

Downers Grove Reporter. HISTORY OF A WEEK.

THE NEWS OF SEVEN DAYS UP TO DATE.

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

The definite announcement is made that Count Mouravieff, Russian minister to Denmark, will succeed the late Prince Lobanoff-Rostovsky as Russian minister of foreign affairs.

Lady Henry Somerset has suffered a severe contusion of the forehead in a carriage accident at Westminster.

An open air mass meeting was held at San Francisco to celebrate the defeat of the funding bill. Fireworks, oratory and pyrotechnics were the features of the jubilant celebration.

General Horace Porter, chief marshal of the inauguration day parade, has decided that no drill figures shall be performed by organizations in the parade while the procession is moving.

Ten head of valuable Durham and Jersey cattle were killed on the farm of John H. Gentry, near York, Pa., by Deputy State Veterinarian Hendren, on account of tuberculosis.

Brook Jacque, living eight miles west of Alma, Mich., during a fit of temporary insanity attacked his son Robert with two axes, a blow from one of which caught him in the back, severing the spine and spinal column. The victim cannot live. The father had been for three days violently insane.

Labor Commissioner Morse of Michigan has prepared an interesting chapter on the eight-hour day which will be incorporated with his report to the legislature.

Henry C. Peglow, ex-city treasurer of La Porte, Ind., a well-known bank official, is dead.

At Burlington, Iowa, Daniel Fritz, a prominent farmer, was fatally shot by a companion while hunting.

William L. Woods, a prominent citizen of Princeton, Ind., aged 76, is dead. He was born upon the farm upon which he died.

The Clarke building, a large tenement house on the levee at Cairo, Ill., was completely destroyed by fire. The tenants escaped.

John Griffin, a horseman of Albia, Iowa, was struck by a train while walking along the track and was instantly killed.

Charles Barrett, colored, who disappeared from Columbia, Mo., some days ago, was found frozen in the ice in Hinkston creek.

W. C. Smith, a Big Four conductor, whose home is in Anderson, Ind., was instantly killed while trying to board a train at Niles, Mich.

At Decatur, Ill., Mrs. Icom Waller, sitting in her room, was shot in the head by T. W. Fletcher, who was firing at a pigeon. She will die.

Matthew Peterson, one of the pioneers of Janesville, Wis., died, aged 73 years. He came here from Scotland forty-six years ago.

James L. Berry, a switchman, had a leg crushed. Mr. Berry is master of the Brotherhood of Trainmen of Princeton, Ind. Amputation of the leg will follow the injury.

George B. Woodworth, aged 59 years, father of S. F. Woodworth, hardware merchant, committed suicide at Chattanooga, Tenn. Temporary insanity, brought on by business troubles, was the cause.

Andrew G. Sollman of Princeton, Ind., was found with a bullet hole in his brain. He had taken his gun to kill a hawk, and in getting over a fence the gun was discharged.

While attending a dance in Rowan county, Ky., Gus Springer and Mack Mullen got drunk and engaged in a fight with knives. When the fight was over both men lay exhausted, terribly mutilated and almost dead.

Postal Inspector Dunham of Burlington, Iowa, received word from Lura, Mo., that thieves had entered the Keokuk & Western depot there and rifled the night mail pouches. The extent of the loss cannot be ascertained.

An attempt to wreck the Chicago-St. Paul through limited express on the Chicago & Northwestern road was made at Tiffany, a small station, ten miles south of Janesville, Wis. A piece of rail five feet long was wedged in between the main track and a switch.

Three sons of Frank Bradford of La Prairie, Wis., went out to shoot rabbits. The boys were walking single file, Jay, aged 11, being in front. His brother, aged 14, was behind him with the gun. He stumbled and fell, the gun being discharged. The shot entered Jay's leg, severing an artery, and he bled to death in two hours.

Sergeant of Police Amer Keller is dead at Dayton, Ohio, from concussion of the brain received by a ladder falling upon him at a fire.

At Guthrie, Ok., Felix Ott, who claims to have been forced out of \$20 by Jennie Anderson and her mother, assaulted the two women. The elder woman had three ribs broken and was badly crushed, and will die. Her daughter was seriously hurt, but will recover.

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CASUALTIES.

Alfred Rank was drowned in the Kinnickinnick river at Milwaukee while skating.

Dora, the 1-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Brown, living east of La Grange, Ind., died from the effects of swallowing chewing gum.

Thomas Reynolds, 21 years old, was drowned while skating on the bay at Sturgeon Bay, Wis. He was a school teacher in Hainesville and a nephew of Charles Reynolds, member of the republican state central committee.

The Reichert flour mill, the oldest and largest in St. Clair county, was totally destroyed by fire at Freeburg, Ill. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, which is fully covered by insurance. The owners of the plant say it will be rebuilt.

The five-story brick building on the corner of Ellicott and Seneca streets, Buffalo, N. Y., occupied by Altman & Co., wholesale and retail clothiers, was badly damaged by fire. Mr. Altman estimates the loss at \$150,000. The firm carried an insurance of \$175,000.

Fire which broke out in the Anchor flour mill, Minneapolis, at 1 o'clock Sunday morning threatened for a time the entire milling district. The entire fire department was called to the scene and succeeded in confining the flames to the packing department of the Anchor establishment. The loss will reach \$10,000; fully insured.

Frank Borden, aged 40, head miller at the Zenith mills, Princeton, Ind., was caught in a belt and mangled so that it is not possible for him to live.

At Houghton, Mich., Con Driscoll, aged 50, was killed by striking a projecting timber in the Franklin mine. Driscoll's son and son-in-law were killed in the mine last summer.

At Lima, O., Thursday a pet bulldog owned by John Mann went mad while in the house and attacked three children. One was frightfully mangled before the father could kill the animal.

FOREIGN.

The Russian academy has elected as honorary members Lord Kelvin of England and Dr. Simon Newcomb of Washington.

The London Standard's Rome correspondent asserts that the pope has decided to notify Austria, France, Spain and Portugal that the powers will not be allowed to exercise a veto at the next papal election.

The Queen has donated £500 to the India famine fund which has been opened by the lord mayor of London.

It is stated that Baroness Hirsch will give another 2,000,000 francs (\$400,000) to build a hospital for consumptive children on the Riviera.

Bishop Keane, who was formerly the director of the Catholic university in Washington, has been appointed canon of St. John Lateran and nominated bishop assistant at the pontifical throne.

Yellow fever has again appeared in Rio Janeiro. Thirteen cases have been reported.

The British board of trade returns show that the total imports for 1895 have increased £22,117,677 over 1895. The exports have increased £14,032,193 over those of 1895.

The Paris Petite Republique says that the government has no faith in the duration of peace, as evidenced by the fact that it has addressed to the officers on the frontier a series of special questions relative to the eventual mobilization of the forces.

Maximo Gomez, the insurgent leader, has crossed the military line of Puerto Principe, which extends from Jucaro, on the south coast, to Moran, in the northern part of that province.

CRIME.

An unsuccessful attempt was made at Green Bay, Wis., to wreck the north-bound Chicago & Northwestern railway. Ties and cedar posts were piled on the track within the southern city limits. The obstruction was struck by a freight train, fortunately with little damage.

Washington Cox, aged 60 years, committed suicide at Martinsville, Ill., by shooting. Ill health and despondency were the causes. He left a widow and seven children.

The Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, pastor of the Second Universalist church of Rochester, N. Y., who was arrested some days ago, charged with impersonating an officer, has been unanimously acquitted by jury trial.

John M. Gossler, aged 40 years, cashier of the Lebanon, Pa., national bank, attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself in the head. He will die. For some time past his health has not been good and this, it is believed, prompted him to end his life.

Thomas G. Conkling, local superintendent of the Pinkerton detective agency at Kansas City, committed suicide by firing a bullet into his brain. His dead body was found in a chair in his office.

William Devine, a farmer near Shakertown, Ky., returning home found his wife murdered. Two infants were clinging to the dead body of their mother.

Lizzie Knotel, living near Riverside, not far from Washington, Iowa, loved a man living at Lone Tree. Her mother opposed the match, and Lizzie killed herself with a revolver.

E. B. Spencer, the cashier of the Sioux City & Omaha office, has not been heard of since Dec. 29. E. B. Demarest arrived at Sioux City from Kansas City to investigate his accounts. He suspects that the defalcation will reach \$5,000.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Mary J. Hawley, an old pioneer widely known, fell dead from heart disease on the street while returning from church at West Branch, Iowa.

E. A. Shores, Sr., and E. A. Shores, Jr., each made an assignment to Gov. W. H. Upham of Marshfield of their individual property. This assignment, it is said, in no way affects the standing of the Shores Lumber company, the Shores Mining company, or the Shores Building association.

The First National bank of Alma, Neb., was closed by order of the comptroller of the currency, and is now in the hands of the bank examiner. Liabilities are \$125,000, with assets at about the same amount. The chief item of indebtedness is a state deposit of \$40,000.

Milburn & Bell, implement dealers at Winterset, Ia., have assigned. Assets \$20,000. Liabilities \$13,000. An attachment by the Studebaker Wagon company was the cause for the assignment.

The Electric Grain Elevator company of Buffalo has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$350,000, to operate grain elevators.

Ensign N. T. Coleman, who has been detailed for steel inspection duty at Harrisburg, Pa., will be court-martialed on charges of neglect of duty.

The suit for divorce and alimony brought by Mrs. Emma Cecil against her husband, Granville Cecil, was compromised at Danville, Ky., Mrs. Cecil surrendering all claims on her husband's estate in consideration of \$25,000 cash and an annuity of \$2,000.

Henry M. Clapp of Ohio, stenographer in the office of the secretary of the treasury, has been appointed examiner of the mint at a salary of \$2,500 per annum. This position has been vacant since the appointment of W. E. Morgan to be colonel of the mint at Philadelphia in June, 1895.

H. G. Simmons, for several years past master workman of District assembly 66, Knights of Labor, the head of the knights in Washington, D. C., has been expelled from the order by the executive board for alleged violation of its rules. Simmons announced that he would sue the board for damages for defamation of character.

On application of the depositors the Commercial bank of Eau Claire, Wis., was placed in the hands of C. M. Buffington as receiver.

It is not practically certain that it will be impossible for the committees of the Wisconsin semi-centennial to raise the sum of \$400,000 before Jan. 16, but \$200,000 will be pledged.

William E. Drew, formerly a wealthy carriage and wagon manufacturer of La Porte, Ind., died in the poorhouse. Drew's wife died, his fortune dwindled away, and in his friendless poverty he was obliged to become a public charge.

H. Stearns, president of the New York Western Veterans' association, is missing. He has long been commander of Shiloh post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Elkhart, Ind. His wife blames a woman named Scott, but believes Stearns will return.

W. C. Creede, the millionaire miner, whose town of Creede, Colo., is named for, and his wife have separated. A stipulation has been drawn up and signed by which Mrs. Creede accepts \$20,000 and surrenders all further claim upon her husband.

The Democrats of the Missouri senate and house met in joint caucus Friday night and nominated George G. Vest for United States senator for the fourth term.

The Van Tassel school at Milwaukee has been closed by order of the health department. The janitor's wife has diphtheria.

The Commercial bank of Eau Claire, Wis., capital \$30,000, closed owing to the suspension of the Allemania bank of St. Paul. President Allen says that depositors will be paid in full.

Word has been received at Peoria, Ill., of the death at Denver, Colo., of James Millard, city collector, who had been a sufferer from bronchial troubles. He came to Peoria in 1853 and engaged in the coal business at Wesley City.

LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

Table with market prices for Chicago and Detroit. Columns include item names (Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, etc.) and prices per unit.

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Table with market prices for Toledo and Milwaukee. Columns include item names (Wheat, Corn, Oats, etc.) and prices per unit.

ILLINOIS NEWSLETS.

RECORD OF MINOR DOINGS OF THE WEEK.

Seven Days' Happenings Condensed—Social, Religious, Political, Criminal, Obituary and Miscellaneous Events from Every Section of the State.

Speaker of the House. Edward C. Curtis, speaker of the Illinois house of representatives, is in his second term of service at Springfield. He has just turned 31 years of age, and has been looked upon as a very interesting and promising young legislator.

He was a vigorous and active anti-gang man at the regular and extraordinary sessions of the last general assembly. Mr. Curtis' home is Grant Park, Kankakee county, and he is a native of the district that he represents. He was sent over into Indiana for his education. After spending a few years in study at De Pauw he returned to Illinois and gave the finishing touches to his training at the Northwestern university. His father is a banker, and after leaving college the young man entered his parent's bank and began the study of practical finance. He became interested in politics while at college, and ever since he attained his majority he has taken an active part in all campaigns. He is popular in his county, and during his career in the legislature he has shown a special interest in matters calculated to establish uniform text-books in the

schools. Mr. Curtis is a man of capacity. He has been ambitious for political preferment, and is destined to play an important part in state politics during the next few months.

It took a Macomb jury three days to find out whether a man was sane or insane. Two pretty French girls, Lotta and Lola Chickin, are making a small fortune at frog-doing industry, which they practice along the ditches and streams of the southern district of Chicago.

"Let the blizzard bliz and let the snow fall until it's twelve feet deep if it wants to," said Manager Belden of the Aurora Street Railway Company. "We've just received a patent applicable, self-adjustable snow plow that is warranted to knock an iceberg to smithereens or to drill a hole through a Siberian snow bank. Let 'er snow."

And having thus delivered himself Mr. Belden passed on.

Last week traveling fakes attempted to sell George Briney of Sheldon Grove, a Home Comfort cooking stove. They left the stove on trial, and returning the next day requested George to sign a contract or note. This he refused to do, and the next day one of the fellows returned again and produced a note for the price of the stove with Mr. Briney's name signed to it. It is clearly a case of forgery and an attempt will be made to prove the guilt of the parties committing the crime.

That their pretty daughter was under the influence of her hypnotist husband when she was married and therefore was not responsible for her action, is the ground upon which the parents of Mary T. Whitman, of Jamestown, N.Y., will bring suit for her divorce from Berton T. Main. So much are they in earnest that Main has been arrested under that section of the penal code which classifies a fortune teller as a disorderly person. Before Main arrived in Jamestown from Sheldon, Ill., Miss Whitman, who is very clever and very popular, was engaged to a prominent young man there. They were remarkably devoted to each other, and their early marriage was looked forward to.

Congressman Aldrich, Chicago, who went to Washington to spend New Year with his family, found on his desk a large number of letters from Chicagoans asking him if he intended to enter the mayoralty race, many of the writers urging him to enter and promising him support. "Why should I want to be mayor of Chicago?" said he, with some show of impatience. Don't you know that place has been a political graveyard for nearly every one who has occupied the position for the last decade? Oh, yes, the honor is a great one, as men say, and I suppose a man who could get into the office unhandicapped by pledges or obligations might have some show for a successful administration."

The question of who was entitled to reward for the capture of the robbers of the State bank at Orion was not satisfactory as settled by Judge Egolow's decision in the Circuit Court of Henry county, which divided the reward equally between the Taylorville officer, Elsworth, and Messrs. Horn and Murphy, of the R. I. & P., who furnished the description of the men who boarded the train on the morning of the robbery, and who subsequently were proved to be the robbers of the bank. The case has been appealed to the Appellate Court at Taylorville.

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SOME HOROSCOPES.

FEATURES OF LIFE INDICATED BY THE PLANETS.

Some Instructions to Applicants for Free Readings—Full Name and Address Must Accompany Every Letter—Private Readings.

THE Astrologer insists that every applicant for a free reading in these columns must give full name and address. The answer will be by initial unless some other means of identification is adopted by applicant. If you do not know the exact date or hour of birth send TWO two-cent stamps for special instructions. Every request for a horoscope will be answered in its turn. Several hundred have already been filed. Persons wishing private readings by mail, at once, must inclose TWELVE two-cent stamps. Address all letters to Prof. G. W. Cunningham, Dept. 4, 194 South Clinton street, Chicago, Ill. This week's horoscopes are as follows:

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You are a mixture of the signs Aries, which Mars rules, and Taurus, which Venus rules, and therefore Mars and Venus are your ruling planets. You are medium height or above; medium to light complexion; the eyes have a peculiar sparkle and sharp sight and are of a medium to light color. You are very active and energetic and quite ambitious to push business; yet, if this time is correct, you have no constitution that will allow you to carry out your ambitions, and your worst ailments will be in some way connected with your head. You have a great love for the beautiful in art and nature; you are possessed with a great ability to talk, write and work fine embroidery and paint; you have natural ability in some of the fine arts. However, only those that know you well will fully appreciate you, and the last half of life will be uphill work, the last half will be some better. Marriage is unfortunate for you.

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