

INTERESTING CURRENT TOPICS.

Double postal cards, affording facilities for reply, are already in vogue in several countries of Europe, and have been found of immense convenience.

Machinery is being made in New Orleans to be used in manufacturing hats from the fibre of palmetto leaves at Orange Park, Fla.

The only surviving male relative of Washington, bearing his name, is a Washington correspondent. This is not a pun, but a fact. His Christian name is not George.

The prize of 5,000 roubles offered in 1874 by the Russian Government for the best book on the history of cavalry, has been awarded to the work of Lieut. Col. George T. Denison of the British army.

Nevada has a new law authorizing the public whipping of wife beaters. A whipping post has been ceremoniously placed in front of the Court House in Austin.

One Indian chased another through street after street in Umatilla, Oregon, for over two hours. The residents looked on in amazement, and at last saw the fleeing savage overtaken and soundly beaten. This was revenge for the loss of a squaw.

The King of Sweden and Norway has completed a dramatic poem, entitled "Minne fra Upsala," the scene of which is successively laid in the Cathedral, in Odin's Grove, and in Old Upsala. This drama, to which Jvar Hallstrom has written the music, is now under rehearsal, and will be shortly performed.

It is computed that the grain used for liquors in a year in the United States reaches 70,000,000 bushels, which would make 1,050,000,000 four pound loaves of bread. Great Britain uses 80,000,000 bushels of grain yearly for the same purpose, and annually imports food to the value of nearly \$400,000,000.

The mother who burned herself and her two children to death at Bethel, N. Y., had doubtless often read pieces in the newspapers about the results of fighting a fire with kerosene. She had very likely perused the stories of those kerosene tragedies with pitying horror—just as many who now read in turn the news about her, will shudder at the thought of the agony in which she and her little ones expired, and will then proceed to start their own fires with the aid of the kerosene can.

The Russian Government treats temperance and teetotal leagues as illegal secret societies. This is because the revenue is so largely increased by liquor duties, whereby \$100,000,000 are annually added to the imperial exchequer. Policemen and soldiers are instructed to fog teetotalers into drinking. The clergy are ordered to preach against the new sects. Publications on the immorality of liquor traffic are retored. A Polish schoolmaster was recently put to sweeping the streets in a convict gang for denouncing liquor selling.

A singular family feud is now exciting Richmond, Ind. A few nights ago H. J. Bargas, a prominent merchant, cowhided Prof. Waltner, musician, for publishing Mrs. Bargas as a slanderer. He was arrested pleaded guilty, and paid a fine. On leaving the Mayor's Court he cowhided the Professor worse than before, and the latter had him put under bonds to keep the peace toward him. Mrs. Bargas then took the matter up, and, as her husband couldn't thrash the musician again, she forced her two brothers to take turns in laying him out.

Disrespectfully inclined English detectives have had a warning that will probably prove efficacious for a generation at least if not longer. Three of the four Scotland Yard Inspectors accused of taking bribe money in the case of the swindled Countess De Guocourt, have been found guilty by the jury and given two years at hard labor by the Judge. The same sentence is passed upon their legal accomplice and fellow conspirator, Mr. Solicitor Floggrat. Considering the crime committed by these officers—the betrayal of their trust for money, the punishment seems light; but considering their standing in the force, and the influence brought to bear to save them, it becomes exemplary. A good many years will probably pass before we again see an English detective or an English solicitor in the dock for a similar offense.

Whoever has habitually attended circuses in this country remembers the Conrad brothers, acrobatic clowns, and their comical performance, in which one pretended to be dead, while the other tumbled him about. They recently went to Germany. The London Era contains the following: "One evening the elder Conrad fell to the ground after a pretended blow, and was turned and returned as usual. His arms and legs were jerked, but he struck and kicked and dragged, but preserved a steady impassibility. Suddenly an expression of distress could be noticed through the grotesquely painted linesaments of his brother, who hastily dropped on his knees and placed his hand upon the heart of the fainthearted clown, exclaiming, 'My poor brother is dead!' At this the audience only laughed. 'Gentlemen, said the distressed man, with tears in his voice. 'I assure you, that he is dead.' Then taking him tenderly in his arms, he bore him to the arena. The crowd appeared struck with the natural manner in which the bereft clown expressed grief, and applauded him vigorously as he departed. There were loud accolades for both, but neither presented himself. Death had been more thoroughly simulated than ever before."

THE WORLD'S DOINGS.

Crimes, Criminals and Condemns.

Two Italian playing cards for liquor in a New York basement quarreled on the night of the 23 and one of them, Marshal Cotzack, was killed.

The examination of Deacon Ezra P. Smith and Mrs. Champin, at Middleburg, Vt. for poisoning Mrs. Smith, is concluded, and both held for trial.

"At a dancing party of colored people in Covington, Ky., on the night of the 23rd, Maggie Sherman, a quadroon, fatally stabbed Winnie Jackson, another quadroon."

Rand, the desperado who is in jail in St. Louis will be taken to Koscusko County, Ill., shortly. Rumors are current that he will be lynched before reaching there.

On the night of the 20th, in Middfield, Ohio, a party of masked men took from the constable a man suspected of having robbed clothing store, and hung him to a tree.

Gen. Abraham Curayear former Colonel of the New York Seventh Regiment and ex-policommissioner has been arrested on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

The British steamer Agatha on route from Newcastle, England, to Boston left overboard in a heavy gale her third officer and a seaman, besides having her bulwarks struck.

J. F. Calling, for a long time secretary of the Western Insurance company of Cincinnati, is found to be a defaulter to the amount of \$14,000. The company is said to be secured against loss.

Nicholas Pleimbling, of Welton, Wis., has been arrested on suspicion of the murder of Mrs. Van Vochess and children, near Sparta, and setting fire to her house on the 2nd of November.

Jack Hunt, the Monroe county, Tenn., wife murderer, who was to have been hung the 29th inst., has been reprieved by the governor until December 18th, in order to allow him to prepare.

On the 23rd near Sulphur Springs, the Blamark and Deadwood stage was attacked by 30 Indians, two horses shot, two stolen and the mails captured and rifled. The passengers took to the hills and escaped.

A compromise will be made in the case of the New York embassier lawyer, Louis F. Thooessen, by which he will give up his real estate and the proceedings against him will be stopped.

The captured Nez Percos including Chief Joseph arrived at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on the evening of the 23rd and were placed in the military prison until a reservation can be provided for them in the Indian Territory.

The trial of the Servants, Pa., vigilantes against the most important prominent citizen who filled the role on the 1st of August, last, by firing on the mob and killing three rioters, and who were indicted by the grand jury of Luzerne county, is now in progress.

Personal and Impersonal.

Bishop Marston of the M. E. Church died in St. Louis on the 26th.

Moses H. Gunnell former collector of the port of New York died in that city on the 25th inst., aged 75.

It is probable that Senator Sharon will take his seat in the United States Senate before the regular term.

Miss Laura Bannan of Baltimore, while playing with a toy pistol accidentally discharged it and killed her cousin, James Murphy.

Charles E. Dimmitt, deputy Auditor at Batavia Ohio has been arrested, charged with robbing the County Treasury of \$24,000, a month ago.

A banquet was given at the Sheridan House, on the 21st, by the citizens of Blamark, D. T. to the captive Nez Percos, Joseph, Yellow Bull, Charvat Head and Yellow Wolf. Formal receptions were then held, and many ladies introduced to the chiefs.

The jury in the case of A. H. N. Sillies indicted at Portland, Oregon for perjury in connection with the Grover investigation, have disagreed and been discharged. They stood eleven for conviction and one for acquittal. A new trial has been ordered.

Mississippian.

The Philadelphia permanent exhibition will hereafter be closed on Saturdays.

The Third National bank of Chicago has suspended, and will go into liquidation.

The National Grange met at Cincinnati on the 21st, with representations from all States.

The steamer Kashgar has been aground in the Suez Canal, and all traffic stopped since that time.

The San Francisco workmen have invited the board of supervisors to join them in their parade on the 29th.

The steamship Strathroy, on route from Montreal to Aberdeen, Scotland, was lost on the Miligon Island, Gulf of St. Lawrence, on the 12th.

The soldiers surrounded the Keets mine near Deadwood and having smoked out the miners with sulphur, placed them all under arrest.

A Bangs memorial association has been formed in Chicago, the president of which is the local superintendent of the railroad mail service.

At Matamoros, Mexico, fifteen prominent citizens supposed to sympathize with Lerdo have been arrested and confined in the military prison.

The directors of the Erie Railroad met in New York, on the 22nd and formally authorized Receiver Jewett to facilitate the reorganization scheme.

The working men of San Francisco are to judge in a grand procession—the object of which is to demonstrate the strength of the anti-Chinese movement.

A detachment of sailors and marines are patrol the beach near the wreck of the steamer Huron in hopes of recovering the bodies of some of the drowned.

Warrants have been issued for the arrest of the proprietors of the leading New York hotels on the charge of violating the excise law by selling liquor on Sundays.

THE STEAMER HURON.

The Steamer Huron which was dispatched from Norfolk Va. to the scene of the wreck of the Man-of-war Huron on the North Carolina coast has returned to that city bringing four officers, thirty enlisted men, and some survivors of the disaster, and eight dead bodies.

A heavy flood is raging upon the upper Potomac and the tributaries. At Washington the river is rising at the rate of six inches an hour, bearing in its course bridges, telegraph poles, barrels, &c. swept down from above.

Communication between Washington and Alexandria was suspended on the 26th.

A meeting called at Sioux Falls, D. T. for the purpose of denouncing Gov. Pennington, was turned into an anti-slavery railroad meeting which appointed a committee to visit St. Paul with a view of effecting arrangements for the speed, completion of the Worthington and Sioux Falls Railroad.

During a furious gale on the morning of the 26th, the United States Man-of-war Huron, Commander G. P. Ryan, went ashore near Kittyhawk on the North Carolina coast and almost immediately went to pieces. Her crew consisted of 119 men and 15 officers. Her last only one, Esagaa Lucien Young, was saved, and the crew of the vessel only reached the shore after the vessel was en route from Portsmouth to Havana and had been out only 13 hours when the accident occurred.

RUSSIA'S WAR WITH TURKEY.

The Roumanian official paper announces that the Roumanian captured Babova on the 21st after a three days' engagement. The Turks fled towards the Lon Palanka and Wladia with the Roumanians in pursuit. Rumantansu with the capture of Babova, a Roumanian division crossed the Danube opposite that town.

A special correspondent at Gurgevo sends the following, under date of the 22nd: "I have been shown a telegram from Russian headquarters requesting contractors to furnish 70,000 bags of biscuits instantly for the use of the Russian army. Mr. Pasha has opposed negotiations for the surrender of that place. Gen. Melnikov, when summoning Makhtar Pasha to evacuate Erzeroum, informed him of the capture of Kara and that if he resisted he would be attacked by 80,000 men with overwhelming artillery. Makhtar Pasha replied that he would hold Erzeroum to the last."

The view taken of Osman Pasha's position is on the whole unpropitious, but some maintain he has provisions enough to hold out until Mehmet Ali can organize an army of relief. Great efforts are making to accomplish this end. A Tiflis dispatch says: The Dion corps will shortly attack Batoum with heavy artillery. The Caucasian insurrection increases. The insurgents stormed the fortified town of Kussar the 19th inst., and captured the Russian fortification. The Russian general Pasha has forced the Russian lines. All recent rumors relative to the mediation are again declared false. Mr. Layard, the British minister has received instructions not to take the initiative in the matter, but wait until England's mediation is requested. A telegram from Bucharest says rumors that Osman Pasha is negotiating a truce with Mehmet Ali based upon the appearance of a parliamentarian in Persia as Russian headquarters. An article has been issued calling out 150,000 citizens in Constantinople and the provinces to maintain order during the possible absence of the regular forces. Christians are summoned to participate in this levy.

A Belgrade correspondent states that a Serbian battalion recently crossed the frontier near Belgrade to protect some Bulgarian women and children. The Turks drove the Serbians back and many were killed and wounded on both sides. The clidat at Antivari still hold out, encouraged by the assurance of relief coming by sea. A Corfu dispatch reports a Turkish fleet of ironclads and transports passing there and expected soon to anchor at the port of Monnegro. There is a special from Paris reporting that the Serbs hold a strong position at the head of the Orbanche delta and have abandoned the town of Orbanche for strategic reasons.

Weekly Review of the English Crop.

The Mark Lane Express' weekly review of the grain trade says the slightly firmer tone of the foreign wheat trade—the fact that the English is being burnt out badly in quantity and condition. The information is given that a large quantity of wheat is to be shipped from America and the large quantity of wheat afloat from this and other sources of supply would, under other circumstances restrict the demand. The inquiry has shown a decided improvement, although with large supplies in port it is idle to expect that prices will be to any extent affected by the enhanced request. Imports of wheat into Liverpool during the past fortnight have been 100,000 quarters; Monday's list showing upwards of 110,000 quarters and returns to Friday further the arrival of 78,200 quarters. The pressure to sell American wheat, export shipments, and to avoid the expense of warehousing, hastened the decline of a shilling a quarter, of course. Large imports now arriving are considerably in excess of immediate requirements, but from the recent tone observable in trade, it is not so gloomy as many might imagine. The course of politics is being closely watched, and this is undoubtedly a weak point as far as sellers are concerned, as a termination of the war between Turkey and Russia would set free the accumulation of grain in the Black Sea ports, and bring about for a time a state of things not unlike a panic in the wheat market. Our exports continue fair, and cheap while in request to supplement the deficient harvest in France. Feeding corn is quiet. There is very little stagnation in the value of barley. The export trade is somewhat better than of late. The floating cargo of ports is all well. The floating cargo of ports is all well. The floating cargo of ports is all well. The floating cargo of ports is all well.

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THE MINNESOTA GUBERNATORIAL VOTE.

The official canvass of the vote at the late election in Minnesota will not be made until the Legislature meets in January next. We append a table giving the comparison with 1873. It is not absolutely complete or entirely correct, but is as accurate as can be obtained at the present time. When the official canvass is made we shall reproduce it: Comparison of Returns and Estimates of the Vote for Governor in 1877 with the Vote of 1875.

Table showing the comparison of votes for Governor in 1875 and 1877 across various counties.

THE ANTI-SUMPTION BILL.

On Nov. 23—The anti-summption bill coming up at once, was discussed by Messrs. Desha and Cullender, the former explaining his motives in the bill, and the latter on a question of privilege and replying to attacks upon him. Fourteen amendments of various kinds were introduced, but the bill passed, 135 to 130, after which the House adjourned.

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Woman's Love of Appropriation. Woman was not made to live alone any more than man. All the actions of woman, whether of useful industry or of ornament, are subject to the approval and pleasure of the sterner sex, to which they are subordinate, and on which they are dependent.

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The total assessed valuation of the county as appears from the Auditor's book for the present year, \$4,600,000, an increase over the year 1876 of \$1,070,000. On Monday morning the 12th the last rail was spiked on the Minneapolis and St. Louis road connecting that city with the R. G. & N. R. at Albert Lea, and the long-sought and much-talked-of North-and-South line has been accomplished.

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MINNESOTA NEWS ITEMS.

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A COUNTRY THANKSGIVING PERMANENTLY.

AY, foodman, close the great barn door. The mellow harvest time is o'er.

The earth has given her treasures meet Of golden corn and bearded wheat.

You and your neighbor will have wrought, And of the summer's bounty caught:

You came a tribute now to pay— The bells proclaim Thanksgiving Day.

Will have you sown, will have you reaped; And of the riches you have heaped.

You think, perhaps, that you will give A part, that others too may live.

But if such argument you use, Your neighbor's bounty refuse.

No gifts you on the altar lay In any sense are given away.

Do! longings from heaven a voice abroad: 'Who helps God's poor shall lend the Lord!'

What is your wealth? 'Tis but what you know, To hold it, you must let it go.

Thank you the hand by Heaven struck cold Will yet have power to clutch it gold!

Shrouds have no pockets, do they say? Indeed! I show you then the way.

I wait not till death shall shut the door, But send poor cargoes on before.

Lo! he that giveth of his hoard To help God's poor doth lend the Lord.

To-day, my brethren—do not wait; Just yonder stands Dame Kelly's gate.

And would you build a mansion fair, In heaven, send your lumber there.

Each stick that on her wood-piles lies May raise a dome beyond the skies;

You stop the rents within her walls, And yonder rise your marble halls;

For every pane that stops the wind There shineth one with asper lined.

Your health is gone, your form has fled, But in the City parish gold!

Your hoard is held by hands divine; It bears a name that marks it thine.

Behold the bargain 'ere have With thine the board is laid.

No moth doth eat it, thence do steal, No suffering beareth out thy veal.

The scattered dust that ye have given Is garnered by your God in heaven.

Ring out the words: Who of his hoard Doth keep God's poor shall lend the Lord!

Go get your cargoes under way; The bells ring out Thanksgiving Day.

"Well, Katie, how do you like them?" The gas-burner, shining soft through their globes of frosted glass, had been lighted, the fire glowed beneath the mantle of Cupids on the hearth, and Mrs. L'Estrange, who had just come down stairs in a garland of myrtle leaves in her luxur

THE HAND OF CARE.

The writing wrinkles on thy cheek, The weeping silver in thy hair, And o'er thy face a gleam of cheer...

A WIFE'S PRAYER.

For three days a terrible fate drove before it the ship Pembroke, bound to Liverpool from the Sandwich Islands.

At midnight, just before the ending of the third day, a fearful cry, not loud, but hoarse and deep went through the ship.

"We have sprung a leak!" Then the lights from the two lanterns hung up in the main and mizzen shrouds fell upon the sturdy forms of seamen hurrying to rig the pumps.

"There is none," one of the men answered. "I feel sure; I looked at the very spot before the fog settled there, about fifteen minutes since."

"No, no; you may be mistaken. I conjure you, I implore you to wait till the fog clears up, when you may see a sail."

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simultaneously. "We must have food now." Hunger had driven them to desperation. Their teeth were clenched, their faces more wild and bloodshot, their faces more like those of wolves than of human beings.

"Let me go, dear Harriet," said the young man to his wife. "Let me bid you good-by, and may Heaven bless you."

"Back, back, never shall you tear me from him. But if you must have a human life, take mine instead of my husband's."

"How do you know there is not one hidden by that mist?" he inquired pointing toward a small fog-bank a league to seaward.

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The Extravagance of English Pitmen in Good Times. London Corr. N. Y. Times. The following is a true story of pitman extravagance during the inflated prosperity of the miners a few years ago.

"Bill, what's that stuff?" said one pitman to another, pointing to a bride's cake in a confectioner's window in a Yorkshire town not far from Leeds.

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Energy and Perseverance. A farmer must have these two qualities if he ever expects to be anything in this world. Farming is a business that must be driven through on time.

Interesting Ceremony. From the Albany Daily Freeman. Mrs. Joseph Simon and her daughter Rachel, the victims of the terrible kerenee accident at Troy, a few days ago, were members of the extreme orthodox sect of Polish Jews.

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