

THE NEWS.

Dr. W. Day, of Highland, Ill., died at Weehawken from the effects of an overdose of antipyrine.

Brigadier General T. R. Freeman, commander of a brigade in the Confederate army, died at Nosh, Mo., aged sixty-three years.

Joseph's Kikala, a Russian woman, who said she was abducted from her husband's home and sent to this country, was found wandering about New York.

George M. Woodford, a wealthy pump manufacturer of New York, whose inventions were largely used in the navy, died at his home of heart failure.

DISASTERS AND CASUALTIES

A tornado at Jacksonville, Texas, wrecked several houses and damaged property.

The West Shore express jumped the track near Fairbury, New York, and went down a 20-foot embankment.

Thomas Fox, aged 65 years, was burned to death in the garage of a New York tenement.

CRUSHED IN THEIR BEDS.

Eight Persons Killed By Falling Walls in Chicago.

A Burned-out Building Collapses and Destroys Two Buildings.

A despatch from Chicago, Ill., says: Weakened by heavy rains and snows, the walls of the burned-out building formerly occupied by John York, dry goods dealer, gave way before a high wind at 1:30 o'clock in the morning, and eight persons were crushed to death and four others seriously injured.

The York building was gutted by fire last winter. The ice covering the walls aided in holding them together.

The work of rescuing the imprisoned people, aside from the great danger to the firm, was attended with some difficulty.

Disregarding the smoke and the licking tongues of flame that appeared here and there amid the debris, they dug along the base of the York wall at a point which appeared to be about the center of Kunz's jewelry store.

A GREAT BATTLE-SHIP.

Launching and Christening of the Indiana at Philadelphia.

The great battle ship Indiana was successfully launched at the ship-yard of the Wm. Cramp & Sons Company, Philadelphia, in the presence of thousands of people.

The guests stood on the platform for three-quarters of an hour while workmen knickered away and sawed the supports from under the batti-ship.

FEET AND HANDS CUT OFF.

A Remarkable Quadruple Operation in a Pittsburg Hospital.

There was a quadruple surgical operation performed in the South Side Hospital that attracted great attention in the medical fraternity.

During the early part of the winter Samuel Price, a railroader, while waiting near McKeesport, was benumbed by the cold and lay out all night.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

It is said Mrs. Cleveland will have a private secretary. Her duties will be to attend to the great social correspondence of the administration.

How Paris feels toward Le Lesseps is found in the action of the local authorities in Paris and other cities.

Some one has been interviewing J. Lockwood Kipling in Australia, where he is visiting in regard to the war in his famous son.

Mrs. BURNETT, the daughter of James Russell Lowell, says, as regards the movement to save Elmwood, that she would not sell the place if she could and that she could not, the estate being left to her.

GENERAL RALPH BUNKERHOFF, of Mansfield, Ohio, will succeed General R. B. Hayes as President of the National Prisoners' Aid Association.

WORK AND WORKERS.

The trouble between the Erie Railroad and its trainmen is reported to have been compromised at Cleveland.

The wood workers of St. Louis have organized a new May 1 strike for eight hours' work per day with ten hour pay.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad has refused to increase the wages of its engineers and firemen except in a new individual instance.

The "Middle Iowa" engineers of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad have made a demand on the company that in the matter of pay for overtime they should be placed upon the same basis as conductors and brakemen.

The Switchmen's Mutual Aid Association, at Topeka made a demand upon the Atchafalpa, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad for an increase of 25 per cent in their wages on the entire system.

All the switch-tenders employed in the yards of the Chicago and Western Indiana Belt Co., at Chicago struck for increase wages.

A CHICAGO despatch says that the delegation of engineers of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, who came from Chicago to visit the officials of the road and see the same pay as conductors and brakemen as to overtime did not have to see the officials.

CABLE SPARKS.

HENRY JOSE, liberal, has resigned his seat in Parliament.

The Italian government is pushing with vigor its prosecution of Sicilian bandits.

JULES FERRY was nominated as the republican candidate for President in the French Senate.

CHARLES DE LESSEPS and his associates convicted of bribery, have appealed their case to a higher court.

There has been a heavy decline in the price of Irish stocks because of a dread as to the effect of home rule.

A detachment of the Spanish civil guard has been ordered to Alcoy to repress the anarchist demonstrations.

The municipal authorities of several Hungarian cities have demanded that civil marriage shall be made obligatory.

FRATERNAL societies of the home-rule bill are being offered in all the Protestant churches of the Diocese of Down, in Ulster.

A MOTION to appoint a committee to investigate the Roman bank scandals was defeated in the Italian Chamber of Deputies.

The cigarette manufacturers of Havana have decided not to accept their franchise until they receive a modification of the tax laws.

A BILL was introduced in the House of Commons by Home Secretary A. J. A. Balfour providing for the first time the following and disestablishing the church in Wales.

JAMES W. HOBBS and Henry G. Wright were committed to jail in London, on charges of fraud and forgery in connection with the ruin of the Lloyds' Building Society.

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DESPERADOS AT WORK.

A Little Town in Indian Territory at Their Mercy.

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FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

Senate.

WEDNESDAY.—In the Senate the Agricultural Appropriation bill was placed on the calendar.

53RD DAY.—In the Senate Mr. Chandler introduced a resolution directing the Committee on Indian Affairs to investigate the acts in reference to the \$67,500 paid attorneys under contract, said to have been fraudulently obtained by the Cheyenne and Arapaho bands for the sale of the Cheyenne and Arapaho lands to the Cherokee Outlet.

54TH DAY.—The Postoffice Appropriation bill came before the Senate, and was discussed to some extent on the question as to the route of the Southern fast mail.

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56TH DAY.—The Indian Appropriation bill was passed. The resolution to suspend the rules and non-concur in the Senate amendments to the Sundry Civil bill was passed and conference was ordered.

57TH DAY.—The time of the House was consumed principally in considering a motion made by Mr. Hatch to suspend the rules and pass the Antitrust bill.

COLUMBIAN POINTS.

The State of Maine has applied for space 20 by 20 feet to exhibit a collection of stuffed birds.

Mrs. CAROLINE BROOKS, of Flushing, L. I., has been commissioned by the Indiana Board of Lady Managers to model a heroic statue of the goddess of mythology.

The Hon. J. J. Gurnison, special commissioner from Caylon, who is now in Chicago bringing with him complete plans for the Ceylon Court, the main pavilion of which will be a very elaborate and beautiful structure.

His Excellency Don DeLoma, the Spanish minister, who is also commissioner general for Spain and her dependencies at the World's Fair, has returned from Washington.

SECRETARY HUNT, of the department of agriculture, has received a letter from a gentleman in Idaho who wishes to exhibit twenty-five Angora goats.

WORK of inclosing space and erecting pavilions for the exhibits in the agriculture building is now proceeding very actively.

THE pavilions of Germany and Brazil are well advanced. Michigan has been added to the roll of States which are preparing their inclosures in this department.

There arrived this week twenty-one cases of oil paintings, photographs, drawings, etc., and some boxes of models consigned to Captain A. H. H. of the United States Government exhibit, and also a large consignment of show cases, plaster ornaments, construction and equipment material for the exhibit to be made by the Van Hook Co. of New York and will receive from the United States at Havana the caravels "Nina" and "Pinta" and conduct them to New York City.

THE department of foreign affairs has learned through United States Minister Snowden at Madrid, Spain, that the Spanish Government will participate in the exhibition to be held at New York and will receive from the United States at Havana the caravels "Nina" and "Pinta" and conduct them to New York City.

NEW OIL FIELD OPENED.

A Big Gusher Struck in Buck Run, in West Virginia.

A tremendous gusher was struck on Buck Run, five miles from Pennsboro, at a depth of about 1750 feet.

The oil is running at an estimated rate of 1000 barrels per day, and as the owners were trying to make a mystery of it, they had made no preparation for its preservation.

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PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

Epitome of News Gleaned from Various Parts of the State.

BURKHART MOSER, aged 62 years, a humble slate picker at Hazleton, has been discovered in the great Moser estate, and thereby worth millions.

Three masked burglars attempted to hold up three men in the old Marsh Mansion at L. wisburg. They escaped, but were arrested in Milton.

JONATHAN THOMAS, of Ashley, near Wilkes-Barre, stamped a prayer-meeting in the Methodist Episcopal Church by carrying three members who had testified against him to a law suit.

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FOR AMERICA.

The author of "Morocco As It Is" had, as leader of his caravan, a man named Salem, who styled himself the Khalifa, or second in command.

The party had stopped, in the midst of a bear-hunt, to take luncheon, and as they were sitting on the mountain-side, overlooking the sea, the Khalifa suddenly proposed the toast of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The words were hardly out of his mouth when hunters and beaters, to the number of fifty or sixty, who were sitting about hungrily waiting for the bones of the feast, sprang to their feet and shouted: "Hip, hip, hooray!"

The Moorish accent of the words made the occurrence all the more amusing. When the traveler expressed his surprise at hearing that familiar toast in a foreign land, the Khalifa laughed and said:

"Why shouldn't they shout for the Stars and Stripes? They are good Americans, as their fathers were before them. Let's hold a political meeting!"

He then explained that, sixty years before, the village had been taken under American protection by the consul, and that it had remained loyal ever since.—Youth's Companion.

CENTENARIANS DEAD.

Mrs. Catharine Ross, of Nova Scotia, Leaves 208 Grandchildren.

Three of the oldest people in Nova Scotia died within a week. One was Malcom McMillin, aged 106. He lived as a Catholic, Cape Breton, with his son, grandson and great-grandson, and for years past it was a daily occurrence to see the four generations wearing in the hills together.

Mrs. Catharine Ross, of Northeast Margaree, died, aged 101, leaving 203 grand children. Mrs. Donald Cushman, aged 104, died at Guysboro late.

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS.

THE BOYHOOD OF LOUIS XIV.

Little Louis was just four years and eight months old when, by the death of his father, he became King of France.

He received his courtiers gracefully on the first occasion when they presented themselves before him; and when he and his mother stepped out on the balcony to show themselves to the people who swarmed below, he was greeted with shouts of "Vive le Roi!" from the populace.

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Just then came the news of her sudden death, and her son, who was already out of health, was plunged into a state of melancholy, and soon became seriously ill.

While his life was in danger, his little friends of the Montmartre quarter never relaxed their vigilance. Some placed themselves as sentinels at each end of the street, and asked the coachmen to drive another way.

A little group waited at the door of his room, hardly daring to breathe, listening for news of the invalid. When they heard anything, they passed the word along to others at the foot of the stairs. These in turn reported it to those at the door, and presently it was known by all the anxious ones.

The Children's Friend began to recover, but he was still melancholy, nervous, and unable to sleep. The doctor noticed that music and flowers had a calming effect on him.

One night, when he spoke his thanks to the invisible singers, and said, "How have I inspired so much interest and kind feeling?" a voice replied, "Have you never re-read your own books, then?"

Care and loving attention gradually restored him to his usual health and spirits. The children had won their friend back to life. The French Academy crowned his works, but no honor evoted him as did the devotion and the hand-organ serenade of the children of the Montmartre quarter.—Yankee Blade.

Most people have forgotten that Mrs. John A. Logan had thirteen children.