

DUPED AND BEATEN.

A PITTSBURGH GIRL'S MISTAKE.

She Finds Out That Her Titled Husband is a Penniless Brute.

Another failure must be added to the long list of unhappy unions between European titles and American dollars. Paris is talking about the sudden termination of the honeymoon of Count and Countess Di Montecarlo, once Miss Virginia Knox, of Pittsburgh. Their marriage was celebrated about a fortnight ago in Pittsburgh with great éclat. The bride arrived in Paris last Sunday and engaged a suite of rooms at the Hotel Bellevue, in the Avenue de l'Opera, preparatory to continuing their journey to the castle which the Count said his mother possessed on the Adriatic. It was apparent that the bride was not happy. Early on Monday morning the guests were aroused by shrieks from the Countess's chamber, followed by cries for help. Some guests dressed hastily and ran to the corridor. The manager of the hotel burst open the door and found the Countess struggling with her brutal husband, her hair disheveled, her night dress torn and her body bruised. The Count released his victim who rushed to the manager, crying these things:

"Save me from him! Turn him out of the hotel; he has no money, he can't pay you, turn him out."

The Count protested against the interference and attempted to pull his wife back, whereupon she gave him a stinging blow in the face with her clenched fist.

He tried to return the blow, but was prevented by the manager and the male guests. The unfortunate bride told the manager she had been thoroughly deceived in her husband. She believed him to be a man of means, but learned too late that he was not only penniless but an inhuman brute. At first she supplied him liberally with money, but nothing seemed to satisfy him. When she refused to give him more he commenced beating her.

The manager told the couple he could not allow guests to disturb, and that they must leave the hotel immediately. The unfortunate wife, who deeply felt the disgrace, burst into tears and pleaded to be allowed to remain, but the manager was inexorable. They were obliged to leave, and took the early train for Italy.

FIVE MEN KILLED.

Terrible Result of a Boiler Explosion on a Farm Near Reading.

A terrible accident, resulting in the killing of five men and injury of many others, took place near Reading, Pa., on the farm of Joseph Spayd.

A steam threshing machine was in operation, and the boiler exploded with fearful force, spreading destruction on every hand. The killed are: Wm. Rover, aged 16 years; Joseph Mechner, aged 14, the only support of his widowed sister; Isaac Morberger, aged 16; Joseph Spayd, aged about 32, and Irwin Duntelberger, aged 19.

These men were engaged in operating the threshing machine when the boilers burst and were standing but a few feet from the latter, and when the smoke had cleared away a terrible scene was presented. The bodies of all five were lying some distance away, having been hurled from thirty to fifty feet, terribly mutilated. The body of Mechner was hurled clean through the weatherboarding of the barn. The building was completely wrecked. The force of the explosion was felt for miles around.

George Hineshutz, Sr., was badly injured about the hand and cannot recover. Engineer Hoover received severe bruises. John Kiegel was internally injured, and three others received injuries of a most serious character.

A COOL GOBBLE.

One Man Holds Up a Train and Secures \$50,000.

As the incoming train from Cincinnati on the Northeastern Railroad was about 60 miles from New Orleans, a heavily bearded man with a red handkerchief about his mouth to muffle his voice, entered the baggage car and ordered Henry C. McElroy to hold up his hands, an order enforced by the muzzle of a revolver. Charles W. Lowery, Baltimore & Ohio express messenger, was served likewise. The robber then made Lowery open up the valuables. When this was done, the robber ordered each of the men to place over their heads canvas sacks used in conveying express matter, and then he fastened the sacks about the waists of each in such a manner that they could not make any outcry. Then, taking the two sacks of money, he left the car, after carefully looking all the doors of both compartments. He pulled the bell rope, which stopped the train, then jerked it to start again and fled. The amount secured is placed at \$50,000.

Lord Sackville's Future.

According to diplomatic etiquette Lord Sackville is now simply a private individual, and is at liberty to regulate his movements to suit himself and in accordance with the instructions of his own government.

He may remain in Washington indefinitely, but he is no longer the British Minister, nor will the State Department recognize him in any official capacity whatever.

Many years ago it was the custom to give a Foreign Minister who had been dismissed twenty-four hours to quit the country. This has long since been abandoned, and it is likely that Lord Sackville will not exercise undue haste to leave the United States. If he follows diplomatic precedents he will forward to his own Government the notification received from the president and in due course will receive leave of absence for an indefinite period. No further action in his case will be taken by the United States Government.

Fired Into a Crowded Train.

An unknown scoundrel fired into a crowded train on the Watash road which was returning Tuesday evening from the Republican Rally at Peru. The train had reached the city limits of Watash when a bullet crashed through the window of one of the coaches and whizzed by the faces of Township Trustee Curry, and County Superintendent Myers. There is no clue to the miscreant.

FOR LIFE.

Van Baker Found Guilty of Murder in the First Degree.

At Wellsburg, W. Va., the jury in the Van B. Baker case returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, with the penalty of imprisonment for life. The trial lasted twenty-six days, and when the verdict was rendered Baker fell off his chair in a faint. On June 10, 1887, Mrs. Drusilla McWha and her daughter, Mrs. Eliza Baker, were found in their house at Holliday's Cove, W. Va., with their heads beat and hacked all to pieces with a bar of iron and an ax. Baker was immediately suspected, and in a few days was arrested. His first trial resulted in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, with hanging as the penalty. In the following October Judge Boyd rendered a decision granting a new trial.

Baker was born near the village of Independence, Washington county, Pa., in 1840, and was named for the then President of the United States. His father is William Baker, a shoemaker, now residing in Cross Creek village, Washington county, Pa. His mother is still living, but is in feeble health. He secured an education by his own exertions, and taught school at Patterson's Mills, Burgettstown, Pa., Cross Creek village, and Claysville, Pa., and later was principal of the public schools of East Liverpool, Ohio, Brownsville and Beaver Falls, Pa. In all these places he had trouble. In later years he went to Salina, Ohio, where he purchased an interest in and edited the *Ironfounder*, but in a short time he sold out and left for Steubenville, Ohio. On the way up the Ohio river, on the steamer L. R. Exell, his wife became suddenly but mysteriously ill, and died before Steubenville was reached. He afterward started a store in Holliday's Cove, where he became acquainted with and married Miss Eliza McWha, one of his victims. He then went to Minnesota to teach, and it was after his return that the murders were committed.

He had seven children by his first wife and two brothers—Rev. Ferrin Baker, pastor of the Free-baptist church at Bellevue, Pa., and one who is a surveyor at Columbus, O. He is a man of considerable talent as an educator, and had it not been for his wicked and vindictive disposition, would have made his mark in his profession. He will be taken at once to the Mountaineer Penitentiary to begin his life sentence of solitary confinement.

AN APPALLING ACCIDENT.

Seventeen Men Killed in a Coal Shaft.

An explosion occurred at the mines of the Kettle Creek Coal Company located in Clinton county, Pa., on the line of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad. The superintendent, George L. Miller, upon hearing a heavy report at the new No. 2 drift, proceeded to the spot when he at once saw that a violent explosion had taken place. The necessary arrangements were quickly made to carry the air to the face of the wreck and men entered the mine to learn the particulars of what had occurred.

An appalling state of affairs was found inside. Of the 21 men who had been working in the drift only three or four escaped death or injury. At the end of an hour's hard work 14 dead bodies were recovered from the drift. Two of those who were injured subsequently died. One man was missing and his remains were found out in the woods, where they had been blown by the force of the explosion through the air shaft. The total number of killed or fatally injured was found to be 17. All but 4 of them were Hungarians or Italians whose names are not furnished. The four English-speaking men are named Samuel Kildager, Patrick Donnell, Michael Curran and J. Carlston. The driver, named J. Farrell, was entering the drift when the explosion occurred. He was thrown toward the mouth and escaped. His mule was killed.

John Farrell, a mule driver, tells this story: "I was behind pushing the car and in sticking up my head saw a flash. I immediately dropped to the ground, moving quickly as possible toward the mouth of the drift and escaped unharmed. My mule and a Swele miner alongside of the animal were killed instantly. I felt the full effects of the explosion and its force must have been all above me, although all the timbers at the mouth of the shaft were carried out 200 feet beyond the mouth of the drift."

The land upon which these mines are situated is the property of Edgar Munson, of Williamsport. It is leased to a number of gentlemen from New York and Williamsport, who began operations last February.

A FATAL EXPLOSION.

One Man Killed and Two Injured.

An explosion resulting in the death of one man, and the serious, if not fatal injury of two others, occurred at Zug & Co's Sable Iron mill, corner of Esna and Thirteenth streets, Pittsburgh.

The entire furnace was demolished and the roof and sides of the mill badly fractured. There were three men engaged at work at the furnace at the time. George Smith, a puddler, residing in Leacock alley, Allegheny, was horribly burned about the face and chest, and one arm was completely severed from the body. He died just as he was being taken to the West Penn Hospital. John Z-two, twenty-seven years of age, living on Sawmill alley, Allegheny, was burned about the face and back. He was also taken to the hospital, but his wounds are not so serious as at first reported. Joseph Klein, a man fifty years of age, living on Royal street, Allegheny, was in the act of taking his dinner bucket from his little son. He was blown out against the furnace opposite and fell with a large mass of the hot metal upon his head and shoulders. He was terribly burned in the face and neck. His hair was all scorched off, as were his long white whiskers. There is but little hope of his recovery. His son sustained some bruises and lost his front teeth, but was not otherwise seriously injured.

Twenty-two Drowned.

The Norwegian bark *Nor*, Captain Bjornsen, from New York, October 2, for Stettin, collided with and sank the steamer *Saxmund*, ham off Cowes. Twenty-six persons are missing and are supposed to have been drowned. Eight survivors have landed at Weymouth. The *Nor* was abandoned. Her crew have landed.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

GLEANED FROM ALL SOURCES.

The Main Facts Related Without Unnecessary Words.

Two hundred students of Ann Harbor, Mich., started out for a lark on Halloween night. They first endeavored to break up a Democratic procession, but were unsuccessful, and then interfered in a Republican meeting, and were ejected. Three of their number were arrested.

During a Democratic rally at Kokomo, Ind., Monday night, Abner Miller, an old soldier, shouted for Harrison, when he was set upon and given a terrible beating by young Freeman Hobson. Miller died, and Hobson was jailed on a charge of manslaughter. Hobson claims to have been drunk.

The village of Bowling Green, 24 miles north of Findlay, O., had a narrow escape from total destruction by fire. Fifteen business houses, including the Ross house, was entirely destroyed before the fire was gotten under control. Most of the buildings were new, being located in the district destroyed by fire several months ago. Loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$30,000.

A patent fire-escape which was being tested at the Monongahela house, Pittsburgh, broke and three boys, John Dudley, James Mellugh and Daniel Nagle, were precipitated from the fifth-story window to the pavement below. Dudley was instantly killed, Mellugh lived a few moments and Nagle now lies at the Hopsopitah Hospital with a shattered arm and other injuries that may yet prove fatal.

The Government of the province of Quebec is taking steps to induce in any of the 500,000 French Canadians who have left that province to settle in the United States, to return to the land of their birth.

At Hinesville, Ga., William Harrison, in a fit of jealousy, shot his little niece dead while she was visiting by the roadside. He also shot his sister, wounding her in the hip. Later he committed suicide.

At Terre Haute, Ind., Tuesday night, during a political parade a man named Gallaway fatally shot Dolie Phillips, aged 20, who was standing on the sidewalk watching the display. The murderer escaped.

The operators of coal mines located along the various railroad lines in the Pittsburgh district at a recent meeting, adopted a resolution declaring that in accordance with the agreement made last February at the Inter-State convention of miners and operators, miners wages shall be advanced from 74 to 80 cents per ton on November 1. It is understood, however, that competitors in Pennsylvania and other States will make a like advance.

A Polish banker, who formerly did business among his countrymen in New York, has so far learned American ways as to move to Canada with his depositors' money.

The Acting Secretary of the Treasury estimates that \$9,000 will be needed to pay the expenses of the electoral messengers, at the rate of 25 cents per mile one way, for bringing the votes of the electors for President and Vice-President at the coming election, to the seat of Government. The messenger from Annapolis, Md., will receive the smallest amount, \$10.50, and the messenger from Salem, Ore., the largest, \$98. The Western Messengers will have what is colloquially known as a "picnic."

While being pursued by an officer for firing a stone at one of the new men on the Chicago street cars, Thursday night, John Miller, a striker, fell down and broke his neck.

The largest gas well in Northern Pennsylvania, was struck about three miles from Sheffield and 14 from Warren. It is owned by Horton, Cary & Co., Sheffield. Its roar can be heard five miles. The tools were blown out of the hole, and the gas cannot be saved until the pressure subsides.

Charles Huff, a Pittsburgh & Western brakeman, fell between two cars at Ravenna, Ohio, and was killed.

Edward Hall, aged 18 years, of McKeesport, Pa., was killed while hunting near Ligandier, Pa., by the accidental discharge of his gun.

In sinking a well for water near Glen Easton, W. Va., Daniel McCasle fired a blast in it, and instantly a column of fire shot up with a roar. It has been declared natural gas by all who have visited the place, and is daily increasing in strength.

Andrew Johnson, a cripple living near Red Hill, Ky., has unearthed a copper kettle filled with gold and silver coin. The kettle was inscribed "October, 1788." The treasure amounted to \$2,000.

Five Cardinals have been appointed by the Pope to examine into the matter of the restoration of diplomatic relations with England, to the end of determining the limit of the concessions which can be made by the Vatican.

In Webster Groves, a suburb of St. Louis, three negroes assaulted Alice and Emma Baker, daughters of a well-known citizen. Two of the assailants were arrested, and when arraigned and identified the father of the girls drew a pistol and discharged it at one of them, but without effect. Before he could fire a second shot he was restrained.

The dead bodies of Adeline Taylor and Allen Taylor, both colored, were found in the basement of the Elgfield Baptist Church parsonage, Nashville, Tenn. Taylor was jealous and is believed to have murdered his wife and then committed suicide.

Suit has been entered against Captain Snow, of the steamer *Hecla*, which arrived at Tacoma, W. T., Sunday, by 16 sailors, charging the captain with cruelty. The men claim they were fed on rotten meat and potatoes and were shamefully abused during the whole voyage from England to America.

Charles Schaley and John and George Hultstar are in jail at Canton, O., charged with robbery at Gallon. The men had \$400 worth of jewelry, guns, revolvers and opera glasses on their persons when arrested.

The change from narrow to standard gauge by the Cleveland, Canton and Southern Railway will be completed by November 18. The road will be furnished with an entire new outfit of rolling stock. There is talk of extending it from Coshocton to Zanesville, and also of it eventually being a link to connect Chicago and Pittsburg by a new route.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' convention, at Richmond, Va., by a majority of one, adopted a plan of federation with the firemen, brakemen and switch men, by which each brotherhood is to retain its individuality, but no member of one is to replace a member of another, in case of a strike.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission has called upon all subsidizing railroad and telegraph companies to report whether they are maintaining the operating telegraph lines for the use of the Government or the public, for commercial and other purposes, without discrimination, and whether they have made and continue such arrangements for the interchange of business with any telegraph company.

While four young men—James Hayes, Henry Gornley, Wm. Seolan and Charles Cogan—were sailing in Rochester Bay their boat capsized and the three first mentioned were drowned.

An explosion occurred in the Campagne coal pit, in the department of Aveyron. The bodies of 42 of the 80 miners killed have been recovered. The bodies were fearfully mangled and only a few identified.

The annual overflow of the Nile is far narrower in extent than usual this year. The water has not risen to its usual height, and the Egyptians are fearing destitution and famine. Moreover they are blaming the short water on the Falls of the Nile.

Adolph Dilling accidentally shot and killed A. V. Selenberg while out gunning near Altoona, Pa.

A freight train on the Nypano Railroad jumped the track at Ravenna, Ohio. Nine cars were demolished, with their contents, and the track blocked for nine hours.

The Rawson controversy, which attracted so much attention in Chicago some time since, has been finally settled to the satisfaction of all concerned. Mrs. Rawson is to receive \$40,000 and a divorce from her husband on the ground of desertion. Mr. Rawson is to retract the charges made against her in his bill and all litigation is to be withdrawn, including the criminal prosecution against Mrs. Rawson for shooting at Lawyer Whitney.

Suit has been commenced by the Attorney General of California to forfeit the charter of the American Sugar Refining Company, of San Francisco, for surrendering the management of its business to the Sugar Refineries Company.

President Cleveland has signified his intention of attending with his entire Cabinet the Centennial celebration of Georgetown University, D. C., to be held February 22, next. The President will deliver the honorary degrees to be awarded on the occasion.

THE HILLS SHAKEN.

A Magazine of Nitro Glycerine Exploded.

On the hill about a mile back of Shamokin, Pa., was a nitro glycerine magazine owned by V. Q. Hickman, the explosive stored there being used for the purpose of shooting wells in the Washington oil fields. There was stored there between two and three tons of nitro glycerine. The magazine stood on the highest hill in the neighborhood, with no houses within a mile. Just how the staff was fired is a mystery, but it exploded Sunday night with a tremendous shock.

The theory advanced is that a spark, in coming across the country, was attracted by a brush fire burning near the magazine; that after warning himself he seized the magazine and went in, and being ignorant of the presence of the stuff so agitated it that it exploded. The tramp was seen early Sunday night near the place and has not been seen since.

The wreck is awful. Where the magazine stood there is now a hole 22 or 25 feet deep, over 100 feet in circumference, and it is estimated that nearly 500 yards of earth was blown away and the general tear-up is over an eighth of a mile in extent. The trees are nearly blown to kindling wood and only a few spindlers of the building can be found. The houses of William and Robert Green and Henry McCoy, a half mile from the explosion, were badly wrecked. People in the houses were thrown from their beds. Doors were wrenched from their hinges, and windows were blown in. Diagonally across the river, at Economy, the shutters of the Society store, which are held up by iron bars, were blown off, and the windows were shattered.

A MAN OF BLOOD.

Murderer Anschlag Gives Details of Hitchcock Butchery.

Anschlag, the murderer of the Hitchcocks and of old man Feugh, has prepared a written account of his life and crimes, which fills two columns. It differs little from the confessions he has made, except that he gives no details of the butchery of the Hitchcocks, the unfortunate Illinois couple, whose fruit farm was coveted.

He says that when he saw the deed of the farm made out and signed to him by Hitchcock, who expected to get his money in two days, he was seized with the impulse to kill them, as he thought he would have no trouble in holding the land. He killed the husband in the barn with two blows of a sharp hatchet, and then went to the kitchen and murdered the wife in the same way. Then he laid the bodies two miles, buried them, changed his clothes and calmly went to work on the farm, where he was arrested. He did not have sense enough to even put away Mrs. Hitchcock's best clothes, which she had laid out ready for church next day. The murder of Feugh was also to get possession of the land and money he was supposed to have hoarded.

Both Duellists Killed.

Information has been received of a fatal duel between two well-known citizens of Elmer county, Ala., at a point near Goodhope. The men, John R. Ry and W. T. Wilkerson, purchased a large tract of land for speculative purposes last week. When the surveys were made, a dispute arose as to who should take possession of a certain portion of it. Blows followed, but the combatants were separated. Friday the men met again and began firing at each other with pistols. Ry was shot in the heart and instantly killed. Wilkerson was so badly hurt that he only lived long enough to tell the story of the shooting. Both men were well known, Ry having been the County Treasurer.

A CLEVER TRAIN ROBBERY.

Bandits Overpower Mexican Central Men and Secure \$2,600.

A shrewdly planned and neatly executed train robbery was committed on the Mexican Central Railroad. The northbound passenger train had reached a point twelve miles from San Jose, when three masked men crawled over the tender of the engine, and with drawn revolvers, compelled the engineer to stop the train. The robbers then uncoupled the two passenger cars and ran on with the rest of the train about six miles further when another stop was made. Here the thieves broke in the end door of the express car, but, while they were doing so, the messenger jumped out of the side door and escaped in the darkness, carrying away with him the key to his safe. The robbers were therefore unable to open the safe, and secured only two packages of silver coin amounting to \$2,600, which were lying on the car floor. They next uncoupled the engine and came on with that alone, running to within three miles of Paso del Norte, where they abandoned it. Before leaving the locomotive they started it back down the road with a wide open throttle, and it ran about four miles, stopping for want of steam. The robbers are supposed to have gone across the river, but there is no clue to their identity except that they are Americans. They cut the telegraph wires in several places, and the first news of the robbery was not received until four hours after it occurred.

A FATAL FREIGHT WRECK.

Three Persons Killed and Two Badly Wounded—A Cow the Cause.

A freight train on the Louisville, New Orleans & Texas Railroad struck a cow and was thrown from the track. The engine and 13 cars were wrecked. Three men were killed and two wounded. The men are Charles Seymour, of New Orleans, and Jack Conway, of Vicksburg, both employes of the road, and an unknown tramp who was stealing a ride. The wounded are J. L. Martin, a boiler-maker of Vicksburg, Miss., and Jim Brown, colored. Both were taken to the hospital. They are not expected to live.

The Railroad War in Canada.

A proclamation has been issued calling the Legislature to meet on November 19 to take some action in regard to the railroad situation, which has become very serious. The matter will come before the Supreme Court at Ottawa next week, and no doubt there will be other delays. The Canadian Pacific will likely succeed in its efforts to block the construction of the line to Portage la Prairie this fall. The only true remedy for relief from the Canadian Pacific and the Dominion Government is thought to be annexation to the United States. Some 600 men are encamped at the disputed crossing, and the Canadian Pacific Company has brought 100 Dominion infantry and 400 sheepmen to the scene.

A Large Sum for Death Losses.

The rate of damages for loss of life in the Mud Run disaster on the Lehigh Valley Railroad was established by Wm. Connell, the millinaire coal operator who represents the company. These were fixed at \$3,500 where the death of the head of the family was involved, and at \$1,500 for the death of children. On this basis two payments were made. These figures have been arrived at after a careful consultation with many of the afflicted relatives and are the result of an average of the claims presented. It is expected that most of the death losses will be adjusted on this basis. The deaths in all number sixty-three, most of whom are children, and the losses will therefore foot up over \$100,000.

Powderly's Axe Falls.

Notice has been received from Secretary Hayes, of the General Executive Board of the Knights of Labor, by District Assembly 73 that J. M. Bloomer, Past Master Workman of the Ohio State Assembly, and editor of the *Industrial News*, of Toledo, has been expelled from the Order for violation of his obligations and conduct unbecoming to a Knight. Knights say that Bloomer was blackballed when first he applied for admission, and that afterwards he gained admission fraudulently. He is also accused of trying to break up the District Assembly.

A Murderer's Confession.

Fred Anschlag, now in jail at Los Angeles, Cal., under the sentence of death, for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock, at Garden Grove, some months ago, has made a written confession of the murder of Julius Feugh, in September, 1887. Feugh was a neighbor of Anschlag, who then resided in Butte county. Anschlag claims that he was inspired to kill Feugh by two men, George Stenger and one Badger, in order to obtain Feugh's money. Stenger was arrested in San Francisco, Badger's whereabouts are unknown.

Shot by Highwaymen.

Information has been received from Mercer county, W. Va., that on Sunday last four white travelers, on a highway, were attacked by a band of negroes, two of the travelers shot and their bodies robbed of \$500.

The other two men, Wm. Henderson and Michael Johnson, escaped and went to Bramwell, the county seat of Mercer, where they gave the alarm. Fifty men at once went in pursuit, but so far have been unsuccessful, as the outlaws took to the mountains in the neighborhood of the Kentucky line.

Shot His Niece and Sister.

At Hinesville, Liberty county, Ga., Wm. Harrison, in an inexplicable fit of jealousy, shot his little niece dead, without warning, while sitting by the fireside. He then fired at his sister, wounding her in the hip. She will probably recover. Harrison fled, but returned, admitting his crime, and said he had attempted suicide by jumping into a well. Later he denied all knowledge of the crime. Harrison said he had been drinking heavily.

Mysterious Murders.

The fifth mysterious murder in as many months is reported from Carbon county, Wyoming Territory. The body of John Gros, hart, a well known ranchman, has been found with a bullet hole in the brain. During the summer he had trouble with mercenary hunters, who slaughtered game for the hides and horns, and it is supposed that they way-laid and shot him. Gros had been dead probably a week.

BUSINESS REVIEW.

THE CONDITION OF TRADE.

Dun Reports Everybody Busy Despite Politics, Speculation Being Alone Dull.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

The interruption of trade by political excitement has increased, as is natural, and yet the volume of business continues larger than usual, and probably larger than in any previous year at this season. The single fact that bank exchanges outside of New York, in the last week but one of a Presidential campaign, exceeded those of last year by 10 1/2 per cent., the clearings of last year having been exceptionally large, proves that the volume of business is unprecedented, for only a part of the increase can be attributed to excess of speculative operations. Indeed, the speculative markets appear to have been more affected by political interest than other departments of business, and in stocks the sales in New York have been only about 1,100,000 shares for the week, in wheat about 20,400,000 bushels, in cotton about 35,000 bales, and in other markets rather smaller than usual.

The wool market is firm, holders being disposed to sell at present, except at full prices, and while many manufacturers are deferring purchases, others are buying freely. The dry goods trade has been comparatively quiet, the demand for men's woolsens and knit goods being moderate, and for dress goods quite irregular, while cotton goods are generally firmer without large transactions. It is reported that an advance of five cents in carpets will soon be effected, and in the clothing trade an increase in the consumption demand is noted. Boots and shoes are selling freely at full rates, and it is remarked that there has been an exceptionally large demand for boots, especially from the West. The coal trade is just now somewhat dull, and the action of the Interstate Commerce Commission is awaited with special interest in the proceedings instituted by Cox & Brothers, the alleged discrimination by the L-high Valley. But the output of anthracite continues unacceptably large.

The stock market is less active, but stronger, and the average price of the most active stock is a fraction higher than a week ago. The Treasury has taken in during the week \$4,400,000 more gold than it has paid out, but has put out \$5,000,000 more silver certificates and legal tenders, and the money market here is fully supplied, with low rates unchanged. The exports increased a little, exceeding those of last year for the past four weeks about 2 per cent., while the imports fell below last year's about 7 per cent. Wheat, wheat, corn, coffee, lard and petroleum are little lower than a week ago, the general average of prices nevertheless remains substantially unchanged, the quotations of articles not objects of speculation being on the whole a little higher.

The business failures during the last week number for the United States 24, and for Canada 32, as compared with 25 in the United States and 20 in Canada during the corresponding week last year.

Cyclone in Iowa.

A cyclone struck Leppert, Iowa, coming from the northwest. Union Hill was demolished and a large number of houses were uprooted and blown down, sections of buildings being carried many blocks away. Nearly all the stores in the business portion of the town suffered great damage. The residence of Sanders Walker was blown to atoms, and the children rolled about the ground. The mother was seriously hurt. No other injuries are reported. The loss on property is \$75,000. Reports of damage are coming in from all sections.

A Boy Burned to Death.

The residence of John Coomler, a farmer, 18 miles from Watash, Indiana, was destroyed by fire, and the 12-year-old son of Samuel Sholly, who was visiting there, was burned to death. The remainder of the inmates of the house escaped with difficulty, not being able to save anything but their clothing.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

A MONUMENT to the late Lester Wallack is proposed.

The French actor, Coquelin, speaks excellent English.

JANE HADING made her stage debut at the age of three years.

PATTI is singing in concerts in Wales for the benefit of the poor.

BOSTON has a five-cent place of amusement called the Nickelodeon.

SIMS REEVES, the aged tenor, has published his autobiography.

At least thirty theatrical combinations left New York in one day recently.

JOSPHINE RILEY, of Cincinnati, is a new star. Her specialty is "Hamlet."

It is stated that Mary Anderson brings to this country with her 1500 dresses and 300 wigs.

LEWIS MORRISON, one of the cleverest of American logging men, is "larn storming" in Arizona and New Mexico.

HENRY WATSONSON will lecture next spring and go to California. His subject will be: "A Marriage a Failure."

STUART ROBERTSON is preparing for the presentation next season of the new play written for him by Steele Mackaye.

The Car has ordered that henceforth all the dramatic artists of the Russian Imperial Theatre are to wear a uniform in public.

THOMAS NELSON PAGE and Richard Malcolm Johnston are to be among the popular readers from their own writings this season.

"Coward Cassebecque," a drama in four acts, by Charles Alfred Lytton and Arthur Wallack, is a very great success in England.

PREPARATIONS are now being made for the appearance of Miss Mary Anderson at Palmer's Theatre, in New York, in Winter's Tale.

HENRY CLAY has arranged with Jules Claretie for an English version of "Mohammed," which is shortly to be produced at the Theatre.

BUFFALO BILL'S WILD WEST has been landed, for the season, at Richmond, Va., and the Indians were sent to their respective homes after new clothing and been given to them by Mr. Cody.

MAJOR FORD says he will give Chas. M. Depew a bigger salary to lecture than the New York Central Railroad Company has offered to give him as its President. Mr. Depew is not said to say no to the Major, but asks him to call again.

In conversation with a Chicagoan he reports Mr. Lawrence Barrett said that he and Mr. Booth expect to remain in New York city throughout the third season of their artistic partnership—1893-4. This season following they may go to Europe.