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HISTORY OF A WEEK.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS OF THE WORLD.

The Charleston's Chase After the Itata—
Reported Disaster on the Santa Fe Road—
Police Law Void—Panic in a Church.

SAILED SOUTH.

The Steamer Charleston at Sea Again.

A Washington special dated the 20th inst., says: Just before 4 o'clock this afternoon the Navy Department received confirmation of a press dispatch to the effect that the Charleston sailed southward from Acapulco last evening leaving the Esmeralda in port. No word from the Itata. The presumption is that the Charleston's commander is satisfied that the Itata passed Acapulco either before she arrived there or while he lay in port, and that is why he resumed the long chase. It is estimated that the Itata has been steaming along at about seven knots, and as she was ten days out last Friday night, she should at that time have been just off Acapulco. It is reported from that place that she met the Esmeralda and as she is a much smaller vessel than the Esmeralda and burns very much less coal, it is regarded as within probabilities that the latter vessel might have supplied her with this necessary article, which would account for the strait the war ship is now in respecting a further supply of coal. If it be true that the Itata was off Acapulco Friday night she has two full days start of the Charleston when the latter again started in pursuit last night. This is about the same lead that she had when she started from San Diego, but if the two vessels now follow the same course, the Charleston steaming at fourteen knots, should come up with the Itata in forty-eight hours.

Police Law Void.

Terre Haute (Ind.) special: The wide open saloon people received a black eye in the Superior court when Judge McNutt held the metropolitan police law enacted by the last Legislature, in which the court set forth its reasons at length, being largely governed therein by the ruling of the Supreme court in the case of the city of Chicago. The court issued an order of order, deposing the heads of the metropolitan force, who have had charge of the police under injunction for several weeks, and placing it within the power of the City Council to reinstate Robert Davis as Police Chief, and appoint a new one. This is the first victory ever won by the law-and-order people of this city, and it is the first time in many years they have had it in their power to close the saloons. The fight in the courts has been bitterly contested, and the loss of the case is a severe blow to the saloon men.

Twelve Killed.

Mrs. A. A. Center, of Pottsdam, N. Y., who is visiting at the home of W. W. Morgan, Kansas City, says that a bridge on the Atchinson, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, near Albert, Kan., fell, carrying with it a passenger train that had been two hours in advance of the train by which she was traveling. The latter train was flagged and the passengers were obliged to cross the cut which the bridge spanned and meet a train on the other side. Mrs. Center says that it was reported that twelve or fourteen people were killed. No telegraphic report of such a wreck has been received.

A Naval Officer Retires.

Capt. Henry Erben, United States Navy, has succeeded Rear Admiral Daniel L. Brown in command of the Brooklyn navy yard, the admiral going upon the retired list. Admiral Brown's retirement was made the occasion of great ceremony. The marine battalion paraded, a salute of thirteen guns was fired, and all officers were in full uniform. The retiring officer was the third in rank in the navy, and had served in the service as midshipman in 1846, was in several engagements in the Mexican war and served with distinction in the civil war. He is a native of New York City.

Poison in the Greens.

Last Monday the family of Allan Morris, a colored man living on Colgrove avenue, Indiana, were taken ill after eating some greens. Dr. Bigger was called and saved the lives of five persons who partook of the dish. It was rumored at the time that Estella Morris, the 14-year-old daughter, had dosed the food with Paris green. She was arrested and admitted poisoning her greens and she did it to punish a boarder at the house, Benz Rector, who was annoying her. Judge Sullivan held her in \$5,000 bonds for attempted murder.

Panic in a Catholic Church.

A panic was narrowly averted at St. John's Catholic Church, in Columbus, Ohio. A class of thirty-nine was receiving its first communion and the church was packed. Suddenly there was a flash of light and it was discovered that the veil of Miss Clara Eminger was in flames. The coolness of Father Junz and some of his parishioners kept the what would have been a terrible disaster, if a break had been made.

Beyond His Depth.

Frankie Fox, the 6-year-old son of Lawrence Fox, of Fort Wayne, waded into the St. Mary's River with his younger and older brothers and several other playmates, got beyond his depth and sank beneath the water, and rising to cry for help and then sink out of the view of his little playfellows. His remains were recovered.

Blaine Is Better.

The President has received a telegram from Secretary Blaine saying that his health was much improved and that he expected to be about in a few days.

Rear End Collision.

At Phillips, Ala., a rear end collision occurred between two south bound freight trains on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. Brakeman J. M. Costello was instantly killed and his body buried in the wreck. Fireman Lester Brown was also killed and Engineer Edmunds hurt mortally. Three of cars took fire and the wreck was consumed.

Nellie Goodwin Gets Alimony.

Mrs. Nellie Goodwin has been allowed \$75 a week alimony, pending the trial of her suit for separation from Actor Nat Goodwin on the ground of desertion. She is allowed \$250 for counsel fees.

Mob After Stanley.

While Henry M. Stanley was delivering a lecture at the Schuylkill, England, the hall was invaded by a gang of Socialists who began to sell among the audience a pamphlet attacking the explorer. The pamphlet was very freely bought, under the belief that it contained a report of one of Stanley's lectures. When the fraud was discovered there was a great commotion, and the vendors were promptly expelled. The gang lingered around the building, and as Mr. Stanley, at the conclusion of his lecture, left the hall they attempted to mob him. His friends gathered around him and, with

the assistance of the police, kept off his assailants. He was then hurried into a cab and driven to his hotel.

FIRES-SWEPT.

Terrible Work of the Flames at Muskegon, Mich.

A special from Muskegon, Mich., dated the 18th inst., says: This afternoon at 6:30 fire started in the Launkwell hotel barn, swept ten blocks up Pine street, then by a sudden shift in the wind the flames were driven towards Terrace avenue. Ten Pine street business blocks were wiped out. The court house was burned but its public documents saved. The prisoners in the county jail were liberated. A little child stopping in the Launkwell barn, where the fire started, is missing, and by 9 o'clock the fire reached the southern district of the city. The firemen succeeded in reducing the further progress of the flames. Tonight twenty blocks of business houses and dwellings are in smoldering ruins. The total damage, said by one authority, is put at \$300,000. A conservative estimate of the total loss is \$500,000. The total insurance is unobtainable and many have no insurance. Hundreds of families are thrust upon their friends for accommodation. The firemen were in some instances to clear buildings and in the endeavor to prevent the spreading of the flames.

THE MAFIA.

Wanted the Blood of the Mob Leaders.

New Orleans special: Signor Corto, the Italian Consul, said he was starting for Rome, that he was not recalled, but only summoned home to give his testimony in regard to the affair of March 14. He knew of no reason why he should be recalled, and asked, if it was because he had the courage to express an opinion upon matters vital to the dearest sentiments of his countrymen, Mr. Corto continuing said that he had saved Mayor Shakespeare's life and the lives of Messrs. Parkerson, Wickliffe, and other leaders. The day after the killing there was a determined resolution among certain of his countrymen to kill the Mayor and all those who had a hand in the butchery. Mr. Corto said he restrained their hands and told them if harm befell the gentlemen he would immediately denounce the perpetrators of the deed. The Consul believed an amicable understanding in regard to the imbroglio was near at hand.

A Fierce Riot.

Corfu special: The anti-Jewish excitement which existed here for some time past and which caused an outbreak about April 27, when the body of a child who had been murdered was found in the Hebrew quarter, is becoming more venomous. The Greeks then claimed that the Hebrews murdered a Christian girl for the feast of the passover and the Hebrews retorted by declaring that the Greeks murdered her as an excuse for rioting and plunder. Although the body was eventually identified as that of the child of a prominent Hebrew. The Greeks broke into the Hebrew quarter and built a bon-fire in the square and declared that the Hebrews should be burned. A number of Hebrews had been beaten and injured, the rioters were dispersed by the troops. The excitement caused by this incident never died out and the other day the rioting was resumed and a number of Jews were killed and a number injured. The troops were ordered to surround the Hebrews and now surround the Hebrew quarters. The Hebrews are forbidden to pass outside of the cordon of troops and all stores kept by the Hebrews are closed. The prefect of Corfu has been summoned to Athens in order to explain the situation to the Government. A detachment of troops under command of a Major has been sent here from Athens to restore order.

Chained to the Track.

A special from Anderson, Ind., states that Otis Courtney, George W. Wilson and Eliza Abney, three Midland Railroad strikers, spiked a switch at Lapel with a train of loaded cars, and were placed under arrest and brought into the Circuit Court on a charge of interfering with the running of trains on that road. They gave bond for a trial June 2. While the men were in court, executions were made good to the amount of nearly \$1,000 were placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Parson, and he levied upon the locomotive that was on the spiked switch, and now has it chained to the track.

THE ENGLISH VIEW OF IT.

What They Think of Our Pursuit of the Itata.

The London Standard, in an editorial, says: "We can only account for extraordinary zeal in the pursuing of the Chilean steamer Itata on the assumption that the Government is delighted at having an opportunity of retrospectively justifying in Alabama contention as against England. It is doubtful, however, whether this ingenious maneuver can establish any new dictum in international law."

A Clean Sweep.

Chicago special: Every switchman in the employ of the Chicago and North Western Railway Company—200 in this city and 300 employed at points along the line—have been discharged and paid off. The road has been preparing for this action during the past two months, and for the men discharged there was another ready to take his place. Yardmaster Frank McInerney, whose discharge the switchmen demanded and enforced by a tie-up during General Manager Whitman's illness six weeks ago, was reinstated and took charge of the new men.

Young Lady Poisoned.

Near Wesley Chapel, in the northern part of Fayette County, Ohio, some unknown persons are making an effort to poison stock, and in some mysterious way Miss Della Allen has been dangerously poisoned. The stock on the farm for John Dougherty was suddenly taken ill and two cows died. Several piles of salt were discovered in the fields, which, upon examination, were found to contain considerable poison. Miss Allen's illness is supposed to result from drinking water into which some of the stuff had been thrown.

Wreck on the H. and O.

A Baltimore and Ohio passenger train bound for Philadelphia, dashed into the side of a freight train at Boundbrook, Pa., wrecking the passenger engine, some of the passenger cars and eight freight cars. The passenger train did not break the track. The engineer of the passenger train was seriously injured. The fireman and one of the brakemen were also hurt. It is said the accident was caused by a switch tender being unable to get the switch closed in time to avoid the accident.

Youngsters Officers Arrested.

The other night the residence of Dr. McCurdy, of Youngstown, O., was burglarized. An hour after the robbery the police discovered three strangers with sashless sashes, stolen from the residence, trying to jump on a freight train on the track. The engineer and the brakemen began firing. Officer Wm. Freed was shot through the body, and the surgeons say he will die. Officer

Petrie had his left arm badly mangled by a bullet. Officers captured one of the burglars, who gives the name of Wm. Sherman, New York.

Driven From Home by Forest Fires.

Big Rapids (Mich.) special: The fires in the woods this year have been fully as disastrous as those in 1871. At Brice's Station, three miles from here, a tract six miles long and three miles wide, has been burned over, destroying everything. Four farm-houses and barns were burned. At Paris the entire town has frequently been called out to fight the fire in order to save the town. The poor settlers hereabouts have been driven from home, saving absolutely nothing.

Caught in the Act.

Two men made a desperate attempt to steal a registered letter pouch from one of the mail wagons while it was en route to the Grand Central Depot at Forty-second street, New York. When the wagon had reached the street the men approached, and pulling open one of the doors, secured the pouch. They started on a run down Fifth avenue. A policeman who witnessed the theft gave chase, and the thieves dropped their booty and escaped.

The Marine Engineers.

The marine engineers' strike at Cleveland is still on. Mr. Gallway, President of the Engineers' Protective Society, says: "The report that we are weakening is wholly unfounded. The vessel owners are getting along fairly well now, because very few boats are running. When navigation really opens up our services will be needed, and we will receive what we demand." Both sides are firm in declaring that no concessions will be granted.

Ohio Pythians' Encampment.

Gen. J. W. Greene, of Toledo, commanding the Ohio Brigade, Uniformed Knights of Pythias, has issued an order locating the annual encampment at Presque Isle, near Toledo, fixing the middle of July as the time. Hamilton, Sandusky and Zanesville offered a bonus for the meeting, but the General got better terms. Two thousand uniformed Knights are expected.

Crushed by an Avalanche of Slates.

Gaylord colliery, one of the Kingston coal company, at Plymouth, Pa., was the scene of an accident by which two men lost their lives and one was fatally injured. The killed are: Felix Wiczechlawicz, Michael Yiechowski. The man fatally injured was Joe Rost. His back is broken. About ten slates were loose from the roof and fell, crushing the men beneath it.

For Writing to a Lottery Company.

In the United States District Court, Warren M. Frame, of Raleigh County, West Virginia, was convicted of violating the lottery law by sending a letter through the United States mails to the Louisiana Lottery, and was fined \$25 and costs by Judge Jackson. This is the first conviction for this offense known to have been made in the United States.

A Drunken Father.

Three children of Abe Newman, a farmer, were drowned in the mill pond at Jenks' Mill, Ga., while Newman, to whose jurisdiction the pond belonged, was drunk. His wife and infant child had narrow escapes. The family were on their way home in a wagon, when the drunken father drove over an embankment into the pond.

He Won't Be Elected.

Joseph H. Elwell, candidate for County Attorney of Rock county, Nebraska, and a prominent politician, announced that he would not run for the office. He was a New Port, Neb., on the charge of making counterfeit money. United States Marshals watched Elwell in the process of moulding silver dollars and pounced upon him. The authorities have been at work on this case for the past six months.

Blaine Ordered to Quit Work.

It is said that the doctor has positively forbidden Mr. Blaine to return to his duties. He said that he must not think of work for two months or work might become an impossibility. Mr. Damosch said that it was likely that Mr. Blaine would go to Maine for the rest and quiet he so much needed.

Fight With the Dalton Boys.

An Indian scout just arrived at Norman, Oklahoma, from the Choctaw Nation reports a fight between the Dalton boys, the alleged robbers of the Santa Fe Express some days ago, and a posse of United States Marshals. It is not known whether any one was hurt. The outlaws escaped after a sharp fight.

The Old Log Cabin Won't Go.

St. Louis special: Gen. Grant's old log cabin, which it was expected would go to the World's Fair, will not be transferred to that exhibition. Mr. E. A. Joy, of Old Orchard, Mo., has purchased the relic for the sum of \$5,000, and it is said, will not permit it to leave this city.

Lawyer Litter "Licked."

Mrs. Eugenia Fox whipped Lawyer Littick at his office in Kansas City, Mo., because of his negligence to her while she was on the witness stand in a case in which she was interested. She gave him one of the soundest thrashings ever administered by a woman.

The Prince Can't Walk.

London special: The Prince of Wales is suffering from muscular rheumatism in his legs, which prevents him standing for any length of time. His doctors advise him to refrain from walking as much as possible.

Young Raun's Resignation.

Green B. Raun, Jr., has resigned his position as assistant chief clerk in the pension bureau.

THE MARKETS.

CHICAGO.	PRICE.	CHICAGO.	PRICE.
CATTLE—Common to Prime.	\$3.50 @ 5.50	CATTLE—Shipping Grades.	4.50 @ 5.25
HOGS—Common to Prime.	3.25 @ 5.25	SHEEP—Common to Prime.	4.00 @ 5.75
WHEAT—No. 1.	1.00 @ 1.05	WHEAT—No. 2.	.95 @ .98
CORN—No. 1.	.75 @ .80	CORN—No. 2.	.70 @ .75
RYE—No. 1.	.60 @ .65	RYE—No. 2.	.55 @ .60
BUTTER—Choice Creamery.	24 @ .27	CHEESE—Full Cream.	1.10 @ 1.15
EGGS—Fresh.	1.15 @ 1.20	POTATOES—Western, per bu.	1.00 @ 1.10
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LATEST CROP REPORTS.

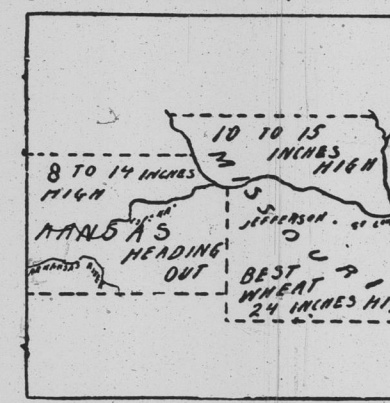
GENERAL CONDITIONS IN ALL SECTIONS ENCOURAGING.

Early Winter Wheat All Headed Out—
Spring Wheat All Seeded, Coming Up,
and Making a Good Stand—Generally
Too Dry and Cold for Oats.

The grain growing areas of the country have experienced a period of dry weather accompanied by severe frosts which are thought to have damaged more or less the small fruit, nipped the spring wheat, and what has done to the winter wheat, which was just heading out, it is impossible at this time to say.

WINTER WHEAT.

In Central Illinois the prospects now are that the early wheat will be fit to cut by the middle of June. The crop is generally heading out. In Southern Illinois wheat is from fourteen to eighteen inches high. Considerable of it is in head already. There are no signs of fly or insects yet. The frost damaged vegetables and fruit to some extent. There was more or less wheat just ready to head out and the earliest wheat may have been damaged. In many of the largest winter wheat countries in Southern Illinois wheat on the bottom lands is over two feet in height, and on high lands about twelve inches high. Northern Indiana reports a cold, dry week, with a recent hard frost. The crop as a whole stands even, and is



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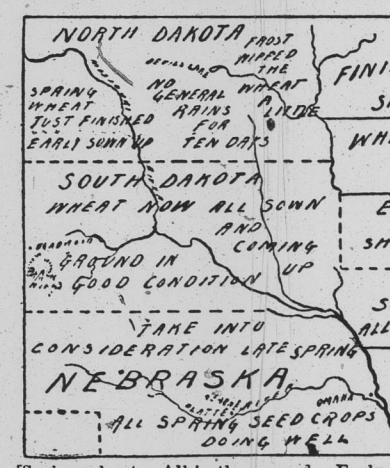
growing very slowly. The plants are perfectly healthy and strong, and the prospects are good for a large crop. Wheat is scarce, and more or less shipped in all the time to supply the home trade. In Central and Southern Indiana the wheat is from eighteen inches to three feet high. The weather has been dry and cool for ten days. No reports of frost or insects. Harvest will be on about June 20. In Northern Ohio wheat has made slow growth during the last fourteen days. Late-sown fields where the water has stood are more or less spotted, although the prospects for wheat are as a whole good. In Southern Ohio wheat has literally caught up with itself. This situation was caused by the unusually favorable weather during April. New wheat ought to be on the market by July 4. Winter wheat in Southern Indiana varies all the way from six to ten inches in height. The weather has been cool and dry and the crop is doing well. In Southern Kansas wheat will probably be harvested about June 15. Its height is from eight to eighteen inches. In Northern Kansas wheat will now average from twelve to fourteen inches in height. None has headed out yet. In Northern Missouri wheat is now from ten to fifteen inches in height, and just ready to head out. In Southern Missouri the largest wheat is now fully twenty-four inches high, and the general condition of the crop is uniform; the earliest vari-

Winchesters vs. Negroes.

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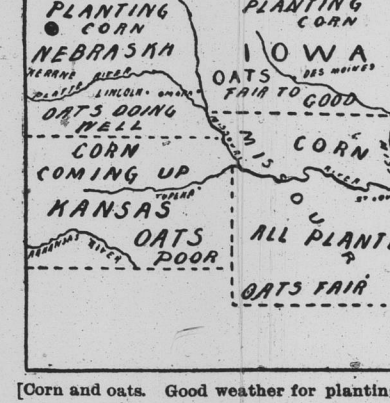


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eties will be ready to harvest about the first week in June. In Tennessee the early wheat is now all headed out. In Kentucky there is some complaint of wheat being plundered. The picknickers are not very numerous. In Northern Texas wheat is three feet high and headed out. Harvest will commence the last of May. Oregon reports winter wheat about ten inches high. The April rain helped the fall wheat greatly, and the crop looks better than at this time last season. Harvest will commence the latter part of July.

SPRING WHEAT.

In the Red River Valley spring wheat is practically not all sown. The early sown wheat is coming up evenly and the stand is considered good generally. The acreage is about the same as last year, possibly a trifle larger. There is quite a diversity of opinion with regard to the effect of frost the present week upon the young wheat plants. Some claim frost is beneficial, causing it to root deeply and stool out better. While there have been no rains recently, crops



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are not suffering, although showers would undoubtedly be a benefit. In South Dakota wheat is about four inches high. The young wheat plants. Some claim frost is beneficial, causing it to root deeply and stool out better. While there have been no rains recently, crops

CORN.

The country is forming ahead rapidly in planting the corn crop. Large areas of corn will be in the ground within the next ten days. Of course in several of the States the bulk of the crop is now in the ground.

OATS.

During the week the oat crop of the country has hardly held its own. There is no uniformity in its general condition.

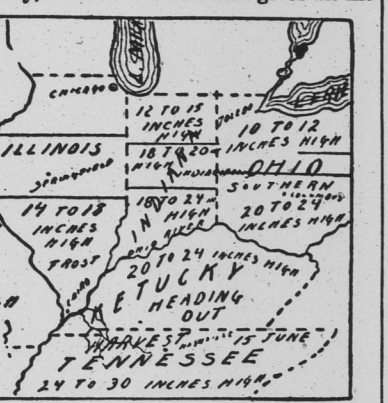
Nebraska, probably shows the best outlook at present for a full crop of any State where a surplus crop of oats is made. In Missouri and Kansas the conditions are not an average; in Tennessee and Kentucky the prospects are poor; in the State of Illinois fair, very uneven in Indiana and Ohio; in Iowa more or less mixed. It is too early to say anything yet with regard to the condition of the oat crop in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

FROST AND FRUIT.

The late frost was not confined to limited areas. It swept over the country from North Dakota, where the spring wheat was just coming up, and left its mark upon it, and went upon its journey of destruction across the country as far south as the Ohio River, where it caught the early winter wheat, just in head.

Rich Men and Charity.

In a recent speech Abram S. Hewitt is reported to have said that he knew but one rich man in New York—and by rich he meant a man worth at least \$20,000,000—who was doing his duty. That man, he said, devoted his entire income, above the sum required for the necessities of life, to charity. This shows a decidedly high standard on Mr. Hewitt's part in two respects, remarks the Pittsburgh Dispatch. That a man must have \$20,000,000 before he is rich reduces the vast bulk of the population to a common level of poverty, while if the rich man gives all his



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income above the necessities of life to charity he will do very well—unless the necessities for a millionaire include yachts, racing stables and cottages at Tuxedo and Newport. But as there is only one rich man who does his duty the crowd of common millionaires and half-millionaires must be reconciled to their poverty and their superior virtue.

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Kent. It terminated in 828, when Egbert became sole monarch of England. There were at first nine or ten Saxon kingdoms, but Middlesex soon ceased to exist, and Mercia and Deira were generally governed by one ruler as Northumbria.

There is not a single city in the United States.

More bicycles are used by ladies in Denmark than in any other European country. The largest bear-skin in the world is in Kansas City. It was taken from an animal weighing 2,500 pounds.

The oldest of four sons in a Kentucky family is Leon C. Carter, and the others are Elmo C. Noel, and Enol C. The use of the same letters in each name was unintentional.

In the year 1800, except for a few banks and insurance offices, turnpikes, bridges, canals and land companies, nearly everything that was done was done by the city of New York as so small as to make extravagance difficult; the Battery was a fashionable walk, Broadway a



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country drive, and Wall street an up-town residence. Great accumulation of wealth had hardly begun. The Patron was still the richest man in the State. John Jacob Astor was a fur merchant living where the Astor House afterward stood, and had not yet begun those purchases of real estate which secured his fortune. Cornelius Vanderbilt was a boy 6 years old, playing about his father's feet at the foot of the island. New York City itself was what it had been for a hundred years past, a local market.