

EASTERN ITEMS.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Low Water Causes the Stopping of Mills.

NEW YORK BANK DEPOSITS.

Doctors Report That the Stigmata Marks of Mrs. Stuckenburgh Are Genuine.

The Mantonah will not leave New York this winter.

The past season on the Erie canal has not been profitable for the boatmen. Officials implicated in the Cheyenne agency frauds have been suspended.

Subscriptions are being raised in Philadelphia to build a bourse in that city. The New York Times has decided to increase its price from 2 to 3 cents per copy.

It is said that 50,000 Kansas people have removed to Texas in the past two years.

The Rock Island is surveying routes south through the Indian Territory to Texas.

Next year over \$1,200,000 will, it is said, be hung up in Chicago for racing prizes.

It is said that \$75,000 have been sent to Texas to be used in establishing subterranean organs.

A railroad official says that the Kansas railroads need about 7,000 more freight cars than they have.

In Atlanta there is a strong movement in favor of the founding of a State reformatory for juvenile criminals.

The story that a Chicago syndicate is to purchase the Palace Hotel at San Francisco has no foundation in fact.

The grievances between the Southern Pacific management and the conductors and brakemen have been amicably settled.

The papers published in many of the Southern States tell of the arrival of large numbers of Russian Hebrews there.

Lady Henry Somerset in a speech in New York a few nights ago said that that city was approaching the White-chapel condition.

The Engineering News finds that 948 miles of railroad have been constructed in the far Western States as against 1,325 miles in the whole 1890.

The water in the lakes and streams of Western Connecticut is so low that many mills have stopped running and others have had to return to steam power.

Special Agent Ogden of the land office will decide against the Kaweah colonists, and will hold that they have no right on the Sequoia Park lands in question.

One rascally lawyer of Mississippi has received his just deserts. He swindled negro women out of pension money, and has been sent to State prison for six years.

George Vanderbilt expects to spend \$1,000,000 a year upon his new chateau in North Carolina until it is completed, which will not be for ten years to come.

The South Carolina House of Representatives has passed a bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors except under certain restrictions.

At San Antonio, Tex., Judge King arrested the grand jury and imprisoned the members for contempt for serving an attachment on him while he was on the bench.

Physicians who have been watching Mrs. Stuckenburgh, the woman who bears the stigmata marks at Louisville, Ky., report that the manifestations are genuine, but inexplicable.

The deposits of the New York banks are \$27,313,000, against \$378,578,000 a year ago, and the loans are \$412,453,000, against \$384,547,000. This shows a healthy financial condition.

The motion of Joseph Hinkel to declare null and void the patent issued to the Southern Pacific Company for land in the Los Angeles district has been denied by Secretary Noble.

Governor Hill of New York has removed the County Clerk of Onondaga county, who refused to countersign the certificate of election of the Democratic candidates to the Legislature.

There is much excitement in Atlantic county, N. J., over the increase of the tax assessments from \$4,000,000 to \$11,000,000. Farmers and beach-front owners are violently protesting.

One of the New York papers is doing an enlightening work in presenting diagrams showing how the Tammany Examiners in that city have escaped the record of saloons around all hotels.

It is reported that it will be impossible to get up with his

Morris, the English Poet, is Spoken of as Successor to Tennyson in the Laureateship.

Albert Bierstadt has sold his great painting, "The Last of the Buffaloes," for \$50,000.

Mr. Blaine's grand children, the Coppinger boys, are named respectively Blaine and Carnegie.

General Wade Hampton, it is reported, shows no signs of the physical breaking up recently reported of him.

General Butler's sore year is yielding to medical treatment, and it is supposed that he will be around again shortly.

Admiral Walker of the White Squadron has taken for his Secretary Ensign Niblack, son of Judge Niblack of Indiana.

The death of George Henry Haydon, the Australian explorer who made the first crossing from Melbourne to Gippsland, is reported.

The Clevelands and the baby with a big R have moved to their cottage at the New Jersey resort, Lakewood, and are settled for the winter.

Sir Edward Arnold says that the late Lord Lytton was the best after-dinner speaker he ever heard and superior to our own Dr. Dewey at his best.

The late Governor Hovey of Indiana left enough manuscript verse to make a volume. It was mainly in ballad form, and may sometime be printed.

Sir Edwin Arnold glories in the fact that he has written at least 8,000 editorial leaders, each of which has been over half a column in length.

John Palmer, Commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., thinks the government ought to buy Mount McGregor and put a sanitarium there for consumptive soldiers.

Rev. R. Rodolph Suffield, whose accession from the Church of Rome in August, 1870, made a considerable public stir, died the other day in Reading, England.

Another portrait of Columbus has been discovered at a chateau belonging to the Duc de Talleyrand. A photograph of it has been sent to the French Geographical Society.

A son of Powers, the sculptor, has a studio in Denver, where he is engaged on a work entitled "A Closing Era." It represents a lonely Indian standing over a prostrate and dying buffalo.

It is on the cards that Lord Stanley intends to resign the Governor-Generalship of Canada. If he does, it will be the first case on record in which a Stanley of Preston resigned a good thing.

A recent paragraph in Harper's Weekly stated that General J. A. Hilderman of Kansas was "the only American whom the King of Siam has ever deemed worthy to wear the decoration of the Sacred White Elephant." It seems, however, that this was an error, the same honor having been conferred upon Colonel Thomas W. Knox, the famous "Boy Traveler." Of English-speaking persons, Queen Victoria and Sir Edwin Arnold have been likewise distinguished by the favor of the Oriental King.

NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Senator Stewart of Nevada Introduces His Free-Coinage Bill the First Thing in the Senate.

Representative Wilson has had a consultation with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, going over the articles of agreement with the Colville Indians for the cession of a portion of their large reservation.

Senator Mitchell has introduced a number of bills. Among them was his old boat-railway bill, appropriating \$2,809,356 for building a railway around the dunes. This passed at the last session. Also the payment of \$3,783 to Astoria for property taken for a public building. The Senator has a number of other measures which he intends to put in as soon as he finds time.

An effort is being made to consolidate all appropriations with the committee in the House. This is in the direction of scaling down all appropriations to the smallest possible amount. It is not liable to occur, however, as there are too many members who are looking for appropriations for rivers and harbors, Indian affairs and other interests, who would not feel like trusting their interests with one appropriations committee, especially if Objector Holman was to be Chairman, which now seems probable.

Senator Allen did not introduce the Washington State public-buildings bill, as it was deemed best to hold them until the delegation had a consultation as to the best plan to pursue. Representative Wilson does not believe in the site plan, and thinks that the bill may be put through for a building in one town, and he naturally wants it at Spokane. The other cities are somewhat ambitious, but there is no possibility of getting four site bills through. That was tried last winter, and it will meet with more opposition in this Congress.

for introducing bills in the Senate scarcely uttered when he came up with his

Is Alum Poisonous?

"This question has called a good deal of discussion. Alum is used by many bakers to whiten their bread, enabling them to use an inferior flour. It is most extensively employed as a cheap substitute for cream of tartar in the manufacture of baking powders. Its use has not been considered immediately dangerous, although if continued it induces dyspepsia and obstinate constipation. But the fact that many cases of poisoning have occurred from the use of alum, puts the question in a more serious aspect, and prudent people will exercise caution in the selection of baking powders."

"Under what conditions then does this substance—formerly used only for mechanical or medicinal purposes—become poisonous? They are certainly obscure, and at present we can only surmise what they may be. We suspect that the cause exists in the individual poisoned; some peculiarity of the constitution producing a morbid change in the secretions of the stomach, with which the alum combines and forms an active poison; or the secretions may be healthy but in unusual proportions, and that these less or greater proportions in combination with the alum constitute a poison."

"For example, two parts of mercury and two parts of chlorine form calomel, which is not poisonous, but change the proportions to one part of mercury and two parts of chlorine, and we get corrosive sublimate, which is a deadly poison."

"Then again we know nothing of the constitutional peculiarities. Why is it that one person can eat all kinds of green fruits and vegetables with impunity, while the same course might cost another individual his life? One person can handle poison ivy and sumac without being in the least affected; another is poisoned if he approaches to within ten feet of them. Out of a family residing in a malarial district, some of the members will suffer half the year with fever and ague, while the others will enjoy excellent health during the entire year. Foods that are wholesome to some persons are actually poisonous to others. This is especially true of some kinds of fish. There is no safety in taking alum into the stomach, as it is shown to be always injurious, and often dangerous."

The Scientific American published in a recent number a list of alum and ammonia baking powders, which is of great value at this time. Following is a condensed list compiled from official reports. Powders marked with a star seem to have a general sale, as they are mentioned in at least two of the official reports.

*ATLANTIC & PACIFIC	*ROYAL
CROWN	SHARPESTAR
*DAVIS O. K.	*SNOWDRIFT
GEM	STAR
*RENTON	STANDARD

There are, in addition to the foregoing list from the Scientific American, a number of such powders sold in the western States that were not found in the eastern States.

Following is a list of the most prominent:

ANDREWS' PEARL	Contains Ammonia.
(C. E. Andrews & Co., Milwaukee)	
ACME	Contains Ammonia.
(Chas. Wood & Co., Philadelphia)	
BON BON	Contains Alum.
(G. C. Grant Baking Powder Co., Chicago)	
CALLIOPPE	Contains Alum.
(Columbian Baking Powder Co., Chicago)	
CLIMAX	Contains Ammonia.
(Chicago Baking Powder Co., Indianapolis)	
FOREST CITY	Contains Ammonia Alum.
(Novice Bros., Cleveland)	
HOTEL	Contains Ammonia Alum.
(G. C. Grant Baking Powder Co., Chicago)	
HERCULES	Contains Ammonia.
(Hercules Baking Powder Co., San Francisco)	
ONE APOON, TAYLOR'S	Contains Alum.
(Taylor Mfg. Co., St. Louis)	
RISEING SUN	Contains Ammonia.
(Phoenix Chemical Works, Chicago)	
ROYAL	Contains Ammonia.
(Royal Baking Powder Co., New York)	
Hall's Baking of Health.	

Miss Horton Seeking Votes.

For the first time in the history of Westchester county a woman is a candidate for the office of school commissioner. At the Republican convention in the Fifth Avenue Opera house, Mount Vernon, Miss Lavina M. Horton, of Port Chester, was unanimously nominated as the candidate in the First district, which has forty schools and 136 teachers. The commissioner's salary is \$1,200 a year.

Miss Horton's political career dates back three years ago, when she was elected a member of the board of education. The second year of her term she was elected president of the board, and in that capacity her success has been marked. This fall she was re-elected to the board of education for a term of three years, and was again made president of that organization.—New York Sun.

A Conspicuous Female Writer.

The most conspicuous journalist in Paris, at the present moment, is a woman, Mme. Severine, who as a socialistic philosopher signs herself Jacqueline; as a mystic socialist, Renee, and as a revolutionary socialist, Severine. And always it is the same woman preaching a crusade against the oppression of the poor and lowly.

Mme. Severine began to write seriously in 1884. She lives in the fourth story of the Hotel de la France, Rue Montmartre, and her drawing room furniture once the property of Jules Valles, the great radical editor.—Paris Letter.

Philadelphia now proposes to furnish the noonday lunch to the pupils in its public schools.

There are said to be 10,000 children in Chicago unable to attend school because of insufficient clothing.

The New York Recorder says Massachusetts proposes introducing the typewriter into the public schools.

The annual cost of education in the public schools of the United States is \$16.51 for each pupil in attendance.

In some of our colleges a number of young men are taking to study as a relief from the monotony of athletics.—Boston Transcript.

A Smith county, Kan., school teacher has been employed for an eight months' term on condition that she will not marry during that time.

Oxford University, England, has expressed its willingness to send an 8 oared crew to the World's Fair, provided a competition can be arranged with American college crews.

The new Boston Athletic Club, under the instruction of one of Dr. Sargent's pupils, and New Orleans has a large gymnasium in connection with its Woman's Club.

An unnamed Eastern philanthropist has given \$50,000 toward a library building at the Colorado College at Colorado Springs. Of this \$35,000 will be expended on a building, and \$15,000 for books.

The school for the boys of the Apache tribe, at Mount Vernon barracks in Alabama, is a success. The Apache boys there are taught to speak the English language and to give up all the ways of savagery.

The new Chicago University owns a land worth \$2,000,000, and has an endowment of \$2,400,000, but little money to put up buildings. The trustees have issued a call for subscriptions of \$1,000,000 for this purpose.

Advices have been received from Geffe, Sweden, under date of November 11th, that the Parliament of that country has just passed a Temperance-Education law that in all the public schools of Sweden instruction shall be given regarding the nature and effects of alcohol.

No less eminent authority than Sir William Gull of Great Britain has said that the benefit derived from a university education, such as girls get at Newnham and Girton, makes them and their children stronger and healthier. Also, that the percentage of childless marriages is less with the educated women, and the percentage of children that survive infancy is larger.

Most satisfactory reports are to hand from secretaries of Chautauqua circles in different parts of California, also from Oregon and Nevada. The system of popular self-education outlined by the faculty at Chautauqua, N. Y., has become pretty well understood by the people. It has brought happiness and interest to many firesides in homes situated far from the centers of population—in the mountains, along the seashore and scattered through the farming sections of the coast. The studies during the present year are devoted almost exclusively to American subjects, a fact which popularizes it with many who took little interest in the method before. It is a well-recognized fact that the people know too little about their own country. All those who pursue the course this winter will find themselves next year in the possession of information they never dreamed of before. In San Francisco the course of free popular lectures inaugurated a year ago has been continued, and every event draws out a large audience. Recent information from the Eastern headquarters is to the effect that more persons are pursuing the readings this year than ever before, and that even in foreign countries there is a growing interest in the Chautauqua system.

WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

The Jewelers of Hanau, Germany, Have Decided to Make a United Exhibit at the Fair.

Pueblo, Col., is raising money with which to equip and send to Chicago a "cosmopolitan band."

Ceylon has sent, through Sir Henry Wood, a request for space upon which to build a ten house.

Aquatic fowls of all climes will probably swim about in the lagoons of Jackson Park during the period of the Fair.

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