

NEWS OF THE WEEK

The Atlantic express on the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad, while running 45 miles per hour, on the afternoon of the 12th, collided with a locomotive that was standing on the track at Peoria, Ohio.

John and Henry Gunst, tanners, fell from the roof of a three-story building in Pittsburgh, on the 12th. In the descent Henry struck a sharp stick which penetrated his brain, killing him instantly.

An attempt was made on the 11th to wreck a train on the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska Railroad, at Sanford, six miles from Topeka, Kansas.

Frederick Koch, 16 years old, went to his home in New York drunk on the evening of the 11th. After an unsuccessful attempt to stab his mother with a pair of scissors, he drove them into his own abdomen, nearly disemboweling himself.

John M. Carroll, City Treasurer of Staunton, Virginia, who disappeared two years ago, owing the city over \$10,000, has returned. During his absence his property realized enough to pay his indebtedness.

The roof of the Jewish Synagogue, on Judd street, Chicago, caved in on the morning of the 13th, burying a number of workmen who were repairing the building. Two men were fatally, and two severely, injured.

Two colored men perished from suffocation while digging a well in Edgefield county, South Carolina, on the 15th.

September 16th was Independence Day in Mexico, and its celebration in the City of Mexico was unusually enthusiastic. The city was gaily decorated, and was illuminated on the night of the 15th.

At Leavenworth, Kansas, on the evening of the 11th, James Gaines, colored, shot and killed Thomas Cary, also colored, while the latter was walking home from church with Gaines' wife, with whom he had not been living for some time.

The vein of rock salt discovered at Ellsworth, Kansas, is reported to be 165 feet thick and 96 per cent. pure, the other 4 per cent. being lime and magnesia, but no potash.

greatest civic parade ever given in the city. It included representatives of trades and industries, educational institutions, societies, Government exhibits and firemen.

A report from Gray's Harbor, Washington Territory, is to the effect that fifteen men cut several fish traps. They were met by the fish trap men and four of the attacking party were seriously and two fatally wounded.

Joseph Dixon, a colored cook at the Hotel Beaumont, O'ray, Colorado, had a fancied grievance against Miss Ella Day, a waitress, and shot her four times. Dixon was arrested and locked up in jail.

A telegram from Montgomery, New York, says that three years ago the publisher of a monthly medical journal in Chicago proposed to several thousand country papers to insert his advertisement, in return for which he would send his paper without charge.

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—Mrs. Patrick Murray was found with her skull fractured on the road on the morning of the 16th, in a suburb in Springfield, Massachusetts, known as the "Tough End." She was conscious, and died after saying that she had been assaulted by two men. Her husband was drunk at the time and had been on a spree for a week.

lided about six miles south of Waterloo, Iowa, on the evening of the 15th. A sleeping car was hurled into a ditch, alighting almost squarely bottom side up. There were fourteen passengers in the sleeper, several of whom were more or less injured.

September the 16th was the second day of the Constitutional Centennial Celebration at Philadelphia. It was marked by a grand military parade, led by Lieutenant General Sheridan and reviewed by President Cleveland, and by several receptions and other social affairs given to the distinguished visitors to the city.

—During a terrific thunder storm at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on the 16th, lightning struck two houses, killing one man and injuring two others, one fatally.

—Mercer Beasley, Jr., son of Chief Justice Beasley, of New Jersey, committed suicide in Trenton on the evening of the 16th. —A pension check originally drawn for \$2, dated May, 1885, which had been raised to \$2450, and had passed through several banks and private hands, was recently presented at the cash room of the United States Treasury for payment by one of the banks of Washington. The check had been so cleverly manipulated that it is the opinion of the Treasurer that had it been presented to an inexperienced person at the Treasury Department, it would have been cashed without question.

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Natural History and a Story.

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THE MARKETS. Table listing various commodities and their prices, including flour, sugar, and other goods.

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AN AWFUL FLIRT.

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"I hope you won't regret this!" he said, gravely, and they part without another word.

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BRITISH FEDERATION.

The Leading Statesman of New Zealand Says It Will Be Necessary.

Sir William Fitzherbert, a prominent colonial statesman, arrived in San Francisco, Cal., enroute for New Zealand recently. Sir William is the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New Zealand, and his mission to England was that of delegate to the Colonial Conference, which took place in London some months past.

Few New Zealand statesmen have had a public career of so much distinction as Sir William Fitzherbert. He came to the colonies in the very early days, and has since occupied almost every office of prominence in the gift of the people. Before the centralization of government in New Zealand he was elected to the superintendency of the province of New Zealand, and since that time has taken office in several ministries, latterly being Speaker of the House of Representatives. On his elevation to the Upper House he was unanimously chosen Speaker of that body, his acuteness, together with his absence of bias and knowledge of men and affairs throughout the colony, particularly fitting him for the position. Though Sir William is by no means a young man, his mind retains its pristine vigor unimpaired.

"Was any system of federation formulated at the conference?" asked the reporter. "Federation itself," said Sir William, "was not spoken of. The purpose of the conference was really to draw closer the bonds of union between the mother country and her colonies to promote an exchange of views upon questions of mutual interest. I was surprised, however, to find that English public opinion in reference to colonial matters has undergone of late, an entire change. A change, indeed, which can only be described as a complete revolution of feeling. On a previous occasion, some years back, I was called to England on colonial business, and found prevailing there the profoundest ignorance regarding matters colonial. I suggested at that time," said Sir William, with a quiet smile, "that the Londoners, instead of spending their vacations on the Mediterranean, should make it their business to visit the country's dependencies in the South Seas."

"The Australian colonies," continued Sir William, "are a large and growing power. Within the few years of their existence they have attained a surprising strength. They offer the best solution for the problem of over-population, for in their vast extent there is room for millions of people."

"What changes would be involved," asked the reporter. "In the systems of colonial government were federation adopted?" "That was a question which was not touched upon. The conference, you know, was merely preliminary—a clearing the way for after-action. The views expressed by my fellow-delegates, together with the expressions of opinion from the many prominent Englishmen with whom I spoke, made me see the question of federation in another light. Impressed by their arguments I became a member of the League and will now do all in my power to bring about its objects. The idea of federation and the problem as to how it may be successfully applied seems to me the greatest problem now before humanity. You Americans have solved it with an extraordinary degree of success. It remains for us to agree upon some method by which we will be secured the highest measure of local self-government with the greatest degree of supreme central authority. That is what we want. We in the colonies are agreed upon the necessity of such measures. Their application will follow in due course."

The Alps.

One cannot command and language to convey an adequate idea of this magnificence. You are standing far below, gazing up to where the great dice of the glittering Alps cuts the heavens, and drinking in the influence of the silent scene around. Suddenly an enormous mass of snow and ice, in itself a mountain, seems to move; it breaks from the towering outmost mountain ridge of snow, where it is hundreds of feet in depth, and in its first fall, of perhaps 2000 feet, is broken into millions of fragments. As you first see the flash of distant artillery by night, then hear the roar, so here you may see the white flashing mass majestically bowing, and hear the astounding din. A cloud of dusty, misty, dry snow rises into the air from the concussion, forming a white volume of fleecy smoke, or mist light, from the bosom of which thunders forth the ice torrent in its second prodigious fall over the rocky battlements. The eye follows it delighted, as it ploughs through the path which preceding avalanches have worn, till it comes to the brink of a vast ridge of bare rock, perhaps more than 2000 feet perpendicular. Then flows the whole cataclysm over the gulf with a still louder roar of echoing thunder. Another fall of still greater depth ensues, over a second similar castellated ridge or reef in the face of the mountain, with an awful majestic slowness, and a tremendous crash in its concussion, awakening again the reverberating peals of thunder. Then the torrent roars on to another similar fall, till at length it reaches a mighty groove of snow and ice, like the slide down the Pilatus, of which Fitzroy has given so powerfully and graphic description. Here its progress is slower, and last of all you listen to the roar of the falling fragments as they drop out of sight, with dead weight, into the bottom of the gulf, to rest there forever.

Intemperance is a great decayer of beauty. To strike or punish a child when you are angry is a far greater offense against God than blasphemy.

The hardest useful labor is less exhausting, in the long run, than exciting pleasures, as most of their devotees in middle life sadly confess.

Dr. Doremus says that the lightest tissues can be rendered unflammable by dipping them in a solution of phosphate of ammonia in water. It will be found impossible to set the fabric so treated on fire.

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