

having no interest in our well-being or totally unworthy of any office of emolument or honor. President Grant promised to change this custom, to give residents of the Territories preference. He should keep his word; and in that he has so far generally appointed foreign officers, it is proper that the people of the Territories, through their press and political conventions, should keep an ever protest in the eyes of the Administration, and thus maintaining their rights deserve their recognition."

The Democratic Territorial Convention at Helena also declared against carpet-bag appointments for the Territories.

Thus carpet-bag officials are getting the decided cold shoulder from all political parties in Montana.

COMETARY—NEW THEORY.

If you want to see the comet now, you must get up in the morning early, before the morning light appears or dawning has begun.

By the by, Prof. Lorenzo Rank, of Chicago, presents a new thing about comets and their tails. A comet, he says, being a body of atmosphere, a transparent globe, the rays of the sun, striking it, instead of being absorbed or reflected, pass right on through it. By the friction thus undergone they become heated and consequently produce light and become visible. In this heated condition these rays leave the comet and pass off into space, remaining visible so long as they retain the heat, and thus forming the so-called comet's tail,—the surface of the comet being convex, which turns the rays toward a focus, thus causing the frequent fan-shaped tails.

Professor Rank further advances the theory that a comet is the first organized state of a planet; that comets do not proceed beyond the solar system; that, when far away from the sun, they become condensed, and move slowly. Being then small, and situated where the rays of the sun are scattering, an insufficient number will pass through them for visibility. In this condition they are attracted by the sun, and begin moving towards it. The nearer the comet gets to the sun, the more rays it will encounter; the more rays that pass through it, the more heat and light it will generate; the more heated it becomes, the greater will be its expansion; the larger it gets, the more rays it will reach, the more brilliant it will be, and the longer and more luminous will be its so-called tail; at last it becomes so intensely heated and expanded as to cause a change in the law from attraction to repulsion, and thus is thrown off again. In the course of time, this atmospheric globe will form an opaque nucleus, and commence absorbing a portion of the sun's rays, they being particles of matter. An increase in the bulk of such nucleus will then be constantly going on. The original cause of the nucleus may have been that the comet came in contact with a meteor or fragment of a broken-up planet, the attractive force being sufficient to combine them. It being now that what rays fall upon the nucleus are absorbed, a shade is created opposite it from the sun, thus visibly making the comet a hollow cone, and apparently dividing its tail in the manner well described by Mr. Colbert. The reported comet of several tails, with one pointing towards the sun, is attributable to reflection,—the nucleus, or a portion of it, being of a reflective nature, returning the sun's rays in a heated, and, therefore, visible condition, in the direction whence they came, and thus forming the apparent tail in an opposite direction from the others. The curvature of a comet's tail is also only apparent, and is owing to the angle it occupies to the eye of the beholder; viewing an object obliquely through the atmosphere changes to some extent the true representation.

BY TELEGRAPH.

AMERICAN.

NEW YORK, 20.—The secretary of the Irish Rifle Association told a correspondent that all preparations for the international rifle match at Creedmoor are completed, and that the Irish team is nearly ready to come to America; great interest is felt in the result.

The six hundred Mennonites who landed at Castle Gardens on Friday last, started for Atchison, Kansas, Elkhart, Indiana, and Yankton, yesterday.

EVANSVILLE, 20.—A terrific rain and wind storm occurred here this afternoon; considerable damage was done to buildings and bridges.

MADISON, 20.—A battery of three boilers, in Johnson & Sons' starch manufactory, exploded this morning, demolishing the boiler room and part of the main building; the engineer, fireman, assistant fireman and a ferryman were fatally scalded and bruised.

ST. LOUIS, 20.—The members of the Quaker commission who have been examining the conduct of their Indian agent, J. D. Miles, arrived yesterday. They say that about a hundred to a hundred and fifty Cheyennes and Arapahoes are the only Indians on the war path in the south-west now, and they are chiefly young men who have been stung to seek redress for the wrongs done them by white buffalo hunters and whisky sellers. The latter have frequently entered their territory and, after getting them drunk, stolen their valuables and escaped. Santanta and Big Tree are reported as keeping their promises in good faith.

SHREVEPORT, 20.—An aged planter named George Simpson, residing near here, was shot dead by a negro, who stole into the house and committed the deed with a shot-gun, while Simpson was asleep.

FORT WAYNE, 20.—Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Hugh McCulloch,

arrived here from London on Saturday, to spend a few weeks with his friends.

MEMPHIS, 20.—This morning two negro butchers fought in their shop, in Chelsea, with cleavers, and each inflicted mortal wounds; one was disembowelled and the other received a wound extending from the shoulder to the groin.

TOPEKA, Ks., 20.—Fred Olds, today, in the District Court, confessed having murdered D. W. Ferris, a grocery keeper, last March; the confession states that they quarrelled over a game of checkers, when Ferris drove him from the store with a revolver in hand, and addressed the most abusive language to him; he returned with a carbine, intending to demand retraction, when Ferris again seized the revolver, when Olds shot him in the face, and then dragged him to a cellar, dispatched him with a cheese knife and buried the body. The next morning he opened the store, telling the people that Ferris had been suddenly called East, but subsequently his conduct roused suspicion and he was arrested on the charge of murder.

SARATOGA, 20.—The college foot races came off this afternoon at Glen Mitchell, and was witnessed by a large concourse of people; it is pronounced the most interesting affair of the regatta week. The first race, a mile running race, was won by E. Copeland, of Cornell, in 4 m. 58 1/2 s.; the second prize was won by J. H. Vandemeter, of Princeton, in 5 m. 12 s.; the third by S. A. Reed, of Columbia, in 5 m. 14 1/2 s. The second race, a hundred yards running race, was won by A. B. Neven, of Yale, in ten and a half seconds; the second prize was won by J. B. Potter, of Cornell, in 10 1/2 seconds. The third race, a three mile running race, was won by W. H. Downs, Wesleyan, in 18 m., 17 1/2 s.; the second prize was won by J. T. Goodwin, of Columbia, in 18 m., 44 1/2 s. The fourth race, hurdle running race, 120 yards, hurdles twelve yards apart, 42 inches high, was won by C. Maxwell, of Yale, in twenty and a half seconds, he beating A. Marquand, of Princeton, by three feet, A. L. Rives, of Harvard finished, about two feet in the rear of Marquand. The fifth race, a seven mile walking match, was won by J. E. Eustis, Wesleyan, in 71 minutes, C. H. Hubell, of Williams, second, in 72 min., 22 1/2 s. E. Price, of Columbia, third. Wm. Blaidie, of New York was referee. The prizes were very handsome, and were given by James Gordon Bennett, of the New York Herald.

ST. PAUL, 20.—Ex-Attorney General Clarke, of Manitoba, was, last evening, struck twice on the head with a slung shot, in front of the Metropolitan Hotel, by an unknown person, who escaped; this morning as Clarke was leaving for the East he was attacked by a crowd of ruffians from Minneapolis, headed by Mike Hoy, the chief of police in that city, who beat and kicked Clarke savagely and, but for the interference of two of our citizens, would doubtlessly have killed him. Clarke was taken into a car and left on the train, but it is feared he is dangerously hurt, being in poor health. Hoy was arrested and held for trial; he is of the Minneapolis party who were imprisoned last year at Winnipeg, for the alleged attempt to kidnap Lord Gordon, and the murderous attack on Clarke is in revenge for his action as public prosecutor in that affair.

WASHINGTON, 20.—A gentleman just from Cuba states that he believes the war will soon be concluded on that island, owing to the demoralized state of the finances. The people of the United States have contributed largely to the support of the Spanish rule in this way.—American sugar dealers in New York and Philadelphia have advanced large sums to sugar planters, with a lien on their slaves as security, and are therefore the real slaveholders, hence they are doing their utmost to crush out the Cuban rebellion, the success of which insures their emancipation.

The Superintendent of the Mounted Recruiting Service is ordered to forward 100 recruits to Austin, Texas, for the Fourth Cavalry, and all the disposable colored recruits to the same place, for assignment to the Ninth Cavalry; also eighty recruits to Fort Dodge, Kansas, to the Sixth Cavalry.

TRENTON, 20.—Two children, while playing in a barn near this city, on Saturday, set fire to the hay, and were burned to death.

OMAHA, Neb., 20.—A large body

of Mennonites arrived to-day, en route to the interior of the state.

BOSTON, 20.—Jesse R. Pomeroy has made a full confession of the murder of Katy Curran. He said that Katy came to the store one morning for papers; he directed her to the cellar, and she went down and he followed her to the middle of the cellar, when he put his left arm around her neck, and with a knife in his right hand cut her throat; he then concealed the body, washed his hands and knife, returned to the store, and told nobody.

Edward Mullen commenced his walk of 500 miles in six consecutive days, at 12.10 yesterday morning, in Barnum's Hippodrome, and at 10.50 to-day had completed his 65th mile.

SAN FRANCISCO, 20.—Horatio G. Horner, Secretary of the Commercial Life Insurance Co., was drowned yesterday while fishing in Lake Pillarcitos, San Mateo County.

Reports from all parts of the State represent that the harvest is progressing; the yield of grain is abundant, much larger than last season.

San Francisco has donated \$26,000 to the Louisiana sufferers, the last installment, of four thousand, was forwarded to-day.

It is understood that investigations are being conducted in this city, on the part of German bondholders, into the financial condition of what is known as the Valjejo Railroad system, and that revelations may be made in the business, which will not redound to the credit of this State. The friends of the Central Pacific say they will attempt to clear their skirts by throwing all the blame on Latham and his associates, who transferred the roads to that company.

Last night during a heavy fog, the British ship *Warrior Queen*, in ballast for this port, from New Zealand, ran ashore five miles north of Point Reyes, above this harbor; she will prove a total loss. The Captain and crew have just arrived in the ship's boats, bringing the news of the disaster. No lives were lost.

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