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## CIRCLING THE GLOBE.

A WEEK'S IMPORTANT OCCURRENCES CONCISELY SUMMARIZED.

Intelligence by Electric Wire from Every Quarter of the Civilized World, Embracing Foreign Affairs and Home Happenings of an Important Nature.

### RIDING ON A SKYROCKET.

The Peculiar Invention of Mr. Edselle, Formerly of the United States Navy.

Manager Robinson of the International Exposition at Buffalo, N. Y., has secured a novel attraction, a human sky-rocket, the handiwork of Mr. Edselle, of Callao, Peru, formerly of the United States navy. His model has been successfully experimented with in South America, and a brother in Minneapolis has filed a caveat. Signor Camarara made the initial trip. The apparatus consists of a combination of rockets of immense power with a parachute attachment which folds over the apex. Four tubes form the framework containing the explosives. The nature of the explosive is a secret and is called dyno-asenitite. Its peculiar property is that it is detonating. A small volume of solid makes an immense volume of vapor and lifts the machine with lightning rapidity into the clouds. The test took place under Peruvian Government patronage near Callao in December. The charge, touched by electricity, sent the machine over 15,545 feet, and the descent by parachute was perfect. Signor Camarara landed five miles from the starting point no worse for the trip. Fifteen thousand people were present, and watched with telescopes the rise and fall of the machine. Mr. Edselle will be in Buffalo in a few days.

### HAD A SNAKE IN HER STOMACH.

A Reptile More Than a Foot Long Interfered with Mrs. Kenney's Digestion.

For the last two years and a half Mrs. Frank Kenney, of Portsmouth, N. H., has been a terrible sufferer from some disorder of the stomach. The trouble, whatever it was, had grown worse, and notwithstanding that the patient had been under the treatment of some of the most eminent physicians of New England no relief was afforded. Mrs. Kenney insisted from the first that some living creature was in her stomach. Her sufferings dated from August, 1886, when, while at a camp-meeting, she drank from a brook and realized that she had swallowed some reptile. Since March 20 she has been under the treatment of a physician at Biddeford, Me., and he took from the patient a small, light-colored snake 12½ inches long. Several reputable witnesses were present and the reptile has since been seen by hundreds.

### OF IMPORTANCE TO FARMERS.

Users of Spring Teeth Harrows May Have to Pay Royalty.

Bement & Sons, of Lansing, Mich., have secured control of the original patents for the longitudinal adjustment of the tooth harrows. These patents have been infringed upon for years by agricultural implement manufacturers, and the firm has already begun suits in the United States District Courts against Lawrence & Chapin and Chase, Henry & Co., of Kalamazoo, Mich., and G. B. Alin & Co., of Canandaigua, N. Y. Suits will be begun against all other infringers as speedily as possible, whether manufacturers, dealers, or users. This action is of decided importance to the farmers, as it is estimated that over 500,000 spring teeth harrows with the adjustable longitudinal attachments are in use, and the users may be compelled to pay royalty.

### THE COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTÉ.

Reorganization of the Great French Financial Company.

The London *Times* says: "The new Comptoir d'Escompte of Paris will be constructed on the lines of the old concern. The capital will be 40,000,000 francs, half paid up, and exclusively offered to old shareholders. There will also be 60,000 founders shares entitled to 30 per cent of the profits after 5 per cent is deducted for a reserve. Two-thirds will be handed to the liquidators as a contribution to the former company, and the remaining 20,000 will be handed to the syndicate which guaranteed to subscribe for shares not taken by original shareholders."

### A \$540,000 Land Purchase.

A syndicate of capitalists from New York, New Orleans, Memphis, and Atlanta have consummated the purchase of 63,000 acres of land in Requachee valley, about thirty miles from Chattanooga, adjoining the city of South Pittsburg, Tenn. The price for the property, which controls coal, iron, and timber land, was \$540,000. The property is to be developed on a grand scale.

### A Mayor-Elect Kills Himself.

Major-elect George H. Thomas, of Colorado Springs, Col., was found dead in his barn with a bullet-hole through his head. It was evidently a case of suicide. The deceased went there from Illinois in 1877. He was elected Mayor a few weeks ago, and would have taken the office soon. He left a family.

### John P. Usher Dead.

John P. Usher, who was Secretary of the Interior under President Lincoln, died at the University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa.

### Heard by Telegraph.

The annual meeting of the Dunkard denomination will be held in Harrisonburg, Va., early in June.

It is denied that the members of the Mahoning Valley Iron Manufacturers' Association are contemplating a general shutdown.

### DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.

M. Michel Eugene Chevreul Reaches a Remarkable Age.

M. Michel Eugene Chevreul, the distinguished French chemist, died in Paris.

M. Chevreul was born at Angers, Aug. 31, 1786, and hence was nearly 103 years old at the time of his death. In 1810 he became professor of the chemical course of the Museum of Natural History, and in 1813 professor in the Lycee Charlemagne. In 1824 he was appointed director of the dye works and professor of special chemistry at the Gobelins, where he distinguished himself by important researches in colors. In 1830 he became a member of the Academy of Sciences and afterward was made fellow of the Royal Society of London. He contributed many important papers to scientific societies and continued giving lectures till after the close of his first century. For the last year or two he had been quietly engaged in his home, and may be said to have been active almost to the hour of his death.

### IMPROVEMENT IN TRADE.

Dun's Agency Reports Better Business, with Plenty of Money.

In their review of trade for last week R. G. Dun & Co. said:

There are distinct signs of improvement in business. Reports from interior points, almost without exception, indicate an enlargement of trade. Rapid advance in sugar, coffee, cotton, butter, and oats are nearly balanced by the decline in wheat and corn, pork products, print cloths, leather and other articles, so that the general average of prices is but a shade higher than a week ago. But further disbursements by the Treasury have increased the already abundant supply of money; the market for the coin and gold and silver has increased correspondingly. The most significant feature of the week's commercial news is the report of furnaces in blast April 1, which shows a weekly output of anthracite and bituminous iron only 675 tons less than March 1, and nearly 37,000 tons or 30 per cent, larger than a year ago. The significant fact is that with a production close to the largest ever known prices scarcely yield at all. The sharp advance of 32 cents per 100 pounds in raw sugar, with the purchase of the San Francisco refinery for the trust, accompanies a sudden rise of 6 cents in the sugar stocks. The boom and those who are said to be largely beyond control. Leather is in shade lower and hides are overabundant. Raw cotton has risen a quarter. In oil lower prices caused a decrease of \$200,000 in value for March and the market has been dull and weak. The market for raw wool is stronger in tone and an advance in price is expected. Copper and tin are still somewhat weaker, and the excessive supplies still suppress the coal market, which is worse than dull. The volume of business is unsatisfactory, and sales below schedule rates are reported. While the condition of the interior shows that money is abundant, though in a few instances the demand is improving. Blast of disturbance in connection with April settlements have passed. The reports of the increase in the spring wheat acreage continues and sowing has progressed favorably, the season being about three weeks earlier than last year. The business failures numbered 239, as against a total of 222 the previous week.

### BALL-BATTERERS BANQUETED.

A Testimonial Tendered the Chicago and All-American Teams at New York City.

The base-ball men of New York City tendered a testimonial banquet at Delmonico's to the base-ball tourists who have returned from a trip around the world. They had a warm welcome from the 250 guests assembled. Among the notables at the table were: Mayor Chapin of Brooklyn, Mayor Cleveland of Jersey City, the Hon. Chauncey M. Dewey, Daniel Dougherty, Judge Henry E. Howland, Erastus Wiman, Consul G. W. Griffin, of Melbourne, Australia, and Leigh Lynch. Others present were: Joseph J. O'Donohue, A. J. Reach of Philadelphia, Herman Oelrichs, Theodore Roosevelt, Paul Dana, and Col. John McCaul. In his speech, among other things, Daniel Dougherty said:

In all your wanderings you have been distinctly Americans and such have to obtain the basis of peace with distant people have perhaps paved the way to new commercial relations; have widened the brotherhood of man, given pleasurable excitement to myriads, and proved in the presence of statesmen, dignitaries, fair women, brave men, princes and kings that had you been Greeks in the days of old you might have contested the prizes and won the olive crown in the games of Olympia.

### DECLARED NOT GUILTY.

The Slayer of Harry W. King, Jr., Acquitted at Omaha.

After five minutes' deliberation at Omaha, Neb., the jury in the case of Elizabeth Beechler, who killed Harry W. King, Jr., of Chicago, returned a verdict of not guilty. When the words "not guilty" were announced a shout such as was never heard before in the Omaha court-room went up from almost every throat in the audience. Men mounted benches and swung their hats, women waved their handkerchiefs and wept. No attempt was made by the court officers to quiet the outbreak. Miss Beechler said to the jury, "All I can say is thank you; God will reward you." A delegation of ladies, many of whom were colored, congratulated her. She kissed all of them. One venerable colored woman took her in her arms and almost lifted her off her feet, as she cried: "God bless you, honey." When all who desired to had congratulated her, she was taken back to jail, where she lay down on her cot and soon fell asleep. She has been tendered, free of expense, elegant quarters at a prominent hotel while in Omaha. She will go to Cleveland, Ohio, where her mother lives.

### ROASTED BY MASKED BURGLARS.

A Pennsylvania Farmer, Who Refuses to Surrender His Money, Tortured.

Three masked men forced an entrance into the residence of Lewis Patterson, a wealthy farmer living near Centerville, Butler County, Pa. Patterson refused the burglars' demands for his money, whereupon, after repeated threats of hanging and shooting without effect, the fiends held Patterson's feet to the fire and roasted them so badly that amputation will be necessary. The robbers ransacked the house, and secured \$40 and a gold watch.

### SEVERAL PEOPLE KILLED.

A Freight Train Crashes Into an Express at Lorenzo, Ill.

A terrible railroad accident occurred at Lorenzo, Ill., a little town fifty-seven miles west of Chicago on the line of the Chicago, Santa Fe and California Railway, by which four persons were killed and four others seriously, and perhaps fatally, injured. The accident was caused by a freight train crashing into the rear of a passenger train the collision exploding the boiler of the freight engine and totally wrecking the rear car of the passenger train, which was the private car of Gen-

eral Manager McCool, of the California Central Road. In it were J. L. Hart, of Boston, a director of the California Central; Mrs. Hart, Henry Hart, their son, Miss Alice Winslow, a niece of Mr. Hart, and her affianced, Henry W. Lamb, of Brookline, Mass. Besides these the car contained "Harry," the colored porter, and Thomas Smith, the colored cook. Miss Winslow, Henry Hart, Harry, the porter, and Smith, the cook, were instantly killed, and the others dangerously wounded.

### TASCOTT CAUGHT AGAIN.

This Time He Turns Up in the Grasshopper State.

A man giving his name as Charles Houcke lies wounded at the Central Avenue Hotel, says an Arkansas City, Kan., special of the 11th inst. He came here March 29, and stopped at the above-mentioned hotel. He seemed to have no business of any kind. He was found in an alley with a bullet wound in his leg. He refused to give any account of himself, or tell how he received the wound further than to say: "I might have got the shot in the breast if I had not struck his arm." The description suits that of Tascott so nearly that several detectives are only waiting his recovery to place him under arrest. His hair, nose, eyes, and features correspond closely to the description of the real Tascott. The marks about the body agree exactly with those set forth in the description.

### WINTER WHEAT.

Report of the Agricultural Department for April.

The April crop report of the Agricultural Department at Washington, D. C., says the general average condition of winter wheat is 94, nearly the same as the April condition of the crop of 1886, which fell at harvest to 87.8; that of 1888, 82, and that of the previous year 88.1. The April condition of the large crop of 1884 was 95.4, going up to 98 at harvest. The present condition by principal States is: New York, 94; Pennsylvania, 93; Texas, 97; Kentucky, 97; Ohio, 88; Michigan, 87; Illinois, 97; Missouri, 95; Kansas, 96; California, 98. The condition in the Southern States ranges from 90 to 97. The rye crop is also in good condition—better than that of wheat in Ohio and Michigan and worse in Missouri, with slight differences in other States. The general average is 93.9.

### NUMBER AMONG THE LUCKY.

President Harrison Continues His Appointments — The Last.

The President has made the following appointments:

Lyman E. Knapp, of Middlebury, Vt., to be Governor of Alaska.

James P. Luse, of Dakota, to be Registrar of the Land Office at Rapid City, D. T.

Thomas M. Reed, Jr., of Washington Territory, to be Registrar of the Land Office at Seattle, W. T.

Spencer Hartwig, of Covington, Ky., to be a special agent to make allotments of lands in the Indian country under the provisions of the act of Congress approved Feb. 8, 1887.

Henry S. Wise, of West Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the District of West Virginia.

W. N. Norton of Texas, John Yost of Illinois, John S. Stidger of Nebraska, and Sol. A. Hawk of West Virginia have been appointed special agents of the land office.

Martin Bailey of Illinois has been appointed a law clerk in the pension office.

### TO HEAL A WOUNDED CHARACTER.

J. W. Bailey Sees an Indiana Paper and a Citizen for \$5,000 Each.

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### TO BOYCOTT TWINE-BINDING.

Determined Opposition to the Trust by the Farmers of Indiana.

A large meeting of farmers was held at Anderson, Ind., and pledges made to pay no more than 15 cents per pound for trust binding twine, and not in any manner to patronize any merchant offering such twine for sale at a greater price. It was also resolved to boycott twine-binding reapers so long as the trust exists. The farmers appear to be in earnest, and declare they will allow their hogs to eat the wheat in the fields before submitting to the Twine Trust.

### A WHOLE TOWN DESTROYED.

Smithfield, N. C., in Ashes—The Loss Will Reach Fully \$100,000.

Almost the entire town of Smithfield, in Johnston County, N. C., has been consumed by fire. The only buildings which remain standing are the county court house and jail and a few dwellings. The wind was raging at a terrific rate and the flames swept over the town like a hurricane. There was no fire department to fight the flames, and the people were powerless to resist the devouring sweep. The total loss is estimated at upward of \$100,000. Much of the property was insured.

### Recent Appointments.

The following appointments have been made by the Interior Department: Calvin S. Montague, of Michigan, member of the Board of Pension Appeals, by transfer from the Pension Bureau; Tobe Hart, of Indiana, special agent of the Indian Bureau to investigate the Indian depredation clause; William T. Ford, of the District of Columbia, Chief of Division in the Pension Office, vice C. R. Faulkner, resigned; B. F. Kayser and wife, of Marion, Ill., Superintendent and Matron respectively of the Indian school at Warm Springs, Oregon.

### Suicide of an Indiana Bank Official.

R. F. Schor, a prominent citizen of Evansville, Ind., committed suicide by hanging himself in the basement of the First National Bank, of which he was head book-keeper. Mr. Schor had been a sufferer for four years with neuralgia, and that drove

him to suicide. Mr. Schor was forty-eight years of age, and had been with the bank for twenty-nine years. He left a wife and four children in comfortable circumstances. No cause other than this malady can be assigned for the deed.

### Mr. Burke Refuses to Resign.

Jerome B. Burke, chief of the Gazette Division in the Patent Office, at Washington, D. C., has been notified by the Commissioner of Patents that his resignation would be accepted. Mr. Burke, however, declines to resign, and declares his intention to allow the Commissioner to dismiss him if he so desires. Mr. Burke is a Grand Army man and was at one time the Commander of the Department of the Potomac.

### Hoosiers Will Have Fruit.

A number of the largest fruit-growers near New Albany, Ind., agree that the fruit has not been injured by the cold weather. Peaches and plums that are in full bloom have escaped. So have strawberries in bloom and pears, cherries, raspberries, and apples. The prospect for an immense fruit crop was never better in Southern Indiana at this season of the year.

### Presidential Appointments.

President Harrison has made the following appointments: Frank Plumly, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont; George A. Knight, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Texas; Leo E. Bennett, of Indian Territory, to be agent of the Indians in the Territory; and James McDowell, of Dakota, to be Register of the Land Office at Huron, D. T.

### A Frightful Leap.

Meredith Stanley, an athlete, jumped from the high bridge on the Cincinnati Southern Road into the Kentucky River, the distance being 285 feet. When taken from the water blood oozed from his mouth, but he soon recovered. The bridge, with one exception, is the highest in the world.

### Brutally Beaten by Footpads.

William Kintella, a capitalist buying real estate at the Canada Soo, was