HISTORY OF THE WEEK

Brief Notes Chronicling All Events of Interest.

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Record of the Most Important Happenings of the Last Seven Days Put In Small Space and Arranged With Regard For the Busy Reader.

By the decisive vote of 51 to 6 the senate inaugurated an investigation, to be conducted by the senate committee on finance, into the facts and circumstances connected with the sale of United States bonds by the secretary of the treasury during the last three years

John Hays Hammond's wife had a long and touching interview with President Kruger of the Transvaal, at which she pleaded the cause of her husband and the other prisoners. President Kruger promised to consider everything

The following is the population of the New York state prisons: Sing Sing, 1,379; Auburn, 1,160; Clinton, 1,006; women's prison at Auburn, 97, total, 3,642. This is the lowest number in the state prisons at this season in five years.

A report from Somerset, Ky, says the roundhouses and 12 locomotives belonging to the Queen and Crescent Railroad company were destroyed by fire. Loss, $300,000 and fully insured.

Charles Homos, a fullblooded Choctaw, has been legally shot at the Pushmatha (I. T.) court grounds, for the murder of Charles Klotubby, his stepson-in-law

After having taken 112 ballots during a struggle extending through four days the Second Kansas congressional district Republican convention nominated J. P Harris, a farmer and banker, of Ottawa, Franklin county, to succeed Hon. Orin L. Miller in congress.

The president has approved the act to provide for the adjudication of the claims of owners of sealing vessels seized in Bering sea before the making of the modus virendi between the United States and Great Britain.

John Waldrop, who, four months ago, while serving a term in the Coalburg penitentiary for larceny, brained a fellow convict, Jasper Thornton, with a coal pick, has been hanged in the jail yard at Birmingham, Ala.

Arthur Bennett, the alleged forger, who mysteriously disappeared last week from Ithaca, N. Y., has not yet been found. It has been learned that previous to his disappearance he obtained life insurance to the extent of $18,000. Investigation will be continued as friends refused to believe that he has put an end to his life.

Mrs. Mary Fleming, confined in the Tombs prison, New York, charged with having poisoned her mother, Mrs. Bliss, was informed that the appellate court had just handed down a decision to the effect that she was entitled to the $85,000 left in trust for her.

Colonel Pano has been elected president of Bolivia, in succession to Senor Mariano Baptista, whose term of four years expires on Aug. 6 of the present year.

Sir John Millais, president of the British Royal academy, is reported to be suffering from cancer of the throat and surgeons operated upon the distinguished patient and the alarming symptoms in his case were much relieved.

The badly decomposed body of a man was found on the rocks in the Genesee river below Rochester. It was identified as that of Joseph H. Savard, 42 years old, the employe of Bradstreet's who disappeared so mysteriously early in March

Toronto has had two suicides. F. S. Botsford, a well known druggist, shot himself through the head and died almost instantly. John Sedgwick, a conductor on the Toronto Street railway took an overdose of morphine and died

It is reported that election riots, accompanied by considerable bloodshed, have occurred at Oruro, La Paz and Sicasica, Peru. It is believed here that the Bolivian government is trying to force General Pando to the front.

The Staten Island authorities have received a telegram from Mrs. K. Ratcliffe of McCand street, Toronto, stating the body of a young man found in the woods of Mariner's harbor Saturday was probably that of her son. She is expected to come on to identify it.

Two children of Joseph Cote of Portland, Me., Samuel and Mary, were drowned in the upper bay by the upsetting of the boat, in which they were with four other children. The bodies were recovered.

Captain James D. Johnston, who has died in Savannah in his 79th year, was the ranking officer of the survivors of the Confederate navy

Sir Jacobus A. Dewit, the British agent at Pretoria, has resigned.

The pope has received in audience Most Rev. Cornelius O'Brien, D. D., Archbishop of Halifax.

The forest fires which have been raging in Southern New Jersey for several days past have burned the California mills and a large stock of cordwood, valued at $50,000, near the village of Petersburg.

The decision to hold the Harvard-Cornell-Columbia-University of Pennsylvania boat race at Poughkeepsie gives general satisfaction.

The schooner Eleanore brought to Gloucester the news of the loss of two of the crew of the Gloucester schooner Quickstep. A dory containing the men was capsized by a squall last Wednesday.

Seventy convicts in bolt shop No. 5, Ohio penitentiary, struck because the guards were too severe. Finally all except 10 resumed work. The 10 were punished.

Mustapha Bey, under secretary in the foreign ministry, has been appointed Turkish minister at Washington.

Phil Dwyer, the horseman, scored a victory in the New York supreme court when Justice Pryor handed down a decision opening the default judgment of $15,000 awarded by a sheriff's jury to David Gideon against Dwyer for alleged slanderous remarks. The decision enables Dwyer to defend the suit.

Maximo Gomez, according to the latest reports received from Havana, is encamped at the farm of El Arroz, near Placetas, province of Santa Clara. His health is said to be so delicate that he is only able to partake of eggs and milk.

The Amber carpet mills, operated by C. S. Masland & Son of Philadelphia, and covering three acres of ground at Mount Holly, N. J., were totally destroyed by fire. The loss will easily aggregate $200,000, covered by insurance.

INDIANA FOR McKINLEY.

Thus Perishes the Last Hope of the Harrison Boom

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8.—The Indiana Republican convention instructed its delegates for McKinley, with scarcely a show of opposition, and the long impending battle between the McKinley and alleged Harrison forces ended in a commonplace peace. The platform embodying the instructions was adopted by a viva voce vote and without division, the chairman's decision that the motion to adopt had carried being received without a challenge

General Harrison did not make his eagerly expected speech to the delegates and did not visit the convention at all. The platform declares for sound money favors the use of both gold and silver at a parity, urges bimetallism on an international basis and condemns the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. The ticket chosen was as follows.

Delegates at Large—R W Thompson, C. W. Fairbanks, F. W Mount, General Lew Wallace. Alternates—R. T McDonald, Hiram Brownlee, E. O. Hopkins, George L. Knox, colored

Electors at Large—H G Thayer, C. F Jones.

James A. Mount, the nominee for governor, is a farmer of Stewart ... an ex-member of the state senate is prominent in farm institute work and yearly delivers lectures at the agricultural department of Perdu university He is quite wealthy

John W Baker of W... was nominated for lieutenant governor

Other nominations were Secretary of state, W D Owen Case county, auditor of state, A C Dailey of Boone county treasurer, Fred J Scholtz, renominated; attorney general, W A Ketcham renominated; reporter supreme court, Charles F Remer, superintendent of public instruction, D M Geeting of Jefferson, state statistician, S J Thompson of Shelby county

CRUISER BROOKLYN A FLYER

Expected On Her Official Trial to Make 22 Knots.

PHILADELPHIA, May 13.—The cruiser Brooklyn has returned triumphant to her dock at Cramps shipyard. Her journey up the Delaware river from the capes was almost one continuous ovation, every factory along the way saluting the queen of fighting craft as she passed, and flags were dipped repeatedly. The most conspicuous objects about the Brooklyn as she steamed up the river were the big numerals "21.07," painted in white on each side of the central smokestack. These figures told to passing craft the story of her successful speed test.

The Brooklyn has been designed as a more effective ship than the New York, being longer, heavier, and possessed of supposed greater fighting qualities.

Although the speed called for is the same, many of those on board are confident that she will, on her official test, accomplish 22 knots or one more knot than the New York

The government was represented at the trial by Passed Engineer William C Herbert and Naval Constructor J G Tawresey

In speaking of the results, Mr Herbert said "The engines and boilers behaved well and they are all that any one could wish for. The fire room and engine room are comfortable and I predict great performances for the new ship"

The Brooklyn will be hurried toward completion and it is believed she will be ready for her official trial by July 15

EVENTS IN CUBA.

Remaining Two Competitor Prisoners Tried by Courtmartial.

HAVANA, May 13.—The summary courts-martial of two prisoners of war, Antonio Acosta and Manuel Martin, have taken place

The first mentioned was tried at the military hospital, and the second man referred to was placed on trial in the Cabana fortress. The results of the trials have not yet been announced.

In an engagement at Callejon Zapata, this province, the insurgents lost 14 killed. At different places 15 insurgents have surrendered to the Spanish authorities. In several skirmishes in the province of Pinar del Rio, this province and the province of Santa Clara the insurgents have lost 17 killed

Cleveland Positively Not a Candidate.

NEW YORK, May 13.—The World in a special from its correspondent in Chicago this morning says Washington Hesing, postmaster of Chicago, appointed by President Cleveland, disclosed to me a political secret which seems to set at rest the question of Mr. Cleveland's candidacy for the nomination of president at Chicago in July.

"I called on the president recently at the White House," said Mr Hesing "I have been, as you are aware, on very friendly terms personally with Mr. Cleveland He informed me in unequivocal language that under no circumstances would he again be in the field."

State Preserve In Flames.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., May 13.—The forests in the state preserve in the lower part of Hamilton county are burning fiercely. Several small settlements in the towns of Benson and Day have been destroyed and the people of Crowville have encamped at Mud lake to escape the fires.

The flames were within two miles of Northville, Fulton county. The burning district is many miles in extent, and, as the woods are dry, will spread unless rain comes soon. The damage already has been great. The sky has assumed a smoky appearance for many miles around.

Drouth Seriously Affecting Crops.

LEROY, N. Y., May 13.—Farmers in this locality are feeling decidedly blue over the poor prospects for a profitable harvest this year. The continued dry weather is seriously affecting growth of all kinds, especially that of cereals. The wheat crop will be more of a failure than other grain. "Two weeks more without rain," said a prominent farmer, "and there will not be much hay." The drouth seems general through the entire western part of the state.

State Medical Association.

BUFFALO, May 13.—The fourth district branch of the New York State Medical association held its 12th annual meeting here. Dr. E. M. Moore, Jr., of Rochester, the secretary of the state association, presided. Dr. William H. Thornton was re-elected secretary. Numerous papers were read. There was a small attendance.

Missionaries Leave Armenia.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 13.—Mr. Wheeler, the missionary, and family, and the Gates family, consisting altogether of nine persons, have left Kharpoot, Armenia, on their way to America.

HILDRETH CONVICTED.

Found Guilty of Murder In the Second Degree.

RECOMMENDATION TO LENIENCY.

Sentenced to Imprisonment For Life. Other Prisoners Plead Guilty to Manslaughter and Sentenced to Forty Years In Auburn.

ROME, N. Y., May 8.—J Watson Hildreth, the boy train wrecker, was this morning declared guilty of murder in the second degree, with a recommendation to leniency.

At 1 o'clock this morning a rap was heard on the jury room door and was answered by a court room official, who was told that jury was ready to report. They had been out since 7:15 p m yesterday

After they had filed into court, Foreman Richards announced the verdict, which was of murder in the second degree. The verdict of the jury recommended leniency

At the announcement Hildreth put his right hand to his forehead and turned slightly pale, but he made no demonstration

His father who sat by his side grasped the hand of his son and held it firmly He too was calm

The first vote in the jury room resulted as follows: Guilty of murder, 7, not guilty, 2, blank, 2. Second ballot, guilty of murder, first degree, 2, second degree, 7, third degree, 1, not guilty, 1, blank, 1 Third ballot, murder second degree, 9, not guilty, 2, murder third degree, 1

All these ballots were taken previous to the instructions given to the jury by the judge after midnight. Soon after they had retired for the second time all of the jurors voted for murder in the second degree.

Hildreth's three companions implicated in the train wrecking are now in jail awaiting trial, and it is probable that after the verdict of today their cases will be taken up together, and it is believed that they will conjointly plead guilty to the lesser degree of crime in which Hildreth was convicted.

Judge McLennan's charge was evenly balanced. He read to the jury the law defining different stages of crime, from murder to felony, and plainly told the jury their duties in the case. He said they should render their verdict without fear or favor. He went over the details of the case from the time the train left Syracuse on the morning of the wreck on Nov. 10. The first thing for them to consider, he said was whether the train was wrecked through human agencies. If so, who did it? If they found the defendant did it, or aided others with intent to kill, he is guilty of murder in the first degree. The judge also told the jury that they could take into consideration the confession of the defendant if satisfied it was made of his own free will

Defendant's counsel requested the court to charge the jury in 10 different charges, but the court refused

A summons was served on J Homer Hildreth for a $30 board bill contracted by his son, J Watson Hildreth, while boarding at the Commercial hotel, of which Scott Cackett is proprietor. The summons is returnable before Justice Schwars on May 17. Mr Hildreth merely referred the matter to his attorney

OFF TO AUBURN.

Boy Train Wreckers Commence Their Long Sentences Today.

ROME, N. Y., May 9.—The boy train wreckers were taken to Auburn prison at 11 o'clock a m today by Sheriff Weaver, Hildreth to spend the rest of his days there and Plato and Hibbard, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter, to remain for 40 years

Celia Perryn called at the jail to see Hildreth for the last time. She was accompanied by her mother. Jailer Owens locked the three in a room for two hours, where they enjoyed each other's company greatly. Hildreth embraced and kissed Miss Perryn and did not seem to care who knew it, neither did she. At parting they again embraced and were loth to part. Both were in tears. Hildreth said. "I love that girl and I am afraid this will break her heart, to say nothing of my own."

Hibbard's family was at the jail to give him goodby. Those who witnessed the parting were moved to tears.

Permissions to Build Railroads.

ALBANY, May 13.—The Plattsburg Traction company was given permission by the railroad commission to construct a line from Plattsburg to the Hotel Champlain, the Catholic summer school and the United States barracks. Similar permissions were granted to the Mountain Lake and Gloversville railroad to build a road between Gloversville and Mountain lake, a summer resort, and to the Ballston Terminal railroad to construct a road from Ballston 12 miles along the Kayaderosseras creek for the convenience of the manufacturers along that creek.

Falling Scaffold Fatality.

BUFFALO, May 13.—A special to The Express from Erie, Pa., says: A force of men engaged in kalsomining the ceiling of St. Mary's Catholic church were precipitated by faulty scaffolding a distance of 50 feet, among the seats of the edifice. Alexander Lee is dead. Louis Maranalli, an Italian artist, had an arm and leg broken, and his recovery is doubtful. M. A. Johnson received serious internal injuries. Several others were injured.

Confidential Clerks Exempted.

ALBANY, May 8.—At the meeting of the civil service commission it was decided to strike out from class A in the civil service schedule, for New York city only, all confidential clerks. This leaves but deputies and chief clerks in this class in that city.

Editor of Puck Dead.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Henry Cuyler Bunner, editor of Puck, has died at his residence in Nutley, N. J., from tubercular consumption. Mrs. Bunner and their children were at his bedside when death came.

Harrison Off to the Adirondacks.

ROCHESTER, May 13.—Ex-President Harrison and wife passed through here in a private car on their way to their summer home in the Adirondacks.

Drowning at Jamestown.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., May 8.—Theodore Blantz was drowned in the outlet in this city.

ACTRESS' TRAGIC DEATH.

Frances Booth Dies In Philadelphia From a Criminal Operation.

PHILADELPHIA, May 12.—Frances A. Liebner, an actress known on the comic opera stage as Frances Booth, died in this city on Saturday under circumstances that the police and the coroner are making a rigorous investigation. The young woman died at the house of a Mrs. Cleary, who is said to be well known to the criminal authorities, having been implicated in other suspicious deaths. A post mortem examination will be made. The dead woman had been with the Pauline Hall Opera company, the Aborn company, Rice's Burlesque company and was engaged for the season of grand and comic opera of the Castle Square Theater company of Boston

A post mortem examination proved that the girl's death had been the result of a criminal operation

Mrs Cleary was held by the police on suspicion of having been implicated and it is said that other arrests will follow.

Labor Men Flocking to Ottawa.

OTTAWA, May 13.—The second biennial convention of the Grand International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will be as great a success as was anticipated by the most enthusiastic. The visitors poured in by the hundred and the attendance promises to be very large. From Mexico, Texas, Louisiana and Florida on the south, the New England states on the east and the Pacific slopes on the west, the visitors come. Ottawa will have to capitulate to the Americans for 30 days at least. The leading hotels are commencing to decorate and the mayor has instructed the city hall officials to get the building in its best attire

War on the Traffic Association.

NEW YORK, May 13.—The Produce Exchange is getting ready to make war upon the Joint Traffic association, owing to differentials discriminating on grain freights. Just how they will begin the fight has not been determined yet but the superintendent of the Produce Exchange said that the attack would be made upon the most vulnerable point first. "It is our only hope of safety," said the superintendent. "New York is being discriminated against by the Joint Traffic association and our business is being ruined. The chamber of commerce is in the fight."

Mills Destroyed by Fire.

HAWKESBURY, Ont., May 14.—Hawkesbury Company's mills here were destroyed by fire. Loss, $100,000. About 900 men are thrown out of employment.

THE MARKETS.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 12

Money on call, 2½@3 per cent

Prime mercantile paper, 6@6½ per cent

Sterling exchange. Actual business in bankers' bills $4.88¼ for demand and $4.87¼@4.88 for 60 days. Posted rates $4.88½@4.89 and $4.89½@4.90

Commercial bills $4.87

Silver certificates, 68¼@68⅞c

Mexican, 53¼c

Bar silver, 68⅝c

New York Produce Market.

FLOUR—City mills patent $4.55@4.60, city mills clear $4.10@4.20; winter patents, $3.75@3.85; winter straights, $3.45@3.55; winter extras, $2.60@2.90; do low grades, $1.90@2.10; Minnesota patents, $3.65@4.00; Minnesota bakers, $2.70@3.10; spring low grades, $2.35@2.60; winter do, $1.85@2.35; spring extra, $1.90@2.60; Southern flour, $3.00.

BUCKWHEAT—38@41c

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Spot and to arrive, $1.25

CORNMEAL—Yellow western, coarse, 70c. brandywine $2.15, city 71c

RYE—State, 44@46c delivered, No. 2 western, 41c

RYE FLOUR—Superfine, $2.60@2.70, fancy, $2.75@2.90

BARLEY—Feeding, 35@38c; malting, 38@43c

BARLEY MALT—Western, 48@55c; No. 3 Western, 60@70c; two rowed, 81c; six rowed do, 68@75c

WHEAT—Spot sales of No. 2 red store and elevator, 78⅝c afloat, 78⅝c f. o. b. 77⅝c. No. 1 Northern, 71⅝c f. o. b. afloat, No. 2 do, 72⅝c elevator, No. 1 hard, 74⅝c f. o. b. afloat. Options—No. 2 red May closed at 70c, June, 70c, July 70⅝c, Sept, 70⅝c, Dec. 72c

CORN—Spot sales of No. 2, 35¾c elevator, 36¾c afloat; No. 2 white, 38c; steamer white, 35¾c; steamer mixed, 35¾c; do yellow, 35¾c. Options—May closed at 35¾c, July, 36¼c, Sept., 37¾c

OATS—Spot sales No. 2, 25c; No. 2 delivered, 26c; No. 3, 24c; No. 2 white, 26c; No. 3 white, 24½c; track white western, 25@28c, track white state, 25@28c; track mixed western, 25@26c; track white, 24½@28c. Options May closed at 24¾c; June, 24¾c; July 24¾c

HAY—Shipping, 75@80c; good to choice 90@$1.00

PORK—Old mess, $8.75@9.75; family, $10.50@11.00; short clear, $10.25@11.50; extra prime, $10.50.

BUTTER—Western dairy, 8@11c, western creamery, 11@16c, do factory, 8@10c, elgins, 16c, imitation creamery, 9½@12c; state dairy, 10@15½c; do creamery, 11@16c.

CHEESE—State large, 5@6½c; small, 4½@10c; part skims, 3@4½c; full skims, 2@2½c.

EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, 10½@11c, western fresh, 9@10½c; icehouse, $2.50@2.75; southern, 8@8½c.

POTATOES—Long Island, 50@75c; sweets, $1.00@5.00; Jersey, 50@75c; New York, 60c@$1.00.

Buffalo Provision Market.

BUFFALO, May 12.

WHEAT—No. 1 hard, 69⅛c. No. 1 northern, 67½c. Winter wheat—No. 2 red, 72c.

CORN—No. 2 yellow, 33c; No. 3, 32¼c; No. 3 yellow, 32½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 24½c, No. 2 mixed, 22½c

BARLEY—Fancy, 42c; good to choice, 37c.

RYE—No. 2, 42c.

FLOUR—Spring wheat, best patent, per bbl, $4.00@4.25; low grades, $2.75@2.90; winter wheat, best family, $3.75@4.00; graham, $3.50.

BUTTER—State creamery, 17c; western do, 17c.

CHEESE—Fancy full cream, 8@9c; choice do, 6@7c; light skims, 4@5c; skims, 3@4c.

EGGS—State, 10c. Canada and western, 9@9½c.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Extra export steers, $4.15@4.25; good do, $4.10@4.15; choice heavy butchers', $3.90@3.95; light handy do, $3.65@3.80; cows and heifers, extra, $3.50@3.75; calves, heavy fed, $2.00@3.00; veals, $3.25@4.25

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Choice to extra wethers, $4.00@4.10; good to choice sheep, $3.75@4.00; common to fair, $3.75@3.90; choice to extra spring lambs, $4.65@4.90; common to fair, $4.65@4.90

HOGS—Heavy, $3.45@3.50; medium and mixed, $3.55@3.60; Yorkers, $3.70@——; pigs, $3.70@3.75.

Buffalo Hay Market.

No. 1 timothy, per ton, $17.00@18.00; No. 2, do $16.00@17.00; baled hay, $14.00@16.00; baled straw, $8.00@9.00; bundled rye, $11.00@12.00.

Little Falls Cheese Market.

LITTLE FALLS, N. Y., May 11.

CHEESE—Large colored, 6 lots, 3?7 boxes, 7c; do 2 lots, 53 boxes, on commission; large white, 6 lots, 170 boxes, 7½c; small white, 11 lots, 439 boxes, 7½c; small colored, 9 lots, 432 boxes, 7½c; do, 1 lot, 90 boxes, 7c; do, 2 lots, 44 boxes, on commission; twins, colored, 1 lot, 60 boxes, 7⅝c; do white, 4 lots, 220 boxes, 7⅛c; do, 5 lots, 250 boxes, 7⅝c. Total, 47 lots, 2,085 boxes.

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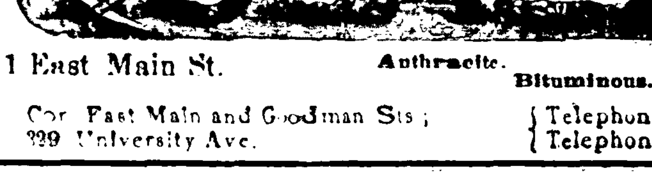

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