

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 Accident Record.

The Foster-Haffner Company of Oshkosh, Wis., manufacturers of sash, doors and blinds, has raised the wages of its workmen 12 1/2 per cent. The new schedule affects all employes, 175 in number.

The report that secret negotiations of great importance are being carried on between Spain and the United States in regard to Cuba is denied at the state department.

The Illinois Steel Company, it is reported, has closed contracts for the season's supply of ore, and is now out of the market. Its purchases amount to 1,000,000 tons, in addition to 300,000 tons of last year's contract which has not been delivered.

A British officer and thirty coolies have been killed by an avalanche on the Springarieh road in British India. Bud Bowman and Oscar Cox, two farmers, living five miles southeast of Lewiston, Ill., became involved in a row and Bowman killed Cox with a club, striking him repeatedly over the head.

It is reported that several cases of the bubonic plague have been discovered by the Tonquin officials on the Chinese frontier and just within the boundaries of the colony. Special precautions are being taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

The forty-second annual session of the Illinois Homeopathic Medical Association was held at the Tremont House, Chicago, Tuesday.

Insurance Commissioner Fricke of Wisconsin has revoked the license of the Citizens' Insurance Company at St. Louis and its seven agents in Wisconsin for placing insurance in the state through Charles D. Cox of Chicago, a non-resident agent.

The United States Supreme Court denied the petition for a rehearing in the trans-Missouri freight association case.

A bolt of lightning from a clear sky killed Frederick Pearson, a farmer of New Lenox, five miles east of Joliet, Ill., Sunday. Pearson was standing on the Michigan Central track waiting for his train to pass through the gate. It is thought the rails drew the electricity.

A severe seismic disturbance took place in South Australia and Victoria. The shock was intermittent and continued for several minutes.

An explosion has occurred at the Snaefell lead mine on the Isle of Man. Twenty miners have been killed.

August Normand, the Lorimer, N. D., murderer, was captured in the sand hills by Charles Thuen. He gave up without fighting, and says he is worn out by the effort to escape and ready to take whatever may come.

Fire broke out at midnight in the big plant of the J. R. Dayton Tablet Company in a four-story block in the business district at Quincy, Ill. The firms burned out besides the tablet company are: Volk, Jones & McMein's printing house and Brumbaugh's book store. The loss will exceed \$100,000.

Capt. Joseph King, who claimed that he was 106 years old last Wednesday, is dead at his home in Lansingburg, N. Y.

Frank Barz, his two sons and his brother, Chris Barz, were asphyxiated in a well on their farm near Grobe, S. D.

Fear of arrest for accidentally smashing a companion's bicycle led William Tompkins of Sanganuck, Mich., to commit suicide by hanging.

At Huntington, Ind., two children of George Geller were playing with a box of matches, when the clothing of a 2-year-old daughter caught fire. She was burned to death.

Mrs. Cyrus Fillmore, aged 75 years, widow of the brother of ex-President Millard Fillmore, fell from a porch at Sturgis, Mich., and died shortly after from concussion of the brain.

The body of Frederick Hartmann was found in the river at Carrollton, Mich. It bore evidence that he had tried to kill himself with a knife before going to the river.

William Bramwell Carr, capitalist, and at one time a political leader of California, was found dead in his bed. His death was evidently due to accidental asphyxiation.

The body of Marie Flood was found in the Ohio river at Cincinnati. She was a prominent sister of charity and escaped from Mount Adams convent over a month ago. She was demented.

James B. Runkion, for twelve years associate editor of the Kansas City Star, died Thursday night in his apartments at the Coates hotel. For many weeks he had been a sufferer from rheumatism, resulting from Bright's disease.

The Colorado governor has vetoed the bill requiring insurance companies to have agents in every county where risks are written.

Peter Barrett, an employe of the Menominee River Boom company for eighteen years, was drowned at the third dam.

In the British house of commons the miners' eight-hour bill, introduced by William Allen, liberal member for Newcastle-Under-Lyme, was rejected by a vote of 227 to 186.

Edward Watson, of Minooka, Grundy county, Ill., was found hanging to a tree in the woods.

CASUALTIES.

Rowley Shephardson, a Princeton student, accidentally shot himself while out hunting and died in the college hospital just after his parents arrived from their home in Richmond, Va.

The schooner Annie E. Rudolph from Camden, N. J., for Boston, with iron pipe, was sunk off Nauset, Cape Cod, by collision with the tug Paoli at 3 a. m., and Captain Gardner, Mate Snell, both of New Jersey, and a seaman were drowned.

The 7-year-old daughter of Frank Leard was fatally burned while playing near a bonfire at La Grange, Ind. At Madison, Wis., ex-Senator R. M. Dashford was seriously injured in a runaway accident. His right collar bone was broken in two pieces and he was badly cut about the head and face.

Hannibal Doty, head-sawyer in a mill at Watervliet, Mich., was crushed to death between two logs.

Mrs. Elizabeth O'Sheridan of South Madison, Wis., was struck by a train on the Northwestern road and instantly killed.

Joseph Tuligowski and another workman wrestled on a maribot on Notre Dame lake, Ind., when both fell in and Tuligowski was drowned.

Mrs. Joseph La Seur fell from her boat house into the river at La Crosse, Wis., and was drowned.

Hattie Breetz, aged 6 years, of Demotte, Ind., set her clothing on fire while popping corn and received fatal injuries.

Ed Smith of Richland Center, Wis., was thrown from his cart and kicked in the head by the horse. He is not expected to live.

Mrs. Mary Farigo was burning grass along a fence row at Penille, Mo., when her clothing was accidentally ignited and she burned to death.

August Stromberg, an employe of the Escanaba, Mich., Woodenware Company, was thrown upon four circular saws. Death was almost instantaneous.

While boat riding at Evansville, Ind., Fred Melsheimer and Fred Rumpf fell into the river and drowned. Another boy was drowned by falling from some logs. Another boy, Charles Kirves, fell from a house top, and was so badly injured that he cannot recover.

FOREIGN.

The vote by which the Volksraad repealed the alien immigration law on a report from the committee of the whole in secret session was 22 to 3.

The report that Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) is dead is false. He is in London in excellent health.

It is semi-officially denied that the German imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, has resigned.

The London Daily News says it is rumored among the supporters of the government that the Duke of Leeds is to succeed the Earl of Aberdeen as Governor-General of Canada.

Queen Victoria reached Portsmouth Friday from Cherbourg, on her return from the south of France.

At the official residence of the Bishop of London the lord chancellor formally presented to retiring Ambassador Bayard the original log of the Mayflower, which it was decided some weeks ago to transmit to the keeping of the state of Massachusetts.

At the meeting of the Presbyterian synod, held at Sunderland, England, the business committee decided to reject the petition, containing charges of heresy, which had been presented against the Rev. John Watson, D. D. (Jan. MacLaren).

Prince Louis William August of Baden, brother of the Grand Duke of Baden, is dead. He was born in 1829, and was a general of Prussian infantry and president of the first chamber of the Grand Duchy of Baden. He was married in 1863 to the Duchess of Louchteberg.

The Turkish authorities have condemned to death the murderers of the agent who was distributing the British and American relief funds at Diarbakir, Asiatic Turkey.

The Italian Geographical Society has received news confirming the report of the massacre of the Botteghe expedition.

CRIME.

At Huntington, Ind., William Krommiller, whose wife secured a divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment, placed the muzzle of a rifle in his mouth and touched the trigger with his feet. The bullet tore through his brain.

"Jim" Parker, the train robber, and two other desperadoes, escaped from jail at Prescott, Ariz., after wounding the jailer and district attorney.

George Ayres was acquitted at Madison, Wis., of the charge of being implicated in the murder of Gus Peterson by a Circuit Court jury, the jury being out but a short time. Peterson's body was found in a ditch on East Johnson street October 6.

The trial of John Pinkerton of St. Joseph county has been brought to La Porte county, Ind., on a change of venue. Pinkerton killed his nephew in a quarrel. The plea of self-defense will be advanced.

At Indianapolis, Ind., Christopher Nickels cut a gash in his wife's neck with a razor. The police pursued him for three hours, and when he saw he was about to be overtaken he swallowed arsenic and died.

At Saginaw, Mich., Charles Walters committed suicide by hanging a few hours after a building owned by him had burned.

Alonzo D. Northern, of Columbia City, Ind., committed suicide at Wolf Lake by taking morphine.

At Somerville, N. J., Jacob S. Johnson, colored, an ex-preacher, was hanged for the murder of Annie Beekman.

At Lima, O., Maggie Clair and her lover quarreled. After he left she took morphine and died.

Sylvester Miller of Bryant, Ind., was arrested on an indictment charging him with arson.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The semi-annual distribution of Michigan primary school interest money, made by Superintendent of Public Instruction Hammond disposed of \$376,733.16 among the several counties of the state. There are 697,654 children of school age in the state and the distribution is on a basis of 54 cents per capita.

A pest has made its appearance in the pastures near Clinton, Ill. It is a small, greenish, flea-like creature, just visible to the unaided eye, and attacks blue grass pastures.

The interests of United States citizens at Puerto Cortez, the seat of the revolution now in progress in Honduras, will be looked after by the United States cruiser Marblehead. The vessel is now on her way there from Key West.

Insurance Commissioner Fricke's report on fire and marine companies shows that the amount of insurance written in Wisconsin in 1896 by stock and mutual companies was \$253,963,018. The ratio of losses to premiums was 38.28, while in 1895 the ratio was 72.33.

Judge Thomas Ewing died at Pittsburgh, Pa., of pneumonia, after an illness of only four days. He was 70 years old, and had been on the bench for twenty-three years. He was a member of the state constitutional convention in 1873, which promulgated Pennsylvania's present constitution, and had been prominent in legal circles for many years.

Brigadier and Brevet Major General Frank Wheaton retired from service in the United States army Saturday, having reached the age of 63 years, of which time forty-seven years have been spent in the service.

Governor Black of New York has signed the so-called anti-trust bill. The bill applies to foreign as well as to domestic corporations, requiring annual reports as to the amount of their capital stock and the proportion actually issued.

The officers of the Wholesale Grocers' association of Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Indiana, Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin met at Peoria, Ill. The principal subject of consideration was the probable effect of the sugar schedule of the senatorial revision of the tariff bill on the trade. No formal action was taken, but meetings of the state associations will be called at an early date.

The organization of the Wisconsin Sportsmen's Protective association has been perfected here. The object of the association is to protect its members from prosecution by the various clubs of the state who claim the exclusive right to fish and hunt on various streams and lakes.

Lazard Freres shipped \$1,000,000 gold to Europe Saturday.

The St. Louis and San Francisco directors have elected as members of the board Richard Olney, ex-Secretary of State, to succeed William T. Hart of Boston and Henry K. McHarg in place of General Horace Porter, ambassador to France.

The committee of the National party of Argentine, Dr. Pellegrini, chairman, appointed to investigate the extent of the decreased exportation of cereals, reports that the exportation decreased \$25,000,000. The decrease in the exportation of wool is found to be about \$5,000,000.

Ex-Governor Matthews has authorized the announcement that he is a candidate for United States senator to succeed David Turpie, whose term expires a year from next January.

Both houses of the Iowa legislature passed a resolution making the wild rose the official flower of the state.

Lloyd Osbourne, stepson and literary executor of Robert Louis Stevenson, has arrived from Samoa on the steamer Alameda. Osbourne says an uprising of the native Samoans need not be apprehended.

A peculiar disease that is baffling the skill of veterinarians prevails among the horses in the vicinity of Bloomington, Ill. It is of the nature of pleuro-pneumonia.

The state headquarters of the Illinois prohibition executive committee have been removed to Bloomington, Ill.

LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

Table with market reports for Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, and Toledo, listing various commodities like Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and their prices.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

REPORT OF DAILY CONGRESSIONAL DOINGS.

Committee Appointed by the Senate to Investigate into the Causes of the Recent Floods—Plan to Take the Tariff Question Out of Politics.

The senate Monday agreed to the resolution directing the commerce committee to inquire into the causes of the recent Mississippi floods and to report next December.

Senator Hale opposed the Morgan Cuban resolution, and closed by saying that 600 men had gone to aid Cuba.

Senator Turpie made a vigorous speech in favor of the resolution. "It is the age of revolutions," he said, "and I hope it may last long enough to drive the last remnant of monarchy from the American continent."

To Settle Tariff Question. Congressman Fowler of New Jersey introduced in the house Monday a bill to establish a tariff commission to "investigate federal taxation, recommend changes therein and adjust any inequalities in existing laws."

The Bell Telephone Company Wins. The Bell telephone company won the case brought against it by the United States to annul the last Perlinger patent. This decision has the effect of continuing the control of the telephone by the Bell company for seventeen years from the date of the last patent.

SCENE OF THE FIRE IN THE BAZAR DE LA CHARITE, RUE JEAN GOUJON, PARIS.

which was granted in 1891.

John Sherman is 74. John Sherman celebrated Monday the seventy-fourth anniversary of his birth.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE RENEWED. Germany, Austria and Italy to Stand Together.

A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Rome says that the pact of the powers constituting the triple alliance was renewed Thursday for a period of six weeks. The right to withdraw, under the terms of the original agreement, expired on May 6, and Germany has succeeded in persuading Italy not to exercise the right of withdrawal.

Censures the Head Officers. A report adopted by about forty camps of Modern Woodmen of America, representing the Central West, sharply censures the head officers, charging extravagance, excessive allowances, lax business management and alleges knowledge on the part of the head officers previous to the head camp meeting at Madison, Wis., of the alleged shortage of former Head Banker Zink, which, it is now said, amounts to \$45,000.

Choynski Easily Defeats Smith. Joe Choynski, the clever California pugilist, gained an easy victory over "Denver Ed" Smith Monday night in their contest at New York. Referee Dick Roche stopped the contest after two minutes and seven seconds of fighting in the fourth round, awarding the decision to Choynski.

Guests of Union Veterans. At the fifteenth state encampment of the Kentucky Grand Army of the Republic at Lexington the Confederate Veterans' Association was the guest of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Bald Takes Up Cooper. Eddie Bald has deposited \$500 to bind a match race with Cooper, to take place at any time between July 1 and August 1.

Women Decide on Burlington. The executive board of the Iowa Federation of Woman's Clubs chose Burlington for the meeting in May, 1899.

Britons Feel Rather Sore. The London papers are bitter at the rejection of the arbitration treaty by the United States senate.

SCHOOL-TEACHERS IN COUNCIL.

The Great Educational Gathering to be Held in Milwaukee in July.

It is the expectation of those who have charge of the preparations for the convention of the National Educational Association, which will be held at Milwaukee next July, that the gathering will be the largest meeting of teachers ever assembled on this continent. The session will begin July 6 and close July 9. Eleven thousand people attended the meeting of the association which was held at Denver two years ago, and last year, at Buffalo, the attendance was upward of 9,000. Milwaukee, being more convenient to the teachers of the great states of Illinois and Iowa, will get a vastly larger attendance from those states than Buffalo secured. In fact, all the western and southern states are expected to send more delegates than they sent to Buffalo. Some of the most gifted writers and speakers in the United States will contribute to the discussions, and there is a possibility that President McKinley will lend his presence to the occasion.

The railroads have agreed to make a half-fare excursion rate for the round trip to all who purchase tickets with the associate membership coupon attached. This costs only \$2.50, and admits the holder to all meetings of the association. A great many people who are not teachers may be expected to take advantage of the opportunity which this rate will afford for securing a cheap summer excursion.

There is no pleasanter summer outing country in the world than in the state of Wisconsin. Milwaukee alone presents a long list of summer attractions to strangers, commencing with her invigorating, delightful climate, and ending with her parks, her first-class amusement enterprises, and her

MURDER NEAR WAUKESHA. Terrible Tragedy on a Farm Near the Wisconsin City.

William Pouch Friday morning killed Alexander Harris and fatally wounded Mrs. Harris, Nelson Melholt,

a farm hand, and Helen Vestbach, a servant. The murderer then pillaged the house and leisurely rode away on his bicycle.

Harris was a well-to-do farmer, living five miles from Waukesha, Wis., and was reputed to keep large sums of money in his house at times. Pouch worked for him last summer for a short time, and is supposed to have had knowledge of the hiding place used by Harris.

He called at the house Thursday night and was hospitably received. In the morning after breakfast he committed the murders. How much money he secured is not known.

SHIFT IN GRADES. No. 2 Spring Wheat Placed in a Lower Class at Chicago.

Taking effect Oct. 1 No. 2 spring wheat will not be a standard grade in the Chicago market. By a vote of 490 against 436 the members of the Board of Trade decided to relegate No. 2 spring to the lower grades of wheat. The standard grades are to be No. 1 and 2 red winter and No. 1 northern spring wheat.

Bank Officials in Trouble. Homer and Walter Fowler, ex-president and vice-president of the Northwestern National Bank at West Superior, Wis., have been arrested. The charge against the Fowlers is misapplication of funds.

Gen. Henderson is Improving. Congressman Henderson of Iowa is steadily improving, but he looks forward to the amputation of the leg above the knee on his return to Washington.

Muscatine, Iowa, Church Burned. Fire destroyed the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Muscatine, Iowa, Sunday afternoon. Loss, \$25,000 to \$30,000, with about \$12,000 insurance.

WH Demand Eight-Hour Day. The International Association of Machinists will demand an eight-hour day in every branch of the trade May 1, 1898. Directly 30,000 men will be affected and 100,000 indirectly.

Mrs. Charles Warden, 28 years old, of Union township, Wis., sent her two children out of the house and killed herself with a shotgun.

John E. Anderson, ex-county treasurer of LaGrange county, Ind., committed suicide by hanging.

HORROR OF THE SEA.

SIXTEEN PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH.

Passengers and Sailors of the Steamship Leona Die in the Steerage—Cargo of Cotton Bursts Out Into Flames—All Escape Is Cut Off.

The Mallory line steamer Leona, which left her pier on Saturday, bound for Galveston, took fire at sea, put back and arrived at New York Sunday night with sixteen corpses on board.

The dead were thirteen steerage passengers and three members of the crew, who quipped to a terrible fire which occurred off the Delaware capes at an early hour Sunday morning.

The horror of the story can hardly be told. Those who are dead were penned up below decks, and although frantic efforts were made by the officers of the vessel to save them, the fire had gained such terrible headway before the danger was discovered that all escape was cut off.

The steamer carried in her cargo many bales of cotton. It is not certain how the fire originated, but when it was discovered it burst forth with such fury that it was impossible to reach the steerage. Even then the steerage passengers apparently were unmindful of the danger, else the smoke and flames would not have reached them.

The saloon passengers were all saved.