Weston, colored, in Wichita cut three horrible gashes in the throat of his girl, Claude Waller, and then cut his own throat and shot himself twice in the breast. He was prompted to the deed through jealousy, and left a note to his parents saying he died for love and wanted to be buried in the same grave with Claude.

Mrs. Henry Seil, of Groves Point, Ill., was shot and instantly killed while on her way to a funeral at Northfield. She was riding in a buggy and was struck by a stray bullet fired by one of a party of Chicago pioneers who were shooting at a mark. The fatal shot was fired by Frank Rinkenberger. The whole party, including six men and four women, were placed under arrest.

A special from Memphis, Tenn., says Guy Smith shot two men in 1869 at Salisbury, Tenn., while defending his brother from their attack. He thought he had killed them and fled, and has since been a wanderer under an assumed name. Recently he learned that the men had recovered. He returned to his wife and family, but found that an indictment found against him for murder, when it was supposed his victims were dead, had by an over-sight never been quashed. He had to stand trial and has just been acquitted. During his exile he acquired a fortune by speculations in Mexico.

At Omaha, Neb., Jacob Albrec, a well-to-do citizen, shot his wife and then killed himself. The wife was shot in the right breast, the ball going through her body. She is yet alive. She says: We have been married ten years, and never had any trouble. Yesterday my brother-in-law visited me. I guess that is what caused my husband to shoot me. He had been drinking. After abusing me he fired. I ran. He fired three more shots. The cause of the deed was jealousy. Albrec thought his wife was too intimate with her sister's husband. He leaves an estate worth \$20,000.

Political and Personal.

Gen. Simon Cameron has returned from Europe.

Thos. W. Keene has reappeared on the stage after an absence of two years, playing at Chicago, to a crowded house. It is hoped his health is re-established.

The members of the International Medical Congress were given a reception at the White House, with their wives and lady friends, by President and Mrs. Cleveland.

President Cleveland has accepted an invitation from the Hibernian society of Philadelphia, to be present for a brief time at its banquet on the afternoon of the 17th inst.

E. P. Taylor, 98 years of age, died at South Bend, Ind., Friday. He was one of the three men who first settled in that locality, and was one of the founders of South Bend in 1843.

The death of Mr. John Gamble Horne occurred in Lake View, near Chicago. Mr. Horne was 71 years old and had been financial manager for the Pinkertons' detective agency for 24 years.

The President has signed the commissions of the following naval officers: D. L. Braine to be rear admiral; Geo. Brown to be commodore; H. B. Robeson to be captain, and B. F. Tilley and B. S. Richards to be lieutenant commanders.

During the recent visit of Bishop Ireland of St. Paul, to Washington, President Cleveland came in to the White House from Oak view and received Bishop Ireland and Rev. James A. Steven, of the Roman Catholic Mission school. Indian affairs was the subject of the interview. Later in the day by appointment, the members of the Irish Catholic Beneficial association to the number of 125, then in session in that city, called at the White House and were presented to the President.

The testimony in the contested election case of George H. Thobe against John G. Carlisle, Sixth congressional district, Kentucky has been opened by the Clerk of the House at Washington, and ord-red printed. Mr. Carlisle appeared in his own behalf and Gen. Hale Sypher, ex-member from Louisiana appeared as counsel for Mr. Thobe. The sealed package contained the notice of contest, the answer, and depositions on the part of Thobe. Mr. Carlisle offered no testimony.

The Massachusetts State Prohibition convention was held at Boston, with 188 cities represented by 925 delegates. A telegram was sent to Neal Dow stating the number present and saying: "Cheer up, old man; your children are growing to a mighty height." W. H. Earle of Worcester, was nominated for governor; Dr. John L. Moore, of Springfield, for lieutenant governor; Amos E. Hall, of Chelsea, for secretary of state; J. H. Kilbourne, of Lee, for state treasurer; E. M. Stowe, for auditor, and Allen Coffin, of Nantucket, for attorney general.

The International Medical Congress began at Washington, on the 5th, being opened by President Cleveland. The address of welcome was delivered by Secretary of State Bayard. There were 3,500 in attendance, and several hundred more were expected. Among those from abroad are 21 from London, 10 from different places in England, 7 from Scotland, 8 from Germany, 6 from France, 3 from Austria, 2 from Switzerland, 3 from Italy, and one each from Egypt, Halifax, Ottawa, Havana, Copenhagen, Honolulu, Belgium, Dublin, East Indies and the Hague. During the session some 330 papers will be read, all of which will be printed in the English, French and German languages.

Indian Commissioner Atkins is reported to have said the following in regard to

White Earth investigation: I am charged with backing and supporting Agent Sheehan in various accounts of injustices on the reservation. I do not know Sheehan, and have not the slightest interest in him personally. I don't know whether he is a Democrat or a Republican. I have supported him in all his official accounts when he had done his duty and shall do so again. I uphold him in nothing that is not strictly his duty to the Indians under his charge. As for Beaulieu, I hear he made trouble and raised a row, and I ordered him put off the reservation, and I supported Sheehan, in that. If Beaulieu kicks up another row, I shall put him off again. I know nothing about this investigation. It is purely a congressional one, and we have nothing to do with it.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

There are over 1,000 cases of scarlet fever in London.

The river Nile is very high, causing floods in the provinces of Girameh and Kenah.

Hanson & Wormald's woolen mills at Digsbury, England, have been destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$200,000.

While a big gun was being cast at Becker's foundry in Sheffield, England, the gun exploded, killing five men on the spot and injuring many others, three of whom have since died.

Hans Jaboks, an American citizen, has been arrested in the Lysabell woods on the island of Alsen, in the Baltic sea, on a charge of deserting from the army in 1878.

The North German Gazette refers to the persistence of correspondents of London newspapers in alleging that a meeting is impending between Emperor William and the Czar, and reiterates that in official quarters nothing is known of any such meeting.

Many Americans went to Hawarden on Sunday to pay their respects to Mr. Gladstone, and attended church where he read the lessons of the day. After the service, the path from the church door was lined on both sides by American visitors, who greeted Mr. Gladstone with much warmth as he emerged on his way home. Mr. Gladstone returned their greeting cordially.

The Theatre Royal at Exeter, England, took fire Monday evening during a performance and the audience stampeded in such a panic that many were needlessly killed by being trampled upon and crushed in the terrible fright of the moment. The theatre was entirely burned only the walls remaining standing. 130 dead bodies were taken from the ruins and 30 more soon died after being taken to the hospital. The fire originated in the flies, during a pause in the play Romany Rye. The actors and actresses escaped, losing everything but the clothes they had on.

As a result of the indignation meeting held at Mitcheltown, Ireland, for the purpose of condemning the course of the government toward Ireland, a conflict arose between the people and the police. The riot originated in an attempt to assault the government stenographer, who was present to take down the speeches of Mr. Labouchere and others. The police essayed to protect the stenographer, and were set upon by the crowd, whereupon the constables charged upon the crowd and repulsed them. The mob rallied and made a desperate attempt to seize the stenographer, when the police fired into them, killing two men and wounding several.

MINNESOTA.

The fund for Mary Sylvester, at Minneapolis now exceeds one thousand dollars.

The Northern Pacific Junction post-office was robbed Sunday night of \$600 mostly in coin.

Brainerd, had a jail delivery four prisoners digging through the wall and cutting off the bars of a window.

At Austin, a stranger stepped off of the platform at the C. M. & St. P. depot Tuesday evening and was struck by the switch engine causing instant death.

P. Schaefer of Melrose, one of the prominent men of that city, who had his foot crushed in a threshing machine near there Saturday, died after having his leg amputated.

Miss Louise B. Wilson, only daughter of Congressman Thomas Wilson to L. W. Bowers, of Wilson & Bowers, attorneys, were married at Winona on the 7th.

The Inter State Commerce commission will meet in Minneapolis Sept. 15 to discuss grain rates. It is understood that milling in transit will come up for consideration.

At Freeport, Ills., David B. Staples has been indicted by the grand jury of Stephenson county for an attempt to murder Charles D. Winship, of Minneapolis, Minn. His bail was fixed at \$8,000.

A special from Marquette, Mich., says the schooner David Dows, which was supposed to have foundered with all hands in Lake Superior during the great gale on Tuesday and Wednesday, arrived at port safely. She weathered the storm without mishap in the open lake.

In the case of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railway company vs. J. R. Restad, appealed from the general land office, Acting Secretary Muldrew affirms Sparks' decision rejecting the claims of the corporation, because the company failed to appear and protest at the proper time against the final proof of the entry-man.

A car repairer was killed in the yards of the Omaha R. R., at St. Paul. He was working at a car which was raised on jackscrews when another car was switched in on the same track, knocking the first over upon him. He was crushed beneath one end, and died an hour later. He leaves a wife and eight children.

Hon. P. H. Kelly of St. Paul is quoted as saying: "No program has been published, and no public announcement made, but I can tell you for sure that President Cleveland will arrive in St. Paul on the afternoon of Monday, October 10, about 4 o'clock. He will not travel on Sunday, but will spend that day in Madison Wis."

When last heard of, Hal Reid, a well known young married man of Minneapolis, was at Chicago, whither he had fled after a brutal criminal assault upon Maud Coulston, a pretty young actress belonging to the West Side, St. Paul, Opera Company. Reid, who is a stage-struck dude, had been playing with the company at the St. Paul theatre. The girl is in a dangerous state.

A small cyclone, accompanied by hail and rain, started one mile north of Dalton, Otter Tail county. The wheat stacks were leveled to the ground. Reports from Eagle Lake say