

Printed Items Chronicling the Week's Happenings.

PRESS DISPATCHES BOILED DOWN

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

Six men were injured by the explosion of a boiler in the engine house of the New Athens (Ill.) Coal company.

The Home Tribune publishes information from Naples that a squadron of five Italian men-of-war is anchored at Gaeta and is under order to be in readiness to proceed to Turkish waters.

Mr. Gladstone has written to the secretary of the Armenian Relief association as follows: "I still hope in the indisposition of the powers to make themselves utterly ridiculous before the world."

The 3-year-old son of Myron Young of Gloversville, N. Y., overturned a lamp, which exploded and burned the child terribly.

The Argentine senate has rejected by a vote of 16 to 10 Senator Romero's unification bill and passed Senator Peltigral's bill.

Dr. A. J. Hobart, one of the most prominent physicians in Eastern Iowa, has died at Clinton aged 87 years.

Billy Thompson, who has taken the management of Denver 24 Smith, announces his willingness to match him against any man in the world.

The New York state prison commission resumed its session and discussed at length its report to the legislature.

The Austrian budget for 1904 shows a surplus for that year of \$9,000,000 florins.

There were two violent earthquake shocks at Litchfield, Austria.

Advisors from Berlin say that a regular hurricane raged in Germany for 40 hours and stopped all telegraphic communication.

The London Field announces that Lord Dunsany will sail for New York next Thursday in order to resume an inquiry as to the degree of immaturity of the defendant in the first race for the America's cup in September.

A correspondent in Puerto Principe, Cuba, confirms the report of the engagement near La Reforma.

Frank Shufelt, a railroad brakeman who lives in Albany, was killed while coupling cars at Oneida, N. Y.

It is stated that Baron von Horst, governor of Danneberg, will succeed Baron von Koelliker, as Prussian minister of the interior.

George A. Dayton's large flouring mill at Towanda, Pa., has been totally destroyed by fire.

Advisors from Havana state that the rebels under Gomez and Maceo have entered the province of Santa Clara and surprised the Spanish column there, killing nine of the troops.

William S. Balch, aged 82 years, who died at Saratoga, was the father of Rev. Dr. Manning Balch of Madison, Wis.

A sensational attempt at a double suicide was made on Saturday night at the Grand hotel, London.

The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough have reached Monte Carlo.

In the supreme court of the United States the solicitor general moved to adjourn the case of the United States against Martin T. McMan.

Advisors from province of Santiago de Cuba, say that ex-Mayor Castell Cabron, a leader of the Reformist party, has been imprisoned on the charge of conspiring against the government.

Admiral Selfridge has arrived with his flagship San Francisco at Beirut, Syria.

Application is pending before the Catekill (N. Y.) village board of trustees for leave to construct and operate a trolley railway from Catekill Point through the village to Winham in the mountains.

These officers of the Second regiment of the Minnesota National guard have made formal application to the authorities of Venezuela for commissions in the Venezuelan army.

William S. Levy, who recently opened a clothing store at St. Louis under the name of "The Union," has assigned. The creditors are about \$50,000 and the assets \$25,000.

The trial of Elmer Padgett, charged with murder in the first degree, has commenced at Saratoga, N. Y.

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GEORGE AUGUSTUS HENRY SALA

George Augustus Henry Sala, journalist and author, was born in London in 1858. In the early part of his career he became a contributor of articles to newspapers and magazines.

Some of his best known works are: "How I Famed Myself," published in 1880; "Journey to the North Pole," published in 1881; "Looking at Life," published in 1882; "Breakfast in Bed," published in 1883; "A Strange Adventure of Captain Dangerous," published in 1884; "A Week in Paris," published in 1885; "Notes and Sketches of the Paris Exhibition," published in 1886; "Rome and Venice," published in 1887; "Paris Horses Again," published in 1888.

Mr. Sala started a weekly paper in 1888 entitled Sala's Journal, but has since discontinued the publication of it.

CARRIE WALL DEFEATED.

Her Allies Against Receiver Need Little Favor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Judge Cox, in the United States court, handed down a decision overruling the decision of Carrie B. Wall in the action brought by Benjamin M. Need, as receiver of the National bank of Middletown, N. Y.

In November, 1896, the comptroller of the currency, as alleged in the complaint, notified the bank that it was in default of its liabilities, and that it should pay the bank \$50 upon each share of its capital stock held and owned by them at the time of the bank's default.

The comptroller directed Receiver Need to take all necessary proceedings to enforce to that extent the individual liability of the stockholders.

As a stockholder, Carrie B. Wall the defendant, disputed the comptroller's power to levy such a assessment.

The decision of the defendant's remarks Judge Cox, as too metaphysical and refined to meet with much favor under the liberal rules of modern pleading.

FIVE EXECUTIONS.

South Carolina Celebrates Himek Friday in Bargain-Day Style.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 7.—Prison Graham, Jason Blake and William Fraser were hanged at Hampton yesterday for the murder of E. R. Nease, committed for the purpose of robbery.

On the gallows they persisted in saying that William Blake, Sr., had nothing to do with the crime. He was convicted along with the others, but received a recommendation to mercy which reduced his sentence to life imprisonment.

He was taken from the sheriff and lynched as he was leaving court by a mob which thought him guilty as the three sentenced to death.

Tom Peterson was also hanged for the murder of Dispensary Constable Moseley at Greenwood about six weeks ago.

A negro named Billots was hanged at Chester yesterday for the murder of a white man named Welch in Lancaster county.

All the condemned men confessed their guilt.

MONTHLY CROP REPORT.

December Returns to the Agricultural Department Made Public.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The December returns to the statistical division of the department of agriculture relate principally to farm prices Dec. 1.

The farm price of corn averaged 26.7 cents against 25.5 last year. The average price of wheat is 53.8 cents per bushel against 49.8 last year, or 4.1 cents against 49.8; of oats 30.5 cents against 29.2; of barley 35.4 cents against 41.5; of buckwheat 49.3 cents against 55.8.

The returns show the average price of hay to be 32.33 per ton against 32.3 same date last year.

The average price of tobacco is returned at 6.6 cents against 6.7 cents last year.

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The national convention was held at St. Louis on June 16 next. That was the decision reached by the Republican national committee assembled here after spirited balloting lasting two hours.

The morning was spent in hearing speeches in behalf of the contending cities, the doors being kept to the various contending delegations.

This conclusion, the committee began its afternoon session behind closed doors. An eager crowd choked the corridors leading to the committee room and awaited the announcement of the results.

The first important question of the afternoon was the fixing of the date of the convention. The executive committee reported a resolution favoring June 16.

This was amended by Committee Chairman Latham of Utah. In favor of Aug. 13. There was a sharp debate and Mr. DeYoung of California finally proposed a compromise between June and August, viz., July.

The DeYoung and Latham amendments were both defeated and then, by a practically unanimous vote, the date was fixed as June 16.

Then came the main contest between the cities. There was much excitement as the ballots proceeded, the committees from the interested sections hurrying about and seeking to effect combinations.

At the contest San Francisco secured one more than the 19 claimed from the first. The announcement of her lead was greeted with enthusiasm when it reached the other corridors.

The strength of St. Louis was somewhat greater than had been expected, while neither Pittsburg nor Chicago made the showing anticipated.

St. Louis gained steadily on each ballot. San Francisco sought to meet this by drawing the votes of Chicago, but without avail.

The two serious breaks occurred when David Martin of Pennsylvania led the Pittsburg forces toward St. Louis.

On the fourth and last formal ballot San Francisco forces broke for the first time, Michigan, Wyoming and Connecticut going to St. Louis. That settled it and gave St. Louis the convention.

The choice was made unanimous on motion of Mr. DeYoung of San Francisco.

St. Louis' cause was ably presented in the hearing of the various cities. Mayor Walbridge was introduced as "a Republican mayor of a Republican city."

The contest in plain English, St. Louis wanted the convention. As mayor of the city, he tendered the hospitality of St. Louis to the convention.

Ex-Congressman Nathan Frank of St. Louis declared that his city recognized no peer in her open handed hospitality and added that St. Louis should have the convention, because she wanted it.

He concluded by a glowing eulogy on the resources of St. Louis and Missouri.

S. M. Kennard, president of the St. Louis exposition, offered halls to seat 2,500, 5,000 or 10,000, whichever the committee might want.

Chamney Filley closed the St. Louis presentation with a spirited talk. He told of the advance of Republicanism in Missouri. A Republican election law, he said, had put an end to ballot box repeaters and to the disfranchisement of 50,000 voters by a scratch of the pen.

Mr. Filley was warmly applauded for the ringing vigor of his words.

GIGANTIC AUCTION SALE.

St. Louis System Knocked Down For \$600,000 With Little Aid.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 11.—Edward King of New York, acting for the reorganization committee, bid for the entire system of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad company, which was sold at public auction here under decree of the United States circuit court on Aug. 30 last.

Sixty million dollars was the price bid. Probably 1,000 people were assembled on the platform of the railroad tracks in front of the local depot of the great system when John B. Johnson, special master in chancery in the celebrated receiver ship case, appeared to carry out the mandate of the court.

Judge Johnson began to read the court's decree of foreclosure and order of sale, and then quickly and without any more flourish than if he were about to sell a town lot, offered the property to the highest bidder.

"What am I offered?" the auctioneer said.

"I offer \$60,000,000," said Edward King in a low voice.

VENEZUELAN ENTHUSIAST.

Meetings Held and Funds Collected For Defense Against England.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Word comes from Venezuela as to the excitement and patriotic enthusiasm over the boundary controversy with Great Britain.

At Puerto Cabello a public meeting has been held and subscriptions opened for the purchase of a torpedo boat for the defense of the harbor.

At the city of Bolivar another subscription is being received by the Central bank, citizens of all parts of the republic agreeing to contribute a stated sum weekly.

At Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, a convention is to be held, probably this month, to consider the question of defense.

In the big street parade, which will be a feature of the meeting, each state delegation will carry the coat of arms of the state, and at the head of the parade the coat of arms of Venezuela will be borne.

The movement was started by the Central society for the propagation of the defense of Venezuelan territory, but has apparently secured official approval, as members of President Crespo's cabinet and the governors of the several states of Venezuela give it full endorsement.

The minister of the interior, one of the Crespo cabinet, has written a letter congratulating the promoters of the movement on their patriotism, but adding that there should be calmness and wisdom in the steps taken.

Dr. Moore Given Up.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 10.—Dr. J. C. Moore, ex-president of the defunct Commonwealth National bank and member of the People's Insurance company, now in the hands of a receiver, and also connected with several other financial institutions in this city, was surrendered by his bondsmen and is now in the custody of an officer.

Seven Men Drowned.

DELETT, Dec. 10.—By the sinking of the tug Pearl B. Campbell off Huron lake in Lake Superior Saturday last, seven men, all of whom but one lived in this city, were drowned.

Canadiana Take no stock.

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—The report that Sir Charles Finner, Canadian high commissioner, is coming out to accept the premiership is discounted here.

THE MARKETS.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Money on call, 3 1/2 per cent. Prime commercial paper, 4 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange, actual business in bank, 4 1/2 per cent. for demand and 4 1/2 per cent. for 30 days. Posted rates, 4 1/2 per cent. and 4 1/2 per cent.

New York Produce Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—FLOUR—City mill patent, 4.00 per cent. winter wheat, 3.90 per cent. winter wheat, 3.80 per cent. do low grade, 3.70 per cent. Minnesota, 3.70 per cent. spring low grade, 3.60 per cent. do, 3.50 per cent. spring extra, 3.40 per cent. Southern hard good to choice, do extra, 3.40 per cent.

WHEAT—No. 1 red, 1.00 per cent. No. 2 red, 98 per cent. No. 3 red, 96 per cent. No. 1 white, 94 per cent. No. 2 white, 92 per cent. No. 3 white, 90 per cent.

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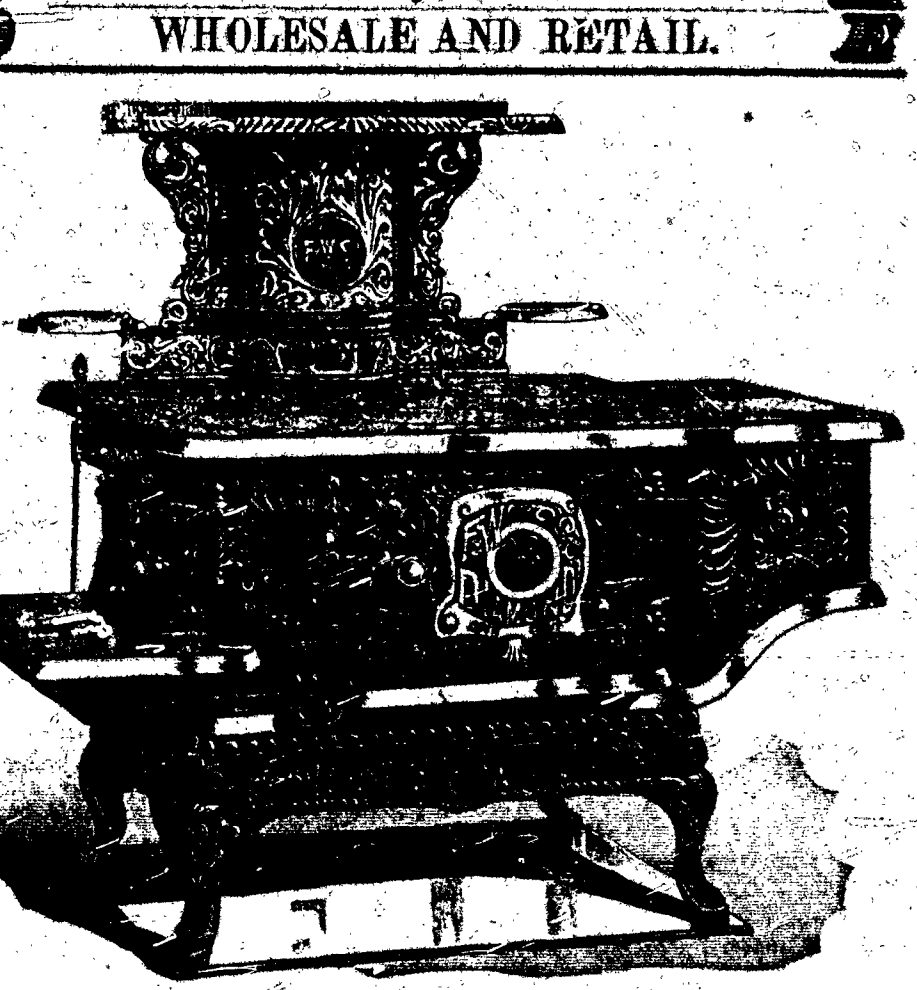
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