## THE ARTICLES SIGNED.

**Fitzsimmons Has Agreed to Meet Corbett on March 17.**

New York, Jan. 6.—The only hitch which now seems possible to prevent the meeting of Corbett and Fitzsimmons will be the failure of Stuart to secure a place where they may settle the long-talked-of contest. On December 7, James J. Corbett affixed his signature to the articles of agreement. This afternoon, Fitzsimmons, accompanied by his manager, met Dan Stuart at Jersey City, and Fitzsimmons signed his name underneath Corbett's on the articles.

As to the side bet, Fitzsimmons said he would put up from $5,000 to $10,000 There was very little quibbling and it looked as if all parties concerned were in earnest about wishing to decide who is to be the recognized heavy-weight champion of the world.

The articles call for a purse of $15,000 to be given to the winner, and each of the principals to post $2,500 in the hands of a stakeholder to guarantee an appearance in the ring, the one failing to live up to this agreemet to forfeit to the other and Stuart. As a guarantee of good faith, Stuart agrees to post $5,000 with a stakeholder, to be divided between Corbett and Fitzsimmons, if he (Stuart) fails to carry out the provisions incorporated in the agreement. Stuart further agrees to post the remainder of the purse, $10,000, in the hands of a stakeholder, thirty days prior to the date of the contest, and that the said $10,000 will be forfeited by him to Corebtt and Fitzsimmons, if Stuart fails to bring off the contest on March 17. Five-ounce gloves are to be used.

George Siler, of Chicago, is agreed upon as referee, and Fitzsimmons decided that Al Smith of New York, was satisfactory as stakeholder for him. Stuart refused to say where he expected to bring the mill off, but the articles called for him to notify the pugilists of the place one month prior to the date of the contest.

Fitzsimmons' right hand was bandaged from the effects of his fight with Sharkey, when he received an injury to one of his knuckles in delivering a blow. Julian, his manager, would not say where or when Fitzsimmons would go into training, as he had not yet made arrangements.

## A FIENDISH PLOT.

**Negroes Confess to an Attempt to Wreck an Express Train.**

St. Louis, Jan. 6.—A Republic special from Birmingham, Ala., says: Four of the five trainwreckers in jail here today confessed to the formation of a fiendish plot to wreck and rob the Southern railway's fast express from Washington, at McComb's trestle, twelve miles east of the city, on the night of December 19, and this confession leads to the belief that the same gang removed the rail which wrecked the Birmingham mineral train at Cahaba river bridge, causing the death of twenty-six people and injuring eleven others, on December 27, although those under arrest are as yet silent as to the wreck.

Last week five negroes, Andrew Feagan, Tom Ingram, Tom Parker, Emanuel Billings and Rome Scales, were arrested by deputy sheriffs and railroad detectives, it is said, on a confession of one of the number. All were miners at the Henry Ellen mine, near McComb's trestle. Today, all but Feagan confessed. Parker, who did most of the talking, says Feagan was the leader of the plot; that he proposed the wrecking of the trains one night at a dance, as a good scheme by which to get Christmas money, and that the five agreed to engage in the work, with the understanding that those who failed to stand to the agreement would be killed by the others.

When the time came for action, all weakened but Feagan and Parker. They went to McComb's trestle, ninety feet high, by night, and entered upon the work of drawing spikes and removing bolts from the rails. The plan was to club to death and shoot those passengers who were not killed by the crash when the train fell to the ravine.

Not until the second night was the death trap ready. They waited by a campfire in the ravine below. The fast express came, but Engineer Hawes saw that a rail was out of place and managed to stop his train, only, however, after every wheel had left the track. Seeing their plot had failed, Parker says he and Feagan fled, mounted on a mule.

Here the confessions end, but as the Cahaba wreck was like McComb's attempted wreck in every detail, except that it was successful, even to the extent of sacrificing twenty-six lives and the wounded and dead being robbed by the wreckers, it is regarded as well nigh certain that the same gang committed both deeds, and further developments are expected very soon.

**Deeds to Settlers.**

Tacoma, Jan. 6.—The new Northern Pacific railway management is issuing deeds to settlers for lands purchased of the late Paul Schulze, general land agent, where they can show receipts for money paid, but of which Schulze defrauded the company. Sixty cases are involved aggregating $150,000. The purchasers were afraid their payments would not be recognized. Schulze committed suicide in this city a year and a half ago.

St. Paul, Jan. 6.—As a direct result of the closing of the Bank of Minnesota two weeks ago, which created new distrust among depositors and started runs on a number of city banks that were reputed not to be as strong as the depositors wished, three St. Paul banks, the Germania, the Allemania and the West Side, none of them national institutions, all closely associated, closed their doors today, one being in the hands of the state bank examiner and the others making assignments.

**Barges Broke Away.**

Batesville, Ark., Jan. 6.—During the heavy storms of yesterday, White river rose fifteen feet in a few hours. The fleet of government barges moored here broke away at midnight and drifted down the river. Captain Keefe and three men, named Smith, Williams and Galvin, were on one of the barges, and have not been heard from since.

**Struck for an Advance.**

Bellaire, O., Jan. 6.—The 250 miners in the Maple Hill and Boggs mines, at Barton, near here, struck today for an advance of six cents.

## WEEKLY MARKET LETTER

**Downing, Hopkins & Company's Review of Trade.**

The wheat market has every indication of an upward tendency. It hardened steadily last week in the face of bank failures, and was only affected by them temporarily. A good percentage of the traders were afraid to go into the market, owing to the unsettled condition of finances in Chicago last week. Local influences, however, are only of a transient character, the market being governed more by foreign advices, and also by the great strength of the domestic situation, which overshadows almost everything in the way of local bearish factors. Had the market been a local one prices would have gone lower, but the timely buying of foreigners offset the bearish influences, and made sentiment bullish, overriding everything bearish. Enlgish traders who were sharp enough to foresee their wants early in the fall, and took advantage of it by buying them from three to four months in advance, almost before the American speculators were aware of it, have come in the market within a week and taken millions of bushels of both cash and futures for shipment during the next four months, while local traders were as a rule afraid to take the buying side. It is claimed by operators in a position to know that there is a larger short interest than at any time within sixty days. The Northwest is short against its cash holdings there. Foreigners have absorbed the surplus wheat that is afloat in the pit. It is difficult to buy any large lines without sending prices up rapidly, if any of the recognized leaders are credited with being at the back of the orders. This leaves the market in a stronger position than ever, and those who watch the pit operations closely are confident that prices will advance to 90c within the near future. The visible stocks are 14,000,000 bushels less than last year.

Foreigners are expected to lead the buying again next week.

**Market Quotations.**

Portland, Or., Jan. 8, 1897.

Flour—Portland, Salem, Cascadia and Dayton, $4.50; Benton county and White Lily, $4.50; graham, $3.75; superfine, $2.50 per barrel.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 84@85c; Valley, 86@87c per bushel.

Oats—Choice white, 40@42c per bushel; choice gray, 38@40c.

Hay — Timothy, $13.00 per ton; clover, $8.00@9.00; oat, $8.00@10; wheat, $8.00@10 per ton.

Barley—Feed barley, $18.00 per ton; brewing, $20.

Millstuffs—Bran, $15.00; shorts, $16.50; middlings, $23.

Butter—Creamery, 35@40c; Tillamook, 40c; dairy, 22½@30c.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 60@70c; Early Rose, 80@90c per sack; California river Burbanks, 55c per cental; sweets, $1.00@2.00 per cental for Merced; Jersey Red, $2.50.

Onions—85c per sack.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $2.00@3.00; geese, $6.00; turkeys, live, 10c; ducks, $3@4.50 per dozen.

Eggs—Oregon, 22½ per dozen.

Cheese—Oregon, 11c; Young America, 12c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 10c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 6@8c.

Hops—9@10c per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $2.25@2.75; cows, $2.00@2.25; dressed beef, 4@5½c per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, $2.50@2.75; dressed mutton, 4½@5c per pound.

Veal—Net, small, 5c; large, 4½c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, choice, heavy, $3.25@3.50; light and feeders, $2.50@3.00; dressed, $3.50@4.25 per cwt.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 8, 1897.

Flour—(Jobbing)—Patent excellent, $5.25; Novelty A, $4.75; California brands, $5.60; Dakota, $5.50; patent, $6.25.

Wheat—Chicken feed, $27 per ton.

Oats—Choice, $24@25 per ton.

Barley—Rolled or ground, $22 per ton.

Corn—Whole, $22 per ton; cracked, $23; feed meal, $23.

Millstuffs—Bran, $16.00 per ton; shorts, $19.

Feed—Chopped feed, $19.00 per ton; middlings, $24; oilcake meal, $28.

Hay—Puget sound, per ton, $9.00@10.00; Eastern Washington, $13.

Butter — Fancy native creamery, brick, 24c; select, 23c; tubs, 22c; ranch, 18c.

Cheese—Native Washington, 10@12c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, per ton, $15@18; parsnips, per sack, 75c; beets, per sack, 75c; turnips, per sack, 60c; rutabagas, per sack, 75c; carrots, per sack, 35@45c; cabbage, per 100 lbs, $1.25; onions, per 100 lbs, 90c@$1.

Sweet potatoes—Per 100 lbs, $1.75.

Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 7@8c; dressed, 9@11c; ducks, $2.00@3.50; dressed turkeys, 13@15c.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, 24c; Eastern, 22@23c per dozen.

Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef, steers, 5½c; cows, 5c; mutton, sheep, 5½c per pound; lamb, 5c; pork, 5c per pound; veal, small, 6c.

Fresh Fish—Halibut, 5@6; salmon, 5@6; salmon trout, 7@10; flounders and soles, 3@4c.

Provisions—Hams, large, 12c; hams, small, 12½c; breakfast bacon, 10c; dry salt sides, 6c per pound.

San Francisco, Jan. 8, 1897.

Potatoes — Salinas Burbanks, 50@75c; Early Rose, 70@75c; River Burbanks, 30@35c; sweets, $1.40@1.50 per cental.

Onions—50@65c per cental.

Eggs—Store, 23@25c; ranch, 26@29.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 21c; do seconds, 18@20c; fancy dairy, 17c; seconds, 16@17c.

Cheese — Fancy mild, new, 11@11½c; fair to good, 8@10c; Young America, 11@12½c; Eastern, 19@24c.

Hops—8@10c per pound.

Wool—Choice mountain, 6@7c; poor do, 4@5c; San Joaquin plains, 4@5c; do foothill, 6@8c per pound.

Hay—Wheat, $8.00@10; wheat and oat, $7@10; oat, $6.00@8.00; barley, 5.00@5.65; alfalfa, $6.00@6.50; clover, $6.00@8.00; stock, $5.00@6.00 per ton.

Tropical Fruit—Bananas, $1.00@2.00 per bunch; pineapples, $2@4.

Citrus Fruit—Oranges, naval, $1.50@2.50; California lemons, $1.00@1.25; do, good to choice, $1.50@2.00; fancy, $2.50@3.00 per box.

Apples—Fancy, $1@1.25 per box; common do, 40@75c.

## A WILD CAT TALE.

**Water and Frosted Rails Trap the Animal and Death Follows.**

What is by long odds the best hunting story of the season comes from St. Regis, and the section foreman, Nels Thompson, who looks after the Snake track at that place, is the hero. It is probably the first case of its kind on record, and establishes an interesting precedent in the killing of wild cats. These varmints have heretofore been considered fit victims for any means of extermination, however unsportsmanlike it might be. They have been shot, trapped, poisoned and drowned, but Nels Thompson has introduced a new method of doing away with the cats whose only drawback is the fact that it can never be generally introduced, as the conditions under which it is operative do not exist in every locality where wildcats are found. To successfully carry out the Thompson method it is necessary to have a cold day, a deep stream and a railroad track running close by it.

One morning recently as Thompson and his gang of sturdy Scandinavians were pumping their handcar along the track on the way to their work, which that day was along the clay bluffs east of St. Regis, they were somewhat startled by the angry snarling of a wildcat ahead of them. They slowed up the car as they rounded the bluff and a strange sight greeted their eyes. The morning was bitter cold and a fringe of ice bordered the banks of the St. Regis River, which rushed along just below the track. Broken ice and a wet trail up the bank showed that the cat had just swam through the icy stream and explained his present predicament. For he certainly was in the gravest predicament in which ever wildcat found himself. He was fastened firmly to one of the steel rails by one fore foot.

The supposition is that the cat had come through the river and leaped up the track embankment. His last jump brought one of his wet forefeet upon the rail and, according to the familiar principle of physics, it froze to the steel. There he was, held as fast as if in the jaws of a trap. The ground showed that he had struggled to free himself, but his efforts had been in vain.

As the handcar approached, the cat swung around to face the intruders, and in doing so another foot struck the rail and was held firmly. A few more struggles, a strong brace to free the captive feet and the two free pedal extremities touched the rail. Snarling and with flashing eyes, the captive creature watched the section men alight from the handcar, but he was incapable of resistance. A blow from a crowbar cracked his skull and the victim of cold water was dead. It required a strong pull to detach the frozen feet from the rail, and when they did come patches of skin still adhered to the steel.—Anaconda Standard.

**Some Old Jokes.**

The Cornhill Magazine publishes certain extracts from an old French jostbook which prove at least that jokes are not very much changed, for some of these are dull as the pleasantry of our own day. They are comprised under the heading Menagiana, and are extracts from the conversations which took place at the house of Gilles Menage, a student and writer of the seventeenth century. He was the author of much literature, both poetry and critical prose, and was considered a wit; but whether he and his friends actually sparkled at their Wednesday gatherings may be guessed from a few samples of the conversation there:

"I had taken the hand of Madame De S——. When she drew it away Mons. Pellitier said to me, 'That is the most beautiful work which has ever gone out of your hands!'"

"Assume, sir," said a gentleman in a business argument with another, "that you owe me ten thousand crowns."

"Pray, sir," said the other, interrupting him, "have the goodness to make some other hypothesis!"

Above a fireplace were two figures, Justice and Peace, kissing each other.

"Look!" said some one. "They are saying 'Adieu,' never to meet again."

The Archdeacon of Auxere, who was in the habit of screaming in the pulpit, said of Bourdaloue, "He preaches fort bien, and I bien fort."

The Marquis Del Carpio, Viceroy of Naples, was going into a church at Madrid, and saw a lady entering at the same moment who wore an extremely beautiful diamond on a very ugly hand. "I should prefer the ring to the hand," said he, with no expectation of being heard; but she immediately touched the collar of his order, which he was wearing, and said, "I should prefer the halter to the donkey!"


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# REVIEW OF THE YEAR

## CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF IMPORTANT EVENTS.

**Month of May Most Conspicuous by Its List of Appalling Disasters and Natural Catastrophes by Land and Sea—Record of Fires and Crimes.**

**A Backward Glance.**

Following is a chronological record of the most important events of the past twelve months: May, 1896, will be remembered as a month of disaster. On the 3d twelve persons were killed by an explosion in Cincinnati; on the 15th, 129 by a cyclone in Texas; on the 17th, 33 by cyclones in Kentucky and Kansas; on the 18th, 44 by a cyclone in Nebraska; on the 21st, 10 by a cyclone in Oklahoma; on the 22d, 5 by a cyclone in Missouri; on the 24th, 40 by a cyclone in Iowa; on the 25th, 86 by cyclones in Michigan and Oklahoma and 40 by a cloudburst at McGregor, Iowa; and on the 26th, 12 by a storm at Cairo and between 75 and 100 by the fall of a bridge at Victoria, B. C. Otherwise the record is not out of the ordinary.

**January.**

1. President names Venezuelan commission....British ship Jeannette Cowan wrecked on Vancouver Island; 12 men perish.

2. Six members of Hibbard family die by fire at Columbus, Ohio....Four killed, 32 hurt, by exploding fireworks at St. Louis, Mo. ....British force under Dr. Jameson attempts seizure of territory in Transvaal, South Africa, and is cut to pieces and captured by Boers; British government disavows its invasion....Earthquake in Persia destroys village of Jaujaloo and kills 500 people.

4. Cubans invest the city of Havana....United States insists on indemnity from Turkey for plundered missionaries....Six killed in a wreck near Chillicothe, Ohio....Utah a State.

5. Carlisle offers $100,000,000 popular loan ....Second Persian earthquake destroys city of Gio and kills 800 people.

6. Report that Havana is fallen; not confirmed....Four miners killed in a Shamokin, Pa., shaft....Tremendous prairie fires in Western Kansas.

9. War fever high in England....Transvaal demands independence and indemnity for Jameson's raid....Report of alliance of Germany, France and Russia against England to sustain the Boers.

12. Peter Hongsard, of Chicago, kills his wife, five children and himself by asphyxiation.

13. Sultan forbids Red Cross Society to enter his domains.

14. Foraker chosen Senator from Ohio.

15. Government victorious in Manitoba elections....Severe fighting about Havana ....Allison chosen Senator from Iowa....Bond syndicate dissolves; popular loan assured.

16. Chicago gets Chicago National Democratic Convention.

17. Announcement of Harrison-Dimmick engagement....Campos relieved of Spanish command in Cuba....Death of Frank Lawler, of Chicago.

21. Five firemen killed by falling walls at St. Louis; three people killed by gas explosion at New Haven, Conn.; two at Redkey, Ind....Death of Gen. Tom Ewing at New York....Red Cross delegation starts for Turkey.

25. American Liner St. Paul ashore at Long Branch.

26. Cuban filibustering steamer Hawkins sinks; 53 lost.

27. Fifty-four Welsh miners killed by explosion....Feud at Falon, own, ends in two deaths.

30. Five killed, 20 hurt, by exploding boiler at Hollidaysburg, Pa.

31. Salisbury concedes justice of Monroe doctrine and declares England's inability to suppress Armenian outrages....Murder of Pearl Bryan at Fort Thomas, Ky.

**February.**

1. Senate passes silver bond bill.

2. $2,000,000 fire loss in Philadelphia....Tremendous snowstorm in Northwest.

5. Richard Kistke kills his father, mother, wife, three children and himself at Chicago; despondent....Bond bids aggregate $568,000,000, at a figure exceeding 119.

6. Three killed in Polish-Hungarian riot at Whiting, Ind....Terrific storm sweeps Atlantic coast; Morristown, N. J., inundated by bursting dam; Round Brook wiped out by flood and fire; many lives lost, immense property destroyed....Bridge near Bristol, Conn., swept away, drowning eleven workmen.

7. Death of W. H. English at Indianapolis.

8. Publisher Dunlop, of Chicago Dispatch, sentenced to two years and to pay $2,000 for circulating obscene matter.

9. Ten sailors drown off Newburyport, Mass.

14. Grant Atterbury lynched at Sullivan, Ill.

17. Twenty die in a factory fire at Troy, N. Y.

18. Sixty miners killed at Newcastle, Colo....Rain of mud in Chicago.

19. Bill Nye stricken by paralysis....Mercury below zero all day at Chicago; three die of exposure....Clothing cutters at Chicago strike....Dynamite at Johannesburg, South Africa, kills scores; fire at a masked ball in Lisbon, Portugal, kills fifty attendants.

21. Fitzsimmons whips Maher in 1 minute 85 seconds....Commander and Mrs. Ballington Booth removed from command of Salvation Army in America.

22. Death of "Bill" Nye.

23. Ballington Booth revolts against his retirement in Salvation Army....Seven people die in a Baltimore fire.

27. New York Yacht Club expels Lord Dunraven.

28. Senate passes resolution to recognize Cuba.

29. $1,000,000 fire in Halifax....Riots in Barcelona, Spain, upon receipt of news of action of Congress; American consulate attacked.

**March.**

1. Great floods in New England.

3. Rome in a rage because of slaughter of 3,000 Italian soldiers in battle in Abyssinia.

4. Renewed anti-American demonstration in Madrid....All Italy in an uproar over Abyssinian defeat....$200,000 fire at Johnstown, Pa.

14. Albert Wallace hanged at Pekin, Ill.

16. Frankfort, Ky., under martial law.

18. Five killed by powder explosion at Hipton, N. Y.

23. Thirteen miners killed at Dubois, Pa., by explosion....Death of Thomas Hughes, author, at London....Riot at Holland, Mich., over horsewhipping of a sensational newspaper correspondent.

28. $400,000 fire at Louisville, Ky....Illinois Supreme Court confirms imprisonment sentence of Bankers Meadowcroft.

29. Unknown man kills Alvin M. Stone and wife, and wounds three daughters, near Akron, Ohio; cause unknown....Four die by fire in New York.

31. Storms in the Northwest....Report of execution by garrote of five Cubans at Havana....Opening of lake navigation.

**April.**

1. Ten die by fire in a Brooklyn tenement ....Trains on B. & O. and Pecos roads held up....Cubans capture Santa Clara.

6. Wedding of Gen. Harrison and Mrs. Dimmick.

7. Chicago elections retire 21 boodle aldermen.

10. S. B. Minchell kills W. B. O. Sands, his own wife and three children, and himself at Pentwater, Mich.

12. Six killed by falling trestle at Bedford, Ind....President Cleveland appoints Fitzhugh Lee Consul General to Cuba....Greater New York bill vetoed....Democrats observe Jefferson Day.

14. J. W. Lehman, of Chicago, kills himself and three children....$1,000,000 fire at New York....$250,000 fire at Fairbury, Ill.

15. First fatal sunstroke of the year at Philadelphia....Phenomenal hot wave prevails.

16. Base-ball season opens....Temperature reaches 88 degrees at Chicago, breaking all records for April.

19. Nine sailors drown off Long island.

21. Baron Hirsch, millionaire Jewish philanthropist, dies at Komorn, Germany....Leon Say, distinguished French political economist, dies at Paris.

25. At Rockville, Ind., Albert Egbert kills five people without cause, and commits suicide; his sick sister dies from shock....$1,000,000 incendiary fire loss at Cripple Creek, Colo....Ten killed and twenty hurt in Kansas, and three killed in Virginia, by cyclones.

27. Fatal storms in South Dakota....Hours pass sentence of death upon leaders of the Transvaal insurrection; President Krueger commutes sentence.

29. Second fire at Cripple Creek, Colo., does $1,500,000 damage and wipes out the town.

30. Illinois Republican convention declares for McKinley.

**May.**

3. Fearful loss of life by explosion of a gas generator at Cincinnati; nearly fifty hurt.

5. Street car strike in Milwaukee.

6. Cleveland's sweeping civil service order protects 30,000 office-holders.

8. Many points record temperature of 90 degrees.

9. L'Anse, Mich., has $750,000 fire....Ashland, Wis., loses half a million by fire.... Continued excessive heat.

11. Eleven killed by explosion of boiler of rafting steamer Harry Brown, at Vicksburg, Miss.

14. Bold bank robbery at Buffalo, N. Y.... Big windstorm at Chicago....Methodists retire Bishops Foster and Bowman.

15. Eighty killed by cyclone at Sherman, Texas.

17. Great loss of life and property by cyclones in Kansas....Five sailors drown off Grosse Point, Ill.....Blue Island, Ill., fire-swept....$500,000 fire at Atlanta, Ga.

18. Nebraska cyclone kills 44.

21. Oklahoma cyclone kills ten.

22. Missouri cyclone kills five.

24. Four of Otto Maim's family die by gasoline fire at Chicago....Cyclone in Polk and Jasper Counties, Iowa, kills a score of people and does tremendous damage; Chicago and suburbs also suffer.

25. Over 100 killed by cyclone in Michigan ....Forty die at McGregor, Iowa, in a cloudburst.

24. One hundred killed in street-car disaster at Victoria, B. C....James Dunham murders six people at San Jose, Cal....Czar of Russia crowned....Cairo, Ill., storm kills twelve.

27. St. Louis, East St. Louis and several Missouri towns swept by one of the most destructive cyclones in the world's history; 1,000 reported dead.

30. Two thousand Russians killed in a panic at Moscow....Eighteen people die in a cyclone at Seneca, Mo.

**June.**

5. Excessive heat in Northwest.

6. Anarchist bomb in Barcelona kills 7 and wounds 4.

13. Death of ex-Gov. Felch of Michigan.

16. Earthquake in Japan kills thousands ....Republican convention in St. Louis....Steamer Drummond and 240 lives lost off France.

18. Ten thousand lives lost by earthquake and tidal wave in Japan....McKinley nominated at St. Louis....Silver men bolt the convention....Ten killed by exploding racht boiler at Little Falls, N. Y.

22. Five killed by collapsing building at San Francisco....Death of E. H. Bristow, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, at New York.

28. One hundred miners buried at Pittston, Pa.....Six drown in Shawano Lake, Wis.

**July.**

1. Death of Harriet Beecher Stowe.

7. Democratic convention at Chicago....Yale beaten at Henley.

8. Christian Endeavorers assemble at Washington.

10. Chicago convention nominates Bryan.

11. Twenty-eight killed in wreck at Logan, Iowa....$1,750 hold-up at noon in Chicago....$300,000 fire at Nashville, Tenn.

12. Five killed in wreck at Chicago....Four drowned at Lawrence, Kan.

13. Half million fire loss at St. Louis.... Intense heat at Chicago.

14. Hot wave sweeps the country; 94 deaths at Chicago.

15. Temperature drops 36 degrees at Chicago....Twenty-eight drowned at Cleveland, Ohio.

18. Three lives and half a million in property lost by fire at Chicago car barns.... Malvern, Ark., razed by incendiary fire....

24. Twenty-six drowned by cloudburst in Colorado....Serious floods in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

25. Populists at St. Louis nominate Bryan and Watson.

27. Eleven die in a Pennsylvania cloudburst, near Pittsburg.

28. Indiana gas belt swept by floods; three killed at Anderson.

30. Fifty killed in railroad wreck at Jersey City, N. J.

**August.**

4. Failure of Moore Bros., Chicago, Diamond Match brokers, for $4,000,000....Phenomenal heat in Western, Central and Middle Northern States.

5, 6. Tremendous toll of killing heat.... Conference of National Democratic party at Indianapolis.

9. Furious heat increases; 72 deaths from sunstroke in New York and Brooklyn; 16 at Chicago; similar reports from all quarters.... Seven killed by trolley accident at Columbia, Pa.

10. One hundred and eighty people die of heat in New York and Brooklyn; 60 at Chicago; 15 at St. Louis.

12. Cool wave....Thirty die in a Pennsylvania cloudburst....Seven killed by boiler explosion near Alliance, Ohio.

16. Undertakers and cemeteries in New York overwhelmed with business; hundreds of funerals postponed; heat the cause.

17. Death of Abigail Dodge (Gail Hamilton) at Hamilton, Mass.

18. Death of Nicholas Crouch, author of "Kathleen Mavourneen."

25. Whitney-Vanderbilt wedding....Ontonagon, Mich., destroyed by fire....National Democratic State Convention of Illinois nominates John G. Black for Governor.

**September.**

1. Twelve killed by powder-house explosion at San Francisco.

3. Gold Democrats at Indianapolis nominate Palmer and Buckner....Slight frost in Northwest.

6. Eleven firemen killed at Benton Harbor, Mich....Two men lynched at Glencoe, Minn.

8. Six of a coaching party killed near Warsaw, Ind....Family of four killed at crossing at Oshkosh, Wis.

10. Cyclone at Paris....Terrific storm on Atlantic coast.

13. Tremendous storm in the East.... British troops capture Dongola and rout dervishes in Egypt....Riot in Leadville; four killed.

23. Leadville under martial law.

27. Mount Holyoke College burns at South Hadley, Mass.

29. Many Southern cities wrecked by storm; great life and property loss in Florida, Georgia and Pennsylvania.

**October.**

1, 8. Iowa semi-centennial jubilee.

8. Death of Du Maurier, the novelist.

9. Chicago Day celebration.

10. Two bank robbers killed at Sherbourne, Minn.

14. Meeker, Col., citizens kill three bank robbers, and hold a celebration over it.

13. Flight of W. T. Rambusch, from Juneau, Wis., after embezzling over $200,000 during long term of years.

16. First snow in Northern Wisconsin.

17. First snow in Chicago....$150,000 fire at Holland, Mich.

18. Death of Henry E. Abbey, theatrical manager, at New York.

25. Eight killed, 20 hurt, in wreck at St. Louis....Six drown while boating at Denver.

26. $1,200,000 elevator fire at Chicago.

28, 29. Mercury at Chicago reaches 78 degrees.... Cyclones in the South and Oklahoma.

**November.**

3. McKinley elected President.

5. Storm of sleet and snow in Northwest and Middle States.

7. Schooner Waukesha and six men lost off Muskegon, Mich.

16. Mercury registered 70 degrees at Chicago.

19. Death of Mrs. Siddons at Paris.

21. Steamer San Benito and five men lost off California coast....Death of Inventor Ferris of wheel fame.

23. Death of Campanini, the tenor, at Parma, Italy....Mabley & Co., Detroit, fail.

26. Worst November blizzard ever known in Northwest; roads blocked and much stock killed....Apparently authentic report of Weyler's rout in Cuba, with loss of 3,000 men.

27, 28, 29, 30. Continued severe cold in West and North.

**December.**

2, 3, 4. Alarming ice gorge in Chippewa Valley, Wisconsin.

6. Strong indications that Cuban insurgents will be successful; Weyler fails in his campaign in Pinar del Rio....Five killed in collision at Waelder, Texas.

7. Congress in session....Reported death of Maceo, the Cuban insurgent general.

9. Loss of North German Lloyd steamer Saller with 275 people, off Spain.

11. Collapsed building at Jeres, Spain, kills 100....Mine disaster at Hedges, Cal., kills eight.

16. Tremendous snowstorm at New York City, accompanied by extreme cold; three people perish....Chicago has mild temperature; no snow, and sunny sales....Widespread agitation looking toward aid of Cuban insurgents.

17. England shaken by an earthquake.... $500,000 fire at Pittsburg....Death of Herrmann, the magician.

21. National Bank of Illinois at Chicago closes.

22. Three banks dragged down by Illinois National....Two St. Paul banks fail....Cash wheat at Chicago reaches 89½ after three months of almost uninterrupted advance, and market continues strong.

**Odds and Ends.**

The sin of a moment may blight the whole life.

The first English work on anatomy was by Thomas Vicary, in 1548.

We say that the good die young. As a matter of fact, it is the young that die good.—Boston Transcript.

Some young men would get along better if they had less point to their shoes and more to their conversation.—Springfield, Ill., Register.

We are under lasting obligations to a correspondent at West Superior for sending us by mail the item about the snow crust in that locality being thick enough to bear up a freight train. We could hardly have stood it by wire.—Minneapolis Tribune.


**HOW TO RELAX.**

Cold weather, whether damp or dry, will produce, even if we are extremely careful, sudden soreness and stiffness of the limbs and muscles. This is much owing to sudden change of temperature from a warm room to out-door air. Cold contracts and warmth expands or relaxes, and it is for this reason that when one is sore and stiff from sudden cold, the application of St. Jacobs Oil brings immediate and sure relief, as it gives warmth and relaxation to the stiffened muscles and makes supple the sore and cramped limbs. With a vigorous rubbing with this great remedy for pain, no one need suffer with soreness and stiffness more than a very short time. It is especially the best remedy for suffering where we require a prompt cure, and it is particularly the best because its cures are permanent.

**Mind and Health.**

The mental condition has far more influence upon the bodily health than is generally supposed. It is no doubt true that ailments of the body cause depressing and morbid conditions of the mind, but it is no less true that sorrowful and disagreeable emotions produce disease in persons who, uninfluenced by them, would be in sound health; or, if disease is not produced, the functions are disordered.

Agreeable emotions set in motion nervous currents which stimulate blood, brain, and every part of the system into healthful activity; while grief, disappointment of feeling, and brooding over present sorrows or past mistakes depress all the vital forces. To be physically well one must, in general, be happy. The reverse is not always true; one may be happy and cheerful, and yet be a constant sufferer in body.

**Termites Destroy a Cable.**

The French Academy of Sciences was informed last summer of the destruction of an electric cable in Tonquin by the attacks of termites. The cable crossed a marshy tract and was enclosed in a tube of lead. The insects bored holes in the tube and completely destroyed the insulation of the cable. It has been proposed to guard the cable against future attacks by enclosing it in an envelope of cotton and jute impregnated with sulphate of copper, which, it is believed, would prove a fatal poison to the insects.

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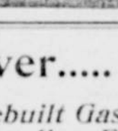

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