

NOTES FROM WASHINGTON.

A DESERTED CITY.

As Dead as a College Town During Vacation.

This is the time of year when Washington is "dead." Every body who can get away from the hot concrete pavements, that intensify the heat and never cool off, and seek a more genial climate...

Washington is fortunately free from great catastrophes of any kind, and especially those from the deadly trolley. There is but one trolley in town, and that will soon cease to be, as the District is variously "warmed against it."

Work on the new theater that is being erected on the site of the old Blaine mansion is rapidly progressing. It is on Lafayette square, a few hundred feet from the White House.

AFTER AMERICAN TRADE.

Russia Will Display Samples of Her Wares in New York.

The Russian department of commerce has issued a note calling upon merchants to send samples of their wares to the Russian consul at New York, who is organizing an exhibition of Russian goods, with prices, etc., with the view to meet frequent inquiries from American importers.

Mr. Alexander Olorovsky, Russian consul at New York was agreeably surprised when shown the St. Petersburg enquirer.

"I am very glad," said he, "to find that my efforts in behalf of the Russian manufacturers are beginning to bear fruit. About six months ago I thought of this project for bringing the manufacturers of Russia in closer contact with American merchants, and conceived the idea of establishing a bureau for the sale of samples of Russian textiles and fabrics, with the prices attached to them, somewhere in this city. I communicated my ideas on the subject to the proper department at St. Petersburg, and have not yet received a reply. This cablegram, however, shows me that my efforts are appreciated, and I have no doubt that my exposition project will be successful."

In addition to this scheme, the Russian consul spoke of another important departure upon the part of the Russian government. It is proposed to establish a line of steamers between Odessa, New York, sailing at Constantinople, the Asia Minor islands and ports of Greece, Naples, Genoa, Algiers, Cadix, Gibraltar and the Azores. Mr. Olorovsky said that the volunteer fleet which was organized during the Russo-Turkish war, will be used to furnish the vessels necessary for this line.

FROM FAMINE TO FEAST.

Farmers Who Received Aid Last Winter Now Prosperous.

An incident occurred in Loup City, Neb., which marks the difference in the condition of things which exist throughout the state now and this time last year. Then a disaster greater than words can tell had occurred. Starvation prevailed, and many died from the lack of food.

In the very room from which 500 people had distributed to them all through the winter months the surplus grain, the farmers of East was given the Burlington's land agents' excursion, a feast of Nebraska's products good enough for a king. The hosts of the occasion embraced the opportunity of expressing in words which came from the heart their appreciation of the aid that had been given them, while they pointed with pride to the walls of the room hung with some of this year's products of the fields, and assured their guests that Nebraska has enough for 12 months to come to feed the world.

WEEKLY CROP REPORT.

Drought Has Deteriorated the Corn in Sections.

The weather bureau, in its report of crop conditions for the week ended August 12, says: The condition of corn in Maryland, Virginia, Indiana, Oklahoma and portions of Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri, owing to drought, is not so good as it was a week ago, but in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Michigan, it has improved. The corn crop continues in excellent condition in Wisconsin and generally throughout the southern states. In Northern Mississippi and portions of Tennessee and Kentucky, however, late corn is being unfavorably affected by drought in the Dakotas and Minnesota corn continues to be good.

Drought has been relieved in Pennsylvania and Ohio, but continues in Southern New Jersey, and in portions of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Central and Southern Texas and Northern Mississippi. Frosts occurred in the Central and Northern Rocky mountain regions on the 8th, 9th and 10th, causing some injury in Montana, Idaho and Utah. Plowing for fall seeding has commenced in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, and Minnesota.

Two Racers Bought. August Belmont has purchased Henry of Navarre of Byron McClelland and Dorian of J. W. Rogers. He paid \$25,000 for Henry of Navarre and \$7,500 for Dorian. He does not intend, he says, to race them in England. He proposes to confine his racing operations to America, hoping to elevate the standard of the turf here.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

A Un on Pacific freight work at Tanah Kuu, knocked two trains.

French troops fighting the Hovas are dying off rapidly from malaria.

Mrs. William Browning killed her husband and herself near Evansville, Ind.

The Republicans of Maryland nominated Lloyd Lowndes for Governor.

Many of the finest trees in Chickamauga National Park have been torn up by a storm.

The New York State Democratic Convention will be held at Syracuse September 24.

It is officially stated from Madrid that Spain will have 156,472 troops in Cuba by Sept. 5.

The steamer China, which sailed from San Francisco for the Orient Wednesday carried 10 Presbyterian missionaries.

Ex-State Treasurer Taylor, the South Dakota defaulter, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

James Lawton and William Johnson were killed at Catleton, N. Y., by the explosion of the boiler of a paper mill.

Several persons were badly hurt at Thornton, Ind., by the premature explosion of a lot of fireworks during a display.

Thomas Hevenden, the famous artist, was struck and instantly killed in Philadelphia by a freight train while attempting to save the life of a little girl.

The three murderers of T. D. Dinkins, of Brandon, Miss., Marshall, Coleman and Fox, all pleaded guilty and were sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

William Ellidge, tax collector of Jefferson county, Tenn., and D. C. Hill, Superintendent of Public Instruction, have been indicted for raising school warrants.

Hall of great size fell to the depth of four inches at Belleplain, Minn. Horses standing on the street were knocked senseless. Much damage was done.

Emmet Divers, the negro who assaulted and then killed Mrs. Cain, near Fulton, Mo., was taken from the Sheriff of Fulton by a mob and hanged to a railroad bridge.

The Colorado Humane Society has appealed to Governor McIntyre to issue a proclamation forbidding the proposed Mexican bull fight at Gillet, in the Cripple Creek district.

Between 7,000 and 8,000 workmen employed in making children's jackets and pants in New York, have struck for yearly contracts instead of six months' contracts.

Samuel Vinson and his son, Charles, were taken out of the county jail at Ellensburg, Wash., by a mob and hanged to a tree. The two men murdered Michael Kohloph and Joseph N. Bergman.

Minister Ferrell, has asked the Turkish Government for a detachment of troops to accompany Sachleben in his investigation in the Kurd country of the murder of Wheelman Leuz.

Fugulist Corbett, from whom his wife secured a divorce two weeks ago, was married at Asbury Park, to Vera Steenwood, the correspondent to the divorce court. Her name was registered in the license as Miss Jessie Taylor, of Omaha.

ORDERED MORE RAILS.

Has Now Purchased 50,000 Tons of Steel Rails This Year.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has placed another large order for steel rails. According to the custom of the big company when early shipment is desired, the order has been split up between several large rail manufacturing concerns.

The order calls for 9,000 tons, which makes a total of 50,000 purchased by the company this year. Every division on the main line has been benefited by this frugal buying and the local yards and tracks have been put to the test.

The new bridge being built by the company over the Delaware is nearing completion, and a large part of this new order will be used on the bridge and its approaches, and on the new connecting line and sidings on the Jersey side of the bridge to the main line.

The latest order has been distributed among the following companies as follows: The Carnegie Company will make 2,000 tons at the Edgar Thomson works, the Pennsylvania steel works will make up 2,000 tons, and the Cambria Iron and Steel Company 3,000.

A PLUCKY WOMAN.

She Shot a Divorced Husband Who Persecuted Her.

James Amick was shot and killed by Mrs. Ella Amick, his divorced wife, ten miles northwest of Eureka, Kas., in the presence of Mrs. Amick's sister and the latter's wife.

Amick had been threatening the woman, and finally turned upon her with a raw-bird, when she seized a Winchester and fired. He died within a few minutes. Mrs. Amick surrendered.

Witnesses of the murder state Mrs. Amick was justified in shooting. There has been trouble between the couple ever since their separation, and a few months ago Amick was sent to jail for beating the woman. Recently his friends secured a pardon from the Governor.

Negroes Will Organize.

John G. Jones, the colored lawyer of Chicago, issued a call for a state convention of colored men to meet in Springfield, Ill., September 24, to organize a State League to protect and promote the best interests of the colored people of Illinois. Each city and town is requested to send two delegates. This is an outgrowth of the Spring Valley riots.

Sheriff Clark, of Princeton, arrested over 30 of the men who ran the negroes out of the village. He was assisted in the work by 15 armed deputies.

An Oil Fire.

The explosion of a still of benzine at the Peers Oil Refinery at Findlay, O., caused a serious fire, and resulted in the probable fatal injury of two employees, William Adams and William Beaudant. The men were covered with the burning oil and badly burned on hands, faces and backs, from which the flesh peeled off. The explosion of the still spread fire over 10 acres of ground and buildings. Tank after tank caught from the heat, and thousands of barrels were consumed.

Eight Men Killed.

A terrible explosion occurred at Mehafoy, Pa., near the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, in which eight Italians lost their lives, and ten were seriously injured. The men were preparing a large quantity of dynamite for blasting purposes, when, from some unknown cause, a premature explosion occurred. The eight men were killed instantly, their remains being scattered for a long distance from the terrible force. They were all frightfully mangled.

FATAL DISASTERS IN JAPAN.

OVER 3,000 DEAD.

Frightful Disasters Caused by Storms on the Coast of Japan.

The steamer Empress of Japan arrived with advice from Yokohama up to August 2. The number of deaths reported in the railway accident of July 25 was greatly exaggerated in some newspapers. Only sixteen soldiers were killed, and eighteen were more or less seriously injured.

The train was blown bodily off the track into the sea and disintegrated. It is believed that some of the rails were displaced by the waves, which were driven by the tempest to a great height, and that the cars consequently ran over the edge of an embankment, and were plunged into the deep water. The effects of the storm were disastrous in all southwest provinces of Japan. Thousands of houses were destroyed, and hundreds of fishing boats and other small craft were sunk, and at least 100 lives are known to have been lost.

Many additional disasters caused by the storm of July 25 are reported from the South and west of Japan. One thousand fishermen of the single province of Setsumi are known to have been drowned.

Three steamships were driven ashore, and few of their crews and passengers escaped alive. Railway accidents have been numerous, in consequence of the heavy floods, and several villages on the coast have been literally destroyed. The total deaths as stated by authorities will exceed 3,000.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

No Complications to Endanger the Peace of Europe.

After the House of Commons reassembled Thursday, the members were summoned to the House of Lords with the usual formalities, and the queen's speech was read by the lord chancellor, Baron Halsbury. It was as follows:

My Lords and Gentlemen.—The communications which I received from foreign powers assure me of the continuance of their good will. I am happy to say that no international complications have arisen in any quarter calculated to endanger the peace of Europe.

My Lords, I have to express my satisfaction in progress at the opening of the last session, has been brought to a conclusion by a peace which I trust will endure. I observed strict neutrality during the war, and have taken no action in respect thereto, except such as appeared to me likely to be favorable to a termination of hostilities.

I deeply regret to say that the most atrocious outrages upon a body of English missionaries are reported from the province of Fukien in China, and to express my regretations addressed to the Chinese government by directions, active measures, which I trust will prove most effective, are being taken for the punishment of the murderers and all persons in any degree responsible for the crime.

The internal troubles which have broken out in the Armenian districts of Asiatic Turkey have been attended with horrors which have moved to indignation the Christian nations of Europe generally, and my people especially. My ambassador and the ambassadors of the emperor of Russia and the president of the French republic, acting together, have suggested to the government of the sultan reforms which, in their opinion, are necessary to prevent a recurrence of such disorders. These proposals are now being considered by the sultan, and I am anxiously awaiting his decision.

The speech concludes with a reference to the incorporation of Bechuanaland into Cape Colony.

The speech to the Commons merely says that the estimates for the service of the year which were not voted at the last session will be laid before them and says: "At this season of the year it will probably be found more convenient to refer to another session, the consideration of any important legislative measures, except those which are necessary to provide for the administrative charges of the year."

Foreign Notes.

Nine workmen employed in the Germanian dock yard at Kiel, fell into the harbor from a sliding stage and drowned.

Consul Sheridan T. Read at Tien Tsin, in the state department at Washington, that cholera had broken out at Tien Tsin and Chifou.

Constantinople advices report that England is the only power in favor of coercing Turkey. She is therefore pushing a strong squadron north from Egypt. The other powers oppose coercion.

According to Armenian advices a marauding band commanded by a colonel of Kurukh cavalry has plundered the village of Pookan, and another band is said to have plundered the village of Sekurakan.

A dispatch from Tunis says that a collision has taken place near the coast between a number of barges loaded with iron and a ferryboat which was crowded with people. Some of the latter's passengers were killed and many were drowned.

SLAUGHTERED BY A BOMB.

Mohammedan Bulgarians Killed in the Village of Dospat.

The London Times prints a dispatch from Sofia, confirming the report of the attack by 500 Bulgarians on the Mohammedan village of Dospat, across the Turkish frontier, before dawn on Saturday. The Bulgarians then set the village on fire and slaughtered the inhabitants indiscriminately as they rushed from the houses. It is stated that several hundred were killed. The Ottoman consular has delivered a protest to the Bulgarian government.

A telegram from Buda Pest says that an attempt was made to wreck Prince Fejervari's train, on his journey to Sopha. The police heard of the plot, occupied the Steinbrunn and Franyast stations and caused the train to make a detour to avoid the Buda Pest station.

The rail of Salonica telegraphs that a Bulgarian band, numbering about 1,000 men, has attacked the village of Janakli, in the district of Kirdjali, and burned 200 houses. The Bulgarians are also said to have killed twenty-five of the inhabitants of Janakli. The rail of Adrianople has sent a similar dispatch, but he thinks that the accounts of the affair are probably exaggerated.

Influx of Japanese.

The bureau of immigration has information that a company has been formed in Japan for the purpose of sending Japanese laborers to this country under contract. Commissioner General Stamp, in speaking of the matter, said as yet the bureau had no positive knowledge on the subject, but was inclined to give credence to the rumor. Up to this time only comparatively few Japanese had come into the country, but his information was of such a character that it could not be ignored, and all immigration agents everywhere, especially in the Northwest, would be put on their guard.

Silver Conference.

The conference of the silver leaders in Washington was concluded Thursday. The resolutions adopted declared for the free coinage of silver, and arraigned the administration for its recent bond contract. Speeches were made by Senator Daniel, of Virginia, Congressman O'Neil, of Missouri, Filihan of Illinois, Livingston of Georgia, and Col. Casey Young of Memphis. Senator Jones of Arkansas, presided over the conference, and there were present three United States senators and seven members of congress.

A Bloody Battle.

In a bloody battle on Straight Creek, Ky., near the Harlan county line, the possession of a tract of land, Wiley Black was shot through the neck and will die. John Hilton and Leonard Caldwell were shot in the arm. Skirmishes have been frequent between the factions for three weeks, but this was the first pitched battle. Another is likely to occur at any hour.

THE FRUIT OUTLOOK.

Returns Indicate a Larger Crop Than for Several Years.

The official returns for August show that the prospective fruit crop of the country, taken as a whole, is much larger than for several years past.

Apples.—The crop met with no serious obstacles to development during July. The influences upon which the proper maturity of the crop naturally depends have so far favorable that a very general increase in the index figures has resulted. There are, however, some very important States in which the crop promised is less than half the normal product. This is the case in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

On the other hand, 15 states—New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Arkansas, Tennessee, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado and the Pacific coast States, excluding States not commercially important, have a condition of 90 per cent, or more, of these states, New Jersey, Kentucky, Indiana, Arkansas, Missouri and Colorado are above 90, Kentucky going to 101 Ohio and Illinois, with conditions 73 and 72, respectively, stand between the high and low. The crop is reported generally above the normal, but abundant in the southern portions of these States. The general average of condition is 71.2 against 44 last year.

Peaches.—The average condition August 1 is 83.3 against 22.3 in 1895. The prospective crop is expected to be much larger than for about one-third the normal crop now indicated. New Jersey has also suffered, the percentage falling about 12 points, and resting at 61. Conditions are high in Connecticut and Rhode Island, respectively 92 and 89. Maryland hopes for a two-thirds crop; Virginia something under that. A very short crop is indicated for Ohio, and for Michigan about half the normal product. On the Pacific coast conditions approximate the general average for the country. Much complaint of dropping and rotting is made, the latter especially in the South.

A NEW RAILROAD.

Rival for B. & O. and Pennsylvania in the Cokes Region.

The Pennsylvania and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroads are to have a strong rival for the immense tonnage from the Councilville coke region to Wheeling and the South in the Wheeling Air Line, projected and to be built by H. C. Erick, chairman of the Carnegie Steel Company, and Andrew W. Mellon, A. B. Mellon and R. B. Mellon, of the banking firm of T. Mellon & Sons.

The new line will start from Youngstown, Westmoreland county, on the Uniontown Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and will terminate at Wheeling, W. Va. The air line will also afford an inlet for the Beech Creek Road to the Pittsburgh and Eastern, the route having been surveyed from Mahaffey, through Indiana county, to Saltsburg, crossing the Kiskiminetus river; thence to Sewickley creek and West Newton, where it connects with the new "Bee" line. At West Newton connection can be made with the Pittsburgh, Youngboughen and McKeesport Railroad and an entrance effected into Pittsburgh. A shorter connection, however, could be made at Monacaheia, and also at Finleyville with the proposed West Side B. & O., and the latter, it is understood, is the intended route.

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KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS.

NEW ROAD TO BE BUILT.

Bond Issue Authorized for Wheeling's Northern Outlet.

The stock-holders of the proposed Pittsburgh Monongahela and Wheeling railroad met in Pittsburgh and authorized the issue of sufficient bonds to build the line at once. The issue will probably amount to \$2,000,000. The leading members of the company are Gen. W. G. Facey, Gen. Charles C. Dodge and H. C. Burton, of New York, and George H. Armstrong, of Pittsburgh. Gen. Facey announced that the line would consist of fifty miles of standard-gauge track, running from Monongahela City to Wheeling.

The iron workers' picnic at Ellsworth park, near Scotland, was broken up by a murdered about 11:30 o'clock Saturday night. John Gallagher, of Everson, stabbed James Welsh, of Scotland in the neck, completely severing the jugular vein, causing death in a few minutes. The killing was the result of an old grudge. Gallagher, who had been black-legged during the big strike here last year, was chased out of the grounds by a big crowd, and after running about 100 yards he turned and stabbed Welsh who was nearest him.

Work began Monday on the new railroad extending from Altoona to Phillipsburg, and will be known as the Altoona and Phillipsburg railroad. The new line will intersect at Phillipsburg with the Beech Creek railroad, which extends by connection with the Beech Creek Road to Philadelphia. The road when completed gives a competing line, and opens valuable bituminous coal, timber and farm lands, for this section of Pennsylvania.

Important changes in the weather bureau service throughout the United States have been ordered. They include several removals of observers, a suspension and discharge of more transfers between various stations. William S. Deyo, observer at Erie, is removed and the vacancy is not filled.

At Fredericktown, on the Monongahela river, a farmer named Darby thought burglars were trying to enter his house, and fired in their direction. He was much surprised to find that the supposed burglar was one of his valuable horses, which he had shot so badly that it may die.

A movement is now being promulgated for the erection of a mammoth axe plant at Mill Hill. The new plant will not be controlled by the trust. At the old plant at Bellefonte, there is general rejoicing over the announcement that there is to be an increase in wages in the near future.

Executions for \$10,833 43 were issued against Benjamin L. Landis, a farmer of Landis Valley, by his wife. In addition he has confessed judgments amounting to \$44,630. His principal asset is his real estate, which is assessed at \$42,600.

In a dispute about the rent of a house at Apollo, William Froyer shot Robert Wilkeson in the leg. Mrs. Froyer also beat Wilkeson over the head with a potato masher. Froyer was arrested and gave bail for felonious shooting.

The gas well struck by the Rochester Oil and Gas company in the Jacob Test farm, at Brush creek, is a roarer and has caused much excitement. The pressure is 500 pounds, and the noise it makes can be heard for miles.

In making change for a stranger Miss McMahon, clerk in the Bellefonte postoffice, was flim-flamed out of \$10. The stranger substituted a \$1 bill for a \$10 bill while Miss McMahon had her back turned.

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CONDITION OF TRADE.

Activity and Good Prices Continue in the Iron and Steel Business.

R. G. Dunn & Co., in their weekly review say: It is a belated season, a frozen May set everything back. The heavy business which ought to have been done in May and June was pushed into July, so that the mid-summer decline due in July comes in August. Back of all doubt is the fact that the Indian prices are doing better than anybody could have expected. The output of pig iron from August 1 was 180,523 tons weekly, or 176,505 by another report, in either case close to the normal output in 1893, though surpassed by 15,000 tons in the spring of 1892. Indian stocks are 88,078 tons smaller, the great steel companies having made purchases in advance of needs, but the actual consumption is large, and prices rise in the face of the increasing output. Bes