

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 Details of the Whole World Carefully Condensed for Our Readers—The Accidental Record.

A cable dispatch has been received from Paris announcing that the Countess de Castellane, formerly Miss Anna Gould, had given birth to a son.

Arthur Palmer of Mamaroneck, N. Y., during a fit of insanity, shot his mother, his sister Gertrude and his brother Leonard, and then made his escape. It is reported that all the wounded are in a critical condition.

The British steamship Badsworth, Capt. Fox, from Pernambuco, for New York, with a cargo of sugar and hides, grounded at Peabala, Long beach, about one and three-quarters miles north of Long beach life-saving station.

A distinct earthquake shock was felt at Red Bud, Ill., at 1:23 o'clock Monday. It was preceded by a roar like thunder and seemed to come from the east, gradually dying out toward the west.

Abraham Marberry of Mossville, Ill., was killed by a tree falling on him. Newton Herring met his death under a Wabash switch engine at Decatur, Ill.

Judge S. H. Doyal of the Forty-fifth judicial circuit of Indiana is dead. At Moweaqua, Ill., a coal miner named John Spitz was instantly killed by falling slate.

Mrs. Z. W. John of West Liberty, Iowa, took a fatal dose of morphine as she was slowly dying of cancer. While hunting near Elk Point, S. D., W. J. Murphy, aged 17, was frozen to death. Murphy lost his bearings during a storm.

John L. Young, of Pittsburg, Pa., was arrested in the office of W. J. Totten, St. Louis, Mo., where, it is alleged, he was trying to pass some forged checks. Near New Carlisle, Ind., a barn, in which Frederick Windmill had taken refuge, was blown down and Windmill killed. Another man in the barn escaped.

To fill a vacancy caused by the death of N. A. Merrill, ex-Congressman Walter L. Hayes (dem.) carries Clinton county, Iowa, over A. P. Barker (rep.) by 500 to 1,000.

Ellas Crouch hanged himself in his barn at Geneseo, Ill. He was supposed to be wealthy, but it now appears that he was in straightened circumstances and 63 years of age.

In a fight at the residence of George Mueller, Lebanon, Ind., Cyrus Heath was probably fatally cut with a corn knife. William Baum, Mrs. William Baum and Cora O. Bamion are in jail.

Mormon missionaries are actively at work in Berrien and Van Buren counties, Michigan. Some converts are being made. The purpose of the missionaries is to promote immigration to Utah.

William Milburn, who has been camping on White river, returned to Franklin, Ind., with the lifeless body of his 8-year-old daughter Pansy. His young son, while playing with a shotgun, killed the little girl.

A head-on collision between passenger trains on the Chicago & Northwestern railway occurred at Chester station, Wis. R. Moulton, assistant superintendent of the road, was seriously injured.

The city council of Des Moines passed a resolution directing the city solicitor to draw an ordinance making it a penal offense to wear a high hat in a theater or other auditorium. Will Snyder of Kalmar, Jasper county, Ind., went hunting rabbits. He wore a cap made from the skin of a rabbit. His friend saw the cap, and supposing it was a rabbit, fired a heavy load, killing Snyder.

The Catholic church and school-house adjoining it at Vandalia, Ill., were destroyed by fire. It was the oldest church building in Vandalia. Work on the new Catholic church building, which is to cost \$10,000, will now be pushed rapidly.

Ben Davis, who killed his wife and then himself at Rugby, Tenn., was at one time head bartender at the Body house in Toledo, Ohio. With him were Charles White and Julius Camp as checks in the house. Camp became a desperado and took his own life. White made a considerable money, but lost all and shot himself.

Samuel Cassidy and Edward Sturman of Lebanon, Ind., are charged with buying votes at the last election, and Abel Harman, one of the wealthiest farmers in Boone county, was arrested, charged with perjury in swearing his son was a legal voter. The grand jury returned about thirty indictments, and Cassidy is felt by the political workers of all parties.

William Scott, aged 20, was run down and killed by a fast freight train on the Wabash railroad at Kellers, Ind. John L. McCreary of Corning, Ohio, while having out a large quantity of dynamite, was blown to atoms. The charges were wrecked and a team of mules killed.

W. B. Smith, a Big Four conductor, was killed in Anderson, Ind., while trying to board a train. The train was moving and he was struck by the engine.

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CASUALTIES.

Louis Odette of Minneapolis fell from the top of an elevator at Manitowish, Wis., and was instantly killed. W. J. Barclay, boss carpenter in the Toledo shops, was instantly killed by the fall of a box car. The Grand opera house at Winnipeg, Man., was totally destroyed by fire; loss \$40,000. The theater adjoined the Hotel Manitoba, which had a narrow escape.

Fire destroyed the famous old stone barn opposite General Wayne Hotel, which has been a familiar landmark for more than a century. Gen. Washington's troops were quartered there on one occasion during the revolutionary war.

Rudd Smith, one of the best known newspaper writers and editors in New York, was accidentally killed by gas escaping from a defective jet in a room in the Putnam House.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Fox Paper company, Crescentville, Ohio. The loss is estimated at \$150,000, with \$125,000 insurance.

Benjamin Gandy, aged 55 years, and Seabright Berry, aged 45 years, both of Gloucester, N. J., were instantly killed by an express train on the Philadelphia & Reading railway.

At a late hour Friday night the boys' wing of Buckner's Orphans' home, five miles from Dallas, Texas, was destroyed by fire. Five boys perished in the flames, and several others were burned.

Julius Albrecht was run over and killed by a Burlington & Quincy train at Naperville, Ill.

At Evansville, Ind., James Turpin, a negro, about 50 years of age, was killed by an Ohio Valley passenger train.

FOREIGN.

Count Cassell, the pope's private chamberlain, formerly of Denver, died on Jan. 10. He was born in London in 1829.

It is absolutely denied that the plague has made its appearance at Marseilles, France, and it is asserted that there is not even a suspected case at that port.

The London Daily Mail's Bombay correspondent says: "In the Banda district the famine conditions are harrowing. The whole population is without food, and the people are dying in the road rather than accept the government relief."

The Madrid Correo announces that the Minister of Finance is preparing a revision of the Spanish customs tariff.

The London Daily Mail dispatch from Vienna says that startling rumors are current that the czar and czarina are suffering from indications of poisoning, but the only ground for them seems to be that extensive changes recently have been made in the kitchen of the winter palace.

The Cuban junta has received a letter from General Maximo Gomez, dated Cienega Mayor, Dec. 25. In it Gomez tells of the receipt of arms, ammunition and other supplies.

It is currently reported at London that the route chosen for the Pacific cable is Vancouver to Fanning island, Fiji islands, Norfolk island, thence to New Zealand and Queensland.

As a result of Russo-French protests the sultan has offered to Marshal Fuad Pasha an acceptable post, instead of ordering him into practical exile at Bagdad for his efforts to prevent massacres.

Lasker won the seventeenth and final game of the chess championship match in Moscow. The final score: Lasker, 10; Steinitz, 2; drawn, 5.

The sale of the Brambel rotary engine to the Allen syndicate of London, England, has been consummated and the Sleepy Eye, Minn., inventor has letters of credit on the Bank of England for \$6,700,000. The amounts paid were: For the English patent, \$1,600,000; for France and Germany, \$2,000,000; for the United States, \$3,100,000.

CRIME.

John Gross, Jr., of Little Suamico, Wis., was arrested for killing deer out of season. He pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$50 and costs.

Firebugs visited Milan, Mo., Friday and caused the almost total loss of the finest business block in the place. This is the fifth time in nine years that the business portion of the city has been ruined by fire. Each time the fire was of incendiary origin. The total loss is \$75,000, insurance \$30,000.

B. Van Horebeck of Anderson, Ind., was arrested in Green Bay, Wis., upon the charge of the murder of his wife in Anderson the first of the week. His wife had an estate of about \$20,000 in Green Bay, which was, by a marriage contract, to go to him at her death.

A farmer named Libby, living near Walnut creek, Ill., was aroused from sleep by two strangers, who asked the road to Toulon. He went to the door to show them and was immediately set upon by the two men, who beat him over the head and shoulders with clubs. He will die.

George Kyle committed suicide at Menominee Junction, Wis., by placing his neck on the rail under the engine of a train going east. As the train started his head was severed from his body. He leaves a widow and two children.

Henry Jones, the murderer of Homer Thomas, a fellow-convict at South Bend, Ind., has been sentenced to be hanged May 7.

The grand jury at Cleveland, Ohio, has returned a true bill against Charles L. Cunningham, charged with forging the name of Judge R. T. Hamilton to a check for \$75,000.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

J. W. Gilbert, a pioneer citizen of Burlington, Iowa, is dead at the age of 73. He was vice-president of the German-American Savings Bank of Burlington, and senior member of the Gilbert Hedge Lumber Company.

The public schools at Bunker Hill, Ind., have been ordered closed indefinitely, and all church services in the town were abandoned. Diphtheria has appeared in the heart of the town, and it is feared the disease will spread.

Edward W. Emerson of Concord, son of Ralph Waldo Emerson, has been chosen as poet for Phi Beta Kappa day at Harvard next June.

Joseph C. Willard, aged 77, for many years prominent in the business life of Washington, died at his home from a complication of diseases. Mr. Willard was very wealthy, and was the owner of the hotel in Washington bearing his name.

Joseph Willet, for some time employed as a window dresser in a Leavenworth, Kan., department store, has just received notice of the death of a relative in England and that he has been left \$25,000.

D. Thompson of Chicago dropped dead in front of the Union station in Indianapolis, Friday.

Charles W. Hackett of Utica, chairman of the Republican state committee, lies at the Kenmore hotel, in New York, in a critical condition.

Baron Xavier De Fava, Italian ambassador at Washington, and his wife have left Washington and are now in New York en route for Rome on an ostensible leave of absence. It is understood that they will never return.

George W. Gutzwiller, one of the best-known analytical chemists and metallurgists in this country, died at Milwaukee.

The strike in the Jackson-Wellston district, Ohio, is broken. Sentiment of the miners is overwhelmingly in favor of resuming work.

The jury in the Noble county, Ind., Circuit court acquitted Patterson and Matthew Stewart of Evilla of receiving deposits after insolvency.

Thomas Milliner, a farmer, fell dead of heart disease in Gilbert's grain office, Chrisman, Ill.

Homer Smith, aged 50, one of the leading farmers of northern Indiana, dropped dead at Palmer while riding on a load of oats.

The agricultural college of the Missouri State University has been notified that Secretary Francis has allowed the claim of the college for 24,000 acres of government land.

Col. W. E. Craig, collector of internal revenue for the Sixth Virginia district, under President Arthur, and district attorney for the western district of Virginia, under President Harrison, is dead.

Gilbert Moore of Covert, Mich., has been sent to jail for refusing to send his children to the public schools. Moore is a member of the sect of Sanctified Saints, who eschew all cooked food and live on fruit as much as possible. He declared he will suffer any persecution rather than allow his children to jeopardize their eternal happiness by attending school.

The secretary of the treasury has transmitted to congress an estimate of \$50,000 to establish a site for the erection of a penitentiary on the military reservation at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Thomas C. Platt was named by the caucus as the republican candidate for United States senator from New York by a vote of 147 to 7 for Joseph H. Choate.

The Oregon republicans in joint caucus, by a unanimous vote of the members present, nominated John H. Mitchell to succeed himself in the United States senate.

J. Pierpont Morgan, in a communication to the board of governors, has offered to erect a \$1,000,000 building for the New York Lying-in hospital at Second avenue and Seventeenth street, and the offer has been accepted.

B. F. Felt, a philanthropic citizen of Galena, Ill., has announced his intention to establish a city hospital, paying all expenses of building, equipment and conduct.

LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

Table with market reports for Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee, Peoria, Toledo, and New York, listing various commodities and their prices.

WORK OF CONGRESS.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS AT WASHINGTON.

Free Homestead Bill Passed by the Senate—Confirmation of Secretary Francis Considered in Executive Session—Oleomargarine Bill Reported.

Wednesday, Jan. 13. After a very dull day devoted to passing bills of minor importance, the house plunged into a warm controversy over a bill to make oleomargarine and other imitations of dairy products subject to the laws of the states into which they are transported. The house finally adjourned leaving it unfinished.

The senate executive session had up for a time the nomination of David R. Francis to be secretary of the interior, but no action was taken. Senators Vest of Missouri and Pugh of Alabama opposed the confirmation. The open session of the senate was given to Mr. Bacon (Ga.) in a speech upholding the power of congress to recognize new governments. The senator insisted strongly that the position taken by the President and Secretary Olney on the Cuban question was wrong.

Thursday, Jan. 14. The House spent almost the entire day debating the bill, to subject oleomargarine and other imitation dairy products to the laws of the state in which they are transported. Mr. Groat, in charge of the bill, offered an amendment providing that "nothing in the act shall be construed to permit any state to forbid the manufacture or sale of oleomargarine in such a manner as will advise the customer of its real character." The amendment was adopted. The bill was then passed—126 to 96.

The Senate passed the measure known as the free homestead bill. The effect of the bill is to open to settlement all public lands acquired from Indiana, free of any payment to the government beyond the minor office fees, and to release from payment those who have heretofore settled on

these lands. The number of acres involved, according to an estimate made by the commissioner of the general land office, is 33,252,541.

Friday, Jan. 15. Friday, Jan. 15th the proceedings in the house were very tame. It was private bill day, but the whole time was consumed in passing the house bills favorably acted upon in committee of whole before the holiday recess. The free homestead bill which came back to the house with senate amendments was referred under a ruling of the chair to the committee on public lands.

Monday, Jan. 18. The house passed a bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to the Indians, one amending the existing patent laws in conformity with the recommendations of the American Bar association, and another provided for the use by the government of patents secured by naval officers at compensation to be fixed by a board of three officers.

The senate voted to take up the Nicaragua canal bill. This gives the measure the parliamentary advantage of being the unfinished business of the senate, so that it will be considered from day to day until final action is secured. The prospect is that a final vote will be reached at an early day. Mr. Chandler (N. H.) introduced the republican caucus bill for an international monetary conference.

France Wooling Peace. An inspired Paris correspondent of the Vienna Politische Correspondenz learns that France is meditating the negotiation of a treaty of arbitration with the United States similar to the Anglo-American treaty. Such a treaty would be very welcome in France and the prospects for its conclusion are in no way unfavorable.

Illinois Colony Reaches Alabama. The Cook colony of emigrants from Danville, Ill., have arrived at Green Brier, Madison county, Ala., where they will settle a \$1,000 tract of land purchased by a syndicate directing the colonization. Ten car loads of stock and farming implements came with the colony.

ST. PAUL'S MAGNIFICENT ICE PALACE FOR 1897.



St. Paul's ice palace for 1897 promises to outstrip in beauty any former structure of the kind. It will be modeled on the Parthenon at Athens, and will be therefore of singular architectural beauty, which will be enhanced by the fairy-like material of which it is to be built. More than 10,000 tons of ice will be used in the building. The area covered by the Parthenon will be 5,610 square feet. The fore plan is 110x230 feet, and the height of the building from the styloste to the top of the pediment will be 65 feet. There will be 60 columns, each 32 feet high and 6 feet in diameter. The walls will stand 9 feet behind the pillars and will be 3 feet thick and 40 feet high. The enclosure will measure 61 feet in length. The building committee places the cost of the palace at \$7,000. The old palace cost \$9,000. The walls on the outer side will be fringed with electric lights. The idea of storming the ice palace is discouraged this year. It is an old notion and was appropriate enough when the building was in imitation of a castle. The idea of storming a Parthenon is too barbaric even for consideration. The ice palace this season is to be admired simply for its architectural beauty. There will be no bombardment, and youth will be disappointed.

MONETARY CONFERENCE. Large Gathering of Representative Business Men at Indianapolis. The national money conference Wednesday afternoon took the salient points from the recommendations submitted by Chicago and Indianapolis and embodied them in its declarations set forth. The conference declares for the present gold standard, retirement of all classes of United States notes, and a banking system which shall furnish credit facilities to every portion of the country. A committee composed of fifteen members of the convention was appointed to endeavor to procure this legislation from congress. This plan was opposed by many prominent members of the conference, but was adopted. The conference then adjourned.

Bill for Purchase of Cuba. Representative Spencer of Mississippi Friday introduced a bill in the senate which follows: "The secretary of state is hereby authorized to offer to the government of Spain a sum of money not to exceed \$200,000,000 for the purchase of the island of Cuba. And the sum of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses pending negotiations is hereby appropriated."

No Opposition to Francis. Secretary Francis' nomination was confirmed by the senate in executive session Monday. No opposition to the confirmation was made, and no vote was taken.

The London Chronicle's correspondent at Rome says that the pope has heard of the signing of the Anglo-American treaty with satisfaction. He would wish the papacy to be regarded as a permanent arbitrational tribunal for all nations, but he is glad to see the principle adopted in any form.

Miss Minnie E. Knox of Carthage, Ill., has become mentally unbalanced, presumably from the failure in business of her father, John W. Knox, in Denver, Colo. She has been taken to Chicago for treatment.

THE TRADE REVIEW.

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