

Andover News.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1895.

The largest department store in the world is to be built in New York City with Chicago capital. The site alone for this store cost about \$7,000,000, and it will occupy parts of three blocks.

In the United States we have the largest railroad mileage in the world, exceeding the total of all other countries combined by over 80,000 miles. In European countries the greatest railroad mileage is Germany.

Women are frequently witty, but seldom humorous, proclaims the philosopher of the New York Press. This they explain on the ground of their finer temperaments. And the humorous girl is apt to marry unhappily.

The latest engineering and ship canal idea is to dispense with the twenty-four locks in the Welland Canal leading from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario, and to make the whole drop of 326 feet between these two lakes in two pneumatic balance locks, built of steel, operated by compressed air, large enough to admit vessels of ocean draught.

Sir John Kinloch proposes as a relief of the depression in agriculture that the British Post-master-General make arrangements for conveying butter under a special rate of a penny per seventeen ounces, so as to allow for the packing of one pound parcels. It is pointed out in support of this increased facility for enabling farmers to communicate direct by parcel post with customers, that the import of butter from abroad has increased from a trifle under \$60,000,000 in 1892 to a sum approaching \$67,500,000 last year.

Canned illuminating gas is believed in the New Orleans Picayune to be the coming thing. A New York man has invented a way of putting it up so, and it threatens destruction to the meter and the gas company. A test was made of the invention a few days since in Cleveland, and an expert who saw it reports that it works in an entirely satisfactory manner. The gas burned steadily, and gave an excellent light.

The material from which it is made is lime and coal dust, welded by electricity into a sort of dark brownish porous substance. The gas is generated by placing this substance in water.

An ex-member of the Newfoundland Colonial Legislature has denounced the English parliament for "allowing the people of Newfoundland to starve on the streets, and the British flag to be starved off the flagpole in Newfoundland, while England gives thousands of pounds to the Armenians and protects African trading companies, leaving our people to go begging to America for relief to keep body and soul together." It is evident to the New Orleans Picayune that the island province and the mother country are drifting apart and the present crisis serves only to hasten the day when Newfoundland will break away altogether, and go fishing on its own hook.

The Boston school teachers have been discussing the prevalent weaknesses of their pupils. They have come to the conclusion that the telling of untruths is the most formidable shortcoming of the girls, while untidiness is the principal sin of the boys. One schoolmistress says that habits of deceit in her pupils spring from their desire to create a good impression. The New York Sun comments: "We cannot believe these conclusions as regards the girls. Their desire to please is one of the finest attributes of their nature. They are made to be charming, and know it at an early age. No deception is needed to make all right-minded persons of the other sex admit it freely."

Ex-President Seelye Dying.

Amherst, Mass., May 6.—The condition of Dr. Julius A. Seelye, ex-president of Amherst college, is very critical. Dr. Edward Hitchcock says that any improvement in his health would be temporary. His nervous system is completely exhausted, and he is unable to speak.

Leo on Armenian Troubles.

Rome, May 6.—The pope has written a letter to the Armenian patriarch of Constantinople expressing sympathy with the Armenians and endorsing the necessity of reforms in Armenia.

CORINTO EVACUATED

The Port Quietly Restored to the Nicaraguans.

No Scenes of Turbulence in the Central American Capital—The Indemnity To Be Paid Within Two Weeks in London—Zelaya a Wise and Just Ruler.

Washington, May 6.—According to advices received here the evacuation of Corinto by the British fleet was quietly accomplished and the port was restored to Nicaraguan authority. Early yesterday morning Minister Guzman received a cable message stating that all the preliminaries had been satisfactorily arranged with the British admiral, through the intermediation of Senor Fiallos of Honduras.

All Friction Avoided. In this manner Nicaragua was spared any appearance of humiliation and friction was avoided. Nicaragua will pay the indemnity in London within the two weeks stipulated and the remaining terms of the ultimatum will be satisfactorily arranged. The Nicaraguan people appear to thoroughly understand President Zelaya, who is a man of great pluck and determination and they have approved his course in the matter.

Zelaya a Just Ruler. Published statements that "howling mobs" were parading the streets of Managua, the capital, shouting "Death to Zelaya" appear to have no foundation in fact. Zelaya is not the man to tolerate demonstrations of that kind. He himself headed a revolution two years ago, which overthrew an obnoxious government in fifteen days. Within that time he fought three battles and captured the capital. He was chosen president by the constitutional convention which was immediately organized and has proved himself to be a wise and just ruler.

UNDER POLICE SURVEILLANCE.

A Chicago Woman Believed To Have Poisoned Her Children.

Chicago, May 6.—Annie O'Neal, of this city, is under police surveillance, and is believed to have poisoned two of her children during the past week, and a third child out of the four is missing. Her husband, John, separated from her about two years ago because of infidelity. She informed him that she would poison the children and herself if he did not return. Last Monday Eddie, a child of 8 years, was buried, a physician's certificate ascribing heart disease having been issued. Yesterday Laura, a girl of 15, died, and the coroner was notified. Both children were insured in the Hancock company for small amounts. The deaths excited the suspicion of the officials, and after a search of the house a pound and a half of Paris green was discovered. The husband, who had applied for the insurance, is being looked for while the police are searching for the missing baby.

CHOLERA AT CAMARAN.

Forty-nine Cases Reported of Which Twenty-nine Are Fatal.

Washington, May 6.—The Marine hospital service has just received a report relative to the outbreak of cholera at Camaran, the island in the Red sea where pilgrims crossing from India, Persia, Java, etc., to the Hejaz have to undergo ten or more days quarantine. Cholera broke out there March 24, and since then, up to the time this report was dispatched, there had been forty-nine cases, of which thirty-nine were fatal. The fact is commented upon in this report that these pilgrims, among whom cholera broke out, arrived from Bombay where, according to the official bulletins, cholera cases are very rare.

A PECULIAR POSITION.

Complications in the Keeley Gold Cure Case.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 6.—Judge Seaman, of the United States court, has granted a permanent injunction restraining Dr. Leslie E. Keeley from revealing the formula of what is known as the Keeley double chloride of gold remedies. The action was brought by the Wisconsin Keeley Institute company against the Dwight company. Granting the order will place the Keeley company in a peculiar position. Dr. Keeley has been ordered by Judge Myers, of the state court at Leavenworth, Kan., to appear and make known the formula.

Was He Murdered?

New York, May 6.—The dead body of William J. Cleere, the receiving clerk at the New York ferry house of the Erie railroad, who has been missing since March 20 last, was found floating in the North river, just inside the ferry slip, at noon yesterday. Foul play is suspected.

Seeking Bodies with a Search Light.

Hartford, Conn., May 6.—Four months have elapsed since Zezi Storkewicz, a Lithuanian farmer, was accused of killing his wife and child. The search after the bodies has been without success. It is now being continued at night on the ponds in the vicinity. A search light that enables the men to see the bottom of the ponds is being used.

Secretary Gresham Improved.

Washington, May 6.—Secretary Gresham passed a comfortable night and is comparatively free from pain. He changed physicians yesterday, and the treatment for pleurisy, instead of gall stones, resulted in immediate relief. He is still a very sick man.

Representative Hitt Improving.

Washington, May 6.—Information given at Representative Hitt's residence was that a slight improvement was noticeable in his condition. He passed a fairly good night and this morning rested comfortably.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARIAN CRISIS

Francis Joseph Says Rome Cannot Overthrow His Ministers.

London, May 6.—The Standard's Vienna correspondent says that the Austrian and Hungarian cabinet crisis has been settled temporarily. The emperor informed all the ministers who had audience in relation to the matter that he could not allow the impression to exist that Rome was able to overthrow Austrian and Hungarian ministers. Hence, says the correspondent, although Count Kalnoky's resignation was accepted in principle, it will not take effect until autumn. Meanwhile he is drafting a communication to take the sting out of the note in which he denounced Baron Banffy and Banffy will formulate a reply to an intimation of which Count Apponyi has given notice. Both papers will be submitted to the emperor. Archbishop Agliardi's recall will be confidentially demanded. Documentary evidence shows that Baron Banffy based his offending statement on a letter from Count Kalnoky; part of which Kalnoky asserts was confidential and not final.

CHOATE MYSTERY CLEARED.

The Body of the Buffalo Student Found in His Father's Barn.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 6.—The body of Rufus Choate, with a bullet hole in the left temple and a revolver lying beside it, was found yesterday in a hay mow of his father's barn in the suburbs of this city. The body was in a bad state of decomposition. Choate, who was a student at the Buffalo high school, disappeared four months ago. He left the house of his father, a wealthy real estate man, to go to school and was never seen alive again. Circulars were sent to the police of all the large cities seeking information about him. The body of young Choate was found by his older brother who discovered the body concealed behind two barrels. The family is satisfied that Choate killed himself, although they are at a loss for a motive.

DESTRUCTIVE FOREST FIRES.

Glen Hazel, Pa., Suffers a Loss of at Least \$125,000.

Ridgeway, Pa., May 6.—Destructive forest fires have been raging throughout Elk county for the past two days. The largest damage so far recorded was from the town of Glen Hazel. The flames rapidly encroached on the outskirts of the village yesterday and help was asked and sent from Bradford. The flames were fought all day, but they reached the village and Delos Dolliver's sawmill with a million feet of hemlock logs, twelve hundred feet of the Erie railway track, sixteen cars and six dwelling houses were burned. The fire last evening was finally gotten under control in Glen Hazel, but it is still burning in the woods. The estimated loss by the conflagration is \$125,000.

CUBAN PATRIOTS WIN.

Macco Captures Two Forts in Santiago Province.

Tampa, Fla., May 6.—Passengers by the steamer Albatross bring reports that the fort of San Ramon de las Yaguas, in which were 260 men, and La Colonia Militar, with the same number of inmates, in Santiago province, were both captured last week by 1,750 insurgents under Macco. Captain Malla, who was in charge of the detachment, which was captured while escorting provisions to Bayamo, was taken to Havana Friday and tried Saturday. It is thought he will be shot, as was Gallego. There is much dissatisfaction among Spanish officers over Gallego's execution.

THIRTEEN INJURED.

A Wild Freight Engine Wrecks a Passenger Train.

Little Rock, May 6.—A passenger train on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern road was wrecked Saturday near Clarksville by a wild engine. Thirteen passengers were injured. At Clarksville Engineer Wilbank, of a freight train, stepped into the telegraph office to ascertain how late the passenger train was leaving the engine in charge of his fireman, who a moment later got off to get a drink of water. While unattended the throttle flew open and the engine being detached from the cars, started at full speed.

All Quiet at St. John.

Washington, May 6.—A dispatched received the interior department reports everything quiet on the reservation, and it is expected that the trouble with the warring Indians will be adjusted at once.

Lillian Schofield Under Arrest.

New York, May 6.—Mrs. Lillian Schofield, formerly known as Lillian Schofield, was a prisoner in the Jefferson Market Police court for stealing \$77 from John McClosky.

Income Tax Cases To-day.

Washington, May 6.—Associate Justice Howell E. Jackson, of the United States supreme court, arrived here yesterday. Joseph H. Bristol, of New York, also reached the city last night, presumably to take part in the argument on the income tax cases to-day.

Sensational Cowhiding.

Galveston, Tex., May 6.—Ada Hammond, a well-known character of this city, publicly cowhided David A. Wells, manager of the Grand Opera house here, at the Union depot yesterday before hundreds of persons. The two had quarrelled.

Ex-Secretary Longtoft Sued.

Lockport, N. Y., May 6.—Suits have been begun by the Western Bankers' association against William Longtoft, its missing financial secretary. The supposed shortage is \$2,820.

Death of Lord Selborne.

London, May 6.—Lord Selborne died at his country seat, Blackmoor, Petersfield, yesterday. Although he had long been ill of an internal disease, his death was unexpected.

THE DEADLY CYCLONE

Funerals of the Victims of Friday's Awful Storm.

The List of Fatalities Reaches at Least One Hundred Souls—Appeals for Aid from the Many Homeless and Destitute Farmers—Some Thrilling Experiences.

Alton, Ia., May 6.—The funerals of the victims of Friday's cyclone, the list of which reaches one hundred souls, were held here in the midst of a terrific storm. In some parts of the country what remained after the big storm of last week was ruined by yesterday's blow. The valley of death from Ireton to Sioux Center, which nearly parallels the railroad track was crowded all day with vehicles of every description. On all sides there was nothing but debris. Dead horses, cattle, sheep, chickens, articles of wearing apparel, portions of houses and barns, pieces of wagons and farming implements and everything movable was scattered along the route. All the dead were buried in Sioux county, excepting the Marsden brothers and sisters, whose remains were sent to their old home in Wisconsin.

Appeals for Aid.

Around Sioux Center forty farmers are homeless and ruined and appeals for aid have been sent out to many adjoining cities by the authorities. The railroads reaching this part of the country have agreed to carry all donations free of charge.

Two More of the Injured Dead.

Another death, that of Mrs. Herman Heyman, has been reported. The Heymans lived in Welcome township, a few miles from Sioux Center. When the storm struck their homestead Mrs. Heyman was sitting in a chair near the window trying to catch a breath of air. The storm lifted the buildings and carried them fully 100 feet into a forest where they dropped. Mrs. Heyman was picked up fatally injured. She was 50 years of age. In this vicinity sixteen are dead and fifteen injured. A child of Luther McComber died this morning. The wife of John Koster was blown away with the storm and found dead one quarter of a mile from where the building the Kosters, was also killed.

Experience of the Hagger Family.

John Hagger's experience was terrible. He was away from home, and noticing the approaching storm, was returning with all possible haste. When he had reached a point 500 yards from his dwelling the storm struck. He threw himself to the ground and held to a tree. He was struck at least 100 times by small pieces of debris, and while on the ground was covered with mud several inches in thickness. The storm passed over in five minutes. When he managed to gain his feet he could see nothing of his home excepting a mass of wreckage. He hurried forward, and in a short time was greeted by cries for help from the different members of his family. One of his boys was found on the edge of a pile of timbers badly crushed. He cannot recover. His eldest daughter, Lucy, was extricated next, but she, too, was fatally injured. His wife was badly bruised, but her injuries are not dangerous. Hagger's youngest son was attending school one-half mile away, and when the storm struck the building, the boy, together with a great many of the pupils, was blown along with the building for half a mile. When the structure struck the broken above the knee and was badly bruised.

Three Hundred Families Homeless.

In the district round about the Hagger and Koster homesteads forty families are homeless and ruined and between Perkins and Ashton twenty-five families have nothing left. Altogether 300 families are homeless as the result of the five minutes destructive work of the cyclone. The average of the property to each family is about \$7,000. It is thus seen that the financial loss is very large and cannot easily be repaired. In many cases it will never be repaired by the present owners of the land as several of them have already left the country. The injured aggregate 100 people and many of them will be crippled for life.

Blown Fifty Feet in the Air.

Hartford, Conn., May 6.—Eugene McQuirk, 25 years old, a laborer, was instantly killed by an explosion at the works of the Hartford City Gas Light company yesterday. He was standing on top of an iron water tower when "margh gas" or fire damp in the tower caught fire, it is supposed, from his lantern. He was blown fifty feet into the air, and fell on an adjoining roof. His body was badly crushed.

June 21 Decided Upon.

Philadelphia, May 6.—The delegates representing the colleges of Cornell, Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania at a meeting here decided upon June 21 as the date for the boat race between the crews of the three institutions.

Acquitted by German Authorities.

Sioux City, Ia., May 6.—Buh Knesebe, who recently had so much trouble over his alleged "kidnapping" of horses on German tracks, has been notified that he has been acquitted by the German authorities of one of the charges against him.

Golden Jubilee Celebration.

Baltimore, May 6.—Mgr. Stall, pontificated at the grand high mass yesterday at the opening ceremonies of the golden jubilee celebration of St. Alphonsus' church. Cardinal Gibbons assisted the papal legate.

Destructive Fire at New Carlisle.

Springfield, O., May 6.—New Carlisle, Wash. base, was partly destroyed by fire last night. Loss, \$50,000.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE

Not Likely To Adjourn Before Middle of May.

Albany, May 6.—The earlier proposition that the legislature would adjourn some time before the middle of May, is more than likely to come to naught. Both the date for final adjournment between May 15 and the 18th. There are some who think the legislature could adjourn on Saturday next. The session will act on the annual supply bill the committee. The annual appropriation bill and the Raines blanket ballot bill are now being considered in conference committee. The report of the special legislative committee which has been investigating the administration of state prisons, will come up in the senate this week for discussion. The constitution of the Assemblyman Charles (dem.) of New York city is a special order in the assembly for this evening. Governor Morton has not vetoed a dozen bills so far this session, which presents a remarkable record in the approval of bills passed by the legislature, by the chief executive. Many bills were saved from a veto by being recalled by the legislature.

A PEST HOUSE RIOT.

Armed Farmers Stop the Shipping of Contagious Diseases Among Them.

Winchester, Ky., May 6.—A pest house riot broke out yesterday. A colored prisoner in the county jail had smallpox. Lumber was secured and carpenters put to work on a pest house five miles out. The farmers turned out in an armed force with Winchester. The pest house had almost completed the pest house before the mob gathered. Armed men were stationed along the roads leading from Winchester to the pest house. The sheriff came out to protect the carpenters with a large posse of armed men. Last night the pest house was burned and the farmers on all sides of the town were guarding the roads, expecting that the smallpox prisoners may be taken through their neighborhood by some obscure locality. They say that they propose to stop the shipping of contagious cases from the towns to the country districts. Maudine, the sheriff whose residence is in the jail, has a smallpox prisoner on his hands and cannot get out of town in any direction.

MATERIAL FOR THE DEFENDER.

Aluminum Bronze To Be Used for the Sides and Floor Beams.

New York, May 6.—The arrival of the carload of aluminum floor beams has given great impetus to the work on Defender, and since their arrival has practically settled the last point of doubt as to the materials to be employed in the general construction of the boat. The use of aluminum bronze for the sides above the water line and for the floor beams will render Defender from four to seven tons lighter than would any other suitable material employed for the same purposes. In this point of weight alone, therefore, Defender will have an advantage which is of almost incalculable value, and which it is difficult for anyone but an expert yacht designer and builder to adequately appreciate. As to the actual cost of Defender, of course not even Mr. Iselin, or Mr. Herreshoff can yet tell what it will be, but those here who are competent to figure on such matters place the probable cost of the yacht all the way from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

MRS. PARNELL'S CONDITION.

Shows Some Little Improvement, But Her Mind Still Clouded.

Bordentown, N. J., May 6.—Mrs. Parnell's condition shows some improvement this morning, but her mind is still clouded. While the authorities are arranging down every clue in an endeavor to establish the identity of Mrs. Parnell's assailant, special attention is being paid to the party at first suspected. It is hoped that with a little more improvement in the patient's mind it will be possible to take some definite action in the case. Two more tramps were corralled on the Park road last night, but investigation proved that they had nothing to do with the matter.

Indian Maiden Sold.

Wichita, Kan., May 6.—Rosa Whiteface, a pretty young Indian maiden now a pupil of the Caddo Indian school, has been sold by her father to her sister's husband for fifteen ponies. The Indian whose wife she is to become is 30 years old and already has other wives. She is but 17. The girl has been sent to Prof. Montgomery, of the Caddo Indian school, to save her from such a fate and he is exerting every energy to assist her.

Killed While Fleeing from Justice.

Dunkirk, N. Y., May 6.—Henry Doty, a fisherman, was instantly killed on the Nickel Plate tracks yesterday. He was being pursued by a policeman who wanted him for disorderly conduct and in his flight he ran directly in front of an east-bound passenger train. His body was thrown twenty feet in the air.

Killed Trying To Board a Train.

New Brunswick, N. J., May 6.—William Meyer, 19 years old, an iron moulder, of Philadelphia, slipped while trying to board a freight train at Metuchen yesterday morning and fell under the wheels. The entire train passed over his right leg. He died soon after being taken to the Wells hospital here.

Champion Bareback Rider Dead.

Chicago, May 6.—Charles W. Fish, champion bareback rider of the world, is dead at his boarding house on Wabash avenue, of blood poisoning. He had been ill for some time.

Italian Consulate At Montreal.

Rome, May 6.—The recent development of Italy's commercial relations with Canada has caused the government to decide to found a consulate in Montreal.

Minister to Venezuela.

Berlin, May 6.—Count von Rex, first secretary of the German embassy in St. Petersburg, has been appointed minister to Venezuela.



ST. ROBERT L. BURTON

CHAPTER I. INTRODUCTORY.

I believe that I am not what you would call a superstitious man. My earliest recollection I have of opinions that differ from the usual religious doctrines, and such opinions (or beliefs) are often who are not superstitious if not who are not one deliberately manufacturing a belief—that is something of which he ordinarily has little more than he has over the original form of his body or the color of his complexion, for, like these, it is a part of his nature. He can distort his body, he can paint his face, but he cannot alter his nature. He cannot resume their normal shape, though he may be the same with his belief. However, one's settled opinions are sometimes completely changed by some impressive accident, circumstance, teaching; but this change, you will see, is not wrought by his own will, but by influences that are brought to bear upon him. The influences by which we are surrounded in the main form our opinions, and our character and religion are mapped out in our intellects by the hand of an unseen, inscrutable, inevitable destiny, and we have little thought but to follow the directions and promptings thereof. As the poet says:

This education forms the common mind; Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclination.

In other words, the impressions of childhood bear upon one's whole life. I know that with me—Hal Mals—the impressions of childhood have hung like a prevailing vapor over the whole period of my existence; and in every tragedy, comedy or romance, in which I have been fortunate or unfortunate enough to participate, I have been referred back to the dawning of my personal history.

Orphaned in infancy, and left homeless, my childhood was spent among strange faces, and amid perpetually shifting scenes.

As there was no one to worry over my whereabouts, I went forth when I listed and came back when I willed.

I much frequented wild and out-of-the-way places, and was often infatuated by gloomy objects that would have been far from fascinating to other children.

The roar of the catarract as it tumbled and plunged through jagged fissures, and the howling of the wind as it swept among the cliffs and crags were my music.

I loved to wander amid the hush and loneliness of woodland scenes. The sighing of the trees, the rippling of the brooks, the quaint sounds articulated by the small wild animals, by the beasts of the field and the birds of the air, were to me well known and welcome sounds. The wilderness was my kindergarten, and the object-lessons it presented were earnestly studied.

I had no steady place of habitation, but was taken in and taken care of in a haphazard manner, by this person and that, for a while—for I was continually stray, and no one took the pains to hunt me up.

Thus my infancy and childhood passed into youth, which childhood's dreamy life ended, and then my living came by an arduous strife with adversity.

What information I possess was picked up of my own accord, regardless of schools or the pedagogue's art.

I had an early liking for letters, and explored enterprisingly the realm of knowledge, although nothing like systematic or order ever accompanied my efforts.

I was drilled to no particular trade, so my occupation was necessarily various, and, aside from the fact that it maintained me reasonably well, was of a sort that bore as its fruit more experience than wealth.

The course of my career finally settled in the channel of itinerant journalism, and later, at home, in the company of becoming a part of these matters to accomplishments and roving disposition.

All these circumstances, being of an exceedingly miscellaneous and uncommensal character, may have combined to divert my thoughts out of any of the approved groves of religious theory, and to cause the opinions now dominant within my mind to fasten themselves upon me; but I credit my belief to other causes.

When I was a little child I held communion with shadowy forms that told me by myriad signs that they were relatives of mine; souls of my people who had shaken off the folds of material life and assumed immortal existence in the spiritual world. Long before I knew about them were ghosts I followed them about in the gloom of night and felt peculiarly at home in their company.

I often followed these specters to the graveyards to witness hosts of dim figures march and stalk about among the white tombstones, too, at times, when other children were coddled up in their trundle beds at home, dreaming things not half so wild as I was looking at with open eyes and the full possession of my waking senses.

Less than the aforesaid, often in my later life has it been fully given to me that there is but the veil of a brief dream between the material and the spiritual.