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NEWS OBSERVATIONS.

A sign of extending prosperity is the fact that educational institutions of the higher class report marked increase in the number of applications by students this fall.

The story comes from the White Sulphur Springs, Va., that at a champagne party there a young married lady of fashion pulled off her slipper and, flinging it with champagne, gave it to a young lawyer in the party, who quaffed it down.

The American Cultivator predicts that the heat from the centre of the earth will yet be used for all man's domestic needs. It is to be hoped that this prophecy will not be fulfilled. Some impatient cook would be certain to pour kerosene down the central flue and the earth would be blown into little pieces. The scientific predictions of the day are most alarming, but may be taken cum grano salis, which, put into Bostonese, means "with a minute particle of chloride of sodium."

The chief of the Locomotive Engineers' Brotherhood, Mr. Arthur, in a recent speech at an engineers' picnic at Scranton, Pa., stated that the brotherhood embraces 20,000 members, and in the last seventeen years has paid out \$2,000,000 to widows and orphans, and \$500,000 to its needy members. The statement, in connection with what we already know of the character and habits of the organization, extorts our admiration and respect. One of its conspicuous principles is fidelity to contracts—a regard for the rights of others as well as resolute maintenance of its own, and this is probably the explanation of the fact that it has been able to accomplish so much for itself and for its individual members without a resort to violence and in so quiet and orderly a way.

The novelties in gloves this fall are dear to the heart of all French women, namely, all delicate tints of dove gray, pearl and mauve. These many important offer in preference to the long favored tan and beige shades. The latter, however, are still highly popular with a large class of best-dressed women, and the new autumn tints in these begin with a pale chamois, dark ochre and a yellow russet for deeper tints. Of the novel colors for shopping and street wear generally are handsome shades in golden brown, chestnut, mahogany and cuir color. Evening gloves are of undressed kid chiefly, and show exquisite tints in Persian lilac, pearl, tea rose, cameo, flesh, flowering almond, maize and palest canary color. Gloves are still exceedingly long for evening wear, and medium in length for street uses. Although the glove in promenade dress is still drawn up above the sleeve, the fashion is not so generally followed as formerly.

The nomination of a negro for the legislature by the Knights of Labor in Augusta, Georgia, is attracting very wide attention. This phase of the question, in the South particularly, is a new one, as it has always been understood that the organization as an organization would not enter the political field. A proposition will be made at Richmond to solidify the negroes in the new order. A Pittsburg dispatch says: "Master Workman Lawn, of a local assembly of the Knights of Labor, thinks that one great benefit which will result from the October convention at Richmond will be the perfect organization of the negroes of the South. During the reconstruction period in Virginia Lawn was appointed registration officer under Gen. Canby. He held this office for three years, and while he admits the Southern negroes are inclined to be indolent, he feels certain they will respect the oath required on entering the order. He thinks that their admittance into the order will stimulate their industry and result in higher wages."

Last Sunday was a different day in Charleston from the Sabbath that preceded it, by reason of the suspension of the work of reopening thoroughfares, which a week ago was in full blast. Communication is now pretty well restored, the telegraph lines are in operation and the telephone exchange is working nearly everywhere. The worst feature of the day was a heavy rain in the morning, which injured considerably the contents of exposed dwellings and made the remaining campers-out particularly uncomfortable. But the discomfort and loss were nothing in comparison with what would have been the effect of a downpour ten days ago. The main feature of the day, as in the case of the preceding Sunday, was open air worship. The Mariners' church had services in one of the ships in the harbor; the Presbyterian and Huguenot church services were held on the battery; the congregation of Grace church worshipped in its Sunday school building; the Second Presbyterian congregation in the residence of J. S. Riggs, and St. John's Lutheran church in its Sunday school room. There was marked devotion everywhere. A review of the work of the relief committees shows that every one needing food and shelter has been provided for. The mother of mayor Courtney, aged 81, died Sunday. Great sympathy is expressed for the mayor because of this additional heavy blow at this time.

The Strikes Don't Injure Augusta. Augusta, Ga., Sept. 20.—The occupants of quarters at the Augusta factory are moving out in large numbers without a murmur. There is no change in the situation. Notwithstanding the factory troubles, the business of Augusta was never better and the outlook for the town has never been more promising or flattering. An unprecedented business is being done, and this promises to be the best business year ever experienced here.

THE ODD FELLOWS

THE GREATEST OF ALL THEIR ASSEMBLAGES.

THE MEETING AT BOSTON OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE WORLD.

Boston, Sept. 20.—The annual session of the sovereign grand lodge I. O. O. F. opened in Odd Fellows' hall this morning. The proceedings are secret. It is understood that the action of the grand lodge will comprise routine work, such as the appointment of committees, etc., and arranging of the general order of business of the convention. The Odd Fellows' celebration, to be held during this week, will be undoubtedly the most elaborate affair of the kind ever held in this country. The principal feature of the week, will be the great parade Wednesday, though the entire programme is of great interest to Odd Fellows. It now seems probable that the total number of visitors will not be far from 30,000 and the capacity of Boston's hospitality bids fair to be taxed to its utmost. This evening a banquet will be tendered the sovereign grand lodge by the grand lodge and grand encampment of Massachusetts. Gov. Robinson, mayor O'Brien and other prominent citizens have been invited to be present. Tuesday the sovereign grand lodge will again meet and elect officers and transact other business. In the evening a meeting of past grand representatives will be held. There will be music and speeches from distinguished visitors, members of the sovereign grand lodge. Wednesday the grand parade will occur. Thursday the sovereign grand lodge will probably attend a performance at one of the theatres, by special invitation. Friday will be "ladies' day" and an excursion will be made to Wellesley College, on the invitation of its president. Hunnewell's gardens will also be visited. Saturday the sovereign grand lodge will hold its closing session and adjourn. The reports of the grand officers were presented today, beginning with that of Henry D. Garry, grand secretary, who in the opening traces the growth of the order since its last meeting in Boston twenty-two years ago, in 1864, with less than 10,000 New England members. The same territory now numbers 65,000 brethren. The order in general has shared this prosperity. In 1864 in the whole world the number of members was 137,623. Today there are 517,300 members in the U. S., with an increase in the total membership in 4,000,000. The order is prosperous in foreign countries. Mr. Garry advocated the retention of a permanent location of the grand lodge at Baltimore. The figures of the various Odd Fellows' beneficial associations show receipts for the past year of \$1,050,906; paid to families of deceased members \$273,363; deaths 1,752; members in good standing 46,144; money on hand \$578,820. The benefit figures cover forty-one bodies, all that reports have been received from. The grand secretary's report contains a statement showing the condition of the order in the United States, Canada and foreign jurisdictions. The prospects of both lodges and encampments for the present year are very flattering. The report of the grand treasurer showed a balance on hand August 20, 1885, of \$15,672; receipts for the year \$49,043; expenditures \$42,420, and available assets of the sovereign lodge \$78,096.

Bombard and Murder.
CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 11.—At Florence, S. C., early yesterday morning, the body of James Douglis, Jr., a prominent young man, was found on a sidewalk, with three wounds in the head, either of which would have been fatal. A 38-caliber pistol ball was found in the back of the head, and there were two other wounds, evidently inflicted by blows. The object of the murder was robbery. The murderer has not yet been identified.

Rehearsal Yesterday.
At Boston, Boston 9, Washington 10; at New York, New York 3, Philadelphia 3, (game called on account of darkness); at Detroit, Detroit 3, Chicago 7; at St. Louis, St. Louis 0, Kansas City 0, (game called at the eleventh inning on account of darkness); at Brooklyn, Brooklyn 9, Louisville 6; at Philadelphia, Athletics 4, Cincinnati 14; at Staten Island, Metropolitan 7, Pittsburgh 5; at Baltimore, Baltimore 6, St. Louis 4.

A Strangely Bold Mail Robbery.
MONTGOMERY, Ala., September 20.—Two rifled U. S. mail bags were discovered today under a platform of a cotton press here. One was unlocked, but both were cut open, as if with a dull knife, and both were empty. Their appearance indicated that they had been very recently put there. No letter or sign of the contents was found, but there is reason to think they were rifled Saturday night after being sent off from an incoming train from Nashville. Inspector Booth, at Atlanta, has been telegraphed to send detectives at once.

A Business Failure at New York.
New York, Sept. 20.—The suspension of Tasker H. Marvin, a broker, of 39 Broad street, was announced on the floor of the stock exchange this afternoon. Marvin declined to make any statement about his affairs, but hoped to resume before long. About 2,500 shares of stock have been bought in on his account.

The Mayor of Philadelphia to be Impeached.
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 20.—The city council this evening, by a vote of 49 to 38, decided to impeach mayor Smith.

A Revolution in Madrid.

MADRID, September 20.—A revolution was attempted last evening by a number of Spanish troops quartered in this city. The uprising was ill-planned and ill managed and practically amounted to little more than mutiny. The trouble was inaugurated by a regiment of infantry quartered in the Gil Blas barracks. The soldiers revolted, broke down the partition wall that separated them from the quarters occupied by the cavalry and intermingled with the men of the two cavalry regiments, a number of whom joined in the revolution. The officers of all three of the regiments did all in their power to dissuade the men from revolting, but three hundred soldiers, after beating a number of officers and wounding three, deserted the barracks and marched in two bodies through the town. One body went to the Prado, the principal park and promenade of Madrid. Two thousand troops were quartered in the Prado at the time and the revolutionists expected to be joined by them. The other body went hurrying through the centre of Madrid, calling on the people to join in the revolution, crying "Live the Republic!" and making all kinds of threats against the monarchy. At this time the theatres and other places of amusement were crowded. The populace was taken by surprise. In most of the public places the people looked on in a panic. All the entertainments were abruptly terminated. The streets were soon filled with people, nearly all of whom were terror-stricken because of the exaggerated ideas of what was transpiring. The insurgents attempted among their first exploits to secure possession of the arsenals, docks and barracks, which they attacked with open fire, but all these places were well and successfully defended, and the rebels were repulsed. Finally, their reverses drawing them together, the insurgents attacked and got possession of the southern railway. By this time the authorities had taken in the situation and had fully prepared to master it. The loyal troops were marched to the railway and after a short fight they completely dislodged the revolutionists, who dispersed into the country. Gen. Pania pursuing. During the fighting in the city one of the officers leading the insurgents was shot and killed. The rebels shot Gen. Velarde for refusing to join them. They also mortally wounded Count Miraval and killed a colonel of the artillery. Martial law was proclaimed throughout the city as soon as the condition of affairs was clearly perceived by the government. The emente was a complete surprise to Madrid. Quiet was soon restored after the revolutionists were driven from the southern railway. A number of the insurgents were taken prisoners. This morning there is no appearance of a revolution or even of disorder. When the insurgents fled from the town forty of them compelled the station-master to place at their disposal a special train, with which they made their flight to Alcala de Henares. Government troops were soon in pursuit in another special train.

Madrid, Sept. 20.—NOON.—Additional particulars of last night's revolt show that the insurgents also shouted "Long live the Republic, the army and Spain!" A large number of civilians joined their ranks. When the authorities summoned the military to put down the insurrection the rebels made a stand for a while against the loyal troops and it was in the first brush between the opposing forces that Gen. Velarde and the artillery colonel were killed. When the revolutionists realized that the other troops were making no response to their appeals they abandoned the fight in the town and scampered for the country, most of them in the direction of Alcala de Henares, a walled city in New Castile and but 17 miles from Madrid. Many of the rebels gave up the fight long before the general mass of their comrades and made their escape in the darkness. The authorities are making a great many arrests for complicity in the revolution and a large proportion of the prisoners are officers. It is learned today that the revolution was led by Brig. Gen. Villacampa. He escaped on the special train which left the city on the southern railway. The loyal troops are scouring the suburbs of Madrid, in search of fugitive rebels. Telegrams from all the provinces show that public order remains undisturbed. The ministers, who happened to be all absent from the city yesterday, have been summoned to return immediately. It has been learned that the revolutionists who started for Alcala de Henares, becoming convinced that the loyalists would stop and probably capture them, stopped their special train en route, sent it back to Madrid and fled across the country. The streets of the city are alive with crowds of people, eagerly discussing the occurrences of last night.

New York Cotton Futures.
New York, Sept. 20.—Greene & Co.'s report on cotton futures says: The feeling has been quite firm, with an advance of 45 points, very well sustained up to the close. European advices were better, and at the South an excellent demand for cotton was reported, with limited supplies, at prices in some cases above the limits of this market. The short interest covered with some freedom, while new investment orders came in larger volume than for some time past.

And Yet Another Complication.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 20.—It is stated here that England, Austria and Germany have invited Turkey to occupy Roumelia if Russia invades Bulgaria.

Business Failure at Danville.
DANVILLE, Va., Sept. 20.—L. Guggenheimer, clothier, made an assignment today; liabilities \$7,600; assets not given.

FEWER SHOCKS.

SUMMERVILLE RATHER LOSING ITS REPUTATION

AS THE SPECIAL AND PARTICULAR HOME OF THE EARTHQUAKE.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 20.—The condition of Summerville for the last three days, in regard to earthquake disturbances, has been very reassuring, and people are strongly impressed with a belief that the annoying tremors and detonations will soon cease. There were only two scarcely audible explosions Saturday night, at intervals of two hours. Sunday, about 9 o'clock a. m., there was a plainly audible explosion, which was unaccompanied by the usual trembling of the earth. At 11 o'clock Sunday night there was a tremor which, as people have become accustomed to such manifestations, caused light comment. At 2 o'clock this morning there was another shock of the same character. The detonations and tremors are now at very long intervals and are unheeded, except by the most timorous. The situation at Charleston is brighter and more cheering, a fact which is largely due to the favorable weather and escape from a threatened West India hurricane. The death list from the effects of exposure is forty-nine, as against seventy-nine the previous week. There is still a scarcity of skilled bricklayers and plasterers and wages are at earthquake prices. The fright caused by the old shocks is generally subsiding and refugees are returning to the city.

Knights Templar.

THE GRAND CONCLAVE AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Sept. 20.—It was after midnight when the last special train discharged its load of visitors to the triennial convocation of Knights Templar last night and the day had not broken this morning when the procession of arriving commanderies was renewed. At an early hour bands were playing and commanderies were marching and the history of the forenoon has been a repetition of that of last night, on a much more extensive scale. At the Union depot the tracks are crowded with extra trains and no sooner is one emptied than another takes its place. Along the wharves on the river front a similar scene of activity is witnessed, many commanderies from along the rivers having chartered steamers which will be used as combined hotels and headquarters during the week. The weather seems as if specially designed for the occasion, and in consequence the streets are thronged, while everywhere may be seen marching commanderies making fraternal calls on local and visiting headquarters. It is an utter impossibility at the present time to give an accurate estimate of the number of Knights already on the ground. Representatives of every State and Territory have reported, while there are present from Honolulu. Most eminent grand master Robert E. Withers, U. S. consul general at Hong Kong, came all the way from that place, arriving yesterday. At noon the rush of visitors was still unabated, and if anything increasing. Fully 1,000 Knights had arrived by noon, and more than an equal number are expected this afternoon and tonight. All trains are more or less delayed by the immense traffic.

Fighting in Belfast.

BELFAST, Sept. 20.—1.50 P. M.—All quiet in this city this morning. At noon, however, a large body of Queen's island ship-yard workmen, all Orangemen, marched ostentatiously through the streets on their way to and from dinner, as if to provoke a fight. At Carrick hill they were attacked with volleys of stones and a desperate fight ensued, which is still in progress. Many men on both sides have been wounded. The police are outnumbered and powerless. Reinforcements are hurrying to the locality.

Mr. Sedgwick Declines to be Interviewed.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 20.—Mr. Sedgwick arrived at 8 o'clock this morning and awaited the coming of the secretary of State. He declined to be interviewed either with regard to his business in Mexico or the statements which had been published regarding his personal conduct there. In the latter respect he says he can only repeat what he has already said many times, that the statements are lies from beginning to end. He says he completed his work four days ago, but declines to say whether he will report verbally or in writing.

A Terrible Storm.

A STOCK BARN BURNED BY LIGHTNING.
CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—Dispatches from many points in northern Illinois report great damage done to the farm property and residences by Saturday night's storm. At DeKalb, L. I. Ellwood's stock barn was struck by lightning and burned. Loss is twenty thousand dollars. Some stock was killed, but as yet no loss of human life reported.

Trying to Save the Irish.

DUBLIN, Sept. 20.—The Freeman's Journal declares that the government inspired the arrest of the young Irishman who was taken into custody Saturday for hooting at the Marquis of Londonderry during his state entry into the city, with the purpose of provoking the people in the hope that they would retaliate, and furnish the authorities with excuses for coercion. The Irish Times says: "Despite the efforts to excite ill-feeling on the occasion of the new viceroy's arrival at Dublin castle, the Marquis of Londonderry met with a respectful and even a cordial reception."

Asheville and the West.

NEWS FROM OVER THE MOUNTAINS. Special Cor. of the News and Observer. ASHEVILLE, Sept. 18

The Henderson republican convention meets today. Hamilton G. Ewart will probably be the nominee. Mr. Ewart ran for Congress two years ago.

The fall season is opening well in Asheville. Business outlook good. Merchants laying in large stocks. Building going on in all parts of the city. Battery Park drive is being macadamized. Crushed stone is being used. The stone is broken with the hammer, thus furnishing employment to many laborers.

The Buncombe legislative ticket is at last settled, after much shifting, laboring and perplexity on the part of the opposition to democracy. Messrs. Ezekiah A. Guder and Johnstone Jones are the regular democratic nominees; Mr. J. N. Wells is the regular nominee of the republican party; Mr. Richmond Pearson is the selection of a committee appointed by the anti-stock law mass meeting to fill vacancies, and is endorsed by the republican convention; Dr. J. S. T. Baird is the nominee of the anti stock law mass meeting. The canvass opens at Black Mountain hotel, in the assembly room, at 12 o'clock, Oct. 12. The order of discussion has been settled by lot, as follows, Guder, Pearson, Jones, Wells, Baird. The discussions are likely to attract large crowds. Both sides enter the contest confident of success. It is of course impossible yet to forecast the probable result with any degree of certainty, but it would be safe to say that the democrats will carry the county. Stock-law and county government are the two issues—the great head-lights of the competing parties, with side-lights of more or less intensity, on prohibition, convict labor, road system, education, &c.

The eastern democracy are vitally interested in this contest. The defeat of the democratic nominees on the county government issue is so prominent and leading a county as Buncombe would be the signal for a general onslaught upon the system in the west; at least it appears so at this time.

ASHEVILLE, Sept. 19.

The senatorial convention of Buncombe and Madison counties, democratic, met at Alexander yesterday, and nominated Isaac Newton Ebbes, Esq., of Madison, for the senate, with perfect unanimity. Mr. Ebbes was in the senate in 1883, successor to Hon. Theo. F. Davidson. He is a farmer and school teacher, and generally regarded as one of the best men in his county.

Resolutions were passed endorsing Cleveland's administration as "pure, honest, able, and, in the main, universally acceptable to the people of the South and the Union."

A convent school is about to be established here, under the auspices of the Mother Superior of the Sisters of Mercy and the directors of the academy at Hickory.

The Philadelphia improvement company will soon commence the erection of a large hotel on their property near the depot.

The Asheville military academy opens tomorrow; prospects good.

The towers for the electric light are being erected. These will be judiciously scattered over the city, and will light the whole of it perfectly, with the help of the twenty pole lights. Asheville will then be one of the best lighted places in the United States.

The foundation of a large hotel was begun at the sulphur springs, four miles from Asheville, last week, the building to be ready for occupation next summer. This hotel bids fair to be one of the most attractive in the South. The sulphur water is fine and most health-giving. A depot will be located on the Western N. C. railroad, quite near the springs. Easy and graded roads will be established. VanGilder & Carrier are the owners of the property, which lately belonged to the late George W. Swenson.

The Lease of the N. C. R. R.

Correspondence of The News and Observer. DAVIS COUNTY, N. C. I saw a few weeks ago that the Richmond & Danville syndicate was trying to prolong the lease of the N. C. R. R. I hear no more about it. Please keep us posted on this matter. If any power besides the legislature can do it, what power is it? Cor.

The present lease was made by the N. C. R. R. Co. and the legislature cannot make the lease. The present lease, we believe, will expire in 1900. Ed N. O.

British Troops in Danger.

RANGOON, Burma, Sept. 20.—The western frontier column of the British army of occupation in Burma has been cut off at Taingendeh from communication under the leadership of Boshwey and other noted insurgents, and 800 troops have been dispatched to the relief of the beleaguered troops.

No Limit to Bulgarian Complications.
SOFIA, Bulgaria, Sept. 20.—The Russian agent here has asked the regency to postpone the trial of the kidnappers of Prince Alexander until the popular ferment has abated. The German agent has advised the government to await the arrival of Gen. Kanlar before taking action on the matter.

He is Satisfied with His Present Place.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 20.—A special from Suspension Bridge says: Secretary Manning left the mineral springs hotel Saturday for Buffalo and started from there for Albany this morning. He will have a conference with the President in that city Wednesday. He stated while here that he had received no offer of the Austrian mission and would not accept it if tendered him.

Henderson County's Republican Nominations.

Special Dispatch to the News and Observer. ASHEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 20. Hamilton G. Ewart was nominated for the house by the republican convention of Henderson county Saturday.

The President's Home-Coming.
WASHINGTON, D. C., September 20.—Arrangements are being made at the White House for the speedy return of the President and Mrs. Cleveland. They are expected to arrive in Washington Wednesday evening.

The Cholera in Austria.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—The cholera returns from Austria-Hungary are twenty-one new cases and six deaths.

The Italian Cholera Report.

ROME, Sept. 20.—There were reported in all Italy for the twenty-four hours ending yesterday twenty-seven new cases from cholera and thirty-one new deaths.

We accidentally overheard the following dialogue on the street yesterday: Jones, Smith, why don't you stop that disgusting hawking and shouting? Smith, How can I? You know I am a martyr to cash.

J. Do as I did. I had the disease in its worst form but I am well now. S. What did you do for it? J. I used Sage's Catarrh it cured me. It cured me and it will cure you. S. I've heard of it, and by Jove I'll try it. J. Do so. You'll find it at all drug stores in town.

Monday—More of those lovely Krach & Bach pianos, also six or eight other kinds, all good; also some good second-hand pianos. Pianos to rent, with privilege of purchase. By far the largest assortment in the city and prices that cannot be beaten. J. L. STONE'S Raleigh, N. C.

TURKEY SOAP.—Colgate's Toilet Soap, Colgate's Shaving Soap, Colgate's Hair Cream, Turkish Bath, &c., &c. Close prices by the box. K. J. HARDIN

—The Presidential party will probably start from the Adirondacks to day, it has been telegraphed.