

A NEWSY MELANGE.

DOINGS OF OUR NEIGHBORS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Events of Interest and Importance in Every Quarter of the Globe, Religious Intelligence, Crimes and Casualties, Industrial Notes, Personal Mention.

DISASTERS IN CHINA.

Thousands of Lives Lost in the Oriental Kingdom.

A San Francisco dispatch says: The steamer Oceanic has arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama, bringing advices up to Aug. 10. Further details of the bursting of the Yellow River embankments, in the provinces of Shantung, July 22, state that the destruction is widespread. The breach in the river is over 2,000 feet in length, and a swift current swept through, flooding to the depth of twelve feet a large extent of country lying adjacent. Many houses were washed away, and a dispatch from Chefoo states that the number of persons drowned is too great to be counted. Ten districts are already submerged, and it is feared that many more in the low-lying country south will suffer a similar fate. Latest advices concerning the earthquake at Kumamoto July 28 place the number of the killed at eighteen and the wounded at nineteen. Fifty-two dwellings were demolished. A telegram on the 30th of July states that fifty-three shocks have been experienced and that they continue to be felt. The inhabitants were sleeping in the open air. The same earthquake was felt in the province of Chukugo. Considerable loss of life is reported, but no particulars have been received.

GATHERING THE HARVEST.

The Weather Favorable for the Operations of the Farmers.

The weather crop bulletin says: The weather has been favorable for harvesting in Minnesota, where an unusually large wheat crop has been secured. Late crops have been injured in Dakota by drought. For Pennsylvania, Iowa, and Illinois the weather is especially favorable for corn, which is maturing rapidly. In Michigan it has been unfavorable for corn, potatoes, and pastures. Over the greater portion of Kansas and the western half of Missouri the crop is excellent, but in eastern Missouri the crop has been injured by drought. Numerous reports from the corn belt indicate that the crop will be secure from frost on Sept. 15. In the western Gulf States staple crops are much improved. The weather of the week has been generally favorable in New England and the Middle States.

BASE-BALL BATTERS.

Standing of the Clubs That Are Contending for First Place.

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

Western. W. L.	East. W. L.
Boston.....60 33	645 St. Louis.....70 33
New York.....58 36	617 Brooklyn.....67 34
Philadelphia.....52 44	541 Baltimore.....57 42
Chicago.....50 49	505 Athletic.....55 43
Cleveland.....49 49	500 Cincinnati.....55 48
Pittsburg.....44 42	444 K'ns City.....49 60
Indianap.....41 58	414 Columbus.....39 66
Washgtn'.....31 61	337 Louisville.....23 81

FAILED FOR \$400,000.

The J. H. Mahler Carriage Company of St. Paul Makes an Assignment.

The J. H. Mahler Carriage Company, of St. Paul Minn., has assigned to John L. McDonald. Mr. J. H. Mahler, the president of the company, admits that the liabilities will probably largely exceed the assets. It is believed that the liabilities will not be less than \$400,000, and they may reach nearly twice that amount. Mr. Mahler says the assignment was precipitated by an action brought in the district court by F. L. Elms, a Michigan carriage manufacturer, to recover \$2,450.

Gov. Wilson's Serious Accident.

Gov. E. W. Wilson, of West Virginia, and his aged father-in-law, Dr. J. F. Cotton, met with a serious accident while out driving. The horse, a fiery animal, took flight at a point where the road ran along the edge of a thirty-five foot bank and finally fell over the edge, carrying Dr. Cotton with him. Gov. Wilson was thrown out, falling on the edge of the bank, where he made a desperate effort to save the horse from going over, but was unsuccessful. Dr. Cotton had his left shoulder broken, and the Governor was painfully hurt about the legs and is confined to his bed.

After Our Gas Plants.

British capital, having largely absorbed the beer industry of America, is now looking at the gas plants of this country. A distinguished London engineer is on his way to the United States with the object of closing some deals if investigation assures their profitability.

Suicide of a Well-Known Salesman.

Samuel Rosenbaum, a well-known salesman for James H. Walker & Co., of Chicago, made insane by the death of his wife and daughter, killed himself.

The American Bar Association.

The American Bar Association is holding its annual meeting in Chicago. It is the first time the association has met away from Saratoga.

VICTIMS OF THE TORCH.

Nine Persons Perish in a New York Tenement House.

Nine persons were either burned to death or smothered by an early morning fire which broke out in the kitchen of Snyder's restaurant, on the store floor of a five-story tenement building at 305 West Seventh avenue, New York City, and several others were injured. Snyder, the keeper of the restaurant, has been arrested on suspicion of causing the fire. A policy of insurance for \$1,000 on his stock was found in his possession, and one of the employees states that he found fat scattered over the floor of the restaurant. The tenement was occupied by sixty people, and all were sound asleep when the fire broke out. The building was damaged \$10,000. The dead are:

William Glennon, aged 60 years, burned to death; Nellie McGroghan, aged 20 years, smothered to death; Mary Wells, aged 31 years, smothered; Jane Wells, aged 4 years, smothered; Thomas Wells, aged 2 years, smothered; Bertha Lustig, aged 40 years, burned to death; William McKey, aged 62 years, smothered; Annie Lyons, aged 45 years, smothered. The list of injured is: William Glennon, aged 18 years, badly burned; John Glennon, badly burned and injured.

Snyder has been arraigned with William Brooks, his colored cook, before the Coroner. Snyder was committed to the Tombs without bail and Brooks was sent to the House of Detention as a witness. The police say they have a good case.

THE TRADE OUTLOOK.

An Active Fall Business Indicated by Present Prospects.

Bradstreet's review of the state of trade says:

Special telegrams indicate no noteworthy change in the volume of general merchandise being distributed, except that moderate increases are reported at Philadelphia, St. Louis, New Orleans, St. Joseph, and Omaha. There is an average movement at most other points, and at almost all general belief favors an active fall trade. The unfavorable feature of the week is found in fears of stringency, money, more particularly at New York City. Mercantile collecting, South West, and Northwest are easier, and interior merchants are encouraged by generally favorable crop prospects. Broadcasts markets have been depressed and prices lower all around. This is caused by a decreased demand for flour, wheat and corn, both for home use and for export. Western deliveries of wheat are restricted, but Eastern offerings are freer. The latter is true of corn East and West, and of oats. Exports of wheat and flour as wheat aggregate 2,703,145 bushels (both coasts), against 1,914,415 bushels the previous week, and 2,336,622 bushels on Aug. 10. The aggregate exported from July 1 to date is 18,595,251, against 15,990,600 bushels in the like period of 1885. Dealings in hog products have been of fair proportions, but prices are lower in sympathy with the West. Business failures reported number 218 in the United States, against 177 the previous week and 157 the corresponding week last year. The total failures in the United States from Jan. 1 to date is 7,427, against 6,585 in 1885.

GIVEN GOOD OFFICES.

A Few Successful Applicants for Places.

The following appointments have been made:

Dr. M. S. Jower, a member of the Pension Board at Antigo, Wis.; Drs. C. C. Watson, J. W. Grosbeck, and D. C. Greene were appointed members of the board at Woodstock, Ill. In the revenue service: J. J. Winsted, Storekeeper and Gauger in the Fifth Tennessee District; William Totten, Storekeeper and Gauger in the Eighth Kentucky; Andrew T. Detminger, Storekeeper in the First Ohio. James Jillington of California, Pa., has been reappointed Postoffice Inspector under rule 10 of the Civil Service Commission.

Charles E. Taft, of Little Rock, Ark., a special agent of the census bureau on shipbuilding; R. M. Moore, of San Antonio, Texas; Frank M. Wicker, of Key West, Fla., and Samuel W. McKinlay, of Charleston, S. C., inspectors of customs for temporary duty at \$4 per diem; James S. Rittenhouse, storekeeper and gauger in the Fifth District of Illinois, and Andrew J. Pickrell, storekeeper in the Thirteenth District of Illinois.

Gaugers—Ralph S. Green, Fifth Illinois; John M. Parkin, Fifth Kentucky. Storekeepers—G. H. Kirkpatrick, Cad Burke, and James O. Hagan, Fifth Kentucky; James A. Kerr, in Eleventh Ohio.

HONORED BY THEIR PARTIES.

The Successful Candidates Before Several State Conventions.

The conventions held in several States by various political parties have selected for candidates the following:

Virginia Republicans—Governor, Gen. William Mahone; Lieutenant-Governor, Col. Campbell C. Slemper; Attorney-General, Capt. Warren S. Lurty.

North Dakota Republicans—Governor, John Miller; Lieutenant-Governor, Alfred Dickey; Secretary of State, John Flittle; Supreme Judges, G. C. Corliss, Alfred Wattin, Judge Bartholomew; Auditor, John O. Bray; member of Congress, L. C. Hamsbrough.

Nebraska Prohibitionists—Supreme Judge, S. P. Wigton, of Norfolk; University Regents, Mrs. Jenny F. Holmes of Tecumseh, C. B. Palmer of Hastings.

Montana Republicans—Governor, T. C. Power, of Helena; Lieutenant-Governor, J. E. Richards, of Butte; member of Congress, T. H. Carter, of Helena.

THREE CURLED INTO ETERNITY.

Frightful Collision on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad—Several Injured.

An east-bound special train with officers of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad on board ran into an express train at Petrolia, W. Va. The fast express had been ordered to stop at Petrolia and the pay-car, with the officials of the road, had been ordered to stop at Silver Run. Each tried to make the point and collided. At the time of the collision both trains were going thirty-five miles an hour. They met on a sharp curve, and, without a moment's warning, dashed into each other, wrecking both engines and the baggage-car. Three persons were instantly killed, one fatally and fifteen slightly injured. The killed are: Engineer Layman, Fireman John Fletcher, Fireman John Bailey. Engineer George Lowland was fatally injured. One of the officials, named Hunter, was perhaps fatally injured. Mrs. Manley, of Central, W. Va., was badly injured. Councilman Robert Molloy, of Parkersburg, was cut and bruised. Baggage-master Ross was cut. The colored porter on the special was thrown through a glass door and probably fatally injured.

MRS. MAYBRICK SAVED.

Her Sentence Has Been Commuted to Life Imprisonment.

The work of erecting the scaffold for the execution of Mrs. Maybrick, at Liverpool, had already begun when it was announced officially that Home Secretary Matthews had commuted the sentence of the condemned woman to penal servitude for life.

The decision was based on the conflict of medical testimony as to whether the poison found in Mr. Maybrick's stomach

was sufficient to produce death. After a prolonged consultation between eminent lawyers and Mr. Matthews the unanimous opinion was arrived at that Mrs. Maybrick had administered poison to her husband with intent to kill. No further appeal, either for a release from prison or for mitigation of the sentence to life imprisonment, will be entertained. This decision is in accord with public sentiment and the liveliest satisfaction is manifested on all sides.

THREE TRAINS IN A SMASH-UP.

Two Freight and a Passenger Badly Damaged on the Erie.

A Lehigh Valley freight train was backing into a switch at Big Flats, N. Y., when the Erie express, with the right of way, crashed into the caboose, tearing through it and two other cars, the whole mass of wreckage toppling over and rolling down the embankment. Andrew Wallace, a passenger, was buried under the wreck and scalped, besides sustaining other injuries, from which he will die. Charles Himball's arm was broken. The express car, which followed its engine down the track, was also wrecked, and both passengers were injured. The wreck took fire, burning freight and passenger cars, but most of the baggage was saved by the passengers.

GOOD FOR THE ORCHARDMEN.

A Remedy Discovered for Pear-Leaf Blight and Apple Mildew.

Prof. T. B. Galloway, chief of the section of vegetable pathology, Department of Agriculture, has recently succeeded as the result of practical experiments in producing a remedy for the disease called pear-leaf blight and apple mildew, which annually causes great destruction to these trees. As a result of practical experiments he feels justified in recommending it to the farmers and fruit-growers as both efficacious and economical. The remedy consists of the application of a fungicide, with an appliance by which 50,000 plants were sprayed in a day and a half at a cost, not including labor, of \$4.75 for each application, five being required to secure good results.

TO OPEN RED LAKE RESERVATION.

Probability That 3,000,000 Acres of Good Land Will Soon Be Open.

The outlook for the opening of the great Red Lake reservation in Minnesota is better.

Up to the 17th inst. no signatures had been obtained and the Indians were plotting a massacre. The ringleader of the opposition was arrested and placed in jail, and his followers practically surrendered. Commissioner Rice explained at a council that the whites only wanted to treat by peaceful methods, and the Leech Lake red men began signing.

The commissioners assert that they will have sufficient signatures in another week to secure the opening of the reservation of 3,000,000 acres.

BUSSEY OVERRULES BLACK.

Dishonorably Discharged Soldiers Entitled to Pensions.

Assistant Secretary Bussey, in a decision in the appeal of Daniel B. Kaufman, a pension claimant, has rescinded rule 135, made by Commissioner Black, and has overruled the opinion of ex-Assistant Secretary Hawkins in the same case, that a "dishonorable discharge" from the service operates as a "bar to pension." The opinion re-establishes the ruling of the Department which prevailed through all administrations antedating the issuance of rule No. 135 by Gen. Black.

TWO MORE SEALERS CAPTURED.

The Schooners Pathfinder and Minnie Taken in Behring Sea by the Rush.

At Victoria, B. C., news has been received of the capture of two more Victoria sealing schooners in Behring Sea. The vessels are the Pathfinder and the Minnie. At the time of the capture by the Rush the Pathfinder had 800 skins. The American schooners Ariel and Teesha are also reported to have been boarded but allowed to proceed, although they had seals on board, on condition that they at once leave Behring Sea.

TANNER'S LATEST ORDER.

He Makes an Easier Rule in Regard to Proving Pension Claims.

Pension Commissioner Tanner has issued the following order:

To Chiefs of Divisions: The rule which has hitherto maintained in this office regarding proof of origin of disability, under which the evidence of one commissioned officer or one orderly sergeant was accepted, while, in the absence of that evidence the testimony of two private soldiers was required, is hereby so far modified that, in the absence of the evidence of the commissioned officer or the orderly sergeant, the origin shall be held to be proved on the evidence of the claimant and one private soldier; provided always, that said claimant and said private be men of character.

A NATIONAL CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY.

At the session of the American Society of Florists at Buffalo, N. Y., a National Chrysanthemum society was organized with the following officers: President, John Thorpe, Pearl River, N. Y.; Treasurer, John Lane, Chicago; Executive Committee, W. J. Betschermann, Indianapolis; J. T. Anthony, Chicago; Robert Craig, Philadelphia; Alex Murdoch, Pittsburgh; B. J. Critchel, Cincinnati.

NORTH DAKOTA'S CATTLE PLAGUE.

Territorial Veterinarian Collins has completed his investigation of the cattle plague which is decimating the herds in Yankton County, Dakota. Mr. Collins claims that the epidemic is a splenic apoplexy caused by drinking impure water. About 300 cattle have died so far, besides a large number of hogs that were fed on the carcasses of the cattle.

A Chicago Blaze.

The old Post and Mail Building, Nos. 84 to 88 Dearborn street, Chicago, has been badly damaged by fire. The damage to the structure is estimated at from \$10,000 to \$12,000, and to the stocks of the several tenants the loss is thought to be about \$100,000, only partially covered by insurance. Geo. E. Cole & Co., printers, are the heaviest losers.

MEXICAN MINE-OWNERS MAKE A MOVE.

Mexican mine-owners have resolved to erect a smelter as a protection against the

increased duty on ores imposed by the United States Government. A prominent buyer of ore says that his business has been damaged to the extent of 35 per cent, since the order for the collection of the increased duty was issued.

FATHER AND DAUGHTER FATALLY BURNED.

At Tecumseh, Ont., a fire broke out in Rector Robinet's house and destroyed it and two adjoining buildings. Mrs. Robinet and her father were hemmed in by the flames and fatally burned. Mr. Robinet threw his three children from an up-stairs window, but they were caught by the crowd and escaped serious injury.

BOGUS MONEY SHOVERS IN MISSOURI.

J. D. Robinson has been arrested at Union Star, Mo., on the charge of passing counterfeit money, a considerable amount of which was found on his person. The bogus money is the bill known as the \$10 "Webster head," manufactured by the Dayton, Ohio, gang, which was broken up, some time ago.

A BRITISH BARK LOST AT SEA.

The British bark Onaway, which sailed from Philadelphia June 5 for Bilbao, with a crew of fifteen men and 124,234 gallons of crude petroleum, valued at \$8,956, is believed to have been lost, as nothing has been heard of her since she passed out the Delaware Bay. The captain's wife and two children accompanied him.