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Many Italian immigrants are settling in Mexico.

The tobacco crop of Virginia will be short this year.

Rich silver discoveries have recently been made in the Indian Territory.

The anti-monopolists of New York held a convention at Utica Thursday.

There has been an increase of 6,566 voters in Baltimore within the past two years.

There is a negro postmaster at Monck's Corner, S. C., who can neither read nor write.

A nine year old boy at Hoboken, N. J., drank a pint of whiskey and died immediately.

The butcher's stalls in one of the Baltimore markets yield the city from \$3,000 to \$7,000 each.

It is expected that there will be thirty-thousand troops at the Yorktown centennial celebration.

Memphis cooks have tried cotton seed oil as a substitute for lard in making biscuits and crusts, with success.

The Richmond State advises Guitau that his safest place is in jail just now.

An opinion in which he probably coincides.

Gov. Cornell has been added to the list of men that Conkling does not speak to.

The annual re-union of Gen. Grant's old regiment takes place at Elmham, Ill., on the 19th, 20th and 21st of September.

The Philadelphia Times having paid its respects to "dirt, death, Danohoe, and the cigarette," is now taking in the toy pistol.

Dr. Hammond will be a very much disappointed man if the President don't die of his wound.

He still persists in the opinion that he will.

The New York Herald says the Democrats are so confident of carrying the State at the next election that there is a lively scramble for places on the State ticket.

It has been decided to cause an examination to be made of all the banks liable to internal revenue tax (except national banks) in the principal cities of the country.

Vice-President Arthur and Conkling have been holding another interview.

Whenever matters at the White House become serious these gentlemen contrive to have an interview.

The re-adjuster-politicians are trying to have some of the federal office holders in Virginia removed for "abusing Mahone."

Where's the postal card man?

It is said that the President recently stated that he would not consent to receive the subscriptions to the fund for Mrs. Garfield.

The fund now amounts to \$155,000.

An Iowa farmer whipped his daughter so severely that she died from the punishment.

She had kept company with a young man whom her father had forbidden her to receive.

The Irish land bill, with the amendments passed by the House of Commons has passed the House of Lords.

The bill does not contain all that is desirable but will prove beneficial to the tenant class.

New York Herald: Celestial customs seem to be making their way in this country.

Among the contents of several cartloads of humanity carried to the station house from an opium den last night were five white women.

Young Wheelock, who helped himself to \$40,000 belonging to a New York bank and went to Europe, was arrested on his arrival at Liverpool.

He had evidently forgotten the existence of sub-marine cables.

Nana, the Apache chief, who is doing a wholesale scalping business on the New Mexico frontier, glides around on business bent as if there wasn't a United States soldier within a thousand miles of him.

Dr. E. L. Patingill, a prominent physician of Hancock, west of Port Jervis, New York, committed suicide Wednesday by running a stiletto through his throat.

He was 28 years of age and had a good practice.

Mr. John T. Johns, a well known citizen of Maryland, and a descendant of one of the old families, committed suicide at his home in Baltimore county, last Monday, by shooting himself in the head with a revolver.

Atlanta Constitution: The fact that the Mormon missionaries are industriously at work in every State of the Union is the most convincing argument in favor of free education that could possibly be advanced.

People interested in the fate of the two whalers found blocked up in the ice of the North polar sea, express the hope that they have escaped and found their way over to Wrangell Land.

They wouldn't be much better off in Wrangell Land than imbedded in a great big chunk of arctic ice.

It is expected that Redmond, the outlaw, who was sent from Asheville to Greenville, S. C., for trial at the Federal Court, will be tried next Monday.

The charges against him are four cases for illicit distilling; four cases for retailing spirits; raid on Deputy Marshal Barton; and the raid on Deputy Marshal Gray.

HIGH PRICES.

Not within the past generation at least has this country witnessed a drought that will compare in the extent of territory over which it has spread and the amount of harm done with that of this summer.

The wheat crop was fortunately harvested before it set in in earnest, but nearly all other crops have suffered incalculably from it.

In consequence the food of man and beast, are advancing in price with every indication that they will continue to advance until they reach a figure that will make the daily supplies no easy matter to the laboring classes.

The following, which we clip from the Atlanta Constitution of yesterday, will give some idea of the extent of damage done by the drought in the West, the great grain-growing and meat producing section of the country.

The steady advance in hog and hominy during the few days just past has been the leading subject of discussion among our people.

Some thought it was forced up by corners, and frequently one cause and then another was given for the advance.

On investigating the subject the true reason for the rapid advance is apparent to every thinking man.

We have had during the summer all over the United States an unprecedented drought.

It has affected the corn crop in the west more than any crop for years.

The news from all parts of the west indicates a very short crop of corn.

Yesterday we met Mr. John N. Dunn, of the firm of Dunn, Alexander & Co., who has just returned from a trip north and west.

Mr. Dunn went from here to New York, and from there to Canada, returning home by way of Detroit, through Chicago and through the States of Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee to Atlanta.

In conversation with a representative of the Constitution yesterday he said: "The dry weather has literally burnt up the corn in the greater part of the country through which I passed."

I was informed also by the train men and Pullman conductors who run between Cairo and New Orleans that the corn crops were wholly ruined by the drought all the way from Illinois down to New Orleans.

I saw thousands of acres of corn in the heart of the State of Illinois which could not yield a peck of corn to the acre.

INTERESTING.

The boring of the artesian well at Durham, which is now in progress, is being watched with interest, as its success or failure will determine to some extent whether other wells in this State will be bored or not.

Should this well result in giving a supply of good water, of course others will be sunk in other localities where pure water is scarce, especially in the eastern part of the State in the low, flat sections.

Should good water in sufficient quantity be reached by this attempt it will do much for Durham, for one of its greatest needs now is pure water, the absence of which causes, we are told, much sickness and makes residence there not as desirable as it would otherwise be.

Trouble is brewing on the Arizona frontier. A party of Mexicans in the latter part of July followed some cattle thieves, shot a half dozen of them and recaptured the cattle, drove them back and with them all other cattle and horses found on the way.

These cattle and horses being missed a number of Americans organized, followed and a fight with the Mexicans resulted in the recapture of the cattle, and now they propose to carry the war into Mexico to avenge the death of the men killed.

Troops have been placed on the Mexican border to meet the revolvers and trouble is anticipated.

Fremont, who is nominally Governor of the territory is absent as usual, and there is no one in the territory to assume any authority, and the rioters have it all their own way.

A colored United States soldier showed pluck when attacked by robbers while riding in a train near Granada, Col. They entered the train, blew out the lights, and demanded the money of the passengers.

The colored soldier refused to surrender \$500 which he had, and was shot; but he leveled arms, went to business, killed one of the robbers, and the others lit out, leaving him boss of the situation and the other passengers ashamed of themselves.

When Washington correspondents run short of news now they begin to figure up what the President's doctor bill will be, and are liberal enough to allow the surgeons in regular attendance \$100 a day each, and \$1,000 a day each to Drs. Agnew and Hamilton.

This is enterprising no doubt on the part of the industrious correspondent but to us it seems a little premature.

The Asheville Gun men are doing some good shooting, it seems, at Spartanburg, S. C. In addition to the purses of the day before they won the Merchants Hotel purse Thursday, with thirty-six teams competing, also the first and second money in the sweepstakes.

According to the Richmond papers that city is in a deplorably bad state of health, and if so there must be some deplorably bad management somewhere, for she ought to be a very healthy city.

New York has a milk-sucking tramp, who goes around the streets, and when the milkmen place the pails inside the yards he runs a long red between the pickets of the fence and helps himself.

It is estimated that the sugar crop of Louisiana will be one-third less this year than last, so people will have to economize somewhat in their sweetening.

The President enters upon his seventh week of suffering to-day. Saturdays have proved the trying days to him, his lapses having occurred on Saturdays.

HOPE STILL LINGERS

AROUND THE BEDSIDE OF THE PRESIDENT.

A Slight Improvement in His Condition, as Reported by the Bulletin.—No More Nausea.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, August 19, 8:30 A. M.—The President slept much of the night and this morning and is more comfortable than yesterday. The swelling of the right parotid gland has not increased since yesterday afternoon and is free from pain.

Nutritive enemata are still given with success, and liquid food has already this morning been swallowed and relished. Pulse 100, temperature 98 4-10, respiration 17.

D. W. BLISS, J. J. WOODWARD, ROBT. REYBURN, F. H. HAMILTON, UNOFFICIAL BULLETIN.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, 11 A. M.—The President continues to do well. He partakes of nourishment more frequently, and the quantity is being gradually increased.

The stomach offers no resistance, and the attending surgeon expresses himself as very much gratified with the outlook. The inflammation of the right parotid gland is gradually subsiding.

UNOFFICIAL BULLETIN. EXECUTIVE MANSION, 12:30 P. M.—Dr. Bliss, who has just from the President's room, in reply to the question, "How is the patient?" said "Oh, he is getting on splendidly."

"Does he experience any pain from inflammation of the gland?" "None to speak of."

"Has the swelling decreased any?" "Yes, almost entirely subsided."

"Do you not apprehend any further annoyance from the parotid gland, then?" "Oh, no."

"How is the pulse this morning, doctor?" "From 100 to 104 beats and comparatively firm."

"Is the temperature any higher?" "No; the temperature and respiration are about normal."

"What nourishment has the patient taken to-day?" "He has taken from 14 to 16 ounces of koumiss and 7 ounces of gruel."

"Does he still retain his appetite?" "Yes; he appears very fond of it."

"Do you expect to administer anything besides this?" "We may give him something more later in the day."

"Will it be milk?" "Oh, no; we cannot let him have raw milk yet."

"What do you think of respiration being below normal, doctor?" "That does not signify anything but extreme weakness."

OFFICIAL BULLETIN. EXECUTIVE MANSION, 2:30 P. M.—The President's condition has perceptibly improved during the last 24 hours. The parotid swelling is evidently diminishing and it has not pained him since last night.

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