TRANSIT OF MERCURY

Over the Disk of the Sun, the Interesting Astronomical Event on Saturday.

THE EXPULSION OF THE RUSSIAN JEWS GOES ON.

A Meteor Causes Considerable Consternation and Explodes with a Tremendous Force.

By Telegraph to the News.

ASTRONOMICAL.

Instructions to the Observers of the Transit of Mercury.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—General instructions to observers respecting the transit of Mercury, Saturday, have been issued from the naval observatory, as follows: Attention of astronomical observers is invited to the transit of Mercury over the disk of the sun, which will occur on May 9th, 1891, and be partly visible throughout the United States. Its accurate observation is of great importance. Every effort should therefore be made to have it carefully observed by all who possess the necessary equipment. The naval observatory will be glad to receive observations of the transit from as many stations as possible.

A Big Blaze.

ROTTERDAM, May 8.—The State bonded warehouse and the greater portion of its contents burned this morning. The damage is estimated at $1,250,000.

The Influenza in Europe.

LONDON, May 8.—The returns show a serious increase in the death rate in England. This is largely attributed to the influenza.

The influenza is also raging in Alsace-Lorraine and the Rhine district.

The firm in the China trade whose failure was reported with liabilities amounting to 200,000 pounds is that of Adamson Bell & Co.

Ex-Premier Dead.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., May 8.—Sir John Robertson, formerly the premier of Victoria, is dead.

Transferred Because of Heterodoxy.

TORONTO, May 8.—The board of regents of the Victoria University, the chief Methodist university of Canada, has relieved Rev. Dr. Workman of the professorship of theology in that institution and transferred him to the arts department, because of his heterodoxy.

Costa Rica and the World's Fair.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—A cablegram has been received at the Latin department of the World's Columbian Exposition from Lieut. Schriven, commissioner to Central America, as follows: Costa Rica has given assurances of hearty cooperation. The government will erect its own building at Chicago and appoint five commissioners. The National Museum of Costa Rica will send a valuable exhibit.

The Persecution of the Jews Continues.

LONDON, May 8.—A News correspondent at Moscow says: The expulsion of the Jews continues. More harsh measures are expected with the approach of the Easter holidays. Neither baptism nor appeal to foreign consuls avails to secure escape.

A Gladstonian Defeated.

LONDON, May 8.—At the election held yesterday in the South Dorset, division of Dorset, the conservative candidate defeated Edgecumbe, the Gladstone nominee, by forty votes.

"MOUNTAINS OF WATER."

Flood Expected to Sweep Down the Rio Grande.

SANTA FE, N. M., May 8.—"Mountains of water" is the way the court officers who have just returned from Sierra Amarilles set it, in speaking of what they saw on the way. They say that half has not been told of the flood that must soon sweep down the Rio Grande. At Cumbres Mill, Colorado, the snow stands up beside the Denver and Rio Grande section six feet, and thence it extends for miles, covering the whole range as far as Rolled gorge and ranging in depth from four to twenty-five feet. All streams are running bank full.

Chama, Rio Brazos, Wolf Creek and tributary rivers are rushing streams. In places it is said, that the whole mountain side is covered with water trickling out from under the snow banks on top and spreading over the face of the decline in every direction. Thus far the weather has continued cool in that region, hence the floods that have passed do not begin to indicate what may follow.

At Valverde, above San Marcial much land is under water and there is also trouble in the La Jara bottoms.

Compositors on a Strike.

VIENNA, May 8.—The compositors throughout this city have gone on a strike for nine hours a day, no overtime and the abolition of the rule requiring a compositor to serve an apprentice leaving his place of employment.

Germany Preparing for the Fair.

BERLIN, May 8.—The Reichstag budget committee has approved a grant of 625,000 to defray the cost of the steps to be taken in order to enable Germany to make a suitable participation in the Chicago World's Fair.

A Magnificent Meteor.

VICTORIA, Tex., May 8.—A large meteor passed over this section last evening causing considerable consternation. It came from northeast and was seen or heard all along the line of the railway from Rosenberg to Goliad, a distance of about 120 miles. About the time it reached this vicinity it exploded with a tremendous report.

Acquitted.

PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—George C. Baker, formerly clerk in the appraisers' stores here, was acquitted in the United States district court of the charge of altering the records of the appraisers of sugar consigned to Claus & Spreckels, by which it was claimed the government lost thousands of dollars.

The Crazy Disease.

HARTFORD, Conn., May 8.—Chas. J. Dixon who was arrested in New York yesterday, for threatening to kill Jay Gould, belongs here. He is relative who is wealthy will have him placed in an asylum.

The Nobbing not Yet Serious.

BOSTON, May 8.—A cablegram has been received from the American consulate in Florence, at the office of W. W. Jacques of this city, stating that the reported nobbing was not so serious at first supposed.

Jacques and family were out riding and happening to drive through a street where arrests were being made, were hit by some missiles at the arresting party.

The Newfoundland Question.

ST. JOHN'S, N.F., May 8.—The assembly met last night and discussed the Lord Knutford coercion bill at length, and amid much excitement finally adopted a resolution denunciatory of the action proposed to be taken by the British parliament. The population is considerably exercised over the affair and entirely in sympathy with the action of the assembly.

Peace and Order in Costa Rica.

MADRID, May 8.—The officials of the Costa Rica delegation here deny that a revolution has broken out in that country. They declare that peace and order prevail throughout the country.

Short of Seamen.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The navy department is still in sore straits to find able-bodied seamen enough to man our ships. Nearly all recruits the law allows have been taken on and, yet, there are not enough to go round. The U. S. S. *Lancaster* in California, is ready to go to China, but she is short of her complement of men by at least eighty men. *Mandonnoah* at New York is ready to go into commission, but there are no sailors to man her. It is said at the Navy Department that there must be a pro rata scaling down of the complements of all our ships, at least until Congress meets and enlarges the force. While the squadron, now at Norfolk, will be the first to feel the reduction, it is understood that the *Chicago* is to lose seventy, and the *Boston* and the *Atlanta* sixty men each.

Bank Closed.

PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—The Spring Garden National Bank closed its doors at 11 o'clock this morning.

Officers Ousted.

NASHUA, N. H., May 8.—At a meeting of stockholders of the Bay State Shoe Fastening Company, yesterday, serious charges were made against the management and the officers were ousted from their positions. For three years the company paid ten per cent. dividends, but it is alleged, a recent examination of the books of the concern shows that every cent of it came out of money paid in as capital stock. These books show that over $200,000 have been spent and that no trace can be found of $147,000.

Death of a Veteran Editor.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 8.—Frederick Heiner, editor of the *Westbote* from 1843 to 1861, and at one time editor of the Cincinnati *Volksblatt*, died this morning, aged eighty years.

Death of Hilgard.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Professor Julius Hilgard, late superintendent of the U. S. coast survey, died at his home here this morning.

The Escape of the "Itata."

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The policy of the government with respect to the escape of the Chilian vessel *Itata* is still an official secret. Secretary Tracy and other officials this morning refused to discuss the matter. There can be no doubt of the fact that the government is extremely anxious to exhibit all possible zeal in the effort to re-capture the vessel in order to avoid any unpleasant consequences that might arise through a presentation of claim for damages in behalf of the Chilian Government; but the naval officers are very sceptical of the ability of our ships to re-capture *Itata* under the circumstances attending her flight. It is not possible to get any definite or authoritative answer to the question whether the *Charleston* will be sent after the *Itata*. All information vouchsafed is that the *Charleston* was ordered two weeks ago to coal up and get ready for sea at the earliest moment. The premature attending the President's reception at San Francisco necessarily delayed these preparations, but it is understood that they are now actively under way. Single handed, even *Charleston* would have great difficulty in catching the *Itata*.

The latter vessel may be five hundred miles ahead of the *Charleston* when the latter starts on the chase, and the variation of a point or two on the compass in steering the course would soon separate the two vessels by many leagues. So the *Charleston* might pass the *Itata* without knowing it. On this account it is probable, if the Navy Department is really satisfied of its right to seize the Chilian vessel on the high seas and determine to do so, it must rely largely on the United States vessels in the south. So far it is said no move has been made in that direction, but the department may at any moment cable Admiral McCann, who is on the Chilian coast, with the *Pensacola* and *Baltimore*, and to Brown, who is on the *San Francisco*, somewhere off to Peru, endeavor to head off the runaway. The San Francisco story that Balmaceda's armed transport *Imperiale* is hovering off the coast of California to capture the *Itata* is said at the navy depot to be without foundation; for Admiral McCann's last report showed that a month ago the *Imperiale* was shut up in Valparaiso harbor by the insurgent fleet, and it would be manifestly impossible for her to have reached California in a month.

More Gold for Export.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Gold for export to the amount of $1,600,000 was ordered today.

Dixon Declared Insane.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Chas. J. Dixon, who came here to "do up" Jay Gould, was tonight declared insane.

The Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

KANSAS CITY, May 7.—At the Y. M. C. A. meeting today a number of interesting addresses were delivered, among them one by Vice President Peabody of the Baltimore and Ohio railway, on the opportunities and responsibilities of railroad association work and its best method.

DEATHS.

WILSON—December 30th, 1890, in the city, Catherine Ferris Wilson, born June 20, 1812, in county Fermanagh, Ireland, and crossed the plains in 1852 in Capt. George Grant's 1 hundred company.—(Jos.)

Reminiscences.

The days of Pandemonium: The oldest settlers of Colorado are fast passing away, but the memory of the good old days will go on forever. Life in Colorado in 1859 and 1860 was a description of romance. No writer can describe the scenes that were enacted during that wild chaotic period. Thousands of men, organized in bands or wholly disorganized, were constantly arriving from every part of the world and leaving for the diggings. Outlaws and professional gamblers opened saloons by the score at every point where men congregated. Money was scattered everywhere as if by the wind. Miners who had realized fortunes in a few months came down to Denver to squander them in a night at the gambling tables. Scarcely a woman was anywhere to be seen. All restraining influences of society were absent, and we cannot find an expression better suited to the case than "Pandemonium on a frolic."

As there were no wives, there could be no homes or families. A few stores had been hastily put up in West Denver, made of rough boards or canvas, and all of them were doing an enormous business. The rest of the village consisted of shanties or tents, used for restaurants and saloons. Human life was a moving panorama. The whole place was alive with a mass of unkempt men clad in flannel shirts and heavy boots, each with his pick and shovel, and one desire to hurry on to the mines.

This rough life was not without its touches of sentiment. One day the news was circulated by the rumor that an invoice of women's bonnets had arrived and could be seen at one of the stores. The excitement was intense, and there was a rush from every direction to get a realistic view of even so insignificant a substitute for female society. We do not overrate the truth in saying that the thoughts of home awakened in the breasts of the rude-looking men and the sight of those bonnets started tears from the eyes which had lost forms of privation and hardship had failed to moisten.

The Christian missionary was already on the ground and good person Dyer managed to find a place where he could preach on Sunday. One of the first men who arrived with his family came to one of those meetings attended by his wife and baby. During the sermon it chanced that the baby cried and the mother was about to withdraw, when the preacher addressed her thus: "My good woman, I beg you to remain; the innocent sound of that infant's voice is more eloquent than any words I can command. It speaks to the hearts of men whose wives and children are far away, looking and praying for a safe return to their loved ones at home." The infant's cry seemed to them like the music of angels.

With those who made Denver their temporary stopping place, gambling appeared to be the chief occupation and Spanish monte the favorite game. One house, a two-story frame building, rented for $12,000 per annum, the rental being paid mostly by gamblers. A single store of small dimensions and made of rough boards rented for $3000 a month. A canvas tent used as a gambling saloon rented for $10,000 per annum. Money was loaned on good security at fifteen per cent. a month, and out of the loan the lenders made fortunes in real estate and mining operations.

The legend of Singing Springs: Far up on the western side of the Mazatzal mountains, a range prominent in Central Arizona, not only for its physical proportions but as well for its connection with the cruel warfare which followed the earliest attempts to secure that territory for civilization, are singing springs. They are situated not more than 1500 feet below the summit of the rugged chain, the elevation of which is officially given as 8300 feet, on a most picturesque and romantic mountain bench or shelf forming a glory shade in the forest of towering pines. This delightful dell is but an acre or so in extent, and near its centre burst forth from the mighty rocks the clear and cold waters of Singing springs, which rippling and falling over a ledge of crystallized quartz produced the most beautiful, yet peculiar and inimitable sounds of the softest and sweetest music, far surpassing anything within the range of human power.

It is not at all strange that the Apache Indians, whose only God is nature and who attach reverential significance to every peculiar or unusual work of creation, should regard singing springs with superstitious awe and avoid that delightful spot, for such is in perfect accord with the history of that rapidly declining race. Neither is it surprising, when the character of the surroundings are considered, that it should be associated, in their unwritten mythology, with a story of love.

Ages ago, so their legend runs, the only daughter—of one of the most beautiful of her race—of a powerful Tonto Apache chieftain, forced by her father's desire to wed one of the most valorous warriors, ran off on her wedding eve with a younger and gentler Indian, to whom she had previously plighted her troth. When the discovery was made pursuit was given, and at the place where Singing springs now break forth the unfortunate lovers were overtaken and captured.

With the young warrior who had been jeopardized the matter for his wife rested the matter, according to custom, of punishment or forgiveness. The wounded honor of a brave warrior could only be appeased in the death of the violators, and he decreed that the girl and her lover be tied to separate trees and allowed to perish from thirst or starvation or to be devoured by wild beasts. The father of the maiden so directed, and the man and woman were securely bound with thongs to two trees but a few feet distant, and facing each other were left to their fate, the warriors returning home.

For weeks and weeks birds brought food and dampened leaves to the pair, and the girl continually spoke words of encouragement and love to her faithful swain. Then came a day when all the birds left the mountain, followed by a terrible snowstorm, and the lovers perished from starvation and exposure. When the snow disappeared from the ground a spring had burst from the mountain directly between where the girl and her lover stood when they met their death. Preceding every snow storm, so the story goes, the loyal maiden returns in person in the scene of her earthly misery and chants and dances to the doll, as if rejoicing over the circumstances that released her and her lover from the troubles of life and permitted a union beyond.

Mountain dew. The opening of spring, the return of the leaves, twittering birds and genial sunshine, open up to the world the beauties of Estes Park, and people are already turning thither to spend the summer months. That isolated park upon Larimer county furnishes a subject for a reminiscence at this time. Well do we remember old Jim Nugent or "Mountain Jim," as he was called. He came to Colorado early in the fifties and located in Estes park, and for years was the boss bear hunter of that romantic section. He was a man of powerful physique, with shoulders and limbs that Sullivan might envy; besides that, he was an educated man and a reading man. He had the poetic faculty very well developed, and did some very good writing.

There was some mystery connected with his coming west that his best friends were never able to fathom. He was evidently driven away from home by a deep grief which he would never explain. His most memorable bear fight took place in Middle park in 1871. He started out one morning with his gun and revolver, and a big knife which he always carried. When he got about a mile from camp he passed around the ends of a large tree which had fallen to the earth. As he passed around the tree, Jim stepped right into a nest of cinnamon bears. He was so close to them he couldn't shoot, and only discharged one shot from his revolver, but with his big knife he killed all three.

Two hours later some of the boys from the camp found him lying unconscious among the three dead bears, one of which lay across his legs. Jim had come off conqueror, but one of his arms was broken, one eye was out, and his scalp was torn loose and hanging over his face. He was torn and bitten over his body in a way that it was dreadful to see. He recovered from these injuries, but his mind was affected. Poor Jim was never the same again. He went back to Estes Park, and imagining that he owned all the land in that section, he attacked a man named Griffith Evans, one of the early settlers, who shot him through the head in self-defense.—*Field and Farm.*

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