

Salt Lake City is to have a Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade.

A cyclone in Nevada half a mile wide has devastated the Marmahon Valley. The cyclone made matchwood of the fences, trees, houses and barns which lay in its path, and twenty-five persons are known to be killed.

It is said that a large number of the crown jewels of France are to be purchased by American ladies. The wives of the U. S. Senators have a special fancy for royal jewels, and several of them are prospective purchasers. Even in democratic America, such jewels would be handed down as priceless heirlooms.

President Cleveland has thrown a bombshell into the rank and file of the Democratic party by announcing his determination not to allow himself to be nominated for a second official term. A wing of the party had not favored his re-nomination, but his announcement has elicited a unanimous expression of regret which quite possibly may induce the President to alter his plans.

Even the mud seems to be curious in Georgia. The Atlanta Constitution says: "The amount of phosphorescent light seen on the streets of Albany, Ga., this Spring, at night, has rarely ever been equalled. A curious thing has more than once been observed. Pedestrians have caught this luminous substance on their feet, and their path would be marked for a short distance by the light emitted."

The Lighthouse Board is arranging for the improvement of the illumination of the Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island, in New York harbor. A strong lens will be placed in the torch, five additional electric lights will be placed around the base, making thirteen of such lights in all, and a number of incandescent lights will be placed in the interior of the statue. The light to be placed in the torch will be one of the most powerful fixed lights in the world. It is intended more for the purpose of enhancing the grandeur of the statue than as an aid to navigation, as a light of much less power than the one selected would answer equally well for the latter purpose.

Irish Home Rulers propose erecting in Dublin a national memorial to Gladstone.

A sharp shock of earthquake has been experienced in the Island of Jersey. No damage was done.

Italy, Denmark and Roumania have decided not to take part in the Paris Exhibition. Belgium will abide by the decision of England.

Mr. Sexton has received an anonymous letter, which, it is thought, will lead to the identification of the author of the Parnell letter published by the Times.

The Ghilzai rising in Afghanistan is assuming large proportions. The Ghilzais have proclaimed a new Ameer, around whose standard all the Afghan refugees now in India, are expected to gather.

Through the vigilance of the police, the opera house and factories in Pesth have been saved from the destroying hands of the Anarchists. Anarchy desires to destroy society as it exists, and commences to destroy property. Both the desire and attempt have so far proved futile.

The regent of Bavaria is making his sons learn useful trades. Prince Rupert, who will probably be king some day, is apprenticed to a Munich wood-turner, and works daily at his bench. Prince Francis is learning how to paint houses, and Prince Charles is an industrious market-gardener.

If the German Fishery Commission succeed, it will place, this spring, 7,000 salmon in the Rhine and Weser, each fish bearing a tiny silver plate marked "1887." The problem will be to affix such a plate so that it will not injure the fish, and yet retain its place. Experiments to that end are under examination at the Berlin Aquarium.

The enmity between China and the Sandwich Islands has been given vent to by covering the walls in Honolulu with hand bills in Chinese offering a reward of \$5000 for the head of King Kalakaua. It is said that the guards have been doubled about his palace. The suppression of the sale of opium is the cause of the feeling.

Several artesian wells have recently been sunk with remarkable success in various parts of Algeria of pure water, at a temperature of twenty five degrees C., forming a lake. Large areas of waste land have been reclaimed by means of the water thus provided, and similar results are hoped for in other regions which have been hitherto quite unavailable for agricultural production.

The British Budget shows that the receipts and expenditure during the past year has reached \$438,000,000. The army estimates show a reduction of 1½ million dollars, and civil service a saving of \$1,700,000. The revenue from alcoholic liquors has decreased nearly a million of dollars, while that derived from the beer tax has increased \$220,000. The revenue from the taxes on tea has increased, while that upon wine has fallen off.

There has been much excitement in Europe during the past week over the possibility of a war between Germany and France, arising out of the arrest of an official named Schnaebeles. It appears that Commissary Schnaebeles had been found guilty of high treason by the court of Leipzig, and that he was doing his best to induce the desertion of young German recruits. For the past month, the German police have narrowly watched his movements, and having evidence of his guilt, they undertook to arrest him when standing within a few feet of the French boundary. Schnaebeles, it is asserted, escaped, and the officers pursued and made him a prisoner on French soil, carrying him away to the jail at Metz. The chief point of disagreement is whether Schnaebeles was arrested on German or French territory; but as to this, the contradictory nature of the telegrams leave us in the dark.

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