

Syracuse Register.

Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

FROM WASHINGTON.

DR. MARY WALKER has retired from public life, but the bicycle is accomplishing what she left undone.

It may not be generally known that the Hudson river is salty as far as Poughkeepsie, 75 miles from its mouth.

DIAMONDS valued at \$14,000,000 were taken from the mines at Kimberley, South Africa, during the year ending October 31.

THE swell visiting card in China is a nublong piece of red paper about 4 inches wide and 8 inches long, with the name in black characters.

MRS. SCOTT, of Denver, routed three burglars and then fainted. She will go on record as one of the few women who ever earned a fainting fit.

MRS. ANNA GOURI has the heart of a Coney Island summer girl. She has already turned down three princes, one count, one judge and an actor.

THE histrio-nomical world is holding its breath. Botta has turned her attention to painting, and, if successful, the stage will know her no more.

A BLACK basalt statue covered with fine inscriptions has been found on the site of the great palace of the kings of Babylon, where Belshazzar held his feast.

THE old Poplar Point lighthouse, at the harbor of Newport, R. I., was sold at auction for four thousand dollars. Lighthouses do not come so high when Uncle Sam sells as when he builds them.

In proportion to the population France has more money in circulation than any other country. In France it averages \$4.50 per capita; in the United States, \$4.54; in England and Germany, \$18.42.

AT one stroke the Italian government has suppressed fifty-five labor associations. Some of the societies were centers of dangerous propaganda among the working classes and menaced the public peace.

MUHAMMEDANISM seems bent upon the destruction of Christianity in Armenia. The recent massacre of 10,000 people is only one of ten in a series. Six occurred prior to 1855, one in 1860, and the others in 1875, 1875 and 1894. Armenia now has a population of about 5,000,000.

A GIANT lion-head of the finest Greek marble, seven feet high and in excellent preservation, was recently unearthed by some workmen at Kertch, in the Crimea. It is supposed to belong to the seventh or eighth century before Christ. It is to be sent to St. Petersburg and exhibited there.

It is gratifying to know that American shipyards can turn out first-class ships for the merchant marine as well as men-of-war. The St. Louis, launched recently at Philadelphia, is the largest ship of that class ever built in western waters, and the St. Paul, which will be ready for launching August 1, is a companion craft.

WHEN the late Oliver Wendell Holmes was in the zenith of his career an anonymous writer sent to him a few lines of verse and asked Mr. Holmes' opinion as to the worth while of the writer's continuing to write poetry. "Yes, by all means," replied the author. His correspondent was Bret Harte, then a California newspaper reporter.

WEST AND SOUTH.

THE defeated populist candidate for governor of Alabama, Reuben F. Kolb, issued a manifesto calling on his supporters to aid him in securing the executive office on December 1.

AN accident at the new chamber of commerce building in Toledo, O., Fred C. Crenberg, aged 35, and John Hinckley, aged 42, were killed.

THEOMORI, the northeast, the weather was the coldest for the season in eleven years. Thermometers in St. Paul registered 10 degrees below zero.

THE Portland (Ore.) savings bank closed its doors with liabilities of \$1,490,000.

NEAR Conneaut, O., an attempt was made to wreck the fast east-bound mail on the Lake Shore road. A track walker discovered the obstruction before the train came along.

THE death of Paul Conrad, president of the Louisiana and Honduras lottery companies, occurred at New Orleans from heart disease.

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LATER NEWS.

THE exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 23d aggregated \$1,019,955,895, against \$1,019,302,928 the previous week. The increase compared with the corresponding week in 1893 was 7.8.

CANSON, Ia., was visited by fire, one of the principal business streets being forced the train came along.

DISPATCHES from Chee Foo announced that the Japanese had taken Port Arthur, the great Chinese stronghold.

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SHARPE swindled William T. Jones, a wealthy stock dealer of Moultrieville, O., out of \$7,000.

IN Grand Forks county, N. D., a case of leprosy was discovered, the patient being confined in a lonely cabin.

FIVE students of a medical college at Kansas City, Mo., were arrested while robbing a grave in a neighboring town.

MRS. BRIDGET DUFFY, 101 years old, died in Denver, Colo.

THE Brown national bank at Spokane, Wash., suspended payment.

MYRON R. KENT, who caused his wife to be killed in order to secure her life insurance, was condemned to hang at Mandan, N. D.

VIOLENT windstorms swept portions of Mississippi and in the vicinity of Meridian great damage was done to houses and trees.

WHILE drying dynamite before a fire at Charleston, W. Va., workmen caused an explosion and two men were killed and two injured.

AT Hastings, Col., Mrs. Martino left her children, aged 4 and 5 years, alone in the house, which caught fire, creating them.

HENRY G. SIDLE, ex-president of the First national bank of Minneapolis, has made an assignment, with liabilities of \$100,000.

SLIGHT shocks of earthquake were felt at Tacoma, Wash.

IN Kentucky at the recent election the democratic majority, as compiled by the secretary of state, is 2,173.

THE new superintendent of the United States naval academy at Annapolis, Md., Capt. Philip H. Cooper, issued an order prohibiting hazing.

IT was said that J. L. M. Pierce, of Yankton, S. D., had disappeared with \$10,000 secured from English capitalists on spurious paper.

COLORED women in Chicago robbed J. D. Brown, a farmer living near Aurora, Ill., of \$2,300 by the panel game.

THE Knights of Labor in session at New Orleans decided that lawyers and barkeepers were not eligible to membership.

TRAMP'S murderer William Wickwier and his sister, who lived 5 miles south of Galesburg, Mich.

SIX students and the dean of Cornell university at Lincoln, Neb., were arrested for grave robbing.

INDIANA boys at the Seminole high school at Cappaqua, I. T., set the buildings on fire for the third time within two years.

WILLIAM HARVEY GIBSON, the celebrated orator, died at his home in Tiffin, O., after a brief illness, aged 74 years.

AT the recent election the official vote of Wisconsin for governor was Uppham (rep.), 196,453; Peck (pop.), 124,145; Powell (pop.), 23,613; Cleghorn (pro.), 11,096; Uppham's plurality, 45,307.

FLAMES at Eldon, Ia., destroyed the Rock Island chutes, 1,000 tons of coal, several cars and two residences. Total loss, \$120,000.

IN session at Indianapolis republican state senators decided to reapporition the state congressional districts.

THE Oklahoma territory executive committee called a statehood convention to be held at El Reno November 28.

WHITE attempting to separate Thomas and Michael Neill, fighting in the street at Cheyenne, Wyo., Charles Brulat killed them both.

THE noted art collector and philanthropist, Thomas L. Walters, died at his home in Baltimore, aged 74 years.

AT the close of business on June 30, 1893, there stood on the books of the department charged to the treasurer a balance of \$738,467.55. Adding to this the receipts on all accounts gives \$1,462,474.00 as total to be accounted for, and the balance of the department, less a balance of \$600,580.40 on June 30, 1892. In addition to these balances, however, there were other liabilities arising from the postal revenues, from disbursing officers and from other sources, which brought the total to \$1,846,588.20, the difference being \$146,120.85, the latter after setting aside the amounts treated as unavailable, the principal of which are the deposits made with the states under the law of 1858, there remained the sum of \$546,588.20 in 1893 and the sum of \$757,310.40 in 1892. The amount of the deposits in the several offices of the treasury and mint together with deposits in national banks. Of these the balances of \$864,503.92 and \$616,155.890, respectively, were on deposit for the redemption of outstanding certificates and treasury notes, leaving \$161,994.735 and \$19,184.75. The balances on account of the general fund.

Impairment of the Gold Reserve.

He states that the lowest point touched by the reserve was \$32,189,500 on August 7, 1894. Prior to July, 1892, the gold reserve was but little affected by withdrawal of coin, there being no net loss, but increased demand for the redemption of notes.

Even when gold exports were heavy the metal was furnished by bankers from their vaults or was obtained from the treasury for gold certificates, of course without impairment to the value of the notes.

At the close of business on June 30, 1893, the treasury had been called upon to furnish nearly the whole of the requirements for exportation, and there have recently been considerable withdrawals for other uses.

The treasurer remarks that the impairment of the gold reserve rendering necessary the issue of gold certificates caused a great reduction in the value of the treasury, resulting in the loss of the trust fund.

Even when the supply of paper had become so reduced that the treasury was obliged to pay out large sums of gold in the ordinary disbursements the value of the notes was not affected.

The proceeds of this loan were \$600,000 in gold and certificates, but during the month of February there were redeemed \$10,000 of notes in gold, presumably to meet subscriptions to the loan, so that the net gold proceeds were about \$59,900.00. The holder with a gain of \$100,000.00 in gold from the treasury brought up the reserve during the month from \$65,000.00 to \$100,000.00, while the net assets of the treasury, with an excess of \$7,000,000 of expenditures over receipts for the month, were \$65,000.00. During the succeeding month the reserve was affected by deficient revenues and withdrawals of gold for export, the movement abroad having been stimulated by the necessity with which the treasury had to call upon experts to export new full weight after the supply of old pieces had become exhausted.

Retention of Treasury Notes.

With respect to the retirement of treasury notes the treasurer says that prior to August 1893 the treasury had been able to provide for the redemption of treasury notes in silver dollars out of the holdings of the treasury, so that there had not been up to that time any impairment of the total amount of the silver funds accumulated under the act. On the 31 of that month, however, the silver dollars were removed from the treasury and replaced by the amount required by law to be retained for the payment of outstanding treasury notes and certificates, and the demand for the redemption of notes continuing in consequence of the scarcity of small denominations of currency, became so great that the notes could not be paid up to that time, any impairment of the total amount of the silver funds being caused by the law.

THE government of Japan declined the mediation of the United States, holding that China should make direct overtures for peace.

OVER 400 deaths were caused by the earthquakes in southern Italy, and northern Italy.

THE famous pianist and composer, Anton G. Rubinstein, died at Peterhof, Russia, of heart disease, aged 64 years.

YAKI Indians raided the village of Soyoja, Mexico, and three women and two men belonging to the household of Peter Hernandez were killed in cold blood.

IN Barcelona, Spain, Jose Salvador Franck, the man who threw the dynamite bomb at the Liceo theater on November 7, 1893, killing twenty persons and wounding fifty others, was executed by the garrote.

FORGED plotting with the royalists, C. H. Wetmore, a Chicago reporter, was expelled from Hawaii.

THE Chinese officials sent an officer to Japan to arrange terms of peace. It was said the government was willing to pay \$175,000,000.

GEORGE BRILL and Frank Payson, American prospectors, discovered an old Spanish gold mine of fabulous richness 60 miles north of Sierra Morena, Mexico.

A DECREE granting amnesty to all political offenders in Brazil was issued by President Marques.

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NOTES Redeemed in Gold.

With the end of September last the total redemption of United States notes in gold since the resumption of specie payments were \$133,000 and the total redemptions of the treasury notes in gold from that date, \$10,000,000.

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The Circulation.

The amount of the new issues of United States paper currency put into circulation during the year 1893, having been exceeded but once, in 1892. The amount of worn and mutilated notes redeemed was \$319,002,280. This also has been exceeded but once, in 1893.

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COLUMBIAN Half-Dollars at Par.

The management of the Columbian exposition having finally declined to defray the expenses of recoupling the Columbian half-dollars, which have found their way into the treasury, have been offered to the public at par in exchange for gold or silver dollars.

THE half-dollars have been distributed in that manner. The Isabella quarters in the treasury are retained for the regulation of the board of managers of the exposition.

The amount of regular silver coins and fractional money detected at the offices of the treasury during the year was \$10,000,000, an increase of \$1,175,000,000.

There was an increase during the year of \$1,000,000 in the value of the bonds held on account of the sinking funds of the Pacific railroads, which amounted, on June 30, to \$1,000,000.

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