

# Scope Pioneer.

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NO. 102 N. DAKOTA  
A REDWOOD tree, twenty-eight and a half feet in diameter, was recently cut in Tulare County, Cal.

This year's oat crop, so say authorities, will be larger than any before harvested in the United States.

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CALIFORNIA fruit-growers who used to throw away their peach pits, are now getting six dollars a ton for them. They are worth this for fuel. They make a hot and aromatic fire.

An Oregon Judge has refused to grant naturalization papers to a professional pugilist on the excellent ground that it is contrary to public policy to confer citizenship on people whose avowed occupation was to violate the law.

ALL the monuments erected at the battle-field of Gettysburg to mark the positions of the Pennsylvania troops will be dedicated on September 11 and 12 of the present year, and there promises to be a great reunion of veterans on those days.

A PITTSBURGH detective went out for a day's duck shooting the other morning, and proceeded to blaze away at a flock of birds. An hour after he took them into camp a rural constable took him into custody for destroying a farmer's tame ducks.

A VALUABLE horse belonging to a farmer at Trowley, near Faversham, Eng., died, and a viper, about eighteen inches in length, was found in its stomach. It is supposed that the horse must have swallowed the reptile when drinking at a pond.

A JIMSEY CITY widow says that she has declined at least a hundred offers of marriage since her husband's death, feeling that a wife's constancy should not end at the grave. She had her tombstone prepared and erected at the spot where she expects to be buried, and on a recent Sunday she decorated her prospective grave with flowers.

EXPLORES in Mexico are said to have discovered in the forests relics of a former great city, in the shape of ruined houses, monuments and so forth. Their alleged discoveries also include splendidly paved roads, vast columns, carvings, etc., all of which, together with other signs, it is said, indicate that a nation of thirty millions once existed there.

M. COURTONNE, a French savant, has just deposited with the Paris Academy of Sciences a sealed communication containing a description of a machine of his invention for the transmission of luminous vibrations, to which he has given the name of "telephote," and by means of which it will be possible, he claims, to see objects hundreds and thousands of miles distant in spite of any number of intervening obstacles.

"NB" is the only survivor of the four famous Bradford brothers of Atlantic City, N. J. These men formed what was known as the Bradford Life Guards, and to their efforts hundreds of bathers at Atlantic City owe their lives. "NB" is the oldest brother, Michigan, is the second, and he died at Philadelphia in 1877. He and the others who have passed away died prematurely from exposure and hardships in their noble calling.

The cigarette habit is increasing. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue collected taxes last year upon 2,151,515,300, which is an increase of 288,789,620 over the preceding year. The number taxed is a pretty good indication of the consumption. The number of cigars taxed during the last fiscal year was 3,867,885,640, an increase of 21,855,990, showing that the consumption of cigarettes is increasing more rapidly than that of cigars.

Mrs. MINNIE HILL is the name of a lady who commands a steamer on the Columbia river on which her husband acts as engineer. She is also the pilot, and she steers their ship of life while her husband gallantly responds to the bells, and "goes ahead" or "slows down" as she directs, and a happier and more contented couple is unknown. When not on the river their home is in Portland, where they have accumulated property to the amount of about twenty-five thousand dollars.

The generally accepted theory that a warm summer follows a cold winter, and vice-versa, has been carefully examined by "Science" with the aid of temperature records made in the same place, under the same conditions, twice a day for forty years. "Science" can not find any rule on the subject, and has come to the conclusion that no estimate can be formed in regard to the character of a coming season merely by knowing the character of the past season or any greater value than could be gained by mere guessing.

At a recent meeting of the French Academy of Sciences M. de Malabarot said that in 1887 the aggregate population of the countries in which the metric system of weights and measures was compulsory was over 302,000,000 being an increase of 68,000,000 in ten years. In 1887, in countries with a population of nearly 97,000,000, the use of the system was optional; and it is legally admitted in principle and partially applied had in 1887 a population of 895,000,000, being an increase of 84,000,000 in ten years.

# Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

**FROM WASHINGTON.**  
The Treasury surplus at Washington, owing to the light offerings of bonds on the 15th amounted to \$70,800,000, that being the highest point reached since last October.

The Washington Treasury Department issued an order on the 15th prohibiting the re-use of casks and barrels by distillers. The order does not apply to breweries.

WASHINGTON advices of the 15th state that an extra session of Congress would be held. Mr. CROCKER, the acting Postmaster-General at Washington, on the 15th awarded the contract for furnishing postal cards to the department during the next four years to Albert Daggett, of Brooklyn, N. Y., for \$800,000.

In the United States during the seven days ended on the 16th there were 181 business failures against 173 the previous seven days.

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At forty-two leading clearing houses in the United States the exchanges during the week ended on the 15th aggregated \$91,800,542, against \$93,428,873 the previous week. As compared with the corresponding week of 1888 the increase amounted to \$7.

**THE EAST.**  
The remains of two women and two children were unearthed at Johnston, Pa., on the 14th. It was expected that more ghastly finds would be made during the next few days, until all the excavations were completed.

On the morning of the 14th a fire at No. 75 Warren street, New York City, caused a loss of \$6,000.

The remains of Judge John Irving, one of the oldest men in the city of Baltimore, Pa., were reported in that city on the 14th of paralysis, aged eighty-one years.

The trustees of E. and A. H. Batchelor & Co. Boston's bankrupt leather firm which failed recently, on the 14th issued a statement placing the liabilities at \$1,800,000. The assets were sufficient to pay fifty cents on the dollar.

The death of Elias Loomis, LL. D., Museum professor of natural philosophy and astronomy at Yale, took place on the 15th at New Haven, Conn. He was seventy-eight years of age.

By order of the State Committee at New York on the 15th decided to hold the State convention in Saratoga, September 25.

In the vicinity of Greensburg, Pa., snow fell on the 15th.

An explosion of gas in the basement of a three-story building in New York City on the 16th caused the injury of some twenty persons, and one boy who was passing the building at the time was killed.

The defaulting ex-president of the Forty-second and Grant Street Ferry railroad, New York City, Eben S. Allen, who pleaded guilty to two indictments charging him with the embezzlement of \$100,000 from the company, was sentenced on the 16th in that city to fourteen years' imprisonment with hard labor.

Three regular train conductors reported killed and thirty-five injured on the 16th at Sarver's Station on the West Pennsylvania railroad by the wrecking of a train.

The Legislature of New Hampshire adjourned its 17th session on the 17th.

**WEST AND SOUTH.**  
A TRIPPING-MACHINE boiler exploded on the 18th at eight miles southwest of Aberdeen, D. C., causing the instant death of three men and severely injuring several others.

The editor of the Western Christian Advocate, Rev. D. Bayly, died at Bay View, Mich., on the 14th, aged fifty-four years.

Many thousands acres were on the 14th struck in Montana. The timber north and strike by lightning, which it was thought, was about to be extinguished.

A serious accident was caused on the 14th by the breaking through a trestle of a passenger train on the Evansville & Terre Haute line. Two men were killed and several injured. Twelve persons were seriously injured.

The Monon route on the 14th granted a one cent a mile rate to veterans desiring to attend the 14th in that district at Mount Vernon, Ind. Twelve persons were seriously injured.

In a State convention at Des Moines on the 15th Iowa Republicans nominated Captain J. G. Hutchinson, of Mahaska, for Governor and John W. Adams, of Boone, for Lieutenant-Governor. A platform was adopted endorsing the administration of President Harrison, a liberal construction of the pension laws, and demanding of Congress the protection of American industry against foreign competition.

The North Dakota's Constitutional convention on the 15th unanimously adopted a resolution favoring the holding of the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893.

On the 15th at the Keokuk (Ia.) races Satellite trotted six miles in 16:38, breaking previous records for the distance.

The original Democratic on the 15th nominated Captain P. W. McKinley for Governor and John Hoge Tyler for Lieutenant-Governor by acclamation at the State convention.

An Ancient Order of Foresters in session on the 15th at Minneapolis, Minn., decided to withdraw from the English order and form an independent body of their own. It was brought about by the English high court insisting on the admission of colored members.

PENDING the hearing of a writ of habeas corpus, the result of the warrant sworn out by Mrs. Terry for conspiracy in the shooting of her husband, Justice Field, of the United States Supreme Court, was on the 16th released on \$5,000 bail. The California Supreme Court refused to adjourn as a matter of respect to Judge Terry on the 16th. His release, which took place on the 16th, was the result of Dr. J. Milton Downer, convicted and sentenced to death at San Francisco in 1887 for poisoning his wife in order to obtain \$17,000 life insurance, was ordered on the 16th.

# ROBBED THE FAST MAIL.

Unknown Thieves Steal a Mail Pouch Near Terre Haute, Ind., and Secure Its Contents. Valued at \$10,000.

St. Louis, Aug. 16.—When the fast-mail train from New York arrived here at 2 o'clock Sunday morning over the Vandavia road the head mail carrier, Charles Deshaide, notified Thomas Calkins, superintendent of the mail at Terre Haute, Ind. The first intimation he had of the robbery was when the train reached Elmhurst, six miles west of Terre Haute. He there received a telegram from the station agent at Terre Haute, asking him if he had not lost a mail-pouch. He made an examination and found his Albany pouch missing, and when the train stopped at Terre Haute, he so telegraphed the agent at Terre Haute.

The postal authorities here are extremely reticent about the affair and very little definite information has been obtained from the post office at Terre Haute. It is, however, that during the five minutes stop of the train at Terre Haute Saturday night a through registered mail-pouch, en route from Albany to St. Louis, was taken from its carrier in the rear of the car, and that the man who took it either left the car with it or threw it out to an accomplice. After the train had left Terre Haute the station agent at Terre Haute a short distance from where the train had been standing.

The pouch had been out open and rifled, all the registered letters having been secured by the thieves. The pouch contained principally checks and remittance checks, and the amount is known only in Albany. It is known, however, that the amount will reach \$10,000 and probably more.

Government detectives are hard at work on the case.

Postmaster Hyde said that the packages possibly contain large sums of money. Many of them probably had remittances covering several car-loads of cattle and to which would be added a considerable sum of money.

On the 17th the one hundred and thirty-ninth anniversary of the birth of David Crockett was celebrated at his birthplace, Strong's Springs, Tenn.

Tom L. SULLIVAN was sentenced at Ferris, Miss., on the 17th to a year's imprisonment for prize-fighting. He was released on bail until the motion for a new trial is granted.

On the 18th Rev. R. D. Robinson, D. D., one of the most prominent Methodist ministers of Indiana, dropped dead at his home in Indianapolis from apoplexy.

General Sherman's 30,000 men of the Grand Army of the Republic completed his report on the 17th for the last year. It shows a total membership of 418,228, an increase of 59,012 members during the year.

A mail train from Chicago to St. Louis, Mo., says, however, that many hills have been rent, houses demolished, and people killed and wounded in the city.

The floods having subsided in various districts of Japan a fairly accurate estimate of the damage done is obtained. Nine hundred and thirty houses were destroyed by the flood, and about 500 inhabitants of the Chin Chu villages, including women and children.

The overland China mail learns July 6 that the British in the provinces of China had been ordered to evacuate their troops. Before leaving, however, they burned their boats and impediments. The attack on the Chin Chu villages continued for several days, and four or five of their countrymen were killed. The rioters re-venge themselves by slaughtering between 400 and 500 inhabitants of the Chin Chu villages, including women and children.

JOHN C. BROWN, Governor of Tennessee for four years from 1870, died on the 17th at Red Berlin Springs, Tenn., aged sixty-two years.

**FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.**  
A LETTER was signed by fifty-two members of the English and American legations at the 14th urging clemency for Mrs. Maybrick, who was to be hanged on the 26th inst. The official executioner, Berry, declared he would not perform the execution.

ENGLAND advices state that in the House of Commons on the 15th Home Secretary Matthews denied emphatically having advised the opening of letters addressed to Parliament from the late Earl of Salisbury, a letter addressed to Mr. Sexton, mayor of Dublin, by President Harrison.

At a conference held in London, Eng., on the 16th the British Secretary of State, Lord Salisbury, Justice Secretary, and a number of medical experts with regard to Mrs. Maybrick's case, the American woman to be hanged on the 26th inst. It was reported that a recommendation to the Queen be made for a commutation of her sentence to imprisonment for life.

Mrs. BERNHARDT's husband, Jacques, died suddenly on the 18th at a hotel in Paris.

A RECENT earthquake at Kumamoto, Japan, killed forty persons and injured one hundred others.

WILLIAM THAW, Vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, occurred in Paris on the 17th, aged seventy-one years. He was a prominent railroad and philanthropist, whose wealth was computed at \$2,000,000.

**LATER.**  
Rain Breaks a Log Jam.

TAYLOR'S FALLS, Minn., Aug. 20.—The log jam that formed in the rapids at Big Rock two miles above here, broke at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and the logs floated down the river to the falls. It was one of the greatest sights ever seen on the falls, and was watched by many hundreds of people from both sides of the river. The river is gradually rising, and the logs are being gradually raised, and will be in the falls this afternoon at 4 o'clock the whole jam moved, and the logs are piled in as bad shape as ever seen in any jam here.

**A Holocaust in New York.**  
New York, Aug. 19.—Early this morning a fire broke out in the kitchen of a restaurant on the store floor of the five-story tenement at 305 Seventh avenue. Five of the sixty odd occupants of the house lost their lives and it is a great wonder that many more did not perish. Two were injured.

The building was occupied by thirteen families, who have been made temporarily homeless by the fire. The flames did not burn very much, but the heat was so intense that it burned out their strength in the hallways. The pecuniary loss will not amount to more than \$10,000. The fire originated in the kitchen of the restaurant at an hour when the people in the house were sleeping soundly. Just how the fire started is as yet a mystery, but as the restaurant cook is missing, it is fair to presume that the accident occurred while he was making the fire in the big range.

**The Straight Line the Shortest Distance Between Two Points.**  
A prominent Grand Army man was interviewed yesterday regarding the alleged determination of St. Paul and Minneapolis posts to patronize a roundabout route to Milwaukee to the exclusion of the direct line. He said: "History repeats itself, and I am sure that the people who patronized the inferior lines to St. Louis and Columbus have been cursing since they left. The direct line is the 'shortest' and the most economical 'committee on transportation' would have said lines, in order that the committee might ride free, the rank and file paying the same price for their tickets as the committee members. Any indirect line can run a special train to a point without change of cars, if there is a sufficient number of passengers to warrant it, without much inconvenience to the party, beyond the loss of time; but it is on the return trip that the hardship comes in, when one is obliged to return by regular trains, and the close connection, long midnight layovers at deplorable junctions, and no through sleeping car service. Let those 'cut off their nose to spite their face' who had a direct route in good enough for me, and I am not going around 'Bobbie Ho's' barn' to help pay for some fellow's free ticket."

# SULLIVAN SENTENCED.

A Mississippi Judge Punishes the Champion for His Defiance of State Laws—Given a Year in Jail—The Case Appealed—The Sluggish is Released on \$10,000 Bail.

PURVIS, Miss., Aug. 16.—John L. Sullivan, having been found guilty of prize fighting, was on Saturday sentenced to imprisonment for one year and fined the first act in the Sullivan-Kilrain legal drama closed. Much anxiety existed to know what penalty would be imposed upon the offender. The case was decided by Judge Cunningham, who was a crowd of anxious spectators gathered for the "arrest of judgment" and for a new trial were filed and overruled in the respective order without argument.

For those who opposed at the bar and presented and read to the court the petition signed by the members of both the grand and petit juries and the law, the matter was referred to a jury to hear the case and to impose a higher penalty than the \$10,000. Remarks on the petition were made by Messrs. Ford and Calhoun, for the defense.

At the conclusion of these remarks all was quiet. The matter was broken by the defendant Sullivan, who rose and addressed the court as follows:

"Your honor, I desire to make a few remarks. I was only asked your opinion in this matter. No doubt I have done something, but as my counsel told you, I was ignorant of the law. I am not as notorious as the distinguished district judge has represented me to be. I have addressed you, and, therefore, I beg to remain your humble servant, John L. Sullivan."

Then he took his seat. At this action and appeal by defendant the excitement became more intense. The judge seemed loth to relieve the anxiety and suspense, for he sat a long time in considering the matter before him. The tension of feeling at this stage was very strong, until at length it was relieved by the judge, who proceeded to read the following:

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Deputy Marshal Nagle Tells the Story of Terry's Killing, and Gives His Excuse for His Action—He Is Transferred to Federal Custody—The Question of Jurisdiction Is Argued on Thursday.

St. FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—Deputy Marshal Nagle, who shot and killed David S. Terry at Lathrop last Wednesday, was removed from jail at Stockton by Sheriff Cunningham and brought to this city on a special train. This proceeding was based upon a writ of habeas corpus issued by Judge Sawyer, of the United States Circuit Court, Friday directing Sheriff Cunningham to produce Nagle in the Circuit Court at 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

Nagle was taken from the Stockton jail at an early hour in order to avoid the excitement which his removal during the day might have occasioned. A great number of persons were present in the circuit court-room when Nagle appeared. Attorney Maguire introduced District Attorney White, of San Francisco, who appeared with him to oppose the release of Nagle by the Federal authorities.

The attorney, after reading papers connected with the proceedings, entered a general protest to the order of the court, claiming that it was beyond the jurisdiction of the Federal courts to take from the custody of the State officials a person who had been arrested for the commission of a crime within the State's jurisdiction and against the State laws.

"If the court please," said Attorney Maguire, "we desire formally to protest against any requirement of the court to the sheriff of San Joaquin County to bring a person held under State authority into this court on a writ of habeas corpus. The attorney, however, has been brought into court out of deference to the court by the sheriff, and the sheriff now presents his return to the writ." The attorney then proceeded to read the writ of the court. "We have one absolute punishment, as in the case of the price fixed at Richburg, for which this defendant stands convicted, was a gross affront to the law, and the defendant has not only forbidden it. It seems to have been accomplished by systematic arrangement and in the most deliberate manner, and it seems on the part of all concerned to have been a studied disregard and contempt for the law. They came from and through many States whose civilization and progress deterred them from any attempt at such public lawless conduct within their limits, and they chose to do this in Mississippi as the only fit ground for such conduct, in eating their utter contempt for the sentiments of the people and the laws of her statute books."

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How an Organized Band of Horse Thieves Operates—It is Believed that a Gigantic Horse-stealing Industry has been Established in the Coteaux Along the Missouri River. A Great Many Horses Stray Away and are Never Heard From; others are taken from their stables and no track is ever found of them, and their complete disappearance and the utter impossibility of ever finding them after they have strayed away or been stolen has been a mystery, and has caused considerable comment; but facts have lately come to light which may explain some of the looseness of equine property