

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, 120 by a cyclone in Texas; on the 17th, 35 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 cyclone at McGregor, Iowa; and on the 28th, 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 Venezuela commission. ... British ship Jeanette Cowan wrecked on Vancouver Island; 12 men perish. ... Six members of Hibbard family die by fire at Columbus, Ohio. ... Four killed by exploding fireworks at St. Louis, Mo. ... British force under Dr. James A. ... attempts seizure of territory in Transvaal, South Africa, and is cut to pieces and captured by Boers; British Government disavows his invasion. ... Earthquake in Persia destroys village of Jahandab and kills 800 people. ... Cubans invest the city of Havana. ... United States insists on indemnity for Turkey for plundered missions. ... Utah State. ... Carleton offers \$100,000,000 popular loan. ... Second Persian earthquake destroys city of God and kills 80 people. ... Report that Havana is fallen; not confirmed. ... Four miners killed in a Shamokin, Pa., shaft. ... Tremendous prairie fires in Western Kansas exceeding 110. ... War fever high in England. ... Transvaal demands independence and indemnity for Jameson's raid. ... Report of alliance between Germany, France and Russia against England to sustain the Boers. ... Peter Hoegard, of Chicago, kills his wife, five children and himself by asphyxiation. ... Sultan forbids Red Cross Society to enter his domains. ... Foraker chosen Senator from Ohio. ... Government victorious in Manitoba elections. ... Severe fighting about Havana. ... Allison chosen Senator from Iowa. ... Bond syndicate dissolves; popular loan secured. ... Chicago gets Chicago National Democratic Convention. ... Announcement of Harrison-Dimmock engagement. ... Cannon relieved of Spanish command in Cuba. ... Death of Frank Lawler, of Chicago. ... Five Bremen 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. ... American liner St. Paul ashore at Long Branch. ... Cuban filibustering steamer Hawkins sinks; 33 lost. ... Fifty-four Welsh miners killed by explosion. ... Ford at Palon, Iowa, ends in two deaths. ... Five killed, 20 hurt, by exploding boiler at Hollidayburg, Pa. ... 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. ... \$2,000,000 fire loss in Philadelphia. ... Tremendous snowstorm in North-west. ... Richard Klatke kills his father, mother, wife, three children and himself at Chicago; dependent. ... Bond bids aggregate \$58,000,000 at a figure exceeding 110. ... Three killed in Polish-Hungarian riot at Whiting, Ind. ... Terrific snow storm Atlantic coast; Morristown, N. J., inundated by bursting dam; 1000 Brook read out by flood and fire; many lives lost, immense property destroyed. ... Bridge near Bristol, Conn., swept away, drowning eleven workmen. ... Death of W. H. English at Indianapolis. ... Publisher Dunlop, of Chicago Dispatch, sentenced to two years and to pay \$2,000 for circulating obscene matter. ... Ten sailors drown off Newburyport, Mass. ... Grant Atterbury lynched at Sullivan, Ill. ... Twenty die in a factory fire at Troy, N. Y. ... Sixty miners killed at Newcastle, Colo. ... Rain of mud in Chicago. ... 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. ... Fitzsimmons whips Maher in 1 minute 35 seconds. ... Commander and Mrs. Ballington Booth removed from command of Salvation Army in London. ... Death of "Bill" Nye. ... Ballington Booth revolts against his retirement in Salvation Army. ... Seven people die in a Baltimore riot. ... New York Yacht Club expels Lord Dunsany. ... Senate passes resolution to recognize Cuba. ... \$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. ... Rome in a rage because of slaughter of 8,000 Italian soldiers in battle in Abyssinia. ... Renewed and continuing contraction in Madrid. ... All Italy in an uproar over Abyssinian defeat. ... \$200,000 fire at Johnston, Pa. ... Albert Wallace hanged at Pekin, Ill. ... Frankfurt, Ky., under martial law. ... Five killed by powder explosion at Rippon, N. Y. ... Thirteen miners killed at Dubois, Pa., by explosion. ... Death of Thomas Hoiland, author, at London. ... Riot at Holland, Mich., over horse-whipping of a sensational newspaper correspondent. ... \$400,000 fire at Louisville, Ky. ... Illinois Supreme Court condemns imprisonment sentence of Banker McDonald. ... Unknown man kills Alvin M. Stone and wife, and wounds three daughters, near Akron, Ohio; cause unknown. ... Four die by fire in New York. ... 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. ... Frains, B. & O. and Erie lands held up. ... Cubans capture Santa Clara. ... Wedding of Gen. Harrison and Mrs. Dimmock. ... Chicago elections retire 21 boodle Aldermen. ... S. B. Mitchell kills W. B. O. Sands, his own wife and three children, and himself at Postwater, Mich. ... 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. ... J. V. Lehman, of Chicago, kills himself and three children. ... \$1,000,000 fire at New York. ... \$250,000 fire at Fairbury, Ill. ... First fatal stroke of the year at Philadelphia. ... Phenomenal hot wave prevails. ... Base-ball season opens. ... Temperature reaches 88 degrees at Chicago, breaking all records for April. ... Nine sailors drown off Long Island. ... Baron Hirsch, millionaire Jewish philanthropist, dies at Komorn, Germany. ... Leon Say, distinguished French political economist, dies at Paris. ... At Rockyville, Ind., Albert Egbert kills five people without cause, and commits suicide. ... His sister dies from shock. ... \$1,000,000 incendiary fire loss at Grapelle Creek, Colo. ... Ten killed and twenty hurt in Kansas, and three killed in Virginia, by cyclones.

About Good Roads.

"Constant dropping wears away stones," and it is only by constant reminders by the press that the public mind can be brought to the sensible conclusion that good roads are among America's essentials. They are not merely wheelmen's wants, but wants demanded by the comfort and convenience of everybody. It does not by any means follow that because a man has not a team of his own, or does not ride a wheel, that he has not a direct personal interest in the improvement of roads. European countries have long recognized their merits, and for centuries in some portions have enjoyed their benefits. We, in America, have only begun to appreciate, and mainly in the immediate vicinity of large cities, their great importance.

The importance of the subject demands a much wider-spread feeling of interest. While the area of the United States is too immense and the population too sparse to hope for many years to come, for a general good roads system, yet great progress can be made in sections of the country where farmers are prosperous, and where they have occasion to use roads to a considerable extent in order to get the products of their farms to railroad stations for shipment to large cities and towns. Here it is possible to estimate the dollar and cent extra cost for repairs to wagons and carriages, the wear and tear of horse, mule and ox flesh over wretched roads, and the delays caused in winter by their impassability, the aggregate would be startling, and would, we feel assured, aggregate a sum far in excess of what would be needed to provide good roads and keep them in good condition. And if, to the economy referred to, be added the increased value of property, and last, but not least, the comfort of farmers and their families, there would be overwhelming argument in favor of immediate action. The work is a stupendous one, when viewed as a whole, but a beginning once made and the advantages clearly demonstrated, there would be steady improvement.—West Chester (Pa.) Republican.

Don't Do It!

It is stated that when Boadicea led her army to battle she wore a man's armor, but was always careful to leave her golden hair floating over the steel links that all men might know that she was not a only warrior but a woman. Queen Elizabeth, the most shrewd and prudent sovereign of her day, when she held important councils with ambassadors from other countries, not only we are told, brought all her learning and sagacity to bear against them, but "tricked herself in her most splendid apparel and rarest jewels, using all little female arts to win them to her service."

Victoria has laid deep the foundation of her empire over her subjects in their affections. It is not the hereditary queen that they reverence so much as the modest young girl, the faithful wife, the good, kindly woman on the throne.

The first lady in our own land has endeared herself to the nation not as a politician or social leader, but as a most gracious gentlewoman. It is a singular fact that no woman has ever long influenced the world as ruler, writer, or even reformer who threw aside her feminine weapons. The charm of a womanly woman is a real power. Her gentleness, her delicacy, her modesty are real forces. The girl who dresses like a man, who swaggers, who talks loudly, discusses risqué books and smokes cigarettes is like a soldier who has thrown away his weapons before he goes into battle. Her bicycle, for example, may be a good, useful thing, but she will not induce the public to approve of bicycles for women by appearing on it as an offensive caricature of a man. She will not win the world to her cause, however just, by disgusting it with herself. Why should any of our girls throw away the weapons which God has given them?—Youth's Companion.

Success in Life.

If you wish success in life make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counselor, caution your elder brother, and hope your guardian genius.

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WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Downing, Hopkins & Co.'s Review of Trade.

The wheat market has every indication of an upward tendency. It hardened steadily last week in the face of local bank failures, and was only affected by them temporarily. A good percentage of the local traders were afraid to go into the market, owing to the unsettled condition of finances at 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, over-riding everything bullish. English 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.

GENERAL MARKETS.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 5, 1897. FLOUR—Portland, Salem, Cascadia and Dayton, \$4.50; Benton county and White Lily, \$4.40; graham, \$3.75; superfine, \$2.50 per barrel. WHEAT—Walla Walla, \$1.82c; Valley, \$1.84c@85c 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@10 per ton. BARLEY—Feed barley, \$21.00 per ton; brewing, \$22. MILLS—Bran, \$15.00; shorts, \$16.50; middlings, \$23.00. BUTTER—Fancy creamery is quoted at 45c; fancy dairy, 35c; fair to good, 20¢@22¢. POTATOES—Oregon Burbanks, 50¢@77c; Garnet Chiles, 70¢@80c; Early Rose, 80¢@90c per sack; California river Burbanks, 55c per cental; sweets, \$1.25@2 per cental for Merced, \$2.50 for Jersey Red. ONIONS—85c per sack. POULTRY—Chickens, mixed, \$2.00@3.00; broilers, \$1.50@2.00; geese, \$6.00; turkeys, live, 12¢; ducks, \$3@4.50 per dozen. EGGS—Oregon, 32¢ per dozen. CHEESE—Oregon, 11c; Young America, 12c per pound. TALLOW—Prime, per pound, 2½¢@3c; No. 2 and grease, 2¢@2½c. WOOL—Valley, 10c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 6¢@8c. HORSE—New crop, 9¢@10c. BEEF—Gross, top steers, \$2.75; cows, \$2.00@2.25; dressed beef, 4¢@5¢ per pound. MUTTON—Gross, best sheep, wethers, \$2.75; ewes, \$2.75; dressed mutton, 5¢ per pound. VEAL—Net, small, 5c; large, 4½c per pound. HOGS—Gross, choice, heavy, \$3.25@3.50; light and feeders, \$2.50; dressed, \$3.50@4.25 per cwt. SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 5, 1897. FLOUR—(Jobbing)—Patent excellent, \$5.25; Novelty A, \$4.75, California brands \$5.60; Dakota, \$5.50; patent, \$6.25; buckwheat flour, \$6.50; per cwt, 44.00; graham, \$4.50 per bbl; 10-lb sacks, \$2.50 per cwt; rye flour, \$5.00 per bbl; 10-lb sacks, \$2.50 per cwt; rye meal, \$4.50 per bbl; per cwt, \$2.40; rolled oats, \$5.75@6 per bbl; hominy, \$2.50 per cwt; cracked wheat, \$3.25; rolled wheat, \$5.50 per bbl; whole rolled wheat flour, \$2.75 per cwt; pearl barley, per 100 lb sacks, \$3.60; split peas, 43¢; table cornmeal, yellow, \$1.70 per cwt in 10-lb sacks; 50s, \$1.60; white, 10s, \$1.80; 50s, \$1.70; flaked hominy, \$2.50 per ton. WHEAT—Chicken feed, \$2.70 per cwt. OATS—Choice, \$24@25 per ton. BARLEY—Rolled or ground, \$22.00 per ton. CORN—Whole, \$22 per ton; cracked \$23; feed meal, \$23. MILLS—Bran, \$16.00 per ton; shorts, \$19.00. FEED—Chopped feed, \$19.00 per ton, middlings, \$24; oinkme meal, \$29. HAY—Puget sound, per ton, \$8.40; Eastern Washington, \$13. SUGAR—Golden O in bbl, 4½c per lb; extra C in bbl, 4½c; dry granulated in bbl, 5c; cube, 6½c; powdered, 5½c spot cash. BUTTER—Fancy native creamery, brick 26c; select, 23c; tube, 22c; ranch, 18c. CHEESE—Native Washington, 10¢@12c. POULTRY—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 7¢@8c; turkeys, 9¢@11c; ducks, \$2@3.50; dressed ranch, 28c; Eastern, 23¢ per doz. FRESH MEATS—Choice dressed beef, steers, 6½c; cows, 6c; mutton, sheep, 5c per pound; lamb, 6c; pork, 6c per pound; veal, small, 6c. PROVISIONS—Hams, large, 12c; hams, small, 12½c; breakfast bacon, 10c; dry salt sides, 6c per lb.

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 satisfactory 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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