

SWEPT BY A GALE.

Terrific Storms Throughout Virginia and Maryland.

The United States Ship Pensacola Sunk at Norfolk.

A dispatch from Norfolk, Va., says: Thunder and lightning, hail and snow and a howling gale were what the people in this vicinity were treated to the other day. This continued all day and changed at 10 o'clock at night to a regular cyclone, the wind blowing upward of fifty-four miles an hour until 5 o'clock that morning. The wind came from the northeast, and blew into the harbor and its tributaries a tide which, at high water was eighteen inches higher than ever recorded before.

The United States ship Pensacola sank in drydock, where she was being prepared for sea. Her sea valves had been opened for inspection and another one was being cut. The tide flooded the dock and she filled with water, and, getting off her keel, sank before she could be got in position again. A diver will have to be sent down and her valves stopped up and the ship pumped out. The Simpson Drydock was flooded and the damage may reach \$40,000.

The lower part of the city was flooded by the tide, and fire broke out on Water street, caused by slacking lime on the wharf of John O. Gamage & Son. The entire block, with the exception of Savage, Son & Co.'s, commission merchants, was in flames. The old Cotton Exchange building, containing about 800 bales of cotton, and the warehouse of J. W. Perry & Co., containing about 600 bales of cotton, were totally destroyed. Santos & Bro., coal dealers, lost everything except their office building; Batchelder & Collins, coal, lumber and lime, are damaged to the amount of \$4000; John A. Gamage's loss, including building, is \$10,000. The loss on buildings and stock destroyed in this block is estimated at \$150,000, partly insured. It is probable that the losses sustained by the wholesale grocery merchants from the water forced into their warehouses by the unprecedented tide will nearly equal this amount. Hundreds of barrels of sugar and flour and other goods are ruined. During the storm the roofs of the Opera House, Masonic Temple and many dwellings were torn off and the Virginia Beach Railroad depot is badly injured and the track for hundreds of yards is seriously damaged.

In Portsmouth fire destroyed the lime and lumber yard of Trugie & Hill. The wires along the coast were all down.

The snowstorm began at Charlottesville, Va., early in the morning and continued through the night. The telegraph wires were badly broken down along the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Richmond and Danville railroads and all trains were delayed. The electric light wires were down in the city.

The worst storm of the season prevailed at Richmond, Va. It commenced with thunder and lightning, and was followed by rain, hail and snow, augmented by high wind. At nine o'clock the snow and wind showed no abatement, and reports denoted the storm general throughout the State.

A furious snowstorm and blizzard prevailed at Winchester, Va., all day, snow falling to the depth of fourteen inches, as much as has fallen during the entire winter. At 10:30 o'clock, while the snow was falling rapidly, a loud clap of thunder from south-east startled the citizens. The winds were very high all day. Telegraph wires were down in all directions. This is the severest storm this late in the season for years.

The storm in Washington badly interrupted electrical communication and workmen were busy all day repairing damaged telegraph and telephone wires. There are 384 poles down between Alexandria and Fredericksburg, Va.

The barge Sunrise, bound from Norfolk for New York with coal, was towed to a buoy in Delaware Bay and anchored by the tug B. W. Morse during a heavy gale. At midnight the barge foundered. The Captain, his wife and two children and one seaman were lost. Joseph Coyle was the only survivor of the wreck.

Coyle, in the open boat drifted ashore near the Government pier. He was picked up in an exhausted condition by one of the crew of the Lewes Life-Saving Station.

A dispatch from Baltimore says: Reports coming in from the counties in the State show the storm to have been a very peculiar one. The snow and rain was accompanied by thunder and lightning, and much damage was done. Near Mount Airy rain began to fall in torrents and continued until at about 2 p. m., when the snow began. In some places it was from eight to ten inches deep. A terrific gale of wind was blowing, and the snow was blinding. A singular feature of the storm was that while the snow fell there were continuous peals of thunder and vivid flashes of lightning. From Knoxville down the telegraph poles and wires were strewn in all directions. Throughout the State nearly all the wires were down. On the bay the wind blew a gale.

THREE RAILWAY TRAGEDIES

Twelve Persons Killed and Many Injured in the West.

A collision occurred on the Northern Pacific, near Helena, Montana, by which three passengers were killed and three wounded. The east bound passenger train leaving Helena ran into a double header freight train standing on the side track, wrecking three engines and piling them in a promiscuous mass on the track.

Of the killed only one was identified, Charlie Green, a fireman, whose home is in Baltimore. The injured were Harry Conger, A. L. North, mail agents, and Joseph Jackson. The station agent is blamed for not closing the switch, knowing that the passenger train was due.

Two yard engines in the Chestnut street yards of the Omaha Road collided at St. Paul, Minn., and two men were instantly killed, two others fatally injured and three more badly injured.

Fergus Flanagan, the yard master, and an unknown person supposed to be a young man named Funk, were killed instantly. James Davidson and William Utz were fatally injured.

A freight train on the Chicago, St. Louis and Pittsburgh Railroad broke west of Centerville, Ind., and killed five persons, supposed to be tramps.

Mrs. ELLA CLYMER, the new President of Sorosis, is said to be the handsomest member of that highly intellectual organization of women in New York. She has a sweet, Madonna-like face, big dark eyes, and a soft, low voice. Mrs. Clymer is a widow, who was left a large fortune by her husband. She possesses exquisite taste in dress, and is, in fact, an ideal President.

WARD McALLISTER the famed leader of the Four Hundred Aristocrats of Gotham, is close on to sixty years of age. He is a tall, well-built man, with a brown mustache and goatee, slightly streaked with gray.

LATER NEWS.

I. ULRIC ALTON, of Greenville, N. H., was killed while driving across the track at Fitchburg, Mass.

SECRETARY TRACY paid his first official visit to the Brooklyn Navy Yard and inspected all the vessels being built and repaired there.

THE All-America and Chicago baseball teams were warmly welcomed home by their friends at a public dinner at Delmonico's, in New York city, and their trip around the world was celebrated with toasts, words of wit and praise and applause. Among the many speech-makers were Chauncey M. Depew, Mark Twain, Erastus Wiman and Daniel Dougherty.

JACOB SANDT, a well-known and respected grocer of Easton, Penn., Commander of Hugh Payne's Commandery, committed suicide by hanging himself from a rafter in the garret of his home.

CRAFT'S sawmill, near Junction City, Ky., was wrecked by a boiler explosion and four men were killed.

RAIN fell in South Dakota extinguishing prairie fires.

MISS BERTHA TRACY committed suicide at Chattanooga, Tenn., by firing a bullet into her heart, having only a few minutes previously taken chloroform with the intention of ending her life.

FRANK HARRIS, of Bloomfield, Mich., aged twenty-two years, was tramped to death by a stallion. The animal seized him by the neck with his teeth, shaking him terribly, and stamping him to death.

By direction of the President the Secretary of War has ordered that the new military post near Denver, Col., shall be known as Fort Logan, to honor the memory of the late General John A. Logan.

THE President has designated Assistant Secretary Bachelior to act as Secretary of the Treasury in the absence of Secretary Windom, and Assistant Secretary Tichenor to act as Secretary in the absence of both Secretary Windom and Assistant Secretary Bachelior.

THE Ameer of Bokhara is about to send his son to Russia to be educated. The State Bank of Russia will open a branch in Bokhara.

AFTER a shut-down of only a week's duration, the coal miners along the Monongahela River, Penn., have resumed work. About 6000 men in all were affected by the resumption.

THE Boston freight houses of the Boston and Maine Railroad were destroyed by fire. Loss over \$500,000.

MAYOR GRANT, of New York, has appointed Fire Commissioner Richard Croker, the leader of Tammany Hall, to the office of City Chamberlain, recently resigned by William M. Ivens. Mr. Croker was promptly sworn into office. The salary is \$25,000 a year.

THE recent storm which raged in Baltimore with severity swept over the lower Chesapeake most disastrously to shipping. More than a dozen seamen lost their lives and forty vessels were wrecked.

THE Louisville (Ky.) Bridge and Iron Company's Works, the largest establishment of its kind in the South, has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$150,000. Two hundred men were thrown out of work.

SCARLET fever of a malignant type has broken out at Fairbury, Ill.

NEAR Yarbrough Station, Texas, Rev. Hall Miller shot and killed an intoxicated man of evil reputation named Purchard, who had disturbed his meeting.

HAROLD M. SEWELL, removed by Secretary Bayard from the office of Consul-General in Samoa, has been appointed by Secretary Blaine the disbursing agent to the Samoan Commission at Berlin.

ADAM C. TANNER, of Canton, Ohio, has been appointed Chief of the Appointment Division, Interior Department.

THE President has made the following appointments: Frank Phimley, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont; George A. Knight, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Texas, and James McDowell, to be Register of the Land Office at Huron, Dak.

THE Persian Government has ceded the districts of Kelat and Kederi to Russia.

OVER 15,000 persons were rendered homeless by the great fire at Surat, India. To add to the prevailing distress cholera has broken out in the town.

THE rumor that Stanley and Emin Pasha were marching in the direction of Zanzibar was an Arabian invention.

A WINE store at Szil, Hungary, was entered by thieves. The proprietor surprised the robbers at their work and was seized and crushed to death in a wine press. They caught the blood in a cup and forced a passer-by to drink it.

KING JOHN, of Abyssinia, before his death appointed as his successor his nephew, Dagiac Mangacia.

THE French Chamber of Deputies has passed the bill regulating the procedure of the trial of Boulanger by the Senate. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of General Boulanger, Dillon and Rochefort. Copies of them have been submitted to every police station in France.

THE Indian pearl fisheries are a failure owing to the prevalence of cholera. The failure involves a loss to the government of about \$2,800,000.

CONGRESSMAN CLIFTON R. BRECKINRIDGE, of the Second Arkansas District, has requested the Legislature of that State not to redistrict the State until after the question of his own election over the murdered John M. Clayton comes up in Congress.

TRIALS of the pneumatic dynamite gum aboard the new cruiser Vesuvius demonstrate that they can fire more than five shots each in ten minutes, as required by contract.

NEWS WINNOWINGS.

Important Happenings Gleaned From Late Dispatches.

Desperado Hatfield's Terrible Story of Crime.

Ellison Hatfield, sometimes called Ellison Mounts, one of the participants in the Hatfield-McCoy feud, who is in the Pike County jail in Kentucky, has made a confession to State Attorney Ferguson. "I was present," he said, "and participated in the murder of the three McCoy brothers—Talbot, Farmer, and Randolph, Jr. The brothers were taken from a school house in Logan County, W. Va., where they had been guarded for a day and night, and brought over to the Tug River, which separates West Virginia and Kentucky. "About fifty feet from the river Carpenter tied them to a paw-paw bush and hung a lantern over their heads. Bad Anse Hatfield then said to them: 'Boys, if you have any peace to make with your Maker you had better make it.' Talbot and Randolph began praying, but Farmer did not. However, before the boys had time to finish their prayers John Hatfield shot Farmer dead. Anse then gave the order to fire, and shot as he gave the word, killing Talbot, and then emptying the contents of his revolver into the dead bodies of Alexander Masser, fired and killed Randolph McCoy. The others followed suit, and all the bodies were riddled with bullets. After the boys were killed Wall Hatfield administered an oath to all of us, binding us to take the life of the first who divulged the name of any who were along."

Captain Hatfield said that he and Tom Wallace shot Jeff McCoy after he had escaped from them. The prisoner also gave the particulars of the brutal murder of Allaphare and Calvin McCoy, in which he took part. Nine of the Hatfield faction, on a Sunday night in January, 1858, crossed the river into Kentucky, under the command of Jim Vance. They surrounded the McCoy homestead, fired the house, and killed the girl as she stood in the door begging for her life. Cap and Jonce Hatfield both asserted that they killed Calvin McCoy, and bragged about it.

The World's Conference of Mormons.

The World's Conference of Latter Day Saints, which has been held at St. Joseph, Mo., was the largest assembly of Mormon representatives ever held in this country. The preliminary proceedings were attended by over 500 delegates. No regular proceedings were held on the first day but informal gatherings discussed various matters to be considered during the week. There were over 1000 of them in the city. England having a stronger representation than any other foreign country except Canada. Australia had eight representatives. Much interest is manifested in the affairs of the Mormon Church in Utah. The Statehood claims of the Territory will be put in shape for presentation to Congress at Washington. A communication from the Mormon General Conference in session at Salt Lake arrived by mail and was read.

The report of the church recorder shows that there are over 26,000 members of the church, a gain of 1485 in the last year. There were 118 removals and expulsions. Elder G. T. Griffith reported that missionaries in Virginia had met vigorous opposition, and had been threatened with personal violence on account of the erroneous belief that the Latter Day Saints were polygamists.

How Natives Harrassed Stanley.

Henry M. Stanley's letter to the Royal Geographical Society was read at a meeting of that body in London. The letter consists mainly of a repetition of what has already been published. He describes at length the various devices by which the natives endeavored to prevent the advance of the expedition. One of them was to dig shallow pits across the path of the column and fill them with skewers, which were deftly covered with leaves. The skewers pierced the feet of Stanley's men, inflicting wounds that in many cases developed into gangrenous sores. The men who were lamed in this manner were seldom of further service. Mr. Stanley calls the natives "cunning rogues," and says that for purposes of extortion they always pretended that the country was suffering from a famine. The "friendly," he says, withheld information, but the natives who were captured by the expedition imparted all they knew. Mr. Stanley believes that the lake he discovered in 1876 belongs to the Congo.

A Town in Ashes.

Almost the entire town of Smithfield, in Johnston County, N. C. was consumed by fire. The only buildings which remain standing are the County Court House and jail and a few dwellings. Every store in the town and many dwellings were burned. The fire originated about 1 o'clock p. m., and in two hours the town was in ashes.

The wind was raging at a terrific rate and the flames swept over the town like a hurricane. There was no fire department to fight the flames and the people were powerless to resist the devouring sweep. The total loss is estimated at upward of \$100,000. Much of the property was insured. The fire originated in the carriage factory of S. R. J. R. Morgan. Its origin is thought to have been accidental.

Hamburg's Horror.

The body of a boy named Steinfath was found at an early hour in the morning on a road near Hamburg, Germany. The boy's throat had been cut and his abdomen ripped open and his entrails removed. The body was otherwise shockingly mutilated. It had evidently laid in the road throughout the night.

Immediately upon the discovery of the murder parties of hussars were sent out to scour the surrounding country. One of these parties surprised the murderer, but he succeeded in effecting his escape.

A Death Struggle in Mid-Stream.

Larry McDonald and John Schneider, two Government employes working on the River Improvement Commission, quarreled in a small skiff in the middle of the river opposite St. Louis, Mo. The men clinched and a terrible struggle followed. McDonald proved the more powerful, and finally threw Schneider headlong into the river. McDonald rowed ashore, and allowed Schneider to drown.

A Tornado in the Northwest.

Word has been received at Regina of a tornado that struck a settlement on Long Lake, Northwest Territory. It mowed a path thirty yards wide through the bluffs, tearing trees up by the roots. Several houses and barns were blown down, and logs were carried fifty yards. No casualties are reported. Prairie fires swept a large area of land north of Regina.

THE Paris Exposition will extend two and one-half miles long and one and one-half miles wide. It will be opened May 5.

WISE WORDS.

Love is satisfied only with love. A wise man's day is worth a fool's life.

That alone belongs to you which you have bestowed.

He that loves to be flattered is worthy of the flatterer.

The most manifest sign of wisdom is continued cheerfulness.

Never marry but for love, but see that thou lovest what is lovely.

Virtue itself often offends, when coupled with forbidding manners.

Industry needs not wish, and he that lives upon people will die fasting.

Sorrow for having done amiss is fruitless if it issue not in doing so no more.

There cannot be a greater rudeness than to interrupt another in the current of his discourse.

Time will discover everything to posterity; it is a babbler, and speaks even when no question is put.

One reason why the world is not reformed, is, because every man would have others make a beginning, and never thinks of himself.

There are two things needed in these days; first, for rich men to find out how poor men live, and, second, for poor men to know how rich men work.

An egotist will always speak of himself, either in praise or in censure; but a modest man ever shuns making himself the subject of his conversation.

Nothing hinders the constant agreement of people who live together, but vanity and selfishness. Let the spirit of humility and benevolence prevail, and discord and disagreement would be banished from the household.

If you do not rise early you can never make progress in anything. If you do not set apart your hours of reading, if you suffer yourself or anyone else to break in upon them, your days will slip through your hands unprofitable and frivolous, and really unenjoyed by yourself.

Meat Sneakers.

A meat-sneaking gang, the members of which lived literally, and without the least touch of exaggeration, on the "fat of the land," has just been discovered in Paris. Last week a man was observed lurking a considerable time before a well-stocked butcher's shop, his eyes riveted on a "superb" leg of mutton, warranted to weigh six pounds, and which was duly dangling from a hook.

The suspicious person walked up and down before the shop, and sometimes crossed to the other side of the road, returning, however, continually "to his mutton," which he at last jerked off its hook by a fine trick of legerdemain and plunged into a canvas bag. The operation, although neatly and quickly performed, had been seen by two policemen, who thought they had met the "mutton thief" before. At the station the man gave his address in the Rue des Morillons, whither repaired the two detectives and inquired for the thief.

When the door of the room to which they went was half opened by a woman, the officers walked in and were temporarily overwhelmed by the spectacle which was presented to their gaze. The place was long and narrow. On a table in the centre was a vast heap of provisions, consisting of beef, mutton, pork, poultry and pates de foie gras. There were game, huge pullets stuffed with Perigord truffles, nice necks of lamb and fine turkeys, all waiting to be roasted.

After further examination the detectives discovered other stolen articles of a miscellaneous character, which showed that the occupants of the room were members of a big thieving gang, of which the "mutton-sneak" was a duly qualified member. Besides the woman, an old man and two boys were captured in the tenement. The old man was the trainer of the youths and had hooks put up in one part of the room from which he taught his apprentices to abstract joints of meat or poultry.—London Telegraph.

Munich's Inevitable "Deadhouse."

It has occurred on more than one occasion in Europe that the bringing of blood to the face by the barber in the rough handling of his razor has brought a supposed dead man to life. Cases of suspended animation have been frequently authenticated, notably in the celebrated "deadhouse" in Munich, Bavaria, where every citizen, no matter of how low or high degree, who dies, must be placed for several days before interment is allowed. Whether it be the prince of the realm or the most humble citizen, each is placed in the "deadhouse." The rich are richly dressed and laid out in a profusion of flowers, while the poor may be seen lying next-dressed in a simple shroud of black or white cloth—all are equal in death. Attached to the thumb of each is a wire running to the office of the "deadhouse," which on the slightest movement of the body, will ring a bell. Not a few people who were supposed to be dead, have been saved from being interred alive by this precaution.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Feeding Terrapin.

Colonel Tilghman and Mr. M. T. Goldsborough are largely engaged in the propagation of terrapin, and have about 5000 confined in a pound, where they are fed and prepared for market. In winter they lie dormant, and do not eat at all, but in summer time they seem to have ravenous appetites. The principal food given them is hard crabs, and it takes about 500 to 600 crabs a day to feed them. The crabs are put into a large hopper alive and hacked to pieces in passing through the machinery. They are then thrown into the pond for the terrapin, which are so eager to get at the food that they climb up over the backs of each other.—Baltimore Sun.

IN THE DARK.

Oh, in the depths of midnight. What fancies haunt the brain. When even the sigh of the sleeper Sounds like a sob of pain.

A sense of awe and of wonder I may never well define, For the thought that come in the shadows Never come in the shine.

The old clock down in the parlor, Like a sleepless mourner grieves, And the seconds drip in the silence As the rain drips from the eaves.

And I think of the hands that signal The hours there in the gloom, And wonder what angel watchers Wait in the darkened room.

And I think of the smiling faces That used to watch and wait, Till the click of the clock was answered By the click of the open gate.

They are not there now in the evening— Morning or noon—not there; Yet I know that they keep their virgils And wait for me somewhere.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Regular "healers"—Physicians.

A cable road—The bed of the Atlantic.

The "beefy" nobleman—Sir Loin Steak.

A woman should never wear a ruffe on her temper.

Always work with good prospects—Missionaries.

Never take cold at their work—Draughtsmen.

Not conspicuously full of cracks—Rented houses.

It is conceded that a fiddler is up to his chin in business.

"Are you through with your lungs?" asked the cigarette of the youth.

It may sound somewhat contradictory, but the first thing in a boat is the last.

"Why is the letter S like a sewing machine?" "Because it makes needles needless."

St. Louis boasts of a dwarf barber less than four feet high. He must be a little shaver.—Statesman.

Practical jokers are a very unprofitable lot. They never buy; their business is to sell.—Rochester Post.

The greatest weather profit of this season is the money saved by young men who didn't go sleigh-riding.

Cholly—"I always sleep well." Miss Snyder—"So I should judge. You never seem more than half awake."—New York Sun.

Bjones—"I hear De Garr gave Miss Rapidae a pound of caramels with his love." Merritt—"Yes; he told me she accepted the caramels."—New York Sun.

The early bird is quite as apt to catch the malaria as the worm; the moral of which seems to be that previousness is a vicious sort of a virtue after all.—Commercial Advertiser.

Scientist (in restaurant)—"Bring me a decoction of burnt peas, sweetened with glucose and lightened with chalk and water." Waiter (vociferously)—"Coffee for one!"—Times.

First Bohemian (pensively, over his logwood and water)—"After all, dear boy, life is a dream." Second Bohemian—"Yes; and the trouble is we only get the nightmare part of it."

Mrs. Upperton—"Well, Jane, I am sorry you have decided to leave me; but if you are going to better yourself, of course—" Jane—"It isn't that, ma'am; I am going to get married."

A writer in the World recommends that executions by means of electricity be called "thazatelectrization." What's the use of adding unnecessary terrors to the thing?—Binghamton Republican.

If you have a toothache have your tooth pulled, but do not think it necessary or even right to attempt to cure an earache by having your ear pulled. What is one man's meat is another's poison.—Commercial Advertiser.

Said a great admirer of the preacher his church had dismissed: "That was a fine sermon, and well timed, too." "Yes," replied the clergyman, "it was certainly well timed. About half the congregation had their watches out most of the time I was talking."

Teacher (geography class)—"Very good. Now, children, to-morrow you must all bring small bottles of sweet oil with you." Head Girl—"What are they for?" "To lubricate your jaws, my dear. We are to begin on the lakes of Maine."—Philadelphia Record.

Of all editorial writers, Horace Greeley was most noted for illegible copy. On one occasion the "modern Franklin" penned something about "Suburban journalism advancing," but the typesetter, thinking it one of his famous agricultural articles, launched out wildly with the words: "Superb Jerusalem artichokes."—Epoch.

A Novel Legal Case.

The most novel legal case in the judicial annals of North Carolina has been tried at Wilmington. A photographer, in order to secure some striking local scenes, requested Policeman Howland to procure a colored boy and come into his studio. Officer Howland hailed a passing colored boy and together they entered the tent. The photographer grouped his subjects, requesting the officer to collar the youth, raise his club and look officially severe. Several photographs were taken. One was given to the boy and another was hung out as an advertisement. This was too striking for the father of the lad, who swore out a warrant before the Justice charging Officer Howland with assault and battery. The warrant was duly served. Howland, accompanied by counsel, appeared before a magistrate. The officer was fined.—San Francisco Chronicle.