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For the first time in the history of Cornell university the Stewart L. Woodford prize in oratory has been won by a woman. The fortunate winner is Miss Harriet C. Connor, of Burlington, Ia.

The model for the equestrian statue of Gen. Hancock is finished. The work has been accepted by the commission for Gettysburg monuments. When cast in bronze and placed on Cemetery hill, it will be the first equestrian statue erected on a battlefield in this country.

POSTMASTER GENERAL BISSELL does not like women for postmasters. There are some 4,000 of them connected with the department, and in refusing to prefer a woman candidate, the other day, he said there were more complaints made against them than against the male officials.

UNDER Iowa law husband and wife are one and can not conspire, bargain or do any of the numerous things which it requires two to accomplish. This oneness of husband and wife saved Mr. and Mrs. Metzger of Council Bluffs, from prison for conspiring to defraud a neighbor.

SAM HOUSTON'S grave in the little cemetery at Huntsville, Tex., is in so shabby a condition of neglect as to excite regret on the part of many Texans. There have been propositions before the legislature to remove the patriot's remains to Austin, the state capital, and erect a monument over them, but nothing definite has ever been done.

MR. H. H. DIXON has been studying the locomotion of insects and spiders by means of instantaneous photographs. He finds that the limbs move together in diagonals. In insects the first and third legs on one side move with the second on the other, the antennae moving with the first leg on the same side. In case of spiders, which have eight legs, the first and third on one side move with the second and fourth on the other.

A PRIVATE in the Second infantry, United States army, has been confined in the guard house near Omaha for refusing to engage in target practice on Sunday. The private claims to have conscientious scruples against that kind of work on Sunday and for conscience's sake went to jail. A settlement of this question by the secretary of war may precipitate a discussion more lively than that the Presbyterian general assembly has just passed upon.

The English sparrow domesticated here finds a defender in Mr. I. M. Pray, before the American Naturalists' society, who says it is not the evil-minded, litigious, greedy or pugnacious bird which it has been asserted to be, but a useful, diligent and peaceful tomtit of a creature, worth twice its weight in cuckoos or chickadees, and of inestimable service in consuming noxious varieties of tree-destroying worms, and insects which other birds won't touch.

The theory is advanced by S. E. Christian, in Poplar Astronomy, that stellar scintillation is caused largely by inconceivable numbers of small meteoric bodies, which are constantly passing between the stars and our earth. "Momentary occultations of the stars by these bodies, which are revolving outside of our atmosphere, would certainly occur if these bodies were numerous enough, and recent investigation seems to point to the fact that they are."

The United exhibitions at Milan were opened May 6. They comprise ten exhibitions of fine arts, oils, wines and other specialties. An international sanitary and health exhibition is to be held in Boulogne from July to September next. An international exhibition opens at Bucharest August 26 and closes November 12. And now Tasmania comes forward with an invitation to the world to participate in an international exhibition at Hobart November 15 next.

The Photographic Society of Geneva is investigating the strong facial resemblance which married couples who have lived harmoniously for a number of years so frequently acquire. In twenty-four cases out of seventy-eight the pictures taken showed a greater resemblance between husband and wife than it is usual to find between brother and sister. In thirty-four cases the resemblance was about equal, while in the remaining twenty-four there was no likeness at all.

"VENETIAN iron work" is one of the latest fancies of womankind, and a very pretty art it is. The iron is bought in long slender strips about half an inch wide and thin enough to be bent in any desired shape with the fingers. Antique candlesticks, brackets, chains with ornamental single and double hooks, lamp frames, picture frames, pen racks, grill work and ornamental scroll work for the finishing of desks or sideboards, are a few of the things made in this work.

PROF. ATWATER is recognized as one of the best authorities in the United States as to the nutritious value of the various foods. In that department of the government service which treats of this subject he is recognized as an oracle and Prof. Atwater says that five cents' worth of round steak contains more nutrition than a tenderloin steak or twenty-five cents' worth of oysters, and yet in ninety-nine cases in a hundred where people have their own choice between a round steak and a porterhouse they will take the porterhouse and pay from twenty-five to fifty per cent. more for it.

THE BOYCOTT.

Railroads Paralyzed by the Operations of the A. R. U.

Railway Lines Pool Issues—Mail Trains Held Up—Freight Traffic at a Standstill—The Blow to Fruit Growers and Shippers.

ISSUES ARE POOLED.

CHICAGO, June 29.—All the twenty-one lines entering Chicago have agreed to pool issues and bear jointly the expenses of the strike, whether the road is affected or not. They declare they will fight the boycott to the bitter end.

No Freight Carried.

CHICAGO, July 3.—All freight traffic west and south is wholly suspended. A fruit and vegetable famine, as well as a milk famine, is threatened in this city.

Its Character Changed.

Pullman cars no longer cut a large figure in the boycott, for it is now laid upon every road belonging to the Managers' association, whether running Pullman cars or not. It is a fight to the finish between the American Railway union and the Railway Managers' association.

Steamboats Profit by the Strike.

The strike on the railroads is diverting great quantities of freight to the steamboat lines which have rail connections on the other side of Lake Michigan. The Big Four turned all its freight for Cincinnati and the southeast to St. Joseph, and the Michigan Central diverted freight wherever possible to the lines touching at its points on the other side of the lake.

Railroads That Are Affected.

Attchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Baltimore & Ohio, Chicago & Western Indiana, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Chicago & Grand Trunk, Chicago & Erie, Chicago & Great Western, Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago & Alton, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Chicago & Eastern Illinois, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Illinois Central, Inner Belt Line, Louisville, New Albany & Chicago, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, Union Stock Yards and Transit company, Wisconsin Central, Wabash, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, Nickel Plate, Calumet Terminal.

The foregoing comprise the roads converging in this city against which the boycott has been laid, and one and all of which are either practically tied up or are so crippled as to be ineffective in helping a solution of the trouble precipitated upon them by President Debs in his combat against the railroads of the country. Besides these Chicago railroads the tie-up has proved effective against the following roads in the west and the east—for that section, too, has been touched by the boycott:

Cincinnati Southern, Denver & Rio Grande, Evansville & Terre Haute, Hoeking Valley, St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern, Missouri Pacific, Southern Pacific, Union Pacific.

To Support the Boycott.

At a meeting of the Trades and Labor assembly Sunday the executive board of the organization was given power to call out all local trades in support of the boycott.

Fruit Shippers Suffer.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 3.—The tie-up has caused enormous loss to fruit growers, as the big shippers have given orders they will receive no more fruit. This unexpected calamity will ruin hundreds of small horticulturists.

BLACK RIVER FALLS, Wis., July 3.—The strike is having a serious effect on the berry shippers at this point as the express company refuses to accept anything in the way of perishable goods unless charges are prepaid and subject to all delays. The result will be many thousands dollars' damage to this locality, as the berry crop is now reaching the highest point and tons are ripening daily which will be a total loss unless traffic is resumed on the old basis. Shippers will not send subject to delay.

Ten Mail Trains Held.

CAIRO, Ill., July 2.—Ten mail trains and one local passenger were on Saturday lying idle in the Illinois Central yards and three tons of United States mails were detained at the passenger depot.

MET CARNOT'S FATE.

An Editor Falls a Victim to an Anarchist's Knife in Leghorn.

LEGHORN, July 3.—A crime somewhat resembling the murdering of President Carnot was committed in this city Sunday. As Sig. Bandi, director of the Gazzetta Livornese, was entering his carriage at 8 o'clock in the morning he was set upon by a man who, it was subsequently learned, was an anarchist, who drew a knife and stabbed him in the abdomen. Sig. Bandi was at once attended by physicians, who decided that the only hope of saving his life was to perform the operation of laparotomy. This was done, but Sig. Bandi died a short time afterward. Prime Minister Crispi was questioned in the chamber of deputies in regard to the murder. He said that Sig. Bandi had been stabbed and killed by an anarchist owing to the articles that had appeared in his paper against anarchism.

The murder of Bandi has caused a great sensation throughout Italy and the feeling against the anarchists has been greatly intensified. The blow delivered by the assassin caused the dagger to penetrate the liver, and the similarity of the wound to that which killed M. Carnot was remarked upon by the victim shortly before his death. As yet the murderer has not been captured.

REV. DR. TEAL DROPS DEAD.

His Two Daughters at Elizabeth, N. J., Had Died Within a Week.

ELIZABETH, N. J., July 3.—Rev. Dr. John W. Teal, of the Westminster Presbyterian church, Elizabeth, N. J., dropped dead in his dining-room Saturday morning. He was born in Rhinebeck, N. Y., and was in his 56th year. Monday his daughter Florence, 17 years old, died. At 6 o'clock Friday evening another daughter, Mabel, aged 9 years, died after a lingering illness. Dr. Teal, while at the table, suddenly clasped his hands to his heart and fell from his chair to the floor dead.

CARNOT AT REST.

The Murdered President of France Buried in the Pantheon.

PARIS, July 3.—The remains of the late President Sadi-Carnot, the murdered chief magistrate of France, struck down by the hand of Cesario Santo, the anarchist, at Lyons on Sunday last, were deposited in the pantheon Sunday by the side of the remains of his grandfather, Lazare Carnot, the "organizer of victory." The funeral was made the occasion for one of the most remarkable civic and military displays in the history of France. All classes of people, young and old, rich and poor, crowded to the funeral from all parts of Paris and from every department of France.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—Solemn requiem mass for the late President Carnot of the French republic was celebrated at St. Matthew's church at noon Sunday in the presence of President Cleveland, the diplomatic corps, and representatives of all branches of the government. At the close of the services the congregation remained standing while ambassador and Mme. Patenotre, as representatives of the family, passed out of the church, followed by the president and secretary of state.

HANGED HER FOUR CHILDREN.

Insane Act of Mrs. Baker After a Quarrel with Her Husband.

ST. ALBANS, Vt., July 2.—Merrill Baker and his wife quarreled Saturday forenoon at their home in Montgomery and Baker left in an angry mood. They had quarreled frequently and bitterly, but this time Baker said before he left that he would stand it no longer. Soon after he left Mrs. Baker, it is thought, became suddenly insane and took her four children, ranging in age from 1 to 6 years, and hanged them to the bedstead posts, tying cords around their necks and fastening them to the bedstead. She also hanged two canary birds. There was no one near at the time and the little ones were entirely helpless. When found a short time afterward their lives had gone out. It was an awful sight, and one that would melt the hardest heart. The mother could not be found at first, but diligent search revealed her behind some bushes near the house. She was taken into custody and has been pronounced insane and will probably be sent to the asylum.

A SOUTHERN TRAGEDY.

The Slayer of a Texan and His Wife Lynched by a Mob.

GREENVILLE, Tex., June 30.—At 9 o'clock Wednesday night while Albert Waits and his wife were walking near their home at Sulphur Springs 30 miles east of here, they were fired on by John Williams. Mrs. Waits was killed instantly. Mr. Waits dying a few hours later. Williams had been in their employ, but was discharged for stealing. A posse captured the murderer near Weaver. An angry mob overpowered the guards who had taken the prisoner back to Sulphur Springs and swung him up to a telegraph pole.

Smutty Wheat Explodes.

GUTHRIE, O. T., July 3.—A remarkable accident is reported from Downs. While a thrashing machine was being run at a rapid rate smutty wheat caused spontaneous combustion to take place inside the separator, and the resulting explosion completely demolished the machine, fatally burned and crushed two men feeding the grain and started a fire which burned the stacks.

United States Mint Report.

PHILADELPHIA, July 3.—The coinage for the United States mint in this city for the fiscal year ended Saturday shows, according to Coiner Steel's statement, a total of \$78,554,234.06. Of this sum, by reason of the repeal of the monthly silver purchase law, the total of silver coined was only \$1,617,402.30, of which but \$758 were Bland dollars.

Santo Chosen by Lot.

MARSEILLES, July 2.—It is now established that a regular plot, in which a number of people were concerned, existed to assassinate the president. The final meeting of the conspirators took place at Cette and Santo was there chosen by lot to commit the actual murder.

Victim of the Heat.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., July 3.—The heat of the last few days has been intense, the thermometers registering 98 to 100 in the shade. Saturday afternoon Joseph Skerritt, of this city, was overcome by the heat while setting up a binder near Palo and died in a few minutes.

Work Stopped at the Navy Yards.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—Secretary of the Navy Herbert has issued an order discontinuing all work at the New York, Norfolk and Mare Island navy yards which has to do with increase of the present navy. The order will throw 3,500 men out of employment.

New Bridge to Span the Ohio.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., July 3.—The East Liverpool Bridge company has been organized here to build a bridge, for general travel, across the Ohio river, connecting with Hancock county, W. Va. The estimated cost of the bridge is \$200,000.

Deputy Will Be Premier.

PARIS, July 3.—M. Dupuy, after consulting with his colleagues, informed M. Casimir-Perier that he would remain as premier. Premier Dupuy will retain all of his present colleagues in the ministry.

Nearly 4,000 Men Out of Work.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 3.—No agreement on the scale was reached between Jones & Laughlin and the Amalgamated association and the big plant closed Saturday night, throwing out of employment nearly 4,000 men. It is thought an amicable settlement will soon be reached.

Fate of a Western Town.

SILVER CITY, Col., July 3.—The town of Mogollon, in the Mogollon mining camp, 80 miles northwest of here, has been almost destroyed by fire. Only two business houses are left and the loss is estimated at \$75,000.

IN CARNOT'S PLACE.

M. Casimir-Perier Elected to Succeed the Assassinated President.

PARIS, June 29.—M. Casimir-Perier, president of the chamber of deputies, was elected president of the third republic of France at the palace of Versailles by the congress of both houses of parliament. The national assembly consisting of the members of the senate and chamber of deputies, numbered 853, and Casimir-Perier received 451 votes on the first ballot. The result was announced amid great cheering and the new president was overwhelmed with congratulations, among the first to extend these being M. Dupuy, the premier. The scene was a very brilliant one. The election took place in the great hall or theater of the palace which has witnessed so many memorable events in the history of France under the republic, the Napoleons and the Bourbons. Here it was that on January 18, 1871, King William of Prussia, whose armies held Paris, was proclaimed German emperor.

The ministers formally tendered their resignations to him. Casimir-Perier requested them to remain in office. It is doubtful, however, whether Dupuy, the prime minister, will retain office. It is expected, in the event of his insisting upon his resignation being accepted, that the president will summon Burdeau to form a cabinet.

ITALIANS FLEE FROM FRANCE.

ROME, June 29.—Many Italian workmen who were driven out of Marseilles, Lyons and Grenoble are returning to Italy. They tell of outrageous brutalities committed by unreasoning Frenchmen. They declare that many Italians in French towns have been wounded and that some have died of their injuries, but that the authorities are concealing the facts. Dispatches on the subject are being actively exchanged between Rome and Paris.

SANTO'S TRIAL SET FOR JULY 23.

LYONS, France, June 29.—The trial of Cesario Santo, the anarchist assassin of President Carnot, is to take place July 23.

HOPEFUL VIEWS.

A Better Feeling Is Reported in Trade Circles.

NEW YORK, July 2.—Bradstreet's weekly review of trade says: "While there is no actual improvement in business throughout the country there are more favorable prospects and better feeling among merchants, with an increased number of instances where trade has been stimulated. The ending of the great bituminous coal strike is promptly followed by a sympathetic strike of railroad employees, which threatens disastrous effect on business by reason of interference with distribution and travel. Losses on perishable freight in transit are already reported. Other unfavorable features include a conference of Rhode Island cotton mill owners as to advisability of shutting down owing to accumulation of stocks, heavy arrivals of wool at eastern markets, where stocks are already large; delay in settling the coke strike, which prevents many industrial establishments from starting up; an extremely restricted volume of business among wholesale dealers in clothing at Baltimore, 43 per cent. of what it was in the first half of last year; delayed orders from country merchants in Georgia and South Carolina, where crop damage has been threatened, and a sharp restriction in the volume of general trade at Chicago, where the railway strike centers. At New Orleans trade in all lines is smaller. At Nashville and at Birmingham, Ala., it is dull and without sign of early improvement, which is true also at Portland.

"The total number of actual business failures in the United States in the last six months (failures in which assets are less than liabilities) is 6,328, which is more than in any preceding similar period, an increase of 4.6 per cent. compared with the first half of 1893, and 22 per cent. more than in six months in 1892. The present tendency in the number of failures to decrease is shown by the fact that while at the end of the first quarter of the current year the increase over the like period of last year was 900 failures, the increase this year over last, at the end of a half year, is only 289 failures. Total liabilities of failing traders for the six months are \$82,655,380, assets being 54 per cent. of that total. These aggregates are much less than one-half of what they were for six months in 1892, and smaller than in six months of 1891 as well. Pennsylvania and California show striking increases in numbers of failures, and Illinois and Kansas noteworthy decreases.

FATAL STORMS.

Many Places in Minnesota and South Dakota Suffer from Cyclones.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 30.—Southwestern Minnesota and eastern South Dakota have suffered severely from a series of windstorms of cyclonic tendencies. They traveled from southwest to northeast and there were three of unusual severity. The fatalities are as follows:

THE KILLED.

Mr. Guldian, Milaca, Minn.; G. T. Hicks, Pipestone, Minn.; Miss Johnson, Larimore, N. D.; killed by lightning; Miss Jennie Landstrom, of St. Paul, killed at Darwin, Minn.; Charles Metke, Sleepy Eye, Minn.; Henry Ruddy, Larimore, N. D.; killed by lightning; Mrs. Samuel Roach, Westington, S. D.; Mrs. Sanders, Litchfield, Minn.; Miss Nina Swift, near Aberdeen, S. D.; Walchesky, a baby, at Glencoe.

FATAL INJURY.

Mrs. Mohannah, Pipestone, Minn.; Schmitz, child of John, Sleepy Eye, Minn.; Mrs. Joan Weiss, Cold Springs Minn.; John Winkie, Prairie, Minn.; Jacob Winkie, son of John, Prairie, Minn.

The westernmost storm arose in South Dakota and traversed the east end of the state, striking Alpena, Mellette, St. Lawrence and Aberdeen. The central storm was first heard of at Pipestone, in the southwest corner of this state. It passed over Tracy and Echo and Benville. Litchfield was struck by a later cyclone. The northernmost point in the central part of the storm's path was Collegeville, in Stearns county. The eastern end of the storm started in Windom, Minn. It struck Sleepy Eye with great fury. Minneapolis caught the tail end of the blow. It swept across the city, dipping low near Lake Harriet.

Baby Killed by a Rattler.

WINCHESTER, O., July 3.—Mrs. Henry Wulford, living in Bratton township was sitting in her front yard sewing while her 3-year-old baby was playing in the tall grass near by. Suddenly the mother was startled by a cry from the child. The little one then began to laugh and said: "Mamma, look." Mrs. Wulford looked and saw a large rattlesnake, with its head raised and looking at the child. The mother screamed and at the same time the reptile lunged forward and struck the child, sinking its fangs in the little one's neck. The child lingered in terrible agony until Saturday morning, when it died.

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