

THE NEWS.

Victor Askie, the clothing merchant of 23 East Broadway, New York, who, on April 21, with two other men, conspired to burn his premises for the \$14,000 insurance, and who was convicted of arson in the second degree, was sentenced to nine years and ten months at hard labor in the state prison.

The city of Tacoma sued the Tacoma Light and Water Company for \$1,000,000 for fraudulent representations. F. W. Porter, auditor of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway, was stricken with apoplexy at the Grand Hotel, in Cincinnati, just as he was starting for the train to Chicago.

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FIFTY KILLED.

Victims of the Tornado in Iowa and Minnesota.

A PATH OF DESOLATION.

The Storm Swept Two Hundred Miles Through Both States, Devastating Farms and Villages—Groves of Trees Moved as by a Scythe.

Between 8 and 11 o'clock Friday night a narrow strip of country 200 miles long was laid waste by a hurricane which in many places developed into a regular tornado.

The path of the "twister" are ruined towns, devastated farms and mangled and injured people. Starting about ten miles south of Spencer, in Northwestern Iowa, the storm of wind at 8 o'clock began its work of destruction. Taking everything before it, it swept across the State just north of Emmetsburg and Algona, wiping out the little town of Cylinder, but mostly injuring the country districts.

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CABLE SPARKS.

The anniversary of Italian unity was celebrated with great ceremony throughout Italy.

It is announced that the Brazilian government proposes to raise a loan of 3,000,000 pounds sterling.

Dr. RAFAEL NUNEZ, president of the Republic of Colombia, is critically ill. It is reported in Colon that he is dead.

The English apple crop is the poorest it has been in twenty years, and a good market for American apples is expected.

The health of Grand Duke George, second son of the Czar, has again taken a very serious turn. The Czar's health is also again causing much apprehension.

A petition bearing the names of 27,577 Swiss citizens has been presented to the Federal Council demanding the adoption of vigorous repressive measures against anarchists.

A wealthy American iron manufacturer, now in London, is reported to have said that a syndicate has been formed to begin the manufacture of tin-plate in the United States on a large scale.

The result of the general elections in Denmark to replace twenty-seven members of the Landsting was that sixteen members of the right, seven members of the moderate left, and four radicals were elected. The radicals gained three seats.

In the naval battle off Yalu none of the Japanese fleet were sunk, although several vessels were badly damaged. In the battle of Ping Yang \$3,000,000 in treasure was captured. The Japanese are said to be advancing in force toward Manchuria.

VICEROY LI HUNG CHANG has been deprived of his three-eyed peacock feather because of mismanagement of the Korean campaign. It is rumored in Shanghai that the viceroy has been deposed. The defeat at Ping Yang amounts to a practical annihilation of the Chinese army.

BRAZIL GIVES NOTICE.

Reciprocity Treaty to Be Abrogated in January Because of the New Tariff.

The Brazilian Government has given notice that the reciprocity treaty between the United States and Brazil will be abrogated by Brazil on January 1 next.

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One of the clauses of the new constitution is to the effect that all Government officials who have not taken the allegiance to the Republic by the 1st of September will be discharged.

One American, three German and three English men-of-war have been in Honolulu Harbor for the past week. The Germans left a few days ago and the Charleston departed yesterday for the scene of the Korean war.

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LIL WANTS DAMAGES.

The Ex-Queen May Sue the United States for \$200,000.

It is stated on what appears to be good authority that the errand of H. A. Widemann, of Honolulu, to this country, is for the purpose of commencing a damage suit against the United States on behalf of the ex-Queen of Hawaii.

Whatever Mr. Widemann's mission, his departure from Honolulu was kept a profound secret until almost the moment of sailing, when he suddenly appeared on the dock and secured passage.

Mr. Widemann declined to be interviewed concerning his mission to Washington, and when asked whether he was going to institute a damage suit on behalf of the ex-Queen his answer was that he had been accused of that before.

Has fellow passengers from the island declare that Mr. Widemann's errand is as stated, and that he has instructions to go about the matter quietly and gain as little newspaper notoriety as may be.

TWO KILLED IN A CHURCH.

Where Congressman Hook Was Delivering a Political Speech.

One of the bloodiest fights ever witnessed in Tennessee took place in the little Baptist church in the small town of Gatlingburg, in Sevier county.

Gatlingburg is in the most mountainous district of East Tennessee, and very near the North Carolina line.

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Matthew Arnold's letters are nearly ready for publication and will be brought out during the autumn.

The latest reports from Hawarden state that Mr. Gladstone is still able to see with the eye which was not operated on sufficiently to read and write.

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Peter Hinker, a brakeman on the new Wilkes-Barre & Eastern road, was jolted from the top of a car and killed at Stroubsburg.

THE CROP REPORT.

Fifty of Rain and Corn and Wheat in Good Condition.

The Weather Bureau in its report of weather crop conditions for the week says: Upon the whole the week has been very favorable.

Enactus Wiman, since he gave bail and came out of jail, has been kept busy attending to his many enterprises.

PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

Epitome of News Gleaned From Various Parts of the State.

The trial of Professor S. C. Shortlidge, charged with murdering his wife, ended in acquittal at Media, the jury agreeing that he was insane when the fatal shot was fired.

It is estimated that the struggle between the Flint Glass Workers' Union and the United Glass Company has cost the former the loss of \$1,500,000 in wages, besides \$250,000 which has been paid out as strike benefits.

Secretary McBryde, of the United Mine Workers, said at Columbus, O., that General Hastings would get the votes of the miners.

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Democratic conference of the Sixteenth Congressional District at Williamsport, nominated James B. Benson, of Potter county, for Congress. Democrats of the Seventh District met at Quakertown and nominated Dr. John Todd, of Pottstown.

Post 38, G. A. R. of Allegheny City, decided not to attend the annual encampment in Louisville, Ky.

At midnight, as J. J. Huthmacher, of Bear Creek, was on his way to his boarding place near Allentown, when he was attacked by two strange men, when in the vicinity of Ninth and Hamilton streets.

General Hastings and party spoke in Millstown and Huntingdon and were greeted by thousands of shouting enthusiasts.

Joe Clotech was clubbed to death in a saloon near Peckville by Sylvester Rusokoi, who was arrested and lodged in Scranton jail.

In charging the Dauphin County Grand Jury at Harrisburg, Judge McPherson called attention to numerous violations of the anti-litter laws by shopkeepers in changing off articles of value.

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Bucks County Democrats met at Doylestown and nominated a county ticket, J. Miles Jamison, of Newtown, being the nominee for Senator.

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Judge Magee, sitting in Pittsburgh, decided to appoint a commission to hear testimony relative to the charges of jury bribing preferred against Director Murphy, of Allegheny.

W. T. Andrews and John L. Duffy, who made charges against the contractors of the Queen Lane reservoir, were held for trial in the present term of court on the charge of criminal libel.

Mrs. Mary A. O'Reilly, deputy factory inspector for the district of Philadelphia, has finished her work of inspecting the sweat shops of Philadelphia and forwarded her report to Chief Inspector Watchorn, at Harrisburg. She found 2914 "sweaters" employed in 648 places.

Lawyer A. S. Thurston, of Elmira, N. Y., fell down stairs at the home of a Braddock relative, while on a visit, and died of a broken neck.

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DISASTERS AND CASUALTIES.

EXTENSIVE prairie fires are raging east and north of AGORA, Minnesota.

SEVERAL persons were burned, two fatally, during a fire in a tenement in St. Louis.

MARSHALL CAREY and his wife and daughter were killed by lightning near Owingsville, Kentucky.

MISS ELIZABETH EDGAR, aged 60 years, of Plainfield, N. J., was run over and killed by a trolley, on the Canadian side of Niagara Falls.

LEVI WHEATON CLAPP, one of the leading physicians of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, was killed by a fall from the wall in the rear of his residence.

WALTER WALLING, aged 16 years, was killed at Kendallville, Indiana, in a collision between the bicycle he was riding and a buggy. The handle bar of the bicycle was forced into his abdomen.

A HAND CAR on which a gang of bridge builders were riding, on the Northwestern Railway, ran over an explosive, near Elva, Illinois. Seven of the men were injured, three probably fatally.

A WOODEN platform, upon which an athletic entertainment was to have been given, at South Akron, Ohio, collapsed, carrying 75 people down 35 feet. Joseph Ryan, aged 13 years, was killed; 25 others were injured, some possibly fatally.

TWO children, one aged 3 and the other 6 years, were burned to death at Kewanee, Illinois, by a fire which was caused by pouring oil into a heated stove. The mother of the children was severely burned and the house was destroyed.

THREE oil cars on the Omaha road caught fire at Roberts Station, Wisconsin, and were detached from the freight train. One tank exploded, throwing the burning oil hundreds of feet into the air. Seven people were badly if not fatally burned.

POLICEMAN CHRISTIAN OTTO was found lying dead at the foot of an electric light pole in Elizabeth, New Jersey. It is supposed he leaned against the pole while it was charged with electricity, and was killed by the current passing through his body.

JACK THE RIPPER TRAGEDIES.

Two Murders Committed in an Austrian Town.

A terrible double tragedy of the "Jack the Ripper" class is reported from Amras, but far from Innsbruck, capital of the Austrian Tyrol.

On Friday last a young and pretty waitress of Amras went away from her employer's residence in order to witness a religious procession near that place. On her return home the girl was murdered, and the only clue found, up to the present, of her assassin is a razor-edged knife, which was picked up near her body. The murder caused a great sensation in the neighborhood.

Close to the spot where the waitress was killed the body of another woman, naked and slashed with a knife in the throat—"Jack the Ripper" fashion, was found. In addition, another woman belonging in the same neighborhood is missing. Naturally, the wholeness of the Amras district, as well as all the neighboring towns, are in a state of the greatest excitement.

A strong detachment of gendarmes and two companies of imperial riflemen are scouring the country around Amras, but all efforts to arrest the murderer has proved unsuccessful.

FIVE LABORERS BURIED.

Working to Prevent the Very Accident That Injured Them.

Five laborers were buried under a mass of earth almost as compact as stone, while at work making an excavation for the foundation of a retaining wall, just below the Germantown-avenue crossing of the Richmond branch of the Reading railroad in Philadelphia.

One man was fatally injured and died a few minutes after his body was recovered. Four others were seriously injured, and received attention at the Germantown and the Samaritan Hospitals.

The casualty happened in an unexpected manner. None of the workmen thought they were in danger at any time. For a month past they have been employed at the Germantown-avenue bridge, building a heavy stone wall to prevent just such an accident as befell them.

The laborers had finished their noon lunch and were again at work when a heavy ice wagon was driven along the edge of the ground in the shadow of which they stood. Nothing unusual was noticed at the time, but it is supposed that it was then that the ground was cracked. A few minutes later, at 1.25 o'clock, a mass of several tons of earth fell on the five men named as they were bending over their shovels.

THE BATTLE-SHIP MAINE.

Successful Contractor's Trial of the New Fighting Machine.

The United States battleship Maine, which has been in course of construction since 1883, when her keel was laid, left the Brooklyn navy-yard Tuesday, and it was the first time she was ever under way.

Her initial trip was the occasion for a contractors' trial to test the horse-power of her engines and her speed previous to an official trial, which will take place in a few days.

Capt. F. M. Buceo was in command of the vessel. Lieut. W. Kellogg, of the New York, acted as the executive officer, and Lieut. A. Ward, of the San Francisco, navigator. The crew of 120 bluejackets was selected from the cruisers New York and San Francisco.

BURIED IN A MINE.

Fearful Death of Four Men Near Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

Two miners and two laborers were killed in the Northwest Colliery of Simpson & Watkins, at Simpson, near Carbondale. Their mangled remains lie beneath a fall of rock which is 10 feet wide, 6 feet high and 60 feet in the gangway off the third slope of the mine.

Tug Wilts, a driver, was the only witness of the horror. He was sitting alongside the track waiting for a car to be loaded by the 11-faced men, when without warning, the roof of the gangway fell within three feet of him. Without halting he ran to the head of the slope and gave the alarm.

It is feared the bodies of the entombed men cannot be reached for several days.

SALT WATER GEYSER.

A Strange Phenomenon in West Virginia Which May Cause Law Suits.

A salt water geyser in Pleasant county, W. Va., is doing great damage. Sometime ago the Archer Fork Oil Company began to drill an oil well on the stream of that name, and a few days ago, they struck a great vein of salt water, which gushed up in a tall column over the top of the derricks. The flow is immense, and continuous, with the exception of brief lapses in the height of the column.

The water is strongly impregnated with salt, and Archer's Ford and French Creek heretofore noted for the great number of game fish found in their waters, are now so thoroughly impregnated that the fish have all been killed or driven off. The water is so salty that neither man or cattle can drink it.

The salty stream has spread over a great amount of cultivated territory, rendering it utterly useless.

EDUCATORS IN A DUEL.

President Bryant Shows Professor Ellis of a Rival School.

At an early hour in the morning at Texarkana, Ark., G. L. Bryant, president of the Texarkana Interstate Normal and Business College, shot and mortally wounded Prof. George P. Ellis, a former teacher in the college, and at present the principal of a private school. The trouble grew out of a rivalry between the two schools. The men went on the outskirts of the city to fight it out, when Bryant pulled a pistol and shot Ellis through the body. Ellis was unarmed, as the men had agreed to fight with their fists. Bryant was fined in default of bail, which was fixed at \$8,000. Public sentiment is unanimously against Bryant.