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THE NEWS RECORD.

SUMMARY OF THE EVENTFUL HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK.

Political, Commercial, and Industrial News from All Over the Land—Fires, Accidents, and Crimes—The Gist of the News in a Few Lines.

HALF KILLED AN UMPIRE?

Defeated Ball Players on Long Island Brutally Beat and Stab the Official.

A game of base-ball was played at Winfield, L. I., between the Athletics, of Long Island City, and the Excelsiors, of Winfield. The Athletics won. The defeated club took exception to the rulings of Umpire Robert Doyle, and as he was about leaving the ground one of the Excelsior club struck him over the head with a base-ball bat, knocking him down. Before his friends could interfere the rest of the defeated club joined in beating him. He attempted to defend himself, and during the fight was stabbed below the left eye and through the right hand. The Athletics finally succeeded in driving his assailants away. Doyle was picked up and carried off. The refractory members of the Excelsior Club waited for him at the depot, thinking he would take the train from there to Long Island City. He is seriously hurt.

AID FOR EVICTED TENANTS.

A Scheme on Foot to Establish a Factory in a Poor Irish District.

A number of prominent citizens of Boston, Mass., are agitating a plan to help the evicted tenants in Ireland by establishing in one of the poorer districts of that country a factory where the evicted persons can find employment in making boots, shoes, clothing and underwear, the money to start the enterprise being raised by popular subscription among friends of the Irish cause in the United States. The originators of the scheme propose to go to Ireland personally to supervise the work of carrying it out, and they will first submit the matter to the judgment of Messrs. Parnell, Davitt, and O'Brien. There will be no attempt to do anything which could possibly lead the English Government to object to the plan.

TWO TRAIN HANDS KILLED.

A Serious Collision on the Northern Pacific Between a Passenger and Freight.

The Northern Pacific west-bound limited passenger train collided with freight No. 18 near Crystal Springs, thirty-five miles west of Jamestown, D. T. Engineer Boss, of the passenger, and Postal Clerk Slattery were killed. Baggage-master Nichols and Postal Clerk Loundsbury had their legs and arms broken and were badly scalded, but will recover. The trains came together in a curve, and were only ten car lengths away when the danger was discovered. The engineers and firemen of both trains jumped, and all but Boss escaped without serious injury, but the mail, baggage cars, and both engines and most of the freight cars left the track and were demolished. Three carloads of horses were killed outright.

BASE-BALL BATTERS.

Standing of the Clubs That Are Contending for First Place.

The relative position of the various clubs that are competing for the pennant is shown by the annexed table:

National.	W.	L.	%	American.	W.	L.	%
Philadelphia	5	2	.714	St. Louis	13	5	.723
New York	5	3	.625	Kns's City	11	5	.687
Boston	5	3	.625	Baltimore	10	5	.666
Pittsburgh	5	4	.556	Athletic	8	5	.615
Indianapolis	5	5	.500	Brooklyn	7	7	.500
Cleveland	5	6	.454	Cincinnati	6	10	.375
Chicago	4	5	.444	Columbus	4	10	.285
Washington	0	7	.000	Louisville	3	15	.200
Western.	W.	L.	%	Inter-St.	W.	L.	%
Omaha	9	2	.818	Quincy	5	3	.625
St. Paul	7	2	.777	Springfield	5	3	.625
Sioux City	6	5	.545	Evansville	4	4	.500
St. Joseph	5	5	.500	Davenport	4	4	.500
Denver	4	5	.444	Peoria	4	4	.500
Minneapolis	6	4	.600	Burlington	2	6	.250
Milwaukee	3	8	.272				
Des Moines	2	9	.181				

SIXTEEN ICE-HOUSES DESTROYED.

Terrific Explosion of Dynamite During a Fire Near La Porte, Ind.

A terrific explosion near La Porte, Ind., aroused citizens from their beds and led them to the immense ice-houses of the Washington Ice Company, on Stone Lake, near the city limits. In some mysterious way the tool-house had caught fire, causing a quantity of dynamite stored there to explode, setting fire to and destroying sixteen ice-houses and their contents, together with twenty Lake Shore freight cars. Charles Ahls, son of the Superintendent, was fatally burned. Losses are estimated at \$50,000, with only \$8,500 insurance in local agencies, the balance being in Chicago agencies, where the companies' offices are.

A VICTIM OF INJUSTICE.

A Crank Fires a Blank Cartridge at President Carnot.

A man who gives the name of Perrin, and who says he is a marine storekeeper, fired a blank cartridge at President Carnot, at Paris, when the latter was leaving the Elysee Palace to attend the centenary celebration at Versailles. Perrin was promptly arrested. He declared that he had no desire to kill the President, but merely wished to expose the fact that he (Perrin) was the victim of injustice.

Foreign News Notes.

Striking miners in Westphalia wrecked a number of shops. The rioters were dispersed by the troops.

Director Hentsch, of the Comptoir d'Escompte, was taken before a magistrate at Paris, and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$200,000.

A NOTED POLITICIAN DEAD.

W. H. Barnum, Chairman of the National Democratic Committee, Passes Away.

Ex-Senator William H. Barnum, Chairman of the National Democratic Committee, died at Lime Rock, Conn. He had been confined to his bed but two or three days, but his death had been momentarily expected. He had been very feeble ever since his sickness during the Presidential campaign.

Ex-Senator Barnum was born in 1818, and received only a common-school education. While a boy he found no pleasure in study, but early in life evinced the remarkable liking for business which ultimately gained for him his vast wealth.

His beautiful mansion is situated at Lime Rock, Limefield County, Conn., about forty miles from New Haven.

Mr. Barnum's public political career began with his election to the Connecticut House of Representatives in 1851. He was re-elected the next year. In 1856 he was elected to the House of Representatives at Washington and again in 1858 and 1859. His popularity may be gauged by the fact that on the last occasion he was the only Democrat in the entire Congressional delegation from his State. Upon the death of Orrin F. Ferry, Republican, Mr. Barnum was elected to fill the vacancy in the United States Senate occasioned by that event. His term expired in March, 1879, when he was succeeded by Orville H. Platt, a Republican. During the campaign of 1878 Mr. Barnum rendered valuable service to the Democratic cause. After the nomination of General Hancock for the Presidency in 1880 there was a serious difference of opinion as to who should be made Chairman of the National Democratic Committee. The matter was referred to the candidate for his decision, when he selected ex-Senator Barnum, thus conciliating Mr. Tilden and his friends, who favored the choice of the astute politician of the House into Valley. As a political manager he was cautious and wary, uncommunicative and sagacious.

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is reported, but many people were seriously hurt by the flying timbers. Strawberries are the principal article of early production there, and hundreds of acres were ruined. Exclusive of loss to these crops the damage will exceed \$12,000.

THE CHOSEN FEW.

President Harrison Makes Known His Choice for Various Offices.

The President has made the following appointments:

Andrew J. Evans, of Texas, to be Attorney of the United States for the Western District of Texas. William H. H. Clayton, of Arkansas, to be Attorney for the United States for the Western District of Arkansas. William H. H. Clayton, the new District Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas, is a brother of the Clayton who was the Breakinridge for Congress in the last election, and whose subsequent murder created a sensation. He came from Pennsylvania originally, and during the war served in the Union army. He lives at Fort Smith, and was displaced by Clayton from the place to which he has just been appointed.

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

More Rain Needed in Most Localities from South to North.

The Government crop report for the week ending April 30 says:

In the grain regions of the central valleys and in New York and New England the season is from three days to one week in advance, while in the Northwest the seasonable temperature has been unusually high and especially favorable to farm work, which is from ten to twenty days further advanced than usual. The rain-fall for the week has been below the normal generally throughout the cotton, wheat, and corn regions of the Mississippi, Ohio, and Missouri Valleys, except in Eastern Minnesota and Northern Wisconsin, where large excesses are reported. The seasonable rain-fall continues in excess over the Eastern Rocky Mountain Slope from the Texas coast northward to Dakota. There is a large deficiency in moisture in the Ohio Valley, where the rain-fall for the season has been about one-half the usual amount. Over the greater portion of the winter-wheat region from 60 to 75 per cent of the usual amount of rain has fallen, while in Missouri and eastern Iowa there has been about 90 per cent of the normal rain-fall. In all of the States west of the Mississippi from the west gulf northward to Minnesota and Dakota, the weather during the week was favorable to all crops and fruit, which are reported in splendid condition, and corn planting is progressing rapidly. The deficiency in rain-fall in Kansas and northward to Michigan has retarded the growth of crops, which are greatly in need of rain.

BOUGHT A MONSTER GAS WELL.

The Standard Oil Company in Possession of the Findlay Gas Territory.

The Standard Oil Company has just made a deal that has scared Findlay, Ohio, as badly as a cyclone. The great monopoly has bought the monster Mellott gas well, which is almost within the city limits, and is considered the biggest gas well in Ohio, if not in the world. The Findlay Gas Trustees and the Gas Board of Toledo were negotiating for its purchase. The Standard paid \$25,000 cash for the well and \$8 per acre per annum for 600 acres of gas territory surrounding the well. This gives the Standard a hold on the Findlay gas field, for which it has long been scheming, and it is feared this territory will soon be at the mercy of the giant octopus.

A GHASTLY ACCIDENT.

Horses Drawing a Wagon Loaded with Corpses Run Away.

A ghastly accident took place in one of the principal streets of Indianapolis, Ind. A team attached to a wagon loaded with coffins containing corpses that were being transferred from a old cemetery to a new cemetery became frightened and ran away. While dashing down the street at breakneck speed the wagon tongue dropped and plowed into the ground. The wagon was upset and the force of it carried it forward, landing it upon the backs of the horses. One burst wide open and the skull of a skeleton rolled on the ground, while bones were thrown about promiscuously.

FIENDISH OUTRAGE AT CROOKSTON.

An Inoffensive Citizen Brutally Beaten and Tarred and Feathered.

News has been received from Crookston, Minn., of a terrible and fiendish outrage committed there on the person of an inoffensive citizen named Jake Zehnolt. He was taken from his room at the hotel, was bound, gagged, and unmercifully beaten. He was then taken to the outskirts of the town and tarred and feathered. A rope was placed around his neck and he was dragged a mile and left for dead. Finally he recovered and informed the police. He will die. His assailants were Billy Welsh, Toby Valare, Nick Funk and Charles Bloodhorn. They have been arrested.

A BIG SUN-FISH.

It Weighed Six Hundred Pounds, and Was Captured at Cape Lookout.

The light-house keeper at Cape Lookout, near Washington, D. C., observed on the land near by a monster fish, which had been stranded during the night. By the aid of the life-saving crew the fish was secured, but no one could tell of what species it was. Information of its capture was soon sent to the Smithsonian Institution and a description was asked for. It weighed 600 pounds, and is supposed to be the largest specimen ever caught. It will be skeletonized and placed in the National Museum.

WILLIAM ON DECK.

The Dutch Parliament Votes to Restore the King to Power.

Owing to the improvement in the health of the King of Holland, the Dutch Parliament has by a unanimous vote passed a resolution restoring his power. The announcement was received with cheers. Parliament sent a telegram to the King congratulating him upon the favorable turn in his disease.

Tips to Politicians.

On the 21st ballot, at Emporia, Kan., the Republicans of the Fourth District nominated Harrison Kelley for Congress.

A Washington, D. C., special of the 3d inst. says: The President has sent a telegram to Chicago asking Frank Palmer if he will accept the office of Public Printer. The appointment of Captain Meredith, also of Chicago, as Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, will probably be announced at once.

The Drama.

Denman Thompson's new play, "The Two Sisters," will be seen in Chicago, at McVicker's Theater, another week. Mlle. Rhea, in her new play, "The Case Vidal," which has been received so favorably in the

East, follows "The Two Sisters." An acoustic of 148 lines, written by Harry B. Smith, of Chicago, won the prize offered by Manager McVicker for the best story, in verse, of "The Tempest."

McCullough Confesses the Murder.

Dennis McCullough, one of the trio arrested at Jackson, Miss., for the murder of William Cunningham, has confessed to throwing the fatal stone. It appears that the Wiley and Murray boys attacked Cunningham, and then Dennis hurled the rock which smashed his head. McCullough's people live in Lima, O.

To Manufacture Cement.

A company of Englishmen has been quietly buying up the chalk bluff land along the Missouri River near Yankton, Dak., and will erect mills for the manufacture of cement. An expert in the employ of the famous Portland, England, cement works is there experimenting, and he announces that cement equal to the Portland can be made from the chalk stone which abounds there.

Banqueting Supreme Justices.

About 300 gentlemen were present at the reception tendered by the Bar Association of the City of New York, to Chief Justice Fuller, and the Associate Justices of the United States Supreme Court. The affair drew together the most distinguished legal lights of the State bench.

A Notable Wedding.

At Wabash, Ind., J. S. Robertson was married to Miss Lulu McHenry, daughter of John A. McHenry, of the Standard Oil Company. The bride was for several years a teacher in the Chicago public schools, and is well known among educators.

Theodore Thomas in Luck.

By the will of his wife, Minna L. Thomas, Theodore Thomas, the musician, gets all of his wife's furniture, plate, musical compositions, horses, etc., and one-half of the estate, the other half being divided among five children.

Won a \$100 Prize.

The \$100 prize offered by the American Humane Society for an essay on "Effects of Education in Suppressing Crime," open to all American colleges, was won by Ralph W. Trine, of Knox College, at Galesburg, Ill.

Injured by an Explosion.

At Selma, Ala., while loading a cannon preparatory to firing a salute, Jesse Russell was blown twenty feet by the premature discharge of the gun. He lost one eye and one arm and may die.