

Downers Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS.

HISTORY OF A WEEK.

THE NEWS OF SEVEN DAYS UP TO DATE.

Political, Religious, Social and Criminal Doings of the Whole World Carefully Condensed for Our Readers—The Accidents Record.

Arthur J. King, executive head of the firm of R. G. Dun & Co., died at his home in Bloomfield, N. J., aged 70 years.

About half the business portion of Plato, Minn., was burned Monday. Aid was summoned from surrounding towns and the town was barely saved from entire destruction.

The west coast of Mexico has been visited by a tremendous storm, which has caused great damage and consternation.

The Hercules cotton mills of the City of Mexico, which include three of the largest cotton factories in Mexico, have closed down for an indefinite period.

Following the example by McGill University of Montreal, the Toronto university authorities have decided not to accept American money at par from the students from across the border in payment of their fees.

It is asserted on good authority that Champey Mitchell Dewey, and Miss Edith Collins, his ward, are to be married in October.

Gold has been found on the farm of Ralph Luecke at Camanche, south of Clinton, Iowa.

Fred Barnard, the artist of London Flack and White, has been burned to death in bed.

About 500 dock laborers, working on the grain ships, struck work at Hamburg, Monday, demanding 50 instead of 45 pennings per ton for unloading.

John Baker, aged 61 years, killed himself at Danville, Ill., by hanging himself in the barn.

Col. Francis Rhodes, brother of Cecil Rhodes, who was implicated in the Jameson raid into the Transvaal, will retire from the army.

Two persons were fatally hurt at Tiger's boarding house, Burke, Idaho, by an explosion of grease.

The government is withdrawing the detachments of troops stationed at different plantations in Cuba and is authorizing the planters to enlist local guerrilla forces for their own protection.

At the West Wisconsin Methodist conference the vote in favor of admitting women to general assemblies was 86 to 6.

In a fit of insanity Miss Jennie King, aged 37 years, killed her brother's daughter, Grace King, nearly 4 months old, by pounding her head with a rock, at Peoria, Ill.

The Amoskeag corporation at Manchester, N. H., started up again Monday, after an enforced idleness of several months duration.

About a thousand operatives returned to work in the mills of the Boston Manufacturing Company of Waltham, Mass., and others will be taken in and given employment from time to time until the entire force will be at work again.

The steamer Oriental brought news to San Francisco that a member of the crew of the United States cruiser Boston had died of cholera at Shanghai.

The Empress of India has arrived from the Orient. Among the passengers is his excellency Yen Nien, who is intrusted with an important diplomatic mission to Washington by the Emperor of China.

Pani Kalligas, a celebrated jurist and at one time a minister of the Greek government, is dead.

A Constantinople dispatch to the London Times says that a daughter of Armenia is reported at Kalerria and at Ghazni, in Anatolia.

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CASUALTIES.

C. M. Toms, a prominent young business man of St. Louis, Mo., was shot and killed by himself while in bed.

Three big rats attacked the two-months old boy baby of Isaac Asher, at Baltimore, Md., gnawing its face, head and neck to such an extent that it died in a short time.

The Little and Postoffice blocks at Merrimac, Mass., were destroyed by fire. The fire probably caught from a smoking cigar stump.

Thomas Gorman and Matthew Carey were burned to death in a log hut near Lansing, Iowa. Both were unmarried.

The Muncie, Ind., Butter Dish factory, owned by S. C. and A. L. Goshorn, was totally destroyed by fire this afternoon.

Ten tanks of oil belonging to the Waters-Pierce Oil Company at East St. Louis were destroyed by fire.

Daniel O'Brien, Rudolph West and Henry Poppe went fishing on the Mississippi river near Burlington, Iowa.

Peter Giovana, an Italian miner of Morris, Ill., was suffocated by the smoke from a charge of powder in the mine.

FOREIGN.

As a result of the gales on the French coast the steamer Magdalena foundered near Bayonne and the crew were drowned.

The Tokio newspapers deny the assertion published in London that Russia and Japan have agreed upon a joint protectorate in Corea.

Li Hung Chang has arrived here on board the steamship Empress of China from Vancouver.

The Cuban insurgents have blown up with dynamite a mail train from Puerto Principe.

Mcgill University at Montreal, Canada, has issued a notice refusing to accept in future any more United States silver or paper money in payment for scholarship fees.

In consequence of news received at Madrid of the spread of the rebellion against Spanish authority, the government has decided to send 3,000 troops to the Philippine Islands.

Mr. Fleming, manager of the National Sporting Club, of London, states that if either Maher or Fitzsimmons or Fitzsimmons and anyone else can be matched for a prize fight, the club will immediately offer a purse.

A rich gold discovery is reported to have been made near Graham's Town, Cape Colony, South Africa.

A serious outbreak of bubonic plague has occurred at Bombay, 300 deaths having already occurred.

Information has been received that the British India Steam Navigation Company of London will establish a line between New Zealand and Vancouver.

CRIME.

An alleged incendiary fire occurred at Worcester, Mass., in the underwear factory of Burns & Co., who displayed an anarchist flag with Bryan's portrait upon it when Mr. Bryan was here.

Edward Beatty had the top of his head blown off by a load of buckshot fired from a shotgun while he was eating supper at his home with his family at Ruston, La.

Etta Robinson, aged 26, of Springfield, Conn., committed suicide at her boarding-house by taking strychnine.

Albert B. Gibson, a young farmer living ten miles from Ava, Mo., shot and killed his wife and then made an unsuccessful attempt upon his own life.

The sheriff at Metropolis, Ill., arrested Mrs. Catherine Worthing in the eastern part of this county, charged with killing her sister, Mrs. Eveline Worthing.

Thomas Kidd, aged 14, the son of W. K. Kidd, of Cleveland, was murdered at Dalton, Ohio, by Carl Melhiney, aged 7.

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Andrew Watt, a plumber, and his brother Robert, a railroad fireman, quarreled at Rochester, N. Y., over money matters.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

The Buffalo (Winnipeg County) school board have passed a resolution to use corn for fuel this winter.

Governor Drake addressed three meetings of the Dubuque County Bible society, the final one being a union meeting of the churches in the evening.

Captain W. H. Armstrong of Indianapolis has been elected president of the state board of trustees of the normal school to succeed the late Murray Briggs, of Sullivan.

The Everett Mills at Lawrence, Mass., will resume operations on Oct. 5 on forty hours per week basis.

The Saratoga Victory Manufacturing Company, employing 600 hands at Victory mills, Saratoga County, has resumed operations, after being shut down two months.

Every department of the Pueblo steel plant of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, about which sensational reports of a general shut-down were recently circulated, has resumed full operation with a force of 2,000 men.

The Argonia, Kan., State Bank closed its doors and is in charge of the state bank commissioner.

George W. Harwood, proprietor of the Parisian millinery store at Paris, Ill., made an assignment to Joseph E. Diaz.

The Champaign Supply Company, doing a heavy business in plumbing at Champaign, Ill., failed.

The old Scotch hermit of Westport, Alexander Wilson, died in his shanty there Thursday.

The Clarksville, Tenn., Electric Light Company made an assignment.

Burpee, Runney & Co., shoe manufacturers at Lynn, Mass., have failed.

Harry L. Stevens, hardware and implement dealer at Lawrence, Kan., was closed on chattel mortgages for over \$17,000.

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CADETS IN DANGER.

MISSOURI MILITARY ACADEMY BURNED.

Fire Breaks Out at an Early Hour Yesterday Morning—Narrow Escape of One Hundred Students, Who Were Asleep in the Building—The Injured.

The Missouri military academy, located in the extreme southern portion of Mexico, Mo., was burned to the ground Thursday morning.

Failure for the week have been 315 in the United States, against 216 last year, and 39 in Canada, against 50 last year.

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