

Forty Employees Discharged From the San Francisco Mint.

The President issued a proclamation providing for granting a copyright in the United States to citizens or subjects of Belgium, France, Great Britain and Switzerland.

Secretary Foster has announced to a Knights of Labor representative in regard to the labor trouble at the bureau of engraving and printing that Superintendent Meredith would not be dismissed.

Forty employees in the United States Mint at San Francisco have been discharged by Superintendent Diamond, Secretary of the Treasury Foster having ordered the discontinuance for a time of the coinage of silver.

Assistant Secretary Chandler has directed on the report of a special agent that an investigation be made in the timber land entry of Martin P. Kelly in the San Francisco land district. A timber patent was issued to him, but a special agent who investigated the case reports the land to be agricultural, which is corroborated by several affidavits; hence a rehearing.

The Department of State has received a cablegram from the United States Minister at Caracas, conveying the information that the Congress of Venezuela has reported favorably to the reciprocity provision of the tariff of 1890 of the Congress of the United States and has conferred upon the President of Venezuela full authority to enter with the President of the United States upon a commercial arrangement and put it in operation without further delay.

The Commissioner of Pensions has received a number of dispatches from pension agents giving an unexpended balance of the pension fund in their hands at the close of business June 30. All have not yet reported, but the indications are the balances will be about \$5,000,000.

"This, added to the amount in the Treasury unexpended, will make \$8,000,000. Under the law the balance unexpended is turned into the Treasury, which will be done at once, and will increase the Treasury balance by about \$5,000,000.

Advices have been received at the Navy Department from Admiral Belknap, commanding the Asiatic squadron, to the effect that ample precautions have been taken to protect the foreign settlements in China; that five gunboats are in the Yang-tse-Kiang river, and that no trouble is feared at present. The report, the Admiral says, of the outbreak near Shanghai had its origin in the maltreatment of a native by a policeman attached to the French colony. The policeman was spirited away before the day set for his trial to the great exasperation of the Chinese, who threatened the French colonists.

CABLEGRAMS.

Russians Attack and Loot Jewish Booths in Scherwifeka.

Because of the bad condition of crops in Russia it is proposed to prohibit the exportation of corn.

Haitian advices indicate that Hypoite is in danger of assassination, the feeling is so strong against him.

American agents in Wales are said to be offering high wages to tin-workers, double what they have been receiving.

J. E. Bott, an Englishman, has invented a gun that will throw a shot three miles with fifty pounds of dynamite.

The famous Cuban bandit, Antura Garcia, is said to have been found dead, with bullet and stab wounds on his body.

General Williams of baccarat notoriety once had an income of \$150,000 a year, but association with royalty has impoverished him.

Consul-General King learns from leading champagne houses in France that prices will be higher this autumn, owing to a threatened scarcity of the vintage.

Counterfeiters at New York have sent out large sums of money for Brazil in imitation of the paper money recently printed by the New York Bank Note Company for the Argentine.

The German foreign office attaches considerable importance to the coming visit of the young King of Servia to the czar and to the arrangements made to give the visit a distinct political significance.

A dispatch from Buenos Ayres says that a bloodless revolution has taken place in the province of Santiago, and that Senor Diesterro, the President, has been arrested and forced to sign his resignation.

Ribot, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, has obtained assurance that the czar and family will visit France's squadron at Cronstadt August 3, and that the czarowitz, on his return from Siberia, will also visit the fleet.

Minister of the Navy Vice-Admiral Saint Bon is producing an excellent impression in Italy by his energy in enforcing discipline and improving the standard of the navy. Italy's navy was never in as good condition either as to vessels or men.

The chief of the Chilean insurgents, ex-Captain of the Chilean Navy George Montt, has notified the American Admiral at Iquique that crews of American vessels ought not to go on shore, as they would run the risk of being assaulted by revolutionary mobs.

Rudini in the Italian Chamber of Deputies declared in emphatic terms that the government would adhere firmly and steadily to the Dreibund, adding that these alliances would be maintained and European peace would long be preserved, Long and hearty cheers followed this declaration.

Ex-Empress Eugenie makes it a condition of her granting an annuity to Prince Victor and also of her bequest to him of her whole fortune, estimated at over \$1,000,000 sterling, that he rupture his present social connections. The ex-Empress insists that the Prince must effect a marriage with a member of some reigning family.

Germany's Fishery Association, with 17,000 members, has grown into an international affair. The Elbe has been so carefully stocked by the association that this year 2,000 big salmon were taken at Hamburg. "Of all European countries," said the association's Secretary in its annual convention at Berlin three weeks ago, "Germany is most advanced in fish culture. The United States, however, is ahead—far ahead—of us all."

William C. Graves, one of the Donner party, visited Truckee June 24 to make a formal demand for the money recently found by Edward Reynolds and Anos Lane. The coins are recognized by him as being of the same character as those buried by his mother in March, 1846. He went to Donner lake and pointed out the spot where his mother and the second relief party camped on the night before she conceived the coins. It was very close to the spot where the money was found. Mr. Graves will consult the other members of the family as to the advisability of instituting legal proceedings.

EASTERN ITEMS.

Mrs. Logan Denies the Report SHE IS TO MARRY LEMON.

A Scheme on Foot to Transport the Entire Population of Iceland to Alaska.

Logan C. Murray has resigned as President and Director of the United States National Bank of New York.

George C. Gorham is engaged in compiling the private papers of Secretary Stanton, preparatory to writing his life.

Farmers are traveling by the score to Mystic, Conn., to get a look at a grape vine on which a potato vine is growing.

The wheat harvest in Oklahoma is almost complete. The yield is estimated at not less than twenty-five bushels per acre.

Mrs. General Logan denies that she is to marry Pension Attorney Lemon. Gossip had stated that the marriage arrangements had been formed.

Harvard will not accept Oxford's challenge for a boat race on the Thames at London. The Harvard's crew is, of course, out of training and disbanded.

Since the beginning of the year twelve New York fire insurance companies have gone out of business, and many of those remaining in the field are said to be losing money.

The Chief Quartermaster of the Department of the Platte has been ordered to cut down the civilian force of employees in his department by a reduction of 25 per cent.

The American Bank Note Company, New York, is printing \$12,000,000 worth of paper money after the style of the American "greenbacks" for President Balnaceda of Chile.

Texas by a ruling of its Supreme Court on the right of railroads to land grants on account of sidings and switchings will recover over 6,000,000 acres to which patents had been improperly issued to railroads.

A company composed of New York and Southern capitalists has just been organized, with a capital of \$1,000,000, for cultivating a farm of 112,000 acres in Florida. Sugar cane and coconuts are the contemplated crops.

The deplorable condition of the streets of New York can be inferred from what the World says: There are no signs announcing Broadway as a street closed, but in view of that thoroughfare's condition there ought to be.

The Secretary of Agriculture has revoked his order imposing a quarantine affecting Canadian sheep and swine. Sheep and swine may, therefore, be imported into the United States from Canada, subject only to the regular inspection.

The Bureau of American Republics reports that estimates of the Brazilian coffee crop of 1890-1, now coming in, continue to diminish. The first estimate was 5,000,000 bags, next 3,500,000, and now it is believed that the crop will not exceed 2,200,000 bags.

Hereafter a board of promotions, consisting of clerks of the various departments in the Postmaster-General's Department, will inquire into the fitness of clerks for promotion whenever a vacancy occurs. The examinations are to be competitive, and the findings will be reported to the Postmaster-General.

A reign of terror exists among the colored population of West Philadelphia, who believe that the Medical College of the University of Pennsylvania has a paid gang of powerful men whose business it is to lurk about the streets at night, with hoods and chloroform, and capture negroes for subjects to be dissected by students.

Judge Gary of the Appellate Court at Chicago has rendered a decision which denies the right of the city authorities to permit pool-selling or book-making upon the race track and not allow it elsewhere. He decided that there can be no discrimination, and if the city insists upon prohibiting pool rooms it must stop betting at race tracks.

Chairman Smith of the Transmissouri division has ordered the Atchison road to divert to the Rock Island 600,000 pounds of salt from the Atchison Kansas, and the Missouri Pacific to divert 1,270,000 pounds to the Rock Island. Atchison has applied for a division of the billion at Pueblo, and Rock Island for a division of the billion at Denver.

Ludwig von Doleke, a noted Icelfander, who has been living in Detroit a number of years, is on his way to his native country where he will interview the government authorities upon a scheme of transporting the entire population of Iceland to Alaska and there establish a colony under the government of the United States. It is understood a number of capitalists are backing the scheme.

Charles F. Steel of Philadelphia is in Washington to urge an investigation of the letting of the recent contract for making postage stamps. He was the lowest bidder by \$150,000, but his bid was rejected and the contract given without further competition to the American Bank Note Company of New York, on the ground that the building offered by Mr. Steel could not be made sufficiently fireproof.

David Thompson, Chief of the Census Bureau of Manufacturers at Philadelphia, has made a statement for the public in which he charges that from the beginning of his work there has been a most persistent effort on the part of the leading census officials under Mr. Porter to hinder the census work, and that they have resorted at times to many devices unworthy of a department taking a complete census.

The Chicago City Council, after an exciting discussion, has repealed the ordinance which was rushed through the Council two weeks ago, granting the Chicago and Northern Pacific railroad fifty miles of right-of-way within the city limits and conferring other privileges, the money value of which is alleged to be enormous. It is said, though, this action will have no effect, for the ordinance has become, by means of proper signature, a law.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Lady Macdonald, Widow of the Canadian Premier, Raised to the Peerage.

Henry Irving expects to visit America this summer.

Prof. Lebaron Russell Briggs has assumed the duties of Dean of Harvard College, succeeding Clement I. Smith resigned. Prof. Smith had been Dean since 1882.

The Czarowitz has been a most industrious student, and is now one of the best informed men of his age in Eastern Europe. He is especially well versed in the higher sciences.

F. G. Kelley has resigned from the postmaster's office, Centerville, Mass., after a service of fifty-two years. The surprising thing is the resignation—not the length of service.

The King of Ashantee is allowed 3,333 wives. Many of them are the daughters of the chiefs of tributary tribes over which the King has jurisdiction, and are sent to him as hostages.

P. T. Barnum left a personal estate which inventories at \$1,583,393, and 5 per cent. of that sum, less the \$1,000 limit, amounts to \$4,233,935, which the State will get as its share of the sum total.

Jonathan Trumbull, the famous Revolutionary hero of Connecticut, is now honored with a souvenir spoon bearing his name and statuette of "Brother" Jonathan for his chief decoration.

Pierce N. Welch of New Haven is the donor of the proposed new dormitory at Yale. The building will cost \$180,000. Mr. Welch is not a Yale graduate, though interested in the university.

Just now Oliver Wendell Holmes seems to be a favorite topic with the magazines. The current issues of both Harper's and Scribner's contain articles about him and also portraits of him.

Archbishop Tasche, who for two decades has been the head of the Roman Catholic Church in the Canadian Northwest and the foremost Canadian prelate, is lying at the point of death at Winnipeg.

General Butler's "Autobiography and Reminiscences" will be published in French, English and German; but not more than one language will be really needed for the general to make himself understood.

Hon. Stephen Coleridge, son of the English Chief Justice, is an artist of no mean ability, and has a collection of paintings of the Lake country on exhibition just now. Ruskin commended some of his landscapes.

King Milan recently won \$35,000 at baccarat at one sitting. He scored in the Parisian gamblers of the Cercle de la Royale in a kingly manner, and would have had no scruples about clearing out a Tranby-Croft company.

As a reward for his services in exploring the Mackenzie and Yukon river districts in the far-away Northwest William Ogilvie of the Dominion survey has been awarded the Murchison medal by the British Royal Geographical Society.

John Burns, the British Socialist and labor agitator, is a man of wide reading and great cultivation. He was educated at one of the famous English public schools, and was an early and profound student of Ruskin, Carlyle and Adam Smith.

Sir Prescott Gardner Hewitt, the eminent English surgeon who died recently, had been president of the Royal College of Surgeons for the last fifteen years, and previously occupied the chair of human anatomy and surgery in that school. At the time of his death he was one of the Queen's sergeant-surgeons and surgeon-in-ordinary to the Prince of Wales.

Lady Macdonald, widow of the late Premier of Canada, Sir John Macdonald, has been raised to the peerage as an acknowledgment of her husband's long and distinguished public services. The news that the Queen had conferred the peerage on her was received by Lady Macdonald with great pleasure. It is said she will be called Countess of Earncliffe.

Princess Elizabeth of Ratibor defies aristocratic prejudice and confesses her purpose to marry Carl Miller, a forester. Berlin society is shocked to its foundations, while the father of the darling Princess is compelled to give his consent to his daughter's marriage to her choice. The old Duke of Ratibor is head of the house of Ratibor and Corvy and brother of Prince Hohenlohe, Statthalter of Alsace-Lorraine.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

An Abbreviated Account of the Weekly Doings of the Bad.

Daniel Burch, a negro, was lynched by a mob at Port Gaines, Ga., for attempting to outrage the daughter of his employer.

The latest development in the Brooklyn tragedy is that Theodore Larbig, who was killed by Darwin Meserole, was heavily insured.

J. H. Doane, a well-known clothing dealer of New Bedford, Mass., has left town, and it is said he is a fugitive to the extent of \$15,000.

The jury in the case of Hugh West, charged with the murder of his brother, Major John West, returned a verdict of not guilty at Raymond, Miss.

At Lawrence, Mass., John Rausche shot and killed his sweetheart, Mary Burket, and then killed himself the same way. Jealousy was the cause.

Two men who had been arrested near Freeport, Cal., attempted to escape while handcuffed together. They were fired upon. One was badly wounded.

Charles Bigelow, assistant cashier, and Norman Perry, chief clerk of the American Express Company at St. Louis, have been arrested and charged with embezzlement.

John Baker (colored) shot and killed his wife at Huntsville, Ala. He then mutilated her with a razor in a terrible manner, and cut his own throat. Jealousy was the cause.

Hale, who assassinated Mrs. Lottie McDowell and was recently convicted at Merced, Cal., of the crime, has received a life sentence to Folsom. An appeal will be made in his case.

Clarence Busbee, Assistant Treasurer of the Buena Vista Saddle and Harness Company of Lexington, Va., has skipped. The amount of his shortage is not known. He is a native of North Carolina, where he is said to be highly connected.

Charles Sweeney, formerly a well-known baseball player, and a street-car conductor named Leek came to blows over a worthless girl of 15 in San Francisco. Leek was so badly beaten that he is now lying at the point of death.

FOREIGN LANDS.

England Annexes Another Island.

A GERMAN SPY SENTENCED.

The French Senate Accepts July 10 as the Date for the Grain Rate Reduction to Take Effect.

The costs in the baccarat case were \$350,000.

Wailes reads the American papers to see what they say about him.

Paris is grumbling about a plague of mosquitoes, due to wet weather.

The harvest in Austria and Hungary will be below those of late years.

An underground railway for Berlin is being discussed by German engineers.

Six-hundred-year-old Switzerland, oldest of Republics, will celebrate this year.

It is said the Princess of Wales has never uttered a word of reproach to his Royal Highness.

The Jewish persecution is extending to all foreigners in Russia, especially to Germans, Poles and Tartars.

According to the last census the population of Hamburg is 222,753, a gain of more than 100,000 since 1883.

The Sultan has prohibited Turkish ladies from wearing French costumes in the streets of Constantinople.

It is stated in fanciful locusts fall in the streets like rain, and the sound of their falling resembles a heavy shower.

Dispatches received at Madrid from Manila say that England has annexed the Island of Sibuyan, which is claimed by Spain.

The Marquis of Lorne, who has always been snubbed by the Prince of Wales and has the Queen's ear, sympathizes with Cumming.

The Duke of Edinburgh, who is said to be too mean to gamble, laughs at the escape into which his extravagant brother has got.

A commercial treaty with the United States has been signed at Madrid, Spain. It will be published August 1, and goes into operation September 1.

The Tribunal of the Seine at Paris has sentenced a German named Schneider to five years' imprisonment for taking photographs of French fortifications.

Coal in the province of Almeria in Spain is so dear that there is great rejoicing over the discovery of an inferior quality in large vein near Albanochez.

The French Senate has accepted the bill of the Chamber of Deputies fixing July 10 as the date upon which the reduction in grain rates will go into effect.

The Hamburg authorities have decided to enlarge the docks at Wandsbrom.

The American syndicate that purchased the Jamaica railway is pushing the work of extending the lines, which are intended eventually to encircle the island, as rapidly as the unfavorable conditions of climate and labor permit.

The famous old frigate Brooklyn, known as Constitution No. 2, made history by Admiral Farragut, whose flag ship she was in the stormy days before New Orleans and Mobile, has been sold to a Boston junk firm, and will be burned at once.

A storage battery for the running of street cars is being experimented with in Sioux City, and if successful, a company with \$1,000,000 capital will be formed. The storage-battery system is said to be a saving one to the street-car companies, and besides in the use of this system the network of wires is done away with.

The committee appointed to investigate the charges of conspiracy preferred against the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen by the switchmen's organization in connection with the recent lock-out of the latter in the employ of the Northwestern road reported to the Supreme Council of Federation, finding the Brotherhood guilty.

Cardinal Gibbons at Baltimore has refuted the statements made to the Holy See that the spiritual condition and needs of the foreign-speaking Catholics in the United States were not properly provided for. He stated that the hierarchy of no country in the world are paying more attention to the spiritual wants of foreign-born Catholic people than are the prelates of the United States.

SPORTING NOTES.

Heat Races Becoming Very Unpopular in the East.

John McLean of Australia and Henry Peterson of San Francisco have been matched to row on the Frazier river near New Westminster, B. C., August 8 for \$1,250 a side.

Since 1854 Yale and Harvard have rowed twenty-two races, and up to the recent victory of Harvard each had won eleven; hence the great interest that centered upon the late race.

PORTLAND MARKET.

A Resume of the Condition of the Different Departments.

The oppressive weather seems to be beneficial to trade. It makes a great demand for fruits and vegetables, and other lines fare as well.

The fruit dealers have all they can attend to. Cherries, bananas and lemons are plentiful and sold rapidly.

Receipts of strawberries are light, but are fully equal to the demand.

Oranges are high and scarce.

The poultry market is overflooded with stock, and prices are weak.

Produce, Fruit, Etc. WHEAT—Walla Walla, \$1.45; Valley \$1.55 per cental.

FLOUR—Quote: Standard, \$5.25; Walla Walla, \$4.75@5.00 per barrel.

OATS—Quote: 55¢@56¢ per bushel.

HAY—Quote: \$15@16 per ton.

MINERAL SPRINGS—Quote: Brand, \$22@23; Shorts, \$25@26; Ground Barley, \$30@32; Chop Feed, \$25@26 per ton; Barley, \$1.20@1.25 per pound.

BUTTER—Quote: Oregon fancy creamery, 27¢; fancy dairy, 25¢; fair to good, 20¢@22¢; common, 15¢@17¢; California, 22¢@24¢ per pound.

CHEESE—Quote: Oregon, 12¢@12½¢; California, 12¢ per pound.

EGGS—Quote: Oregon, 22¢@23¢ per dozen; Eastern, 22¢.

POULTRY—Quote: Old Chickens, \$1.50 @5.00; young chickens, \$2.50@4; Ducks, \$5.00@7.00; Geese, nominal, \$10 per dozen; Turkeys, 16¢ per pound.

VEGETABLES—Quote: Cabbage, \$1.50 per cental; Cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; Onions, 1½¢ per pound; Beets, \$1.50 per sack; Turnips, \$1.75 per sack; Potatoes, 60¢@7¢ per cental; New Potatoes, \$1.10 per cental; Tomatoes, \$1.50 per box; Asparagus, 40¢ per pound; Oregon, 10¢@15¢ per pound; Lettuce, 12¢ per dozen; Green Peas, 30¢@40¢ per pound; String Beans, 7¢ per pound; Rhubarb, 4¢ per pound; Artichokes, 40¢ per dozen; Radishes, 10¢ per dozen bunches; young Onions, 10¢ per dozen bunches; Cucumbers, 50¢ per dozen; Carrots, \$1.25 per sack.

FRUITS—Quote: Los Angeles Oranges, \$2.50@2.50; Riverside, \$3.00; Napa, \$2.50; per box; Sicily Lemons, \$7@7.50; California, \$4.50@5 per box; Apples, \$2.50 per box; Bananas, \$3.00@4.00 per bunch; Pineapples, \$5.00 @6.00 per dozen; Strawberries, 70¢@80¢ per pound; Cherries, 75¢@81.00 per box; Gooseberries, 40¢@45¢ per pound; Currants, 5¢ per pound; Apricots, \$1.00@1.25 per box; Raspberries, 9¢ per pound; Peaches, \$1.00@1.25 per box; Blackberries, 13¢ per pound; Plums, \$1.50 per box.

NUTS—Quote: California Walnuts, 11½¢ @12½¢; Hickory, 8½¢; Brazils, 10¢@11¢; Almonds, 16¢@18¢; Filberts, 13¢@14¢; Pine Nuts, 17¢@18¢; Pecans, 17¢@18¢; Coconuts, 8¢; Hazel, 8¢; Peanuts, 8¢ per pound.

Staple Groceries. COFFEE—Quote: Costa Rica, 21¢; Rio, 23¢; Mocha, 30¢; Java, 25¢; Arabica's, 100-pound cases, 20¢ per pound.

SUGARS—Quote: Golden C, 4½¢; extra C, 4½¢; dry granulated, 5½¢; cube crushed and powdered, 6½¢ per pound; confectioners' A, 5½¢ per pound.

SYRUPS—Eastern, in barrels, 47¢@50¢; half barrels, 50¢@58¢; in cases, 55¢@60¢ per gallon; \$2.25@2.50 per keg; California, in barrels, 40¢ per gallon; \$2.25 per keg.

BRANDS—Quote: Small Whites, 3½¢; Pink, 3½¢@3½¢; Bayos, 4½¢; Butter, 4½¢; Loras, 4½¢@5¢ per pound.

DRIED FRUITS—Quote: Italian Prunes, 10½¢@12¢; Petite and German Prunes, 10¢ per pound; Raisins, \$1.75@2.25 per box; Plummer-dried Peas, 10¢@11¢; sun-dried and factory Plums, 11¢@12¢; evaporated Peaches, 18¢@20¢; Syrnra Figs, 20¢; California Figs, 9¢ per cental.

RICE—Quote: \$5.50@6.75 per cental. HONEY—Quote: 18¢@20¢ per pound.

SALT—Quote: Liverpool, \$16, \$16.50, \$17; stock, \$11 per ton in export lots.

CANNED GOODS—Quote: Table fruits, \$1.75, 2½¢; Peaches, \$2.50; Bartlett Peas, \$2.25; Plums, \$1.45; Strawberries, \$2.50; Cherries, \$2.00@2.50; Blackberries, \$2.25; Raspberries, \$2.75; Pineapples, \$2.75; Apricots, \$2.40. Pie fruit: Assorted, \$1.50 per dozen; Peaches, \$1.65; Plums, \$1.25; Blackberries, \$1.25 per dozen. Vegetables: Corn, \$1.35 @1.65, according to quality; Tomatoes, \$1.10@3.50; Sugar Peas, \$1.25@1.60; String Beans, \$1.10 per dozen. Fish: Salmon, \$1.50; sardines, 85¢@1.60; lobsters, \$2.30@3.50; oysters, \$1.50@3.25 per dozen. Condensed milk: Eagle brand, \$8.10; Crown, \$7; Highland, \$6.75; Champion, \$6.00; Monroe, \$6.75 per case.

The Meat Market. Beef—Live, 31¢@31½¢; dressed, 70. Mutton—Live, sheared, 31¢; dressed, 80.

Hogs—Live, 60¢ dressed, 80¢. Veal—50¢ per pound.

SMOKED MEATS AND LARD. Quote: Eastern Hams, 12½¢@13¢; Oregon, 10¢@12½¢; ... 10¢ @ 3¢ other varieties, 8¢@11¢. Lard, 9½¢@11½¢ per pound.

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