

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

POINTED ITEMS CHRONICLING THE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS.

The Record of Crimes, Accidents and Other Matters of General Interest to the Public at Large, Given in Few Words For the Benefit of Those Who Are in a Hurry.

William Martin, the professional bicyclist of Detroit, Mich., was defeated at Paris by a length in a return race by Query. The distance was 10 kilometers.

Dr. Samuel Mitchemore of Philadelphia was elected moderator by the Presbyterian general assembly at Saratoga on the second ballot.

It has been discovered that a number of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s orders sent to Middletown, Goshen and Fort Jervis, N. Y. are forgeries similar to those received at Newburg and elsewhere.

The Serbian court of cassation has pronounced null and void a nikase reinstating Aleksin Miljan and Aleksin Natalis to regal rights.

Three buildings were destroyed by fire at Mount Vernon, N. Y. The loss is \$30,000.

The Vossche Zeitung says that the upper house of the Bavarian diet has agreed to the proposal to place the insane King Otto of Bavaria, under guardianship and to transfer the crown to the regent and his presumptive, Prince Luitpold.

Governor Flower has vetoed the bill providing for the payment of the expenses of the New York police investigation. He says it is partisan legislation and for the manufacture of political capital only. It is a misuse of public money.

Governor Flower has signed senate bill to enable owners to disclaim and abandon subdivisions of lands which have been subdivided by map into lots or plots.

While the market steamer St. Louis was receiving a new engine at Levia, Que., the tackling broke and the machinery fell into the water, making a big hole in her bottom. She speedily filled and sank at her moorings.

At Philadelphia the Order of Tontine made an assignment to the Land Trust and Trust Company and Francis Hunt Brown, the order's attorney. The assets are estimated at \$1,400,000.

The action of Clara Louise Granger, daughter of Police Commissioner McClave, for an absolute divorce from Gideon Granger was heard by Judge Dugro of the New York superior court and decision reserved.

The investigation at Homestead, Pa., into the arrival of the naval board, returned to Washington. It will probably be a month before its report is made public.

It is now believed that all of the children who have been reported missing since the Boston south end fire have been found by their parents.

Senator Lexow, Lawyer Goff and Dr. Parkhurst of New York city await Governor Flower for vetoing the \$2,000 appropriation for the Lexow investigating committee. They declare that the investigation will go on anyhow with more earnestness than ever.

Cyrus Arny, the son of W. E. Arny of Rico, Col., and grandson of ex-Governor Arny of New Mexico, is at Santa Fe, N. M., seeking data to establish his claim as one of the heirs of the famous Hyde estates of London, Eng.

Another chapter has been revealed in the Klotzler tragedy that shocked the village of Dolgeville, N. Y., a few weeks ago. The body of an infant was found in the vault of the house occupied by Klotzler.

C. Ridgely Goodwin, who was recently appointed superior of the port of Baltimore by President Cleveland, and who had taken possession of his office only two days, died of Bright's disease, aged 53 years.

George E. Godward, the secretary of the Home Benefit Insurance company, was arrested in New York city, charged by George C. Courtwright of Philadelphia with grand larceny.

J. J. Keen, the bookkeeper of the defunct Harlem River bank of New York and alleged defaulter, turned out to be a married man, and is said to have left town with his bride.

Disquieting news has been received from Bluefields, Nicaragua, by the state department, and Great Britain may be called upon to explain her interference.

The 18-inch armor plate designed for the battleship Indiana was shattered by a Carpenter shell in the test at Indian Head.

Philip Dwyer, the well-known horseman, charged with maintaining a lottery at the Brooklyn Jockey club, made no defense at his trial.

Edwin Gould broke a tendon in his leg and injured his knee cap while playing tennis at New York.

Mrs. Charles Smith of Kingston, N. Y., died of a broken heart. She had been betrayed and then deserted by her unwilling husband.

The breaking of the marriage engagement of General Antonio Ereta of Salva dor to Miss Ida Dent Wright of New York city is announced.

The conductor and six gravel hands on a tuck train were killed in a tunnel near Princeton, Ky., by collision with a freight train.

A young man named Waters tried to obtain \$1,000 from the National Bank of the Republic in Washington by forging the name of H. O. Havemeyer, Jr.

The lower house of the Hungarian diet, by a vote of 571 to 108, adopted the motion of Premier Weiker to recommend the civil marriage bill to the house of magnates with the request that the measure be passed by the latter body.

The excursion steamer New York, lying on the Camden side of the Delaware, was burned. The loss is \$50,000. The schooner yacht Esperanza, owned by Mr. Winchler of Philadelphia, was also destroyed.

At St. John N. F., the fire in the establishment of W. H. Thomas & Co., wholesale hardware dealers, caused a loss of \$200,000; insurance about one-third that amount.

Governor Flower has signed Senator Coghshall's bill for increasing the salary of policemen in New York city.

Two thousand coal porters employed on the wharves at Port Said, Egypt, struck. The strikers made several desperate attacks upon the men who remained at work. The leaders were arrested. Great discontent prevails.

SPERRY PLEADS GUILTY

Chaumont County's Defaulter... MATVILLE, N. Y., May 22.—When the case of Urein Sperry, Chaumont county defaulter, was called, contrary to all expectations, Mr. Sperry put in a plea of guilty to one count in the indictment, and his counsel interposed a strong plea for mercy. Judge Lambert took the case under consideration and will announce his decision on Thursday.

It is almost precisely 10 years ago that Sperry went to Denver, leaving his accounts \$29,000 short.

Eventually he went to Canada and remained for seven years. Then his friends attempted to reinstate him in the grace of his former countrymen. First a confession was printed in which Sperry acknowledges his error but alleges that Cass and Horton, two well-known Chaumont politicians, were the real beneficiaries of his peculation.

Hon. W. L. Sessions then attempted to get the indictments against the old man dropped, so that he could come home and testify in suits brought to recover the money so absorbed. The motion to dismiss the indictments was denied. Little less than a year ago Sperry braved the indictment, came home, walked into the district attorney's office and gave himself up. He was arraigned last September, and the case has been adjourned from time to time since.

Too Many Now, Says Hill.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Senator Hill was in his seat in the senate for the first time for two weeks. He stated in reply to a question that he had been at Albany during the greater part of his absence from Washington. When informed of the report which had been current about the Capitol last week that he was preparing a new tariff bill as a substitute for the pending bill, he simply replied, "Have they thought of tariff bills now? The criticism seems to be general that there are too many." He said he might deliver another tariff speech later in the debate.

Central Horrors Soft Coal.

ROCHESTER, May 22.—Superintendent Henry A. Good of the Central said that his road had secured the voluntary loan from the Buffalo, Rochester, and Pittsburg of 41 cars of soft coal. He estimates that the Central's supply of coal at the present rate of consumption will last 90 days. A number of the engines on this division are using anthracite coal.

Woman's Coming Trial.

New York, May 22.—The trial of Ernestine Winsor for appropriating the funds of R. G. Dan & Co., has been postponed before Judge Barrett in the court of oyer and terminer on May 23. Mr. Winsor will be defended by ex-Secretary of the Navy Benjamin F. Tracy and James N. Greenbald, queen's counselor of Montreal.

Compulsory Vaccination Illegal.

New York, May 21.—Supreme Court Justice Gaylor has decided that compulsory vaccination is illegal.

THE MARKETS.

New York Money Market.

New York Produce Market.

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FLOODS SUBSIDING.

FAVORABLE REPORTS FROM NEARLY ALL QUARTERS.

Water Resuming Their Natural Condition and Traffic Starting Up. The Danger Apparently Passed in Most Cities. Williamsport Recovering From Her Deluge.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—Advices from all parts of the flooded district are to the effect that the worst is over.

The damage done is as yet incalculable and it will be weeks perhaps before railroad traffic and business generally resume their wonted conditions, but the waters are receding rapidly and there is no more apparent danger.

Williamsport, which has suffered most, is itself again, and business there will be promptly resumed.

The pecuniary loss there is as great as in 1859, but another day has brought no news of loss of life.

In this city the Schuylkill has fallen rapidly, the rain has ceased to fall, and the wood is backed upon as a thing of the past.

A three-masted schooner broke from its moorings on the lower Schuylkill and drifted against the pier of Gray's ferry bridge, a low wooden structure down town. The force of the current caused the vessel to turn over and she tilted rapidly with water and sank. The darkness and rapid bowing flood prevented an identification of the craft, but she is believed to be the Flinn of Hanger, Me., loaded with granite.

The schooners wrecked at South street bridge are in the same position and the bridge is supposed to be out of danger.

Situation at Williamsport.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., May 23.—As the waters recede the havoc wrought by the flood is becoming more and more apparent, and careful investigation proves that the loss to property will be as great as it is to lives. Dozens of families among the poorer people of the city have lost all they had in the world, and almost everyone has lost something.

The greatest havoc was wrought at Newberry, three miles out of this city, where the Reading depot was completely wrecked and every house in the place was from 8 to 10 feet under water.

In the city proper the foundations of many of the largest buildings in the city are found to have been so greatly weakened as to be unsafe.

It is again reported that several persons are missing, who it is feared have been drowned, but the only specific case thus far is that of William Long, who has not been seen since Sunday morning.

Still Rising at Rochester.

ROCHESTER, May 23.—The Genesee river has been rising slowly, but steadily all day. No damage has been done, nor is any anticipated, as the river channel through the city is considered capable of carrying off a much greater volume than is at present passing through it. The rise has been at the rate of about one inch an hour, with a flowing speed of from four to six miles an hour. The latest reports from Mount Morris and vicinity state that the river is slowly falling.

Buffalo River Falling Rapidly.

BUFFALO, May 23.—The floods in South Buffalo have greatly receded and the water is falling rapidly. The damage is not so great here as would be expected, as the floods recur here so often that the inhabitants are mostly prepared. Many roads are still impassable and it will be some days before the river has fallen to its usual limits.

Water Flooding at Wilkes-Barre.

WILKES-BARRE, May 23.—The danger point in the flood in the Susquehanna river has passed. The water began to recede and the lowlands are covered by but six inches of water.

It is expected that communication with the town on the west side of the river will be resumed today.

Floods Prevent Racing.

LYONS, N. Y., May 23.—The race track where the circuit races are to be held was inundated, necessitating the removal of the horses to a place of safety, the stables being completely surrounded by water. The races were postponed until this afternoon. The river is reported to be gradually lowering.

Cochocton River Going Down.

BATH, N. Y., May 23.—The Cochocton river has fallen several feet and is gradually lowering.

Fatal Political Row.

HANFORD, Cal., May 23.—Word has reached here that a battle occurred during the progress of a Republican primary in the Dallas schoolhouse, about 18 miles south of here, which resulted in James McCaffrey being instantly killed by William Ryan, and James O. Ryan, father of William, being mortally wounded.

Engines Burning Hard Coal.

WINSTED, Conn., May 23.—The effect of the coal miners' strike is being felt by the Philadelphia, Reading and New England railroad, the company's supply of soft coal being entirely exhausted at all stations from Hartford, Conn., to Maybrook, N. Y. All passenger engines have begun burning hard coal.

Railroad Company Fears Treachery.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 23.—The Ohio River Railroad company has posted notices warning all their engineers to use the utmost caution in approaching trestles. It is alleged that the officials fear an effort will be made to burn some of the trestles in view of the hauling of non-union coal.

Postmasters Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—At the senate executive session the following postmasters for the state of New York were confirmed: George H. Perkins, Rochester; Melford G. Brown, Canton; Patrick Guinness, Lima; James E. Kelly, Ogdensburg; Bradford D. Wilcox, Earlville.

Whi Accompany Cook's Party.

SWEEP BY CYCLONE.

Farm Buildings, Fences and Other Structures Hurled Into Fragments.

KUNNIS, O., May 23.—A cyclone passed over-fourth of a mile west of here, killing five persons, four by striking trees and one slightly wounded several more.

Houses, fences, trees and obstructions of all kinds in the path of the storm have been carried away and nothing left to mark the spot where they stood, except huge holes in the ground.

The scene devastated is about a quarter of a mile wide and six miles in length.

Mrs. Barrett, who was the worst mangled, was carried over a quarter of a mile and dropped in a cemetery, her dismembered limbs being found about 100 yards farther on. There was very little left of the woman's body that resembled the form of a human being. Her breast and abdomen were rent in two and her entrails, lungs and other internal organs scattered broadcast through the 45-acre field.

Daniel Barrett was carried about 40 rods from where the cyclone struck him. His hand was torn off at the wrist and scattered to the winds, one leg was beaten into a pulp and he suffered internal injuries. He was still breathing when found, but died soon afterward without becoming conscious.

Martha and Myrtle Dass, who were in another part of the house, were left near where the house went to pieces.

Martha, aged 14 years, was apparently injured only about the head, which was crushed in on the left side, showing a great hole from which the brain protruded.

The younger, aged 10, lay almost in the arms of her sister, and her bones in all parts of her body were broken and ground into the flesh. Nothing could be done to relieve the little one's sufferings and she died shortly after.

Oxinger's lifeless body was found about 100 yards from where it was flung into the air. His bones protruded from the flesh and his body indicates that he came in contact with many of the flying trees and beams.

Rapid Transit Bill Signed.

ALBANY, May 23.—The governor has signed the rapid transit bill, filling a memorandum of about 3,000 words. It analyzes the provisions of the bill carefully and takes up each constitutional objection which has been made against the bill and decides that in view of recent decisions of the courts they are not sufficient to warrant him withholding his signature from the bill. It expresses some question as to whether the passage of the bill may not end in the delay of rapid transit for the reason that the carrying out of the scheme is contingent upon so many factors.

Blind Asylum Investigation.

BATAVIA, N. Y., May 23.—By a partisan vote of 5 to 4, the trustees of the New York state institution for the blind declared that the charges against Superintendent Place have not been proved. The board meets again on Friday when majority and minority reports will be submitted. Additional charges have been made against the superintendent accusing him of treating patients just released from the hospital in an improper manner. Reports were excluded from the session and even the attorneys were sworn to secrecy.

Barred by Falling Earth.

SYRACUSE, May 23.—While a gang of women were making a connection of a branch sewer with a trunk sewer in West Genesee street, part of the bank gave way, burying three men. When taken from the ditch Michael Costello was found to have been killed instantly, his back, skull, legs and arms being broken. John Kelly, another laborer, was also badly crushed, but is still alive. The third man was but slightly injured.

Gold Excitement in Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE, O. T., May 23.—There is considerable excitement in Tulsa valley over the discovery of placer gold in paying quantities. A woman, who formerly lived in the placer region in California, has known of the existence of this metal for a long time, but has kept the matter quiet and worked the find, having washed out several hundreds of dollars worth before her secret leaked out.

Two Alaska Appointments.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Two of the appointments made in Alaska were announced. Mrs. Belle Swift was appointed postmistress at Fort Wrangel, vice L. L. Thomas resigned, and R. P. Ling at Sand Point, vice J. Lohrie, recently lost at sea. There are only 25 offices in the territory and the last appointment was made several months ago.

Denounce Tariff Changes.

ROSTON, May 23.—The Young Men's Democratic club of Massachusetts passed resolutions remonstrating against the changes made in the Wilson bill by the Democrats in the senate, and urging the senate to restore the bill as nearly as possible to its original form.

Three More Storm Victims.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Three more names have to be added to the list of those whose lives were lost in the storm. The latest victims were Albert Anderson, Ole Jacobson and Oscar Larson. The bodies were found in one of the pockets of the new government pier.

Baptist Education Society.

SARATOGA, May 23.—The American Baptist Education society convened in its sixth annual meeting in the convention hall, being the first religious convention to assemble in this auditorium. Edward Judson of New York presided.

Awarded \$5,000 Damages.

NYACK, N. Y., May 23.—Mrs. Josephine Von Atzinger was given a verdict of \$5,000 in the circuit court against the New York Central railroad for the loss of her husband, who was killed by a West Shore train in August last.

Work of Incendiaries.

NYACK, N. Y., May 23.—Incendiaries burned three barns owned by bricklayers near Grassy Point. Several horses were burned. The fire is supposed to have been caused by laborers who have had their wages reduced.

Ives Pool Law Constitutional.

UTICA, N. Y., May 23.—The general term of this district has handed down a decision in the case of Thomas D. Kelly vs. Milton C. Gray, holding that the Ives pool law is constitutional. The opinion is by Judge Merrill.

Stamped Envelope Contract Filed.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The formally executed contract of James Parrott of Hudson, N. Y., for furnishing stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers has been filed at the postoffice department.

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