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It begins to look as though the Turks and the Greeks would fight it out while the powers are quibbling about it.

McKINLEY'S first month brought a surplus. The rush among importers caused it, but it is a surplus just the same.

THE Kansas wheat crop this year is expected to run up to 50,000 bushels. What does Kansas think now of McKinley times?

Alaska's yield of gold this year is estimated at \$10,000,000, which is considerably more than the big territory cost the United States.

ACCORDING to Bradstreet's report during the first three months of this year there were 500 fewer business failures than during the same period of last year.

TEX of sixteen southern states contributed votes in the support of the protective tariff bill, and Democratic newspapers and business organizations commended them for it.

Under an act passed by the last Congress a person defying a gold or silver coin of the United States is liable to a fine of \$200 and five years in prison. This stops the laugle far along with other forms of coin defacement.

THE Venezuelan congress has ratified and President Crespo has signed the boundary treaty negotiated by the United States and Great Britain, and this ends the incident which once bore a striking resemblance to a war cloud.

Since 1867 Uncle Sam has built twelve war-ships, and each has been faster than the contract required. The swiftest of all is the Minneapolis, which called for twenty-one knots and made over twenty-three on her trial trip.

No greater will be provided at the Tennessee Exposition, but lovers of the adventures will get all the excitement they desire out of a giant sea-saw with a beam 150 feet long, pivoted 75 feet above the ground. The car at each end will hold twenty-five people.

THE delusion that the Mississippi river can ever be banked up till it becomes overflow proof is shattered by the present flood, which is two and a half feet higher than any previous one known. This, too, after an unprecedented year of levee building. The Father of Waters will have his way.

It looks now as if the United States Senate will not be organized by the Republicans. Addicks in Delaware and Bradley in Kentucky, are the dogs in the manger, and they both professed to be Republicans, yet prevented the election of Republican United States Senators. They are the rankest kind of Assistant Democrats.

ONE of the quickest passages of a law on record was that appropriating \$200,000 for the relief for Mississippi flood sufferers. The President sent his message to Congress urging such a law at 12 noon. By 2 o'clock the law had been passed and the secretary of war was selecting army officers to go to the overflowed region and distribute the relief.

ONE hundred thousand dollars a day is a neat sum to add to the earnings of the working people of one state in six months' time. The labor bureau of Pennsylvania reports one hundred thousand more men employed in this state today than were so employed prior to the election of McKinley. This means one hundred thousand dollars a day increased earnings by them, to say nothing of the increased wages paid to those who were employed, or working on short time.

THE New York Sun says that "Mr. McKinley's selections for the more important diplomatic posts strike people generally as satisfactory." This is the verdict of all the Democratic papers of the country of a higher class. It confirms what Republicans who knew the President said about him before his election. His experience in politics, his large acquaintance with public men, and his general poise and balance admirably fit him to perform all the requirements of his post to the satisfaction of the country. The party has reason to believe that Mr. McKinley will furnish an efficient, clean and popular administration.

THE Grant monument by the river at New York is built in a general way upon the plan of the Pantheon at Rome. It is similar, too, to the tomb of Napoleon at Paris. Moreover, it is the most massive and magnificent mausoleum in America. Its great height does not at first strike the beholder owing to the massiveness of its pillars and general construction. But when he compares it with the largest structures in its vicinity he will comprehend how it is 100 feet high. From all nations visitors travel hither to witness its dedication April 27. In all time to come citizens of the world's nations will make pilgrimages to the magnificent tomb of America's soldier.

DISPITE the reports that the House is not going to do anything further this session than to wait for the Senate to pass the tariff bill, there is a chance that the project for the creation of a currency commission may be pushed. The President in his inaugural suggested legislation of this sort, and a bill for the purpose has been introduced in the House. That body will have ample time to pass it before the Senate gets through with the tariff. The commission would then be able to report its plan of currency reform to Congress next winter, and Congress would have a chance to deal with it leisurely and intelligently in the long session. Some of the Republican leaders, however, think one question, the tariff, is enough to "go to the country" on in the congressional campaign of 1888, and this feeling may postpone action on the currency issue.

EX-POSTMASTER GENERAL JOHN WANAMAKER has finally come to the conclusion not to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for State Treasurer this year, and has made public his decision in a letter to the Executive Committee of the Business Men's League. The unmistakable signs of the early dissolution of the Philadelphia end of the Combine and the certainty that the friends of Senator Quay will easily control the next State Convention, doubtless assisted brother Wanamaker in arriving at the wise conclusion that this would not be

MILLIONS SWEEP AWAY.

Value of Property submerged in Mississippi Valley about \$65,000,000.

380,000 PEOPLE AFFECTED.

Over Two-Thirds of Them Live in Mississippi and Arkansas.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—A statement relative to the agricultural interests of the submerged districts of the Mississippi valley south of Cairo, Ill., has been issued by the department of agriculture.

The total area under water on April 6 was 15,800 square miles, of which 7,000 square miles was in Mississippi, 4,000 square miles in Arkansas, 1,750 square miles in Missouri, 1,200 in Tennessee and 450 in Louisiana.

This region contained in 1880, so far as can be determined in view of the somewhat indefinite boundary lines of the flood, a population of 570,000, of which 180,000 or about one-half was in Mississippi, 100,255 in Arkansas, and the remainder almost equally divided between Missouri and Tennessee.

Taking the entire region the colored population outnumbered the whites in the proportion of twelve to seven, the colored predominating in the flooded districts of Mississippi in the ratio of more than five to one and in Arkansas in that of two to one.

In Missouri and Tennessee the population of the flooded districts is largely white, in the former state in the proportion of ten to one and in the latter in that of two to one.

The flooded districts contain, it is estimated, about 39,900 farms, of which about 18,500 are in Mississippi, nearly 10,000 in Arkansas, and a like number about equally divided between Missouri and Tennessee.

These farms contain a total area of about 3,800,000, one-half of which is in Mississippi and one-fourth in Arkansas, the proportions in Missouri and Tennessee being about the same as in the case of the number of farms.

The total value of these farms with their improvements, etc., is close upon sixty-five million dollars, and here also the proportions in the different states about the same as above noted.

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Nettie failed to find her father, however, and got lost in the woods. She kept on until it became dark. The girl called repeatedly, but there was no response. She found a ledge of rocks with a cave-like opening beneath.

She lay down here to rest, and during the night was awakened by something sniffing her face. In the semi-darkness she perceived the form of an animal about as large as a good-sized dog; but she lay as quiet as death, and, so fortunately, had no occasion to learn the beast's actual character. It might have been either a bear or a panther. Whatever it was, it went away although Nettie felt as if an eternity were passing before the brute's departure.

At daybreak the still terrified young woman started to find her way home; in two hours she discovered a wagon road and not long thereafter had covered the five miles that lay between her and home.

Try Grain-0! Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-0, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it.

GRAIN-0 has a rich, sweet, bread-like flavor, and is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. The price of coffee, 15c and 25c per package. Sold by all grocers.

Insured For a Million. SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—Mrs. Leland Stanford to-day signed the contract by which her life is insured for \$1,000,000. The policy which is said to be the largest ever issued was written by a New York company.

By the terms of the contract Mrs. Stanford is to pay an annual premium of \$170,000 and upon her death \$1,000,000 will be paid by the company to the Leland Stanford Jr., university. Should she live ten years and continue her annual payment of premiums the university will receive at her death \$2,000,000 instead of \$1,000,000.

Blow At Office Hunters. WASHINGTON, April 11.—Postmaster General Gary is credited with the adoption of a new policy regarding fourth-class postmasters in offices where the total remuneration in the course of the year does not exceed \$100.

Mr. Gary holds that in such a small place the postoffice should not be considered a thing for political reward, and has already declined to appoint several Republicans to such offices where the Democratic incumbent's time has expired, because the applicants had not the endorsement of any considerable number of the patrons of the office.

General Gary has notified several representatives that this policy will be strictly carried out, and the result will be that in Democratic districts, where the majority of the patrons of a little office are Democrats, there will be no change in the postmaster during the next four years.

Relief For Flood Sufferers. The President on Wednesday sent a special message to Congress, calling the attention of that body to the suffering and needs of the people in the flooded districts in the Mississippi Valley.

"In the hope that the legislative branch of the government will promptly reinforce the work of the local authorities" in the matter of relief. Both Senate and House acted promptly. The senate it was decided to leave intact the epidemic fund and a resolution appropriating \$150,000 for purchase and distribution of stores was adopted unanimously. In the meantime the House had adopted a resolution appropriating \$200,000, the Red River of the North being included in the district in which relief is to be distributed. This resolution the Senate accepted, and it was sent to the President and signed before 2 p. m.

The Secretary of War at once made a detail of army officers to investigate the condition in the flooded districts and superintend the distribution of relief.

Left Her Husband One Cent. WILKESBARRE, April 10.—A curious will read yesterday bore the signature of Mrs. Anna Miller. Among the provisions was one bequeathing, to her husband, John Miller, one cent, to be paid him five years after her death. The rest of the estate, including her life insurance policy, was left to Mary Morehead, who Mrs. Miller said, was very kind to her in her illness.

Mrs. Miller held that her husband lived for himself and did not help her in any way to accumulate property. Therefore he was not entitled to a share in the distribution. The husband will not contest.

Predicted Death Long Ahead. ALTONA, Pa., April 8.—"I shall live until McKinley comes into office," said Benjamin F. Burley, an ardent Republican, when he was asked to predict when he expected to die on April 8, 1887. Mr. Burley was ill when he uttered this prediction and he died to-day, as he said he would.

"Such a lie," as he was familiarly known, forged the truth in the eyes of the world, for he was the Pennsylvania lines to Pittsburgh. He was employed as a blacksmith by the Pennsylvania railroad for more than forty years.

HAMILTON ROAD BILL.

The Measure Will Save the People of the State \$232,831.

The Hamilton road bill came up Wednesday on special order on third reading and final passage in the Senate.

An interesting estimate of the saving to the State under this bill has been prepared by the department. Under the present system the roads of Pennsylvania cost in 1880 \$2,022,708. There were that year 2230 supervisors, and each on an average received a salary of approximately \$150, making the total cost for supervision that year \$334,500.

Under the Hamilton road bill now before the legislature the cost for supervision would be \$24 for each township, making the total cost for the salaries of the supervisors for the 1238 townships of the State \$81,052.

There would be in addition to this the salary of the treasurer of the Board of Supervisors. This under the Hamilton law can not exceed 6 per cent, on the amount of money received by the treasurer. If the one-half of the tax is paid in money, an average of about 10 per cent will be allowed to these treasurers. It would only amount to \$75,367 for the entire state, making the total cost for supervision under the new method, \$108,619. Deducting this from \$334,500, the cost of the old system, will be left \$225,881 as clear saving to the farmers of the Commonwealth each year.

When the bill came up for final passage in the Senate, on Wednesday, quite a discussion was precipitated. Mr. Brown of Westmoreland, said that the bicyclists wanted the bill passed as did the Grangers, but in his opinion the Grangers have been misled. "If the farmers know that this bill increases the cost of their milk," he continued, "they would not increase the farmers' taxes. 'I do not do that,'" he declared, "what this bill will be the cause of building good roads, but it will be a start in the right direction."

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The bill providing for the erection of a Capitol building for the State, which was introduced by a unanimous vote in the bill which was recommended by Governor Hastings, and which has been endorsed almost universally throughout the State, is provided for the construction of a building to be used by the legislative bodies and their committees alone at a cost not to exceed \$500,000. It is expected that this bill will pass finally this week.

This prompt action will be a happy omen to a question which at one time promised to be very serious, and this solution is largely due to the good sense of Governor Hastings, of the Legislature, and of the people generally throughout the State.

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