

The Washington Star thinks the newspaper is gradually crowding the brass band out of politics. The people want to think—not listen.

In a recent test of the trained dogs of the Prussian Infantry, seemingly wounded men hidden in the brushwood were discovered by the animals, who refused to cease barking until litters were brought.

It is estimated that \$130,000,000 will be necessary to put our coast in proper defensive condition. Admiral Porter once said that even two iron-clads could sail from Maine to Texas and put every port under contribution.

It is said that the mining output in Colorado this year will exceed anything ever known in the history of the State. The snows on the mountains will furnish plenty of water for the gold placers this summer, and the silver deposits are rapidly being developed.

One of the train despatchers in the service of the Georgia Southern Railroad is a woman, Mrs. Willie Coley. "It is a remarkable innovation in railroading," observes the New York World, "and it shows that woman is gradually capturing all the strongholds of masculine labor."

Canada's new banking law, which recently went into effect, makes the sale of stock on margin a penal offense. It also fixes the minimum capital at \$250,000, restricts dividends to eight per cent, and provides for a redemption fund of five per cent, on circulation to pay the notes of suspended banks.

Another depressing prospect of doubt and misunderstanding presents itself, exclaims the Washington Star. A Chinaman was arrested in New York for passing a counterfeit note. But when it came to a question of identification, the main witness was nonplussed by the fact that a large number of Chinamen had the same facial peculiarities and could not be distinguished. Here we are with a large population of people among whom alibis may at any time grow like grass in summer.

"Singular as it may appear," says the Paris American Register, "the German capital has and pays an official bird-catcher. The catching of birds is prohibited, but the collections and educational institutions of the university frequently require, for scientific purposes, birds' eggs, nests, etc., and the taxidermist Lemm is the only person commissioned to furnish them within the precincts of Berlin, and the districts of Teitow and Niederbarnim."

A very pretty idea is carried out in London which aims to bring about a love of plants and flowers among the poorer classes. A fund is raised out of which prizes are paid for the best display of window gardening or potted plants, and the scheme has become so very popular that thousands of cottage homes are now beautified by floral effects, and it is so uncommon thing to see a window set out with plants growing in old teapots, cans or cigar boxes marked as a prize winner.

Harper's Weekly says: The impression made by Bismarck's personality has certainly been disturbed by his course since his removal. Apparently he has some what mistaken his hold upon Germany. It is not that of a popular leader, but of a ruler of great resources and despotic will. Consequently when he fell from power, and it was seen that there was no interruption of the usual course of events, that the situation was, in fact, unaffected, there was no strong personal feeling and loyalty upon which he could rely in opposition to the Government. It is not to be expected that Bismarck will greatly influence affairs when he reappears in the German Parliament. In the conviction of Germany, undoubtedly, his day is past.

The Pennsylvania Deaf and Dumb Asylum, near Philadelphia, has discarded the use of sign language and will adhere hereafter to the so-called oral system of instruction. An account says: "Moses Moses, a boy of Easton, Penn., who has been in the institution since 1886, is one of the marvelous products of the 'oral instruction' system. He was born deaf, and has never heard the sound of his own or of any other person's voice. But he can now move around among his fellows in the world outside of the institution, and no one would ever know that he was either deaf or dumb. By a laborious process he has been taught how to move his lips and vocal chords and how to frame sounds, and now he talks like one who has heard conversation on every hand since the cradle. He has been taught to understand what is said to him by watching the movements of the speaker's lips and throat, and now he can hear, or come near enough to it, for all the activities and duties of life."

## NATIONAL FINANCES.

### Synopsis of the Monthly Public Debt Statement.

#### Decrease in Customs Collections and Total Circulation.

The monthly public debt statement just issued from the United States Treasury Department, at Washington, shows a reduction in the debt during the past month amounting to \$3,447,500. There was an increase of \$300 in the interest-bearing debt due to the issuance of a small refunding certificate to reduce the non-interest-bearing debt of \$1,557,932, and an increase in the surplus during the month of \$1,899,907. The aggregate of interest and non-interest debt August 1, less \$100,000 gold reserve and \$33,783,715 net cash balance or surplus, is \$848,463,342, and of this amount, \$610,929,429 is interest-bearing debt, made up of \$559,693,230 2 per cent, bonds, \$39,184,700 4 1/2 per cent, and \$11,679,900 4 per cent, continued at 2 per cent.

Government receipts from all sources during July aggregated \$34,930,344, against \$38,303,216 in July, 1890. Customs receipts were \$15,468,153, against \$23,953,385 in July a year ago; internal revenue receipts were \$14,551,567, against \$11,717,469 in July, 1890. Receipts from miscellaneous sources were \$848,463,342, and of this amount, \$610,929,429 is interest-bearing debt, made up of \$559,693,230 2 per cent, bonds, \$39,184,700 4 1/2 per cent, and \$11,679,900 4 per cent, continued at 2 per cent.

The total coinage of the mints during the month of July was 9,069,000 pieces of all kinds, valued at \$3,829,000. Gold valued at \$1,600,000 was coined; 976,000 standard silver dollars and 2,060,000 dimes were also coined; the silver coinage amounted to \$1,170,000. The minor coinage amounted in value to \$123,000, consisting of 1,572,000 five-cent pieces and 4,940,000 one-cent pieces.

## PROMINENT PEOPLE.

EX-SENATOR THURMAN'S health is falling fast. GOVERNOR HILL, of New York, is getting stout. SENATOR BRICE, of Ohio, is sight-seeing in London. JUSTICE FIELD is the scholar of the Supreme bench. EVELLE ZOLA, the French novelist, is rising one-and-fifty. CHIEF JUSTICE LUCAS, of West Virginia, is only four feet high. EX-SENATOR INGALLS is about to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. SENATOR CAMERON, of Pennsylvania, is reported to be worth \$600,000. DOM PEDRO, ex-Emperor of Brazil, is said to be much broken in body and spirit. QUEEN VICTORIA has conferred the order of the Garter upon the Prince of Naples.

The Duke of Edinburgh is the most prominent member of the British royal family. EDWIN BOOTH, the tragedian, is said to be dying from the effects of over-indulgence in tobacco. It is said that stenographers pronounce Bishop Phillips Brooks the fastest speaker in the world. MRS. JEFFERSON DAVIS is a sufferer from heart disease and has made preparations for a sudden death. GLADSTONE has a fondness for having long-fellowes read aloud to him, now that he can't read Homer. PARNELL has been deserted by all but a few insignificant followers, but he declares himself still in the field. JOHN BELL, who was an intimate friend of Sir Walter Scott, died at Melrose, Scotland, the other day, aged ninety-two years. ROBERT BONNER has been such a lover of speedy trotters that he has spent more than \$100,000 in gratifying his tastes in that direction. PRESIDENT HARRISON has invested \$30,000 of his surplus cash in a block at the corner of Pennsylvania and Georgia streets, Indianapolis. LE CARON, the notorious spy whose career was brought to an abrupt ending by Parnell's suit against the London Times, is dying of a mortal disease. EX-SECRETARY BARFORD, of Delaware, is growing dusky as he advances in years, and his fine height is now balanced by a fair breadth of body. The youngest member of the next National House of Representatives will be Bailey of Texas. He is not yet thirty years of age, and is an orator of unusual quality.

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## INNOCENT VICTIM.

### Jack Marion Hanged for Killing a Man Who is Alive.

A dispatch from Beatrice, Neb., says: More than fifteen years ago "Jack" Marion and one Cameron set out together in a wagon on a trip, and were last seen at the Blue River, near here. A few days later the supposed body of Cameron was found in the Blue River, and when it was discovered that Marion had been seen with Cameron's team and goods in his possession he was suspected of murdering his companion. He was not arrested until ten years afterward, and was tried several times, and finally executed in March, 1887. William Wynona, an uncle of Marion, has always believed the latter innocent, and has at length proved it by finding Cameron alive in La Crosse, Kansas. Cameron had gone immediately to Mexico, thence to Alaska, after leaving Marion on the banks of the Blue River, and had returned from Alaska only a year ago. Hearing for the first time of Marion's execution, and fearing himself liable to the law, he concealed his identity, but remorse caused him to reveal it. He is fully identified. GENERAL BOOTH, of the Salvation Army, who sailed recently for South Africa from Southampton, intends, it is said, to organize companies of the Salvation Army among the Zulus, and afterward to import them as an excellent exhibit of a Salvation Army triumph to the United States and Great Britain.

## THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

### Eastern and Middle States.

W. L. BUCK, Cashier of the First National Bank of Danby, Vt., was struck by a train at Collingdale and instantly killed. The formal opening of the great Chautauqua (N. Y.) Assembly took place, and fully 10,000 people were present to participate in the exercises. THE Squadron of Evolution, which sailed recently in command of Acting Rear-Admiral John G. Walker, to put the Naval Reserve Battalion of the State of New York through a week of man-of-war drill at Fisher's Island, returned to New York Harbor.

SCHUYLER'S STEAM TOWING COMPANY, of Albany, N. Y., the oldest and best known of the North River lines, has suspended. The liabilities admitted total \$350,000.

HENRY BARTELS, a bartender in New York City, was "electrocuted" by an electric motor of ten arc lights capacity, which runs the fans for cooling the place. He was a few spasmodic members of the electric motor with him. He was dead within three minutes. Hundreds saw him die.

The Vermont fish hatchery is to be located at Roxbury, as will the buildings of the National hatchery.

MISS EMMA WALLBAVEN COMFORT, the daughter of Major Samuel Comfort, of New York, was married at Philadelphia, Penn., to Pasha Crookshank, Director General of the Egyptian Prisons.

At Cape May, N. J., the President appointed James W. Hind, of Michigan, Consul at Amherstburg, Canada. Minister to Greece A. Lou on Snowden and Civil Service Commissioner Lyman called at the shore capital.

J. HENRY JARKE, one of the wealthiest wholesale butchers in Philadelphia, Penn., killed his son by a blow struck in self-defense during a quarrel.

The transatlantic steamship Majestic of the White Star Line has beaten all westward going, having made the trip from Queenstown, Ireland, to New York in five days, eighteen hours and eight minutes. This beats the record by fifty-seven minutes.

The Republican State League Convention at Syracuse, N. Y., adopted a platform of principles, and re-elected Colonel E. A. McAlpin President of the organization.

ADMIRAL WALKER and the officers of the White Squadron were breakfasted in New York City by the Chamber of Commerce at the Lawyers' Downtown Club.

The east-bound train on the Ogdensburg and Lake Champlain Railroad collided with the Ellenburg Sunday-school excursion train just east of Champlain station, N. Y., and it was reported that the day after the accident that eight passengers had been killed, from ten to fifteen badly injured and a number of others more or less hurt.

JAMES F. DANNER, of the defunct bank of Schall & Danner, was arrested at York, Penn., charged by John B. Walsh with the embezzlement and larceny of \$20,000.

The Rhode Island Legislature in session at Providence adjourned. An effort was made to get the Judiciary bill before the Senate again, but it failed. Governor Ladd's bill to have a special election in November to vote upon the new State House scheme also failed.

AFTER a desperate struggle nine insane men overpowered their keepers in Andover (N. Y.) Prison, scaled the walls surrounding the institution and escaped. All but three were recaptured. One keeper was lacerated by a scabbard.

An accident to an excursion train at Champlain, N. Y., on the Ogdensburg division of the Central Vermont Railroad killed three persons and injured many others. William Angell, of Champlain, N. Y.; Henry Lamontain, a French tailor, of Champlain, aged twenty-two; Vanet, of Chateaugay Lake, N. Y.

ISAAC VAN WART, grandson of Isaac Van Wart of Revolutionary fame, one of the three sons of Major John Andrus, the British spy, died a few days ago on his farm at Westchester, N. Y. He was seventy-one.

An inmate of the County Hospital, at Reading, Penn., named Hiram Troxel escaped from his attendants and drowned himself in a water trough containing only fifteen inches of water. Troxel's face was almost eaten away by cancer, his hands driven to desperation by pain and hunger. He had eaten nothing for nearly a month.

PHILADELPHIA has taken the first step toward the formation of a naval reserve, in imitation of New York and Boston.

NORMAN CAMPBELL, a prominent stock broker of New York, Consolidated Stock Exchange, committed suicide with a pistol in Prospect Park, Brooklyn. Business troubles drove him to the deed. Campbell was about fifty-eight and had a wife and family.

W. E. SCHMERLE, President of the Third National Bank of Pittsburg, Penn., has failed for \$250,000.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER HIRSHBECK rendered a decision at Buffalo, N. Y., to the effect that Chinamen smuggled from Canada into the United States must be sent back to China and not to Canada, as heretofore.

### South and West.

At a special meeting of the citizens of Birmingham, Ala., subscribed \$102,000 to a million-dollar steel plant. The citizens were asked by the promoters for \$150,000 and the other \$48,000 is in sight.

THE Farmers' Alliance and Democrats sympathizing with them have a working majority in the Kentucky Legislature.

JOHN W. GREENE, postmaster of Los Angeles, Cal., died a few days ago at the age of sixty-three years. He was a native of Michigan.

DIPHTHERIA is a malignant form is prevailing at the South Dakota Hospital for the Insane, near Yankton.

SAMUEL FREEMAN, a wealthy merchant, went to his home in Severance, Kan., and killed his wife and year-old child, and then fired a bullet into his own brain.

PRESIDENT BAKER, of the World's Columbian directors, Chicago, Ill., received a proposition from M. Eiffel, architect of the Eiffel tower, for permission to erect a tower on the grounds, the enterprise to be backed by French capitalists. The cable set forth that the tower would be superior to the one at Paris.

THOMAS S. BOGOC, for fourteen years a Member of Congress from Virginia and for four years Speaker of the Confederate Congress, died recently at his home in Appomattox County, Va., aged sixty-six.

THE New York and Chicago Limited express jumped the track, near Salem, Ohio. The engineer and fireman were killed.

A CLERK in the clothing store of A. L. Abraham & Co., Indiana, in a condition of smoke, at West Superior, Wis., and when one of the proprietors came in he hid the cigar stub on a table piled with clothing. The result was a fire, and before it was suppressed the entire stock, valued at \$40,000, was destroyed.

GOVERNOR BUCHANAN, of Tennessee, issued a proclamation calling an extra session of the Legislature for August 31.

JACK ESTEES and Tom Long, who fought a duel in the northern part of Franklin County, Ky., election day, have died of their wounds. They were desperate men.

## Washington.

ANDREW H. DOUGHERTY, of Michigan, has been appointed principal examiner of land claims and contests in the General Land Office at Washington.

GENERAL JOHN M. SCHOFIELD has returned to Washington with his bride and resumed his duties at the War Department.

THE United States Treasurer continues the daily shipment of small notes to the West for use in moving the crops. The total amount up to a recent date was \$2,800,000.

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY NETTLETON appointed John S. Rogers Commissioner of Immigration at Philadelphia.

THE twenty-first annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America was held at the Academy of Music, Washington, Right Rev. Bishop Cotter, of Winona, Minn., President in the chair. Cardinal Gibbons welcomed the delegates to the archdiocese of Baltimore.

JOHN DUCKETT, one of the aged patriarchs of Washington, died a few days ago at the age of 106 years. Duckett was born in slavery in Prince George's County, Md. He was a blacksmith, but Indian blood predominated in his veins.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL ADOLPHUS W. GREELY, Chief Signal Officer of the Army, has been ordered to Munich, Bavaria, to attend the Meteorological Conference at the International Polar Commission which is in session in that city in August and September, 1891, respectively.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT KIMBALL, of the Life Saving Service, has directed the establishment of a telephone service along the coast of Rhode Island, between Narragansett Pier and Watch Hill, with a station at Black Point, midway between Point Judith and Narragansett Pier.

THE Department of State is informed that, according to the views of the Minister of State of Japan the subjects of that Government, under the existing laws of the Empire, will be unable to avail themselves of the benefits of our recent statutes relative to copyright.

THE President has appointed F. M. Wise as Lieutenant Commander, Lovell K. Reynolds and James C. Gilmore as Lieutenants, and William A. Gill as Lieutenant of the Junior Grade.

## Foreign.

At Hobartown, Tasmania, the Bank of Van Diemen's Land has suspended. Its paid up capital is \$1,750,000 and its reserve capital amount to an equal sum. The bank was established in 1823.

THE Foreign Committee of the World's Fair Commissioners were received in Berlin, Germany, by Von Bötticher and Chancellor Von Caprivi.

THE annual report of the President of the Dominion Miller's Association, in session at Toronto, Canada, estimates the wheat crop of the Dominion at 55,160,000 bushels—a reckoning which allows 22,180,000 bushels for export.

THE Cear, Cearina and the Grand Duke Alexis left St. Petersburg, Russia, for Finland, where they will attend the autumn maneuvers of the land and sea forces to be held at Vilmanstrand.

At Gyessen, Germany, a widow was murdered by her three sons because she consented to marry again. The elder brother then killed the youngest, fearing that he would betray them.

A WATERBOUT on one of the islands of the Aegean group has caused immense damage, and resulted in the killing of six persons.

ALL the negotiations between the Foreign Committee of the World's Fair and the official representatives of the German Government have been concluded. The Empire is pledged to make a worthy exhibit.

THE river Yara overflowed its banks at Melbourne, Australia. Over 1000 families were rendered homeless, and there is much illness and fever among them. The damage caused by the flood amounted to \$2,000,000.

SHORTLY after the steamer Alameda left Sydney, New South Wales, Second Lieutenant William J. Hedges, of Her Majesty's ship Kingdome, jumped overboard and was drowned. He had been suspended from duty for a breach of discipline, and it is believed that chagrin at this fact caused him to commit suicide.

THE nun moth, whose ravages were disastrous to vegetation in various parts of Europe some years ago, has reappeared in Germany, and is causing widespread havoc.

THERE is a tremendous rush of gold seekers to the new fields in Massachusetts, South Africa.

THE Russian Imperial Council decided to prohibit the exportation of corn from that country, owing to the bad harvest in Russia, which has caused a scarcity of this cereal.

At Morion, Manitoba, lightning struck the house of Martens Killing. His wife was instantly killed and the house destroyed. At Moose Jaw the wife of John McGinnis was also killed by lightning.

THE famous Tokay vineyards, in the Hapsburg district of Hungary, have been ravaged by phylloxera and almost entirely destroyed.

An aged woman was fatally stabbed and cut in Whitechapel, London, by a man supposed to be "Jack the Ripper," this making the thirteenth victim of the mysterious assassin.

## FATAL FEUD.

### Desperate Battle Between White Men and Half-Breeds.

#### The "Red Bones" Gang Defeated With Severe Loss.

A dispatch from Lake Charles, La., says: Full details of the bloody tragedy at Locke, Moore & Co.'s farm, twenty-two miles from here, are at last obtainable. It appears to be somewhat of a race war in that the strife was between whites and a number of thriftless half-breeds who are called "Red Bones." A few days ago a Mr. Morris made a remark to an employe, "Where are those 'Red Bones' who drive this wagon?" His remark was evidently overheard, for the next night his house was surrounded by an angry mob, headed by Andrew Asworth, who ordered him to come out and be whipped. This he refused to do. By strategy he succeeded in holding the fort all night. In the morning he was notified that he must leave the country before the sun went down or he would be assassinated. He at once communicated the news of these threats to the white people of the settlement, and they guaranteed him full protection.

The next morning a party of white men went down to a little store a mile and a half from the mill to get some whisky. On arrival there they found a party of "Red Bones" who asked them if they had come for the purpose of raising a disturbance or seeking a quarrel. The white men told them that they were on no hostile mission, but they were to get some whisky. While this talk on the outside was going on, Jesse Denson, the leader of the "Red Bones," and as desperate a character as ever graced the border, came out of Lacom's saloon or store and declared himself able to clear out the whole party. He at once drew out his six-shooter, but hardly had he leveled it towards Jesse Ward, one of the whites, sent a bullet crashing through his brain and he fell dead.

In an instant a general battle began and Ward fell mortally wounded, being shot from behind. For a few moments it seemed as though a musketry fire was going on. Winchester rifles and six-shooters were piled as rapidly as those holding them could fire, and though greatly outnumbered the whites succeeded in routing their opponents after slaying the men of them. Four of the dead fell in their tracks, literally shot to pieces, while one lived long enough to scrawl to a cabin, where he died at the door.

William Lacom, the saloon man, was shot through the leg and his wounded. "Red Bones" party ran his wife and younger children out of the house into the woods, firing on them, but they fortunately escaped. When the smoke of battle had cleared away the following were found dead: Jesse Denson, Lee Perkins, Andrew Asworth, Owen Asworth, Marion Merkle, all Red Bones.

But this did not end the trouble for the Red Bones took to the bushes which is in places well impregnable, and from ambush they shot at passers-by. T. T. Swann, an old man who was on his way to the seat of war to ascertain the trouble, was shot from ambush and killed.

When the Sheriff's posse arrived with the County they met with resistance, and failed to capture any of the Red Bones. Three of the white men have been arrested and are in jail. The half-breeds are in the brush, and the officers dare not pursue them for fear of being shot from ambush.

## A MONSTER PARADE.

### Nearly 50,000 G. A. R. Men in Line in Detroit, Mich.

The National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and the celebration of its silver anniversary formally opened in Detroit, Mich., with the grand parade. Special trains bringing State delegations from all parts of the country poured into the city throughout the night and early morning. Others brought visitors not officially identified with the encampment by tens of thousands, and at ten o'clock that morning the streets in the center of the city were almost impassable.

The head of the procession moved at six o'clock, and both in numbers and equipment the parade was one of the most magnificent ever made by the Grand Army. Most of the veterans wore very handsome uniforms, and there was no end of naval features. Between 30,000 and 40,000 men were in the parade.

Enthusiastically the "vets" marched beneath the four great triumphal arches that had been erected, now and again breaking out into a cheer, the applause being carried along the line until it seemed to end in a distant city.

There were forty-seven divisions in the parade, and it took two and a third hours for the first four to pass a given spot. Estimates of men who galloped along the line and through the formation streets after the column had moved placed the number in line at nearly 50,000. It was noticeable that there were more crippled and otherwise disabled veterans than had been at any previous encampment, many more gray heads and infirmities, frames. Every division was replete with interesting features.

The Philadelphia contingent, nearly 500 strong, carried umbrellas, each one painted to represent a portion of the battle of Gettysburg. Saml Ste. Marie Post No. 4, of Chicago, they were painted to represent a monster flag of the United States, covering the entire post and spreading nearly two squares. The Ohio division was very large and presented an imposing appearance.

Among those upon the reviewing stand were General Veazy, Commander in Chief; General Miles, of the Regular Army; ex-Governor Oglesby, of Illinois; Governor Pifer, of Illinois; Campbell, of Ohio; Peck, of Wisconsin; General Lucius Fairchild, of Wisconsin; Governor Winans, of Michigan; Mrs. John A. Logan and over a hundred others.

## COOLEST OF JULYS.

### While the Year as a Whole So Far Has Been Overwarm.

Never in the history of the United States Weather Bureau at Washington has there been so cool a July. In all parts of the country east of the Rocky Mountains the temperature has been below the normal. Throughout the lake regions, northern New York, and New England, the coolness has been most perceptible. On several occasions the minimum temperature in northern New York and along the borders of the lakes to Michigan has been within twelve degrees of freezing, and in Canada just north of the lake it reached the freezing point.

In New York City there has been a deficiency of ninety-four degrees of mean temperature below the normal of twenty years, although the record shows an excess of temperature of 241 degrees since Jan. 1st. This shows that the winter months were warmer than usual.

THE advent of mackerel upon the coast of Maine is the cause of great rejoicing among the inhabitants, as it secures them against positive want during the coming winter.

## THE NATIONAL GAME.

### LATHAM has resigned the captaincy of the Cincinnati League team.

In Columbus they "spread black dirt over the diamond to keep the glare of the sun off."

CATCHER CLEMENTS, of the Philadelphia League Club, has stolen only two bases this year.

THE New York team is badly crippled in the box, and the catchers are off also in their work.

No pitcher in the country is giving so few bases on balls as Buffinton, of the Boston Association.

EACH member of the Pittsburg team is to be furnished with sliding pads, and they will be coached in base sliding.

BROOKLYN, of the Boston League team, has made no error in forty-three games, and five errors during the season.

PITCHER CONWAY'S release by Kansas City broke the Conway-Gunton battery which had been together for six years.

BROOKLYN is playing excellent baseball, and the prospects are that it will not be far from the top when the season closes.

HAMILTON, of Philadelphia, is regarded by all the League pitchers as the most dangerous man of bases now in the field.

CLARKSON has won as many games as the rest of the Boston League pitchers combined. The same may be said of Hutchinson, of the Chicago.

SAN FRANCISCO enjoys the unique privilege of being the only city in the country that has erected a statue to the baseball thrower.

THE Louisville and Pittsburg, who have the record for the most games lost in the Association and League respectively, are both tail enders now.

BOSTON'S new left fielder is a prize. Lowe is a first class man in the field, but a heavy hitter was wanted, and it looks as though Kelly fills the bill.

STOVKY, of the Boston League, has been playing in his old form lately, hitting terribly and stealing bases like a daring thief. "Joe" Quinn, too, has recovered his hitting.

THE League race this year is closer than ever before. The eight teams have the pennant within their grasp, and the one that makes the strongest spurt at the finish will win it.

JOHN BURDOCK is over forty years of age, and has given it all after a ball player, has passed the four-line mark it is useless to try and stay in company with the young bloods.

Of the forty pitchers who were in the Association with Kleebe in 1884, but eight are now playing ball. They are Foutz, Hecker, Sullivan, Caruthers, Terry, O'Day, Bob Barr and Tip O'Neil.

WITH a half dozen associations and leagues exploded this year, the market will be gutted with ball players next season, and salaries will no doubt rule considerably lower than at present.

BEHNBAUER is the best player Pittsburg has and the most popular, too. His elevation to the captaincy upon Hanlon's retirement was a graceful compliment bestowed upon a worthy individual.

A CATCHER like Zimmer, of the Cleveland, is worth his weight in gold. He isn't afraid of the base runner, like some catchers, but stands right over the plate when a man is coming in from third base on a hit.

O'ROURKE, of the New Yorks, and Captain ADON, of the Chicago's, were good players eighteen years ago, and are holding their own with the best ball to this day. Both have led the League with the stick.

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