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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

A Naval Lieutenant is Found to Be Color Blind, and is Retired.

The proceedings of the court-martial appointed to try Colonel Compton of the Fourth Cavalry at Walla Walla have been received at the War Department, and will be forwarded to the President as soon as they have been reviewed by the Judge Advocate General.

Lieutenant J. Meigs of the navy, who was recently found to be color blind by the navy promotion bureau and ordered before the retiring board on this account, was found to have this defect by the retiring board. His case was sent to the President with the recommendation that he be retired. The President has ordered him placed on the retired list.

A statement prepared at the Treasury Department shows that the total circulation August 1 was \$1,500,033,812, being a net decrease since July 1 of \$44,743. The principal changes in circulation were a decrease of \$5,124,010 in gold certificates, \$3,220,913 in treasury notes and \$5,900,000 in currency certificates. The circulation of gold coin decreased \$443,794. The amount of money and bullion in the treasury August 1 was \$65,275,424, a net increase of \$900,715 since July 1.

It has been decided to amend the advertisement calling for bids for Pacific Coast service so as to make San Diego a port of call going and returning on the route from San Francisco to Panama, touching besides at Mazatlan, San Blas and other points. Steamers of the San Francisco and Valparaiso line will also stop at San Diego, touching besides at Panama, Buena Ventura, Guayaquil, Callao and Iquique. Revised copies of the advertisement are now being sent out from the Postoffice Department.

Acting Secretary Chandler has rendered a decision in the case of Harnish against Wallace on appeal from the finding of the local land office at Sacramento, which will materially change the practice of the department as to agricultural entries which are subsequently found to be mineral in character. The acting Secretary holds that "in order to defeat an agricultural entry on the ground of the mineral character of the land it must be shown that mineral was known to exist at the time of the entry. Heretofore the practice has been to cancel agricultural entries where mineral was discovered at any time prior to the issuance of a patent.

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EASTERN ITEMS.

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INDIANS ARE CONVERTED.

A Cleveland Nationalist Club Makes a Peculiar Demand on Behalf of the Indigent.

Brooklyn Italians want an Italian in the Board of Education.

New York brewers are fined \$5 for drinking non-union beer.

The United States census reports only 110 paupers in Louisiana.

Boston unions will test their right to hold meetings in the park.

Over \$150,000 have been raised for the Grant monument in New York.

New York postoffice employees have been ordered to seize all German lottery tickets.

Two hundred vessels have already been engaged to transport grain from Atlantic ports to Europe.

A census bulletin gives the number of inmates in almshouses in New York at a little over 10,000.

It is estimated that Philadelphia is depopulated over one-half on Sundays during the summer.

During the last fiscal year 555,496 immigrants arrived at our ports, an increase of 104,277 over the preceding year.

The Illinois Central has placed orders for twenty-two locomotives in anticipation of increased World's Fair traffic.

The Supreme Court of Minnesota has decided that the Salvation Army has a right to make all the noise it wants to.

Laboring men throughout Tennessee will join with the miners in an effort to secure the repeal of the convict lease law.

Under a new law in Georgia when a doctor is convicted of drunkenness he can no longer practice medicine in that State.

The great Minnesota trust, formed in 1879 to boom that State, has dissolved after selling 350,000 acres of land and colonizing 25,000 people.

Mrs. President Harrison insisted that the new carpets, tapestries and reupholsterings of the White House should be the work of American manufacturers.

Reports from all the grain country show that there will shortly be the most unprecedented demand for cars that has been experienced for a long time.

The Chicago and Grand Trunk railway of Canada has lifted the boycott against the Chicago and Alton road. This is believed by some to be the beginning of the end.

A bill has passed the Legislature in Georgia prohibiting the sale of spirituous or malt liquors within a radius of three miles from any church or school outside of an incorporated city.

The Continental Loan Company of Newburyport, Mass., has assigned. The capital stock of the company is given at \$1,000,000. Offices were located at Boston, New York and Denver.

A New York steamship agent says that so far 7,000 people have sailed for Europe every week since May 1. The total number could reach 100,000, and 30,000 more will go before the season ends.

The Spanish reciprocity treaty and the diplomatic correspondence pertaining thereto have been made public, the President issuing a proclamation announcing the full text of the treaty.

The Franklin Club, a Nationalist concern at Cleveland, demands that the city shall assume control of all vacant lands within its limits and cultivate cabbages and potatoes to be given to the poor.

Oklahoma Territory has not proved to be a land flowing with milk and honey. The wheat crop was a failure, and the people are hard up for cash. The corn crop is looking well, and may help them out.

Archbishop Ireland, who visited Commissioner Morgan of Indian Affairs, received ample and positive assurance of his disposition and intention to treat the Catholic Indian schools with equity and generosity.

The Secretary of the Treasury declines to make a ruling on the importation of skilled workmen for tin-plate mills, and refers a St. Louis querist to the fifth section of the alien contract labor law as a rule of guidance.

Assistant Secretary Nettleton has authorized the Collector of Customs at Astoria, Or., to admit free of duty into Grays Harbor the steel rails recovered from the British ship Abercorn, which stranded January, 1888.

About \$13,000,000 of the 4½ per cent. bonds have been presented to the Treasury Department for continuance at 2 per cent., and about \$8,000,000 have already been examined and the proper measures taken to issue the new bonds.

Secretary Tracy has finally decided to award the contract for building cruiser No. 13 to Cramp & Sons of Philadelphia, although the Bath Iron Works of Maine were the lowest bidders. The Bath company could not complete the contract in time.

The first account of Lawyer William M. Smith, assignee of the Bank of America of Philadelphia, has been filed, and possesses the unique feature of showing a yield of 10 per cent. to the depositors of a concern which was believed to be a total wreck.

The long-talked-of project of enlarging the Erie Canal to a basis of twenty-foot navigation, at a cost of probably \$150,000,000, is again receiving much attention from lake men, and will probably be brought before Congress at the next opportunity.

District United States Judge Hammond at Memphis, Tenn., has handed down his decision in the now famous case of R. M. King, the Seventh-Day Adventist, who was convicted years ago of Sabbath-breaking by plowing on Sunday. The Judge rules that, if a man has set Sunday apart in due form by his law, if not as God's law, he added the conviction was under a Tennessee law, and it was not the province of the Federal Court to review the case.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some Ancient Spanish Cannon to Be Exhibited at the World's Fair.

The oldest banker in the world is a lady—Deborah Powers, aged 99, senior partner of D. Powers & Sons, Lancaster, Pa.

John Sherman is the only remaining United States Senator who sat in that body during Hannibal Hamlin's term in its chair.

Since he was ejected from the Jersey Lily's heart Frederick Gebhard is said to have ejected her cattle from his California ranch.

Mrs. Amelie Rives Chanler does not figure in the will of her late uncle, Francis R. Rives, who left an estate valued at \$3,000,000.

Empress Frederick is fascinated by the genius of H. Rider Haggard, and by way of returning the compliment he has dedicated his last book to her.

Daniel Bandmann, an actor well known in Europe and America, is a familiar figure on the streets of Sacramento, selling milk from his locally famous Holstein dairy.

M. Claretie, the Director of the Theatre Francaise, Paris, has invited Mrs. McKee and Mrs. Russell Harrison to visit interesting parts of the playhouse not open to the general public.

Gladstone's best portrait is the one which Sir Everett Millais painted thirty years ago. It is now owned by Sir Charles Tennant, who bought it of the Duke of Westminster for \$15,000.

Since his return to Italy Signor Salvini has turned his attention to play writing, and one of his productions will be given in this country next season by his gifted son, Alexander Salvini.

The accident which befell Henry M. Stanley in Switzerland was not as serious as reported. It was his left ankle joint that was fractured. The pain has ceased, and the patient is progressing favorably.

Princess Helene of Montenegro, who may some day be the Czarina, for she is reported to be the allotted bride of the heir apparent to the Russian throne, is said to be the prettiest royal girl in Eastern Europe.

The discussion between Huxley and Gladstone over the miracle of the Lord of swine is enlivened by the grand old man's very best controversial efforts. There is nothing that Gladstone won't discuss save himself.

Secretary Foster says the story that there is any misunderstanding between Assistant Secretary Nettleton and Commissioner Owen or himself is absolutely untrue. There is talk of Mr. Nettleton resigning for business reasons.

Rev. Phillips Brooks is said to be the fastest speaker in the world. Verbatim reporters, who timed him, found that he speaks on an average 212 words a minute. Stammering in his youth is accountable for his remarkable haste in speech.

The Prince of Roumania is anxious to get married, and wants a royal wife. He has no heart to give, for that already belongs to Mlle. Vacaresco. The Duke of Edinburgh will not consent that his daughter Marie, aged 16, should wed this princeling.

General Aycardi, Governor of Panama, has given permission to the World's Columbian Exposition to remove from the old fortress at Puerto Bello on the Isthmus of Panama some old Spanish cannon, which date back very nearly to the time of Columbus.

Prof. Koch has not resigned his official position on account of the failure of tuberculin or Kochism, but because he is on the point of accepting a new office—that of Director of the Institute of Infectious Diseases, which has been organized by the German government.

Miss Phoebe Conzins wishes it understood by the free millions of Americans who have been moved by her woes that she is in St. Louis for rest and recreation; that she has not given up the fight, and that when she speaks again the World's Fair management will think that a Kansas cyclone has blown over from the wide and windy expanses of the West.

Dr. Harry Crookshank, Director-General of Egyptian prisons, will marry Miss Emma Walraven Comfort, the only child of Major Samuel Comfort of the Standard Oil Company. Crookshank brings with him a marvelous necklace as a wedding present from the Khedive, composed of amethysts, cornelian and other stones taken from the tomb of an Egyptian Princess and made into the imitation of a necklace worn by Queen Aah Horep, 1700 B. C.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

An Epitome of the Hebdomadal Doings of the Exceedingly Wicked.

The Collector for the Prussian State military in the government of Marienwerder has absconded with several hundred thousand marks belonging to the lottery funds.

Henry E. Barlow, a Chicago letter carrier and a G. A. R. man, has confessed to systematically stealing money from letters on his route. He has a wife and five children.

The timely arrival of the police prevented the lynching of fourteen-year-old George Rippstein at New York city. He had been tormenting Poles by pulling their whiskers.

C. W. Breedlove and Charles N. Wilson, indicted for the murder of Sailor Brown of the Charleston, have pleaded not guilty. They have given bonds, and will apply for a change of venue.

The amount taken by Sylvester Young, defaulting cashier of the Newport News and Mississippi Valley railroad, is estimated by his bondsmen to be \$125,000. A reward of \$1,000 is offered for his arrest.

In the trial of Mrs. Gilmer at Abington, Va., for the killing of her paramour's wife and plotting the death of her husband, the prisoner told in detail how the work was done, and during the examination burst into tears several times.

Isaac Sawtelle, who was convicted of enticing his brother into New Hampshire by representing that his little daughter was ill and intercepting and murdering him on the way to inherit his property must hang, the Supreme Court refusing a new trial.

Henry Guenther, a prosperous gardener of Dayton, O., is under arrest, charged with murdering his third wife. A chemical analysis of her stomach shows strong traces of arsenic. Guenther married the woman to avoid payment of \$5,000, which a jury had awarded her for seduction.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Recall of Baron Fava Regretted by Italy.

PRINTERS SENT TO SIBERIA.

France Will Return Russian Flags Captured by the French in the Crimean War.

Vesuvius is again in eruption. Russia talks of running the drug stores.

The reports from the Iceland fishing fleet are favorable.

About 600 destitute Jews are arriving at Hamburg daily.

The Italian government is said to regret having recalled Baron Fava.

The Sultan of Turkey is suffering seriously with an abscess in the thigh.

The German government is reconsidering the reduction of duties on grain.

Forty-five compositors were sent to Siberia for working on a Nihilist paper.

Patti says she will not accept less than \$5,000 for each performance she appears in.

Forgeries on the Deutsche bank at Berlin to a large amount have been discovered.

Sarah Bernhardt has again changed the color of her hair. She is now a pronounced brunette.

The Turkish authorities are throwing every possible difficulty in the way of Hebrew immigration to Palestine.

The worsted spinners of Germany have combined in view of the dullness of the market to reduce their output.

The final budget of the German Empire for the years 1890-1 shows a surplus of 15,148,201 marks over the estimates.

French drummers are to be excluded from Alsace-Lorraine, and the French speak of shutting German drummers out of France.

Advices from Allahabad say that 500 Russian explorers are at work extending Russian influence among the inhabitants of the Pamir plateau.

The Queen of England and the Queen of Italy have exchanged telegrams of congratulation on the visit of the Prince of Naples to England.

British army authorities are seriously alarmed by the information that Socialist literature is being widely distributed among the enlisted men.

It is announced that the Pope is strongly in favor of the present form of government in France, and that he opposes all schemes tending to monarchical ascendancy.

The Paris Municipal Council has voted in favor of the construction of underground railways in preference to elevated or viaduct structures as a means of rapid transit in that city.

The Munich court photographer, Heilmann, famous for his likenesses of actresses, has been drowned in one of the Bavarian lakes, together with two fishermen who were with him.

Until recently the phylloxera has spared the Champagne country, but at last it has appeared, and the 27,000 land proprietors in that district are now in a syndicate for mutual protection.

The Wesleyan Conference held at London, alluding to the Dilke case, has adopted resolutions protesting against the introduction into public life of men convicted of flagrant immorality.

The Holy See has just appointed an extraordinary commission of Cardinals to reorganize Catholic missions. The inquiry of this commission will, it is said, extend over the whole apostolic world.

A prize of \$4,000 has been offered by the government of the Dutch East Indies for the best and most economical method of packing salt in small boxes so as to keep it dry for at least two years.

There will be held in Genoa in 1892 an Italian-American exposition, to which the King of Italy has consented to give his patronage, and for which he allows the use of his name as honorary President.

The English Parliament is about to pass a bill authorizing any one Magistrate to order a youth under 16 years of age to be whipped by a policeman if he stole an apple from a tree or played at pitch and toss.

Official inquiry in England has resulted in a disclosure of systematic frauds on the part of Jewish emigrants from Russia to enable the Jews to evade the payment of the £10 levied on each permit to land.

The great French engineer is not long for this world. M. de Lesseps is a very sick and feeble old man, and his physicians are doubtful if he has the vitality needed to enable him to pull through. He is 87 years old.

It is reported that France as a mark of friendship for Russia will largely reduce the tariff on Russian products and will impose a prohibitory duty on Indian corn in order to encourage the importation of Russian corn.

The Theosophical constitution as revised amalgamates the American, English and European sections, Lady Caitness, in virtue of her millions as well as her enthusiasm, succeeds Mme. Blavatsky as High Priestess.

President Carnot has intimated that France will return the flags captured by French troops during the Crimean war from the Russian church at Eupatoria, which have since been deposited in the church of Notre Dame in Paris.

PORTLAND MARKET.

A Resume of the Condition of Its Different Departments.

A good demand was felt in the fruit line, and produce was also in demand. Watermelons are very plentiful. Receipts of peaches were light. Blackberries are still in good demand, and are arriving in somewhat better condition. The market for vegetables is well supplied, and prices remain firm under a good demand.

Produce, Fruit, Etc.

WHEAT—Valley, \$1.42½; Walla Walla, \$1.32½ per cental.

FLOUR—Standard, \$4.85; Walla Walla, \$4.90 per barrel.

OATS—Old, 50¢@52½¢; new, 42¢ per bushel.

HAY—\$15@16 per ton.

MILKSTUFFS—Gran, \$22@23; shorts, nominal, \$25@26; brand barley, \$ 0@32; chop feed, \$22@26 per ton; barley, \$1.20@1.25 per bushel.

BUTTER—Oregon fancy creamery, 30¢@32¢; fancy dairy, 30¢; fair to good, 25¢@27½¢; common, 15¢@22½¢; California, 22½¢@24¢ per pound.

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

EGGS—Oregon, 20¢@22½¢ per dozen.

POULTRY—Old chickens, \$6.00@6.50; young chickens, \$2.50@4.00; ducks, \$4@6; geese, nominal, \$8 per dozen; turkeys, 15¢ per pound.

VEGETABLES—Cabbage, \$1.00 per cental; cauliflower, \$1.00@1.25 per dozen; Onions, 1½¢ per pound; beets, \$1.25 per sack; turnips, \$1.00 per sack; new potatoes, 50¢@60¢ per cental; tomatoes, 75¢@1 per box; lettuce, 12½¢ per dozen; green peas, 30¢@40¢ per pound; string beans, 20¢@30¢ per pound; rhubarb, 30¢ per pound; artichokes, 40¢ per dozen; cucumbers, 10¢ per dozen; carrots, \$1.00@1.25 per sack; corn, 20¢ per dozen; sweet potatoes, 3½¢@4½¢ per pound.