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Weather Meteorological Observations.

Table with columns for Date, Time, Wind, Clouds, Rain, etc. for various dates in May 1877.

One inch of melted ice is considered equivalent to ten of snow. The thermometer, Mr. M., showing the extreme heat in the shade and cold in the 24 hours.

Despatches from various sections tell of the alarming spread of forest fires. They are raging in the mountains near Scranton, Pa., and along both sides of the Hudson river.

A Paris correspondent, writing about the feeling in the Barbary States in regard to the Eastern crisis, is disposed to believe that the Governments of neither Morocco or Tunis feel any interest in it.

A correspondent of the New York Tribune, who writes from Middletown, Del., in relation to the peach crop, says: The time when serious danger is anticipated to the peach crop upon the Delaware and Maryland peninsula has passed.

A Parisian manufacturer has received an order from Turkey for a large number of white shirts to be printed in sky blue tints. Upon a number of white woollen undershirts to be stamped the signature of Mohammed.

Richmond, Virginia, despatches report that a hess is believed to be at large in Hanover county, and an active hunt is being made for her.

Information has been received at the Department of State that the announcement has been made in the German Parliament to the effect that the emigration from Hamburg, Bremen and Stettin during last year amounted to 50,777 persons.

The debt of Great Britain on March 31, 1876, was \$776,570,514, equal to \$1,884,852,720. Three thousand eight hundred and eighty-four millions eight hundred and fifty-two thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars.

The exact length of the Pennsylvania Railroad, from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, is 382 1/2 miles, of which there is a mortgage bond debt bearing 6 per cent interest of \$54,219,760, exclusive of a State lien on the public works between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, bearing 5 per cent interest, of \$1,795,108.

The Italian Government has ordered the dissolution of all international societies in Italy, and the police have seized their effects. A number of papers have been found, revealing the objects of the several associations, their intended propaganda, and the means to be employed for carrying out their views.

It is all very well to make fun of Mr. Hayes for taking care of his Ohio friends. He is pleasuring himself, say the people, and he can't be filling the offices with his placemen. In 1881 Ohio will have to send to the United States Senate a successor to Mr. Thurman.

A telegram to Lloyd's, London, tells of the destruction of the little town of Lique, on the coast of Peru, by an earthquake on the 10th instant. Sharp earthquake waves were noticed the same day at Port Point, the entrance of the Pacific Ocean, beginning about six o'clock in the morning, and continuing during the whole of that and the afternoon of the following day.

Ex-Governor Benjamin G. Humphreys has consented to be a candidate for Governor of Mississippi. Nine years ago he was elected Chief Executive of the State by a majority of eight thousand and lifted out of the place by his irresistible federal bayonet before he had become fairly settled. He is probably a candidate now for purposes of retribution.

The Newport correspondent of the New York Commercial Advertiser says: Ex-Governor Swann, of Baltimore, has purchased two cottages near the beach, one of which he will occupy, it being the Davis-Kendrick cottage.

Mr. James G. Blaine is at present the lion of Washington politics, and on Tuesday had as many as two hundred callers, all breathing slaughter against the new administration. The veteran chairman of the Maine Republican state committee is evidently determined to make his power felt yet, and lively times are ahead for our peaceful President.

An effort is being made to convert the fair grounds of the Florida Agricultural Society at Jacksonville into a zoological garden, by improving and beautifying them with lakes and drives, planting choice and rare trees and shrubs, and introducing a variety of animals and birds.

The steamer Belgic, which sailed from San Francisco Wednesday for Hong Kong via Yokohama, took nineteen hundred and fifty thousand dollars in specie, mostly in the shape of gold and silver, and a considerable amount of specie in the shape of gold and silver.

The Secretary of the Treasury says in explaining his decision, published Wednesday, in regard to the Chicago whiskey cases, that while he will press the claims and enforce the judgments when obtained, he does not intend to preclude the parties from submitting offers of compromise, each to stand upon its peculiar circumstances.

A bloody religious war has broken out in Columbia. The Government is fighting for the supremacy of civil law and liberal institutions. Its enemy is the clerical party, which contends for the Church's supremacy. In a seven hours' battle near Manizales lately the Government routed the enemy.

The Michigan Salt Association has recently contracted with the Michigan Central Railroad Company to transport 100,000 bushels of salt in bulk to Chicago. This is a new feature in the shipping trade, and, though hard on coopers, will make a large saving for producers and consumers.

Now that the bayonet rule has ended and the clouds of mist have lifted, the Memphis Appeal expects to see the tide of emigration set in more strongly than ever toward the South. The great undeveloped resources of that section invite money, muscle and pluck.

The Cumberland, Md., Gas Company has reduced the price of gas to \$3 per thousand feet, with a deduction of ten per cent on bills paid within ten days after the end of the month, making the net price for cash, \$2.70 per thousand feet.

London telegrams announce that there has been no further outbreak of typhoid fever since the 5th instant. There were seventy-eight deaths from small-pox in London last week against fifty-four the previous one.

The Des Moines Register insists that the call for the Republican convention in Iowa shall have a fair trial, "as the same is demanded for the President's policy."

Woodstock Items. On Sunday last Mr. Wm. Gillin, for the last forty-three years a resident of this section, died at his home at Granite, Baltimore Co., in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

The measles still continue to be epidemic in this section. Only one death so far has occurred in the infant school at Woodstock.

On Sunday, a number of children in presenting the Sunday schools at Woodstock, Ellysville, Marstonville and Harpersville, will make their first communion in the College Chapel at 10 o'clock.

Pneumonia Among Cattle. The Belair Register says: A contagious disease, said to resemble pneumonia, has broken out among the cattle of Mr. James A. Ames, who is engaged in farming and dairying near Jagersville.

B. B. Match. The knockabout Club of Rock Hill College and St. Clement's Club of St. Clement's Hall, played a well-contested game of ball on Thursday last, on the grounds of the latter club.

Columbia Items. We have a colored base ball club. In our next we shall do down a short description of Columbia.

The Crime Against Chastity. An eccentric old member of clocks, Geo. Kreiger by name, who for years past has been travelling about Howard and other counties of the State, was arrested at daybreak yesterday near Ellicott City.

Exhibition. There will be an exhibition of Public School No. 2, near the residence of Dr. Wm. H. Hardey, Monday evening, May 21st. Admission 25 cents, children 10 cents.

Local Affairs. B. & O. R. R. LOCAL TIME TABLE. East.—Frid. A. M. 7:14 A. M. (Daily); E. City A. M. 8:59 A. M.; Winchester, A. M. 10:12 A. M.; E. City A. M. 2:40 P. M. (Daily); Wagon Train, A. M. 3:42 P. M.; Daily; E. City A. M. 8:30 P. M. West.—Daily; E. City A. M. 6:15 A. M. leaves at 6:25 A. M.; E. City A. M. arrives at 7:10 A. M.; Mail A. M. arrives at 8:36 A. M.; E. City A. M. arrives at 2:10 P. M.; Winchester A. M. arrives at 4:38 P. M.; Fred. A. M. arrives at 5:55 P. M.; E. City A. M. arrives at 7:15 P. M.; Theatre train leaves Baltimore at 10:00 P. M., arrives here at about 11:55 P. M.

Dead Letter Tactics. The grave subject of "dead letters" is again revived by the mail authorities at Washington. The public is notified that letters not containing valuable considerations are either returned to the writers or destroyed.

Religious. The Rev. Dr. Nelson, of Annapolis, will (D. V.) preach at Christ Church P. E. near Guilford tomorrow (Sunday). All are cordially invited to attend.

Deservedly Popular. We mean Dr. Bull's Vegetable Pills, for they are very good, and they are from their own physicians recommend them.

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