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RAIDED BY BEARS.

Bruin Invading Farms in Central Pennsylvania.

Cornfields Foraged and Hog Pens Robbed By Them.

According to the accounts of hunters, black bear were never so numerous and bold in Central Pennsylvania as they are this fall.

The other day an immense bear was seen entering the village of Milesburg, Centre county, having come down from the woods near by.

Two other bears that tried the brave and impudent act at William Farmer's, near the Loop, in Centre County, on Tuesday night, did not fare as well as the lone visitor at Milesburg.

The Gentzell farm is two miles from Bellefonte, at the foot of Bald Eagle Mountain. A few days ago John Gentzell, who owns the farm, was told by a neighbor that a big bear was in his corn field, stripping the shocks and playing boldly generally.

Gentzell then shouted to his brother Henry, who was at work in another field, and while Henry was on his way to join him, John put two more bulls into the bear.

Three boys were hunting rabbits on Tuesday near Cowan's Gap, in Franklin County. They started a rabbit and it ran into a corn stock.

TEN years ago the Governor of Michigan pardoned David Foster, a life convict, and the old man seemed overjoyed at his release.

THE NEWS SUMMARY.

Eastern and Middle States. A GREAT scarcity of coal exists in many quarters, and higher prices are predicted.

AN extraordinary case of human ossification is on exhibition in New York. Jonathan R. Bass, of Lockport, began turning to stone thirty-nine years ago, and in nine years his body was one solid bone.

HERB MOST, the Anarchist leader, arraigned in a New York court the other day on the charge of using incendiary language, pleaded not guilty, and was released on \$1,500 bail.

South and West.

SIX men were blown to fragments by an explosion in the packing house of a dynamite company's works, near Ishpeming, Mich.

JAMES WHITE swore in Joliet, Ill., that the president of the Lambert & Bishop Wire Fence Company gave him \$5,000 to set fire to the building.

THOMAS BEASLEY, a Kentuckian of weight, is dead. He was forty-seven years old, and weighed when in good health 435 pounds.

A BRONZE statue of John C. Breckenridge, has just been unveiled at Lexington, Ky., with appropriate ceremonies.

LEWIS D. BALDWIN, a Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, was shot dead at Lexington, Ky., by Thomas M. Green, a staff correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette.

THE fourteenth annual convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, has just been held in Nashville, Tenn.

FOREST fires have done an immense amount of damage in portions of Illinois and Arkansas, destroying barns and crops, and in many instances compelling people to flee for their lives.

A MINNEAPOLIS dispatch says that the Pensions Committee of the G. A. R., under instructions of the National Encampment, have prepared another pension bill.

Washington.

AN official list of the members of the next House of Representatives shows that the House will consist of 105 Democrats, 153 Republicans and 4 Independents.

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN and Sir Charles Tupper, who, with Minister West, constitute the Commission on the part of Great Britain to endeavor to secure a settlement of the vexed fisheries question, have arrived in Washington and been presented to the President.

GEORGE L. RIVES, of New York, has been appointed First Assistant Secretary of State, succeeding ex-Governor Porter, of Tennessee, who resigned some months ago.

PROFESSOR S. P. LANGLEY has been elected Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, as successor to the late Professor S. F. Baird.

Foreign.

THE Empress of Germany is suffering from paralysis of the lower jaw. She has been much affected by the condition of the Crown Prince.

EXPLORER STANLEY is meeting with considerable opposition from hostile tribes in his expedition in Africa.

THE Czar of Russia has been paying a visit to the Emperor of Germany at Berlin.

THE French Chamber of Deputies, by a vote of 527 to 3, resolved to prosecute M. Wilson, son-in-law of President Grevy, for corrupt practices while holding a high official station.

GENERAL VALENTINE BAKER, formerly a distinguished British army officer, and more lately known as Baker Pasha, one of the most prominent officers in the service of Turkey and Egypt, is dead in his fifty-ninth year.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

CONNECTICUT has eleven living centenarians. The cattle industry of the United States represents \$1,200,000,000.

OHIO celebrates its centennial by holding 100 farmers' institutes the coming year.

PROFESSOR CUSHMAN has unarched a city and 2,000 skeletons in Southern Arizona.

A COMPANY has been organized in New York City to insure merchants against bad debts.

CHICAGO gains 60,000 in population through the annexation of the Hyde Park suburb.

A WATER famine is prevailing at Vandalia, Ill. Farmers have to haul water eight and ten miles for all purposes.

THE fire losses in the United States and Canada in October were \$9,769,823, against \$12,000,000 in October, 1884, and \$5,750,000 in October, 1885.

LATER NEWS.

TWO valuable coal breakers—one at Dorton and the other at New Buck Mountain, Penn.—were destroyed by fires, believed to be of incendiary origin, a few days since.

WILSON MILLER (colored), pension agent at Vicksburg, Miss., has been found guilty of fleeing many people and sent to the Penitentiary.

AN estimated loss of over \$2,300,000, has been incurred by forest fires in Arkansas. Plantations, cotton mills and lumber mills all over the State have been destroyed, and several villages are reported in ruins.

A BOILER explosion in a sawmill near Prescott, Arizona, killed W. T. Wilson, one of the proprietors, and five other men. A number of men were seriously injured.

AT the National Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Nashville, Mrs. Boole, Corresponding Secretary of the New York Union, brought her eight-months-old baby on the platform.

THE President has returned, with many thanks, a warranty deed to the title of a corner lot in a park at St. Paul, Minn., presented to him by land speculators.

THE French Ministry, being defeated in the Chamber of Deputies on the question of its domestic policy, has resigned. President Grevy accepted the resignation of his Ministers, with the request that they continue in office until a new Cabinet could be formed.

OWING to the illness of the German Crown Prince, his son, Prince William, will, by command of the Emperor, represent his father at all future State ceremonies and receptions.

HENRY V. LESLIE and James A. L. Wilson, who, while officers of the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal Company, embezzled nearly \$700,000, pleaded guilty, in Philadelphia, and were sentenced to the Penitentiary for eight and six years respectively.

P. T. BARNUM was asleep in a New York hotel while his menagerie was burning in Bridgeport. When awakened and informed of the fire, he told his wife he was sorry, but it was "all right," and rolled over and went to sleep again.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., has had a fire which destroyed the Goddard flouring mills and elevator, with 150,000 bushels of wheat, and damaged adjacent buildings. Total damage, \$350,000.

TWO freight trains collided near Tunnel Hill, Ill., causing the death of both engineers, a fireman and a brakeman.

A MEXICAN who was stabbed in the heart by another Mexican at El Paso, Texas, lived for two hours with his left ventricle cut—something unprecedented.

MORE than a dozen vessels have been wrecked or badly injured in a furious storm on the Great Lakes, and numerous lives have been lost.

SINCE the Senate adjourned last March the President has made about 550 appointments that require the approval of the Senate. In the list are included some important nominations, such as the Secretary of the Treasury, United States Treasurer, the Inter-State Commerce and Pacific Railroad Commissioners, the Commissioner of Patents, and others, including numerous Postmasters.

THE total amount of money sent by money orders and postal notes during the past fiscal year was \$138,267,016.

RUSSIA is massing 300,000 soldiers on the German and Austrian frontiers.

IN recent raids upon Nihilists in Russia 180 persons were arrested. Nine officers under arrest committed suicide.

THE Liverpool steamship Douro has been wrecked off Cape Finisterre. Thirteen persons were drowned.

ANOTHER new cotton-picking machine is attracting attention. This is the invention of a Mr. Graves, and is reported to have given satisfaction in experiments tried with it round about Galveston, Texas.

THE NATION'S FINANCES.

The Annual Report of the United States Treasurer.

The annual report of James W. Hyatt, Treasurer of the United States, shows that the revenues of the Government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1887, were \$371,403,377, and the ordinary expenditures \$367,932,179, the surplus receipts, available for the reduction of the public debt being \$103,471,097.

The operations of the year involved the redemption of \$127,911,550 in United States bonds, of which \$47,894,300 was on account of the sinking fund; the issue of nearly 600,000 drafts and checks; the redemption of upward of \$193,000,000 in United States paper currency and National bank notes; and the handling of \$192,000,000 in United States bonds deposited or withdrawn by National banks.

During the year ended October 31 the gold balance increased \$44,322,653, the silver balance decreased \$21,286,772, and the total balance ran up \$1,959,284.

The statement of United States outstanding shows that between June 30, 1884, and September 30, 1887, the circulation of one and two dollar notes generally ran down from \$51,500,000 to \$15,400,000.

Under the provisions of the act of March 3, 1887, there was received within the limit of six months fixed by Congress \$7,089,000 in trade dollars in exchange for standard silver dollars and fractional silver coin.

The coinage of standard silver dollars for the fiscal year was \$33,216,831, an increase of \$3,377,923 over 1886. On October 31 the Treasury held \$214,175,532, and there were \$2,540,625 in circulation.

Between the end of the fiscal year and October 31 the number of depository banks was increased from 200 to 220.

KILLED BY A WHALE.

Desperate Fight Between a Boat's Crew and a Marine Monster.

The whaling steamer Lizzie N., Capt. West, which has been engaged in the flintack whale fishery on the eastern coast this season, when about fifteen miles east-southeast from Seguin Island, off the coast of Maine, saw a large lone whale of that species, and attempted its capture.

When the boat was near enough to warrant a shot Captain West fired the gun, but as the sea was rough the motion of the boat destroyed the accuracy of the aim.

Then the whale attacked the steamer. By a quick turn of the rudder the steamer cleared him by a few feet. This occurred a second time, and the swell which was created by the whale's fall back into the water knocked all on board off their feet.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

MINNIE PALMER will impersonate four different characters in her new play by Leonard Grover.

THE play of "Dorothy" has passed its 400th performance at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, London.

HENRY IRVING has commissioned Mr. Wills, the English playwright, to dramatize "Don Quixote."

AT the 500th performance of "Faust" at the Grand Opera in Paris, Grand was presented with an ebony and gold baton.

THIS is the first season since Gilbert and Sullivan began writing operas that a new one has not been given by them to the public.

MME. CHRISTINE NILSSON, Countess Miranda, has just recovered from a long and annoying deafness caused by abscesses in both ears.

BARTON MCGUCKIN, the Irish tenor now with the National Opera Company, considers the Philadelphia Academy of Music the finest hall for singing he has ever seen.

CLARA LOUISE KELLOGG, the noted American singer, was privately married recently to her manager, Carl Strakosch, at Eikhard, Ind. She is forty-five years old.

HENRY ARTHUR JONES, author of "The Silver King" and other successful plays, has scored another triumph by his "Heart of Hearts," recently brought out in London.

MME. JANASCHEK started on the road again to fulfill engagements in New England that she was compelled to cancel last spring, owing to breaking her arm at Newport last May.

MRS. SCOTT-SIDDONS is not prospering very largely on her reading tour. In Canada her business has been noticeably poor.

THE MARKETS.

Table with columns for Market (New York, Buffalo, Boston, Philadelphia), Commodity (Beef, Calves, Sheep, etc.), and Price. Includes sub-sections for Waterbury (Mass.) Cattle Market and Philadelphia Flour.

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