

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

Professor Alfred J. Henry, for twenty years connected with the Weather Bureau Service at Washington, has been chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Professor Henry A. Hazen.

A Washington despatch says that the American shippers whose goods were on the British ship Beatrice, seized off the African coast by British war ships, have had news to the effect that the vessel was released six weeks ago; that the goods which were landed at New London have in part been sold.

All the mechanical departments at the United States torpedo station were shut down on Saturday for an indefinite period because of the lack of coal.

The Surgeon General of the Marine Hospital Service has shipped to Honolulu 1,900 doses of Kaffine prophylactic. This in addition to 1,500 doses of this serum that were sent about ten days ago.

Frank Haine was taken from a hotel at Fritztown, Berk county, Pa., the other day, by whitecaps, who fogged him to cure him of alleged laziness.

E. W. Howe, author of "The Story of a Country Town," will write lay sermons on ministers while the Rev. Mr. Sheldon is conducting the Topeka Capital.

Republican leaders in Washington are considering the proposal by Congress of a constitutional amendment putting trusts under government control as a means of taking the issue out of the coming campaign.

Blue laws were enforced in Baltimore last Sunday, even drug stores being closed. Thousands of names of those who were concerned in technical violation of the laws were taken for presentation to the Grand Jury.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Latest News From the Active Business World.

The Reynolds Manufacturing Company of Dayton, Ohio, and North Kingston, Rhode Island, have increased the pay of their weavers and spinners about 10 per cent.

The Maplefield Woolen Mills, at Maplefield, Rhode Island, have started up. The plant has been idle for nearly two years.

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, accompanied by the representatives of labor interests, have been in conference with the President, to urge upon him the desire that he should advocate certain legislation in which they are interested.

Six hundred operatives of the American Hide and Leather Company tanneries, at Lowell, Mass., have struck, and the plant was closed. The men are holding out for a general advance.

A cut of 2 1/2 per cent. in the price of window glass has been ordered by the trust. It comes close upon the former cut of 33-1/3 per cent.

The Governor of Massachusetts and his Council have agreed upon a proposition for the sale of the state's stock in the Fitchburg Railroad at par, taking in exchange 3 per cent. bonds of the Boston and Maine system.

The Nashville Street Railway, the Citizens' Rapid Transit Company, the Nashville and Suburban Company and the Nashville Railway have consolidated under the name of the Nashville Railway, with \$6,500,000 capital.

The strikes that have prevailed among the coal miners of the Wyoming Valley for the past ten days have come to an end. In the Lackawanna region the question of a strike involving 60,000 men rests with the action of the Executive Board of the United Mine Workers.

THE MANILA NEWS.

Another Serious Ambush of the American Troops.

Gen. Otis has cabled from Manila that released Spanish prisoners, including 74 officers, 1,000 enlisted men, 22 civilian officials, 21 wives and 35 children, were furnished transportation to Spain Jan. 25.

Advices received from Manila from Gen. Kobbe's expedition indicates that Sorosogon, Donsal, Bulan, Albany and Legaspi, in the southern peninsula of Luzon and Virac, on Cantanduanes Island, have been occupied. The only resistance was at Legaspi, where 45 Filipinos were killed and 80,000 bales of hemp were burned by shrapnel from the gunboat Nashville.

Details of Gen. Schwan's campaign in Laguna province which have reached Manila show that prior to the occupation of Santa Cruz the American troops defeated a large force of insurgents in a strongly entrenched position at San Diego, killing eighty-two and wounding a large number. The Filipinos, at last account, had fled from all their strong positions, and were being pursued by the Thirtieth Infantry and a body of cavalry.

A part of General MacArthur's command has captured and destroyed an arsenal in the mountains northwest of Porac.

Gen. Otis has reported that the coast of Laguna de Bay and neighboring sections will be opened to unrestricted traffic on the 27th, and that the western coast of Panay is now open to commerce.

Lieutenant Paul Devereux Stockley, of the Twenty-first Infantry, has been missing since the 12th inst., and is supposed to have been captured by the Filipinos in Batangas province.

A battalion of the Forty-sixth Infantry, reinforced later by three companies of the Thirtieth, has driven the insurgents from Calaca and Temery, and captured their stronghold, Taal, together with four cannon and a quantity of rifles. General Schwan's troops are concentrating to attack the enemy at Santa Cruz.

SPORTING NEWS.

Harry D. Quinn, of Milwaukee, one of the chief promoters of the proposed new American Association, says: "I have been to Boston and Providence to get a line on the prospects of the American Association in those cities. Matters I met with gave me great encouragement. Charles River Park has been leased, and there are several big moneyed men behind the scheme. In Providence I did not find matters just as I desired. In fact, I hardly think I can induce the people there to join us. They felt like clinging to the Eastern League, owing to the shorter circuit."

CASUALTIES.

Henry Miller, the California cattle king, was thrown from a buggy Jan. 25 at Gilroy, and sustained concussion of the brain. Miller is one of the richest men in California.

While a three-year-old daughter of William Muth, of Guth's Station, Pa., was playing with a pitchfork in her father's barn, she fell, and one of the tines of the fork pierced her brain. The horrified father pulled out the fork and, after summoning medical aid, remained with the little one until death came to her relief.

The Supreme Court, at Santiago, Chile, has begun the hearing in the case of Frederick T. Moore, accused of embezzling \$53,000 from the National Bank of Commerce, of Boston, who was arrested at Valparaiso in October last.

Saw Her Children Burn to Death. Muskegon, Mich., Nov. 13.—The two infant sons of Joseph Edlunk, a member of the White Lake life-saving crew, have been burned to death in their father's barn. It is supposed they were playing with matches. The mother discovered the fire, but was unable to rescue the children.

STRANGE SNAKE STORY

Black Snake Kills Rattler in Defense of Three-Year-Old Child. Mrs. Warren W. Jessup, residing near Conklin Forks, New York, the hysterical witness of an exciting battle between two snakes, the prey they were after being her three-year old child. Last summer the Jessup farmhouse was infested with rats and mice. Every effort to remove the vermin proved ineffectual. Suddenly they began to disappear, and when all had left the premises Farmer Jessup found the cause to be a black snake that had taken up its residence under the kitchen porch. He gave orders the reptile should not be injured, and even set a pan of milk out for it occasionally.

The snake became quite tame, and grew to be the pet of three-year-old Margery, who fed it daily. The snake got to know the little one, and showed no fear when she was near. Last week Margery was playing about the yard when the mother, hearing a strange whirring sound, looked up and saw a large rattler coiled on a stone in the doorway ready to strike. She dare not scream and precipitate the tragedy, and was in a frenzy of terror when from under the porch the black snake glided direct toward the foe. So quick was the movement that the rattler did not see him until too late. He reared and struck forward toward the black snake, but the latter, with lightning speed, throated himself about his enemy's throat, rendering his jaws harmless. In vain the rattler tried to strike. Tighter and tighter drew the coils until the intruder fell back limp and dead. Then the blacksnake recoiled itself and retreated to the porch.

New Way of Driving Piles. A new and expeditious way of driving piles is described in the instructions for the Russian Engineer Corps. On two sides of the pile to be driven are made longitudinal grooves of sufficient width and depth to receive ordinary gas pipes of one inch diameter, terminating in nozzles turned toward the point of the pile. The piles are held in place by light staples, and to their upper end are attached rubber tubes connected with a force pump, capable of driving water under a pressure of seventy-one pounds per square inch. It is said the outflow of this water at the point of the pile causes the latter to sink three or four times more rapidly than it would under the action of a pile driver. A few blows are given, when the pile has reached the desired depth, to secure the necessary consolidation, when the gas pipes are withdrawn.—The Engineer.

New Departure in Color. A valuable and peculiar product, especially in the color industry, is capable of being produced from the soot of the acetylene flames. When such gas is burned with a smoking flame the result is the production of three or four times as great a quantity of soot as in the case with mineral oils. Moreover, it is very light in weight and exhibits an absolutely black color without a tinge of brown, and has none of the tarry admixtures or other substances that characteristically appear in lamp-black. The substance is likewise noted for being very bulky, and is found to be admirably adapted in India ink and the color of fine inks for such lithographic work as requires a positive black. It is now being manufactured in France by a patented process, almost absolute purity of color and texture being obtained at a comparatively small cost.

CHICAGO IS DOOMED. A \$2.50 Cook Book For Only 85 Cents.

A SCIENTIST SAYS IN 1,500 YEARS IT WILL BE ENGULFED.

Official Records of Water Levels Prove This—In 1,000 Years Illinois and Niagara Rivers Will Carry Off Equal Portions of Surplus Lake Water.

Chicago will be wiped off the map in 1,500 years. This is what Professor G. K. Gilbert, the geologist, says. That city is gradually being engulfed in Lake Michigan by the gradual tilting of the earth's crust. The water, according to the professor, is rising at the rate of nine or ten inches a century, and by the year 3339 will be flowing uninterruptedly over the natural watershed that separates the Mississippi and the great lakes.

Professor Gilbert's investigations have been in progress several years. Official records of water levels at four different lake points showed him that relatively to Sackett's Harbor, Charlotte sank 61 feet in twenty years. This is a trifle under three-quarters of an inch. The places are ninety miles apart. Cleveland, relatively to Port Colborne, 160 miles away, sank to 2 7-8 inches in thirty-seven years. Milwaukee, as compared to Port Austin, 250 miles off, sank .139 feet 1,643 inches in twenty years, and as compared with Escanaba, 180 miles distant, Milwaukee sank 0.175 feet, over two inches in twenty years.

Thus Professor Gilbert is led to conclude that along a line running 20 degrees west of southward there is a subsidence taking place now amounting to .42 feet for every 100 miles, and that the northern and eastern shores of all the lakes are rising, while the southern and western shores are falling.

The Professor thinks that in about 1,000 years the Illinois and Niagara Rivers will carry equal portions of the surplus water of the Great Lakes. In 2400 years the discharge of the Niagara will be intermittent, falling at low stages of Lake Erie, and 3500 years there will be no Niagara. The basin of Lake Erie will be tributary to Lake Huron, the current being reversed in the Detroit and St. Clair channels.

Drawn Into Conversation. Judge George W. Stubbs said that the most selfish people on earth were to be found among passengers on railroad trains. He said that last winter one of the coaches on a through train coming West was just comfortably filled as it passed the State line in Indiana. Every seat had some one in it, and in very few, says the Indianapolis Sentinel, were there two persons. Nearly every passenger had a whole seat to himself, and they all looked as if they preferred not to be disturbed by making room for a seatmate.

A bluff old farmer with a loud voice got in at a little station in Randolph county and walked down the aisle looking for a friendly face or a kindly eye, but not seeing any, he asked the most sour-looking man on the car to move over and give him a seat. The fellow did so, but with a manner that indicated that the old man was anything but welcome. The old farmer wanted to talk, and tried every way to engage his seatmate in conversation, but the through passenger would have none of it; he turned his shoulder to the farmer and gazed out of the window with a bored expression on his face. The old farmer was determined to draw him out, and after several ineffectual efforts, raised his voice loud enough to be heard all over the car, and said: "I killed a hog yesterday for my winter's meat. How much d'ye think he weighed?"

The through passenger looked worse bored than ever, but finally said: "I don't know anything about hogs." "Oh, well, you might make a guess." "Well, say 300." "No, he didn't weigh that much. Guess again." "Well, I'll say 200." "Too high; he wasn't as heavy as that. Make another guess." "I'm not good at guessing. How much did he weigh, anyhow?" "Well, you have had two guesses; but you see you wasn't much of a hog, and I didn't weigh him." One day Billy, that's my brother, he and Sammy Dobby was playin' by a mud hole, and Billy said: "Now, Sammy, let's play we was a barn-yard; you be the pig and lie down and woller, and I'll be a bull and beller like everything." And so they got down on their hands and knees and Sammy he got in the mud and woller, while Billy bellered like distant thunder. Bimeby Sammy he cum out muddy—you never see such a muddy little feller—and he said: "Now, you be the pig, and let me beller." The Billy said: "I ain't a very good pig, but I'll be time when you be to beller when yer mother is close."—Scrap Book.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Flour and Grain.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Flour, Wheat, Corn, etc.

Produce.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Butter, Eggs, etc.

Fruit and Vegetables.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Apples, Oranges, etc.

FIRE RECORD.

Fire in St. Louis has destroyed the building occupied by the Missouri Trust and Awaing Company. Loss, \$120,000. The Calumet building, adjoining, caught fire several times and was damaged.

How Champagne Is Made. In making champagne the grapes are squeezed six times, each pressure making wine of a different quality.

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The New Werner Edition of Webster's Dictionary.

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Advertisement for 'The White House Cook Book' with an image of the book cover.

Advertisement for 'THE WERNER COMPANY' with text about their products and services.

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Advertisement for 'McCALL'S PATTERNS' with text about sewing patterns and prices.

Advertisement for 'McCALL'S MAGAZINE' with text about the magazine's content and subscription information.

Large advertisement for 'CATHARTIC' medicine, featuring a large graphic of the product name and text about its benefits for constipation.