

ECHOES OF THE WEEK

European.

The Dewton College of Agriculture at Salisbury was burned on Wednesday.

Over 200 houses have been burned at Bombay and hundreds of families are homeless.

The Tribune of Rome says the Pope has submitted proofs of his cyclical on the social question to several eminent Europeans.

The Paris Siecle announces that John Dillon, upon his arrival in France, will be chosen as leader of the Irish parliamentary party.

The Russian budget for 1891 shows an estimated surplus of \$1,167,840. The estimates include an extraordinary expenditure, \$26,775,000 for public works and \$12,912,500 for armaments.

The German minister of finance has introduced the budget for 1891-92 in the lower house of the Diet. In this the revenue and expenditures balance at \$430,208,085.

The China of Farther India made a raid on Pine Thaw, a village of Burma, on Jan. 7, killing three persons and capturing 12. Troops are in pursuit.

M. Ribot, French minister of foreign affairs, has informed Lord Lytton, the British ambassador, that France will not accept any compensation for her fishery rights in Newfoundland that she does not consider to be their full equivalent. Nothing of that nature has been offered her. It is for England to say what she can give. Money will not be accepted.

The London Times' Paris correspondent says: "A friend from Russia informs me that on M. Vishnegradskis, Russian minister of finance, representing that it was inexpedient to quarrel with the Jews because such a course would offend Jewish bankers, the Czar ordered the application of the Anti Semitic laws to be suspended for three years."

The Pope on Wednesday gave an audience to the Rev. Dr. O'Connell, rector of the American College, during the course of which he eulogized the American Episcopate. The Pope has recognized the Bishops of S. Rashiourg, Pos-n and Fribourg. During the session of the secret consistory the Pope will deliver an allocution on the efficacy of the Italian Guarantee law and on the position of the Vatican in this connection. It is reported that the cardinals to be created are Mgr. Piazz, patriarch of Jerusalem; Mgr. S. piaca, secretary of the council, and Mgr. Roselli, the Papal Nuncio at Paris. The Vatican has been confidentially apprised of the renewal of the Triple Alliance.

American.

The Indiana House of Representatives has adopted a resolution instructing the State representatives in Congress to urge the passage of a bill providing for the appointment of an additional member of the President's cabinet, to be known as the commissioner of labor.

At a consultation of physicians on Senator Fearst's case, it was decided there is no hope of recovery. Death is imminent. The disease is said to be cancer of the stomach.

The schooner Otter, from St. Kitts with a cargo of salt, went ashore at Bellport, L. I., on Wednesday morning. Two men were drowned coming ashore. The rest of the crew were saved.

The Court of Appeals at Albany, N. Y., on Wednesday affirmed the judgments of conviction in the cases of the three murderers—James Slocum, Hassie A. Smiler and Frank Fish—all of whom are under sentence of death. Slocum, now in Sing-Sing prison, killed his wife Ellen in a tenement house in New York city, December 13, 1889. Smiler murdered his mistress, Maggie D. Rainey, at New York, April 3, 1890. The woman left him because of ill-usage, and upon her refusal to return to him Smiler shot her dead. Smiler was a printer, and had been a lieutenant in the Salvation Army. Fish murdered John Cullinane at Canandaigua, January 25, 1890.

George M. Bartholomew, formerly president of the Charter Oak Life Insurance Co., who fled to Canada some years ago, returned to Hartford recently, appeared in court and pleaded guilty to embezzlement of \$10,000. He was sentenced to one year in State prison and went there immediately. Bartholomew is over 70 years of age and is in feeble health.

Gen. Schofield has received the following telegram from Gen. Miles at Pine Ridge: "Gen. Brooke's command is now camped five miles distant on White Clay Creek and the entire body of Indians are between the two commands. Gen. Brooke has commanded his force with considerable skill and excellent judgment. The greatest difficulty is to restore confidence. The Indians have great fear that their arms will be taken away and all treated like those who were on Wounded Knee. They have a large number of wounded women and children which creates a most distressing feeling among the families, and a desperate disposition among them. Military measures and movements have been successful."

The control and government now becomes the problem. No serious embarrassment is apprehended at present.

Canadian.

John McCloskey, aged 93, and Lawrence Mercereau, in his 100th year, the two oldest men in Sanbury County, New Brunswick, have died within the past few days. They maintained full possession of their faculties to the last, despite the fact that both had used tobacco and spirits more or less all their life.

Reports of damage by Wednesday's easterly high tides are coming in from all parts of the Bay of Fundy coast.

Snow is so deep in the lumber woods throughout the northern part of New Brunswick that some operators are taking out their teams.

On Wednesday night the presbytery of St. John, N. B., in formal session on, after a long discussion, deposed Rev. Dr. Archibald Macdougall, formerly pastor of Calvin church, and now running an independent Presbyterian church in the north end of this city, from the ministry, on the ground that he had treated the Presbytery with contempt and was promulgating views gravely at variance with the standards of the Presbyterian church in Canada. For some months this case has been an exciting topic in Presbyterian circles.

If you wish a suitable Present these hard times buy a Pair of VELVET SLIPPERS from S. H. Parker, 1351 St. Catherine street.

Careful of His Trousers.

Miss Cashley—You have dropped your handkerchief on the floor, Mr. Van Dudekin.

Van Dudekin (preparing to get on his knees)—I did it with a purpose, dear Miss Cashley—er—Edith, I love you; will you be my wife?

The Quibbles Were Legal.

Lawyer Black—Yo' honah, I rise to object to de legal quibbles dat der prosecution am bringin' up.

Judge Cole—Mistah Black, yo' sit right down. Ef dem quibbles am legal dey shall stand, and de cou't allows 'em.

The Tailor's Vain Hope.

You haven't put a change pocket in this coat Snip.

I know it, sir. I thought very likely if you had no pocket you might send your change to me, and that would reduce your account.

When a Woman Will.

A young wife who is just mastering the mysteries of house-keeping used more kindling wood for her kitchen fire than her husband liked to split, and he decided to prepare only a certain amount and to limit her to what he thought a proper quantity. The first time she ran short she promptly dumped in the family stock of clothe-pins to make the muffins bake and sent out to the grocer's for a fresh supply. A woman can circumvent the poor warm man almost any day in the week, and not half try.

It Was.

Owner of Horse (bushing the flies off the impatient animal)—What are you telling me, Larry? Are you really a descendant of the Irish kings?

Larry—Yis, sor. And now you're shoeing horses in an Englishman's blacksmith shop! It looks like the irony of fate.

Yis, sor. Stand still, ve haste! I make me livin', sor, by ironin' fate.

Not Half Warm Enough For Him.

Warm? he said, putting on a heavy pair of gloves and buttoning his light overcoat.

Do I call it warm? said the other, mopping his brow and trying to fan himself at the same time, while his face grew redder and redder. I call it gridiron heat.

Pooh, pooh, my dear fellow; the mercury isn't above ninety-two.

Ninety two! And it hasn't been above a hundred more than once this year.

Shades of all the Icelanders! cried the red fat man, what would you like to have it—185 in the shade? Would you like to boil eggs in the public fountains? Do you want foundries to run their furnaces without fire? One hundred! Do you want to sizzle and vanish in steam. One hundred! he screamed in shrill agonized tones, and he danced around madly in his wrath until his face was of flaming scarlet. One hundred! Why, man, haven't you got any blood in your veins?

Oh, yes, said the other, shivering as a warm breeze touched him, but I have 40,000 tons of ice cornered.

And then the little stout man fell in a swoon and an ambulance carried him to the hospital, where he was recorded as suffering from prostration by heat, while the ice king went home to order the servants to put more coal on the fire.

SCIENTIFIC.

According to the American Geologist the largest gold mine in the world is in Alaska. It is lighted throughout by electricity and is worked day and night.

Crescoted wood has been found to have such excellent lasting qualities that its economical properties have suggested its use for permanent haulage, roads, shaftways, etc., in collieries.

St. Louis has adopted the novel way of marking the names of streets by painting them on the electric light globes. The shadow of the name is thrown upon the ground so plainly that it can be read fifty feet away.

It is found that in painting wood one coat takes twenty pounds of lead and four gallons of oil, and the third the same as the second, say one hundred pounds of lead and sixteen gallons of oil per hundred square yards for three coats.

Sir William Siemens gives the following good definition of steel: "Steel is a compound of iron with any other substance which tends to give it superior strength." This definition embraces the various kinds of steel from the hardest tool-steel down to the softest.

Bricks boiled in coal tar are rendered hard and durable, and machine made bricks if boiled for a long period—say twenty-four hours—become water-proof. Bricks thus treated are well adapted for sewers, cess pools, and the foundations of buildings.

Oxygen is the most abundant of all the elements. It composes at least one-third of the earth, one-fifth of the atmosphere and eight-ninths by weight of all the water on the globe. It is also a very important constituent of all minerals, animals and vegetables.

The accumulation of explosive gases in a room, mine or ship's hold can now be ascertained by means of an indicator. It consists of a porous cylinder closed by a thin metal membrane, and the penetrating gases raise the membrane, close a circuit and ring an alarm.

The celebrated Krupp Company, of Essen, Germany, has just finished the largest gun ever made; it is the property of the Russian government, and is made of cast steel, weighs 235 tons and has a calibre of thirteen and a half inches and a barrel forty feet in length; it fires two shots per minute and each charge costs \$1,500.

The belief that smoke from soft coal may have beneficial sanitary effects, is gaining ground. It is claimed that the sulphur in the coal when burned becomes sulphurous acid then, a well known disinfectant. For this reason, that crocodile and its allied products are thrown off with the fumes of bituminous coal, and that an atmosphere charged with carbolic acid must be free from germs of the disease than an apparently purer air.

A wonder of Peru when the Spaniards discovered it was the system of irrigation which made the arid land fertile. The conquerors destroyed this system because they found mining more profitable than farming. Recently an English syndicate was organized to carry on the work begun by the Incas. A dam six hundred feet long and eighty five feet high is to be built across a valley to store the floods of the Piura river, and it is calculated that with this water the entire desert of Leashura can be made fertile.

There are now 945 submarine cables, exclusive of the seven Atlantic cables, with an aggregate of 112,740 nautical miles. The overland telegraph is already a worldwide institution, in which there is a total of 1,680,900 miles of wire—enough of the attenuated metal to go around the equatorial belt of the globe thirty times. The United States has 776,500 miles of wire, and in 1889 had no less than 56,000,000 messages traveling the country. France has 220,890 miles of wire, on which in 1889 were transmitted 30,050,000 dispatches. Great Britain has up to 180,000 miles of metal line, and in 1889 sent 50,000,000 messages on their silent flight.

It may not be known outside of the neighborhood in which it is situated, but it is nevertheless a fact, that in Sonoma county, Cal., there exists an original and successful piece of railroad engineering and building that is not to be found in the books. In the upper part of the country named, near the coast, may be seen an actual railroad bed of tree tops. Between the Clipper Mills and Stuart Point, where the road crosses a deep ravine, the trees are sawed off on a level with the surrounding hills, and the timbers and ties laid on the stumps. In the center of the ravine mentioned, two huge red-wood trees, standing side by side, form a substantial support. These giants have been lopped off seventy-five feet above the bed of the creek. This natural tree bridge is considered one of the wonders of the Golden State, and for safety and security far exceeds a bridge framed in the most scientific manner.

The deaconesses of Northern Germany have started a home for spinners, or, as they call it, for "standing alone ladies."

ABOUT WOMEN.

Mme. Juliette Adam is about to start a penny paper in Paris.

One of the many extravagances attributed to Mrs. Langtry is the possession of a silver bathtub.

The Crown Princess of Denmark is the tallest Princess in the world. Her height is six feet and three inches.

Italian and French women have small, fat feet, and can wear small boots without suffering any inconvenience.

Lady Pouncefote is noted at Washington as a pedestrian, and often walks from house to house in making calls.

Queen Natalie is writing her memoirs, but as she is only thirty years of age they do not spread over a very extensive period.

Miss Alice Roselli was the first singer who brought out the late Cardinal Newman's hymn "Lead Kindly Light," set to music by Signor Pinsuti.

The daughters of General Sherman dress with great simplicity. They go into society a great deal, and are particularly sought for as dinner guests. They never dance.

Princess Bismarck, wife of the Iron Chancellor, is described as the very model of a practical methodical German matron, with an eye for every detail of household arrangement and economy.

Nellie Tetreau of Lumpkin, Col., a girl of fourteen, is in charge of one of the immense road engines used in hauling logs to saw mills. She is said to handle the throttle as well as any of the male engineers.

Dr. Seraph Frizzell, of Springfield, Mass., has been appointed resident physician and lecturer on physiology and hygiene of Mt. Holyoke, and is well known there professionally, and her appointment gives much satisfaction.

Longfellow's house in Cambridge is now occupied by his eldest daughter and her uncle, the Rev. Samuel Longfellow, Miss Longfellow's sister, Mrs. H. R. Dana, and Mrs. Thrope have built houses adjoining the old estate.

A woman's association in Berlin is 24 years old and has 1,108 members. Its income last year was \$4,500. There are 1,041 women and girls in its schools for business, drawing, manual training, etc. It has a restaurant which averaged 103 noon customers during the year.

A Danish lady, Freken N. Nelson, has founded an institution at Paris which will be sure to prove a blessing to foreigners who may chance to fall ill in that gay capital. Its intent is to supply for it the sick-nurses speaking all the principal languages. These nurses can be sent to any part of France, or even to foreign countries if desired. There is, also, in connection a school for the training of nurses.

Mrs. Marrable, who has been elected for four years in succession president of the Society of Lady Artists, holds a prominent position in the art world of London. She is a member of the Belgian and Roman Water Color Societies and is an associate of the Liverpool Water Color Society. Her pictures have appeared in the Royal Academy, Dudley Gallery and in many foreign galleries, while she sends some excellent pictures to her own society. Mrs. Marrable is in favor of woman suffrage.

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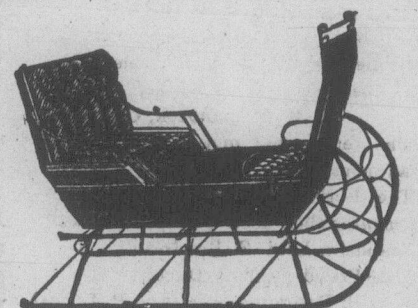
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