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A BRIGHT FUTURE.

With the building of the portage railroad between here and Celilo, the building of the Hunt road on the other side of the river, and the completion of the Farmers' Transportation company's road from Columbus to a point opposite here, there is going to be an abundance of work, and consequent lively times here during the coming summer. The Dalles has had a period of business depression owing to the unprecedented failure of crops summer before last, and the tremendous loss of stock a year ago. The country around her has suffered, and of course she has suffered with it. The splendid crop last summer lifted a portion of the load of debt which has oppressed our entire people, and blocked the progress and development of the country. The winter has been an exceptionally good one for stock and the sheep industry has largely recuperated. The wool crop will be a good one and the staple should be first class. This will yet further relieve the financial tightness and if followed by the good crops which the present weather gives promise of our financial troubles will be over. The future our city seems bright, and we can imagine no combination of circumstances which will prevent that rapid growth which now seems certainly hers. She is to take a step ahead and a long one, and we predict that her growth will be both rapid and permanent. Her natural resources will be developed, her surrounding grain fields will double in area, the sloping hills in which she is set like a jewel will purple with grapes, and Pomona will here establish her throne. That we have abundant coal fields whose products must reach the Columbia at this point cannot be longer doubted, and when the means of transporting it hither have been provided, The Dalles will become the principle manufacturing city of the northeast. We have all the elements necessary to make a great city; and with all this we have the best position geographically of any inland city on the coast. We may not achieve greatness, but we cannot prevent it being thrust upon us.

VEATCH'S SENSIBLE REMARKS.

Senator Veatch has acquired such a reputation for kicking against all appropriation bills, that his speech supporting Raley's bill for a portage railroad around The Dalles and Celilo rapids was a genuine surprise. It is full of good sound sense, and we take pleasure in re-printing it.

"One might suppose I would oppose this bill bitterly. I have been charged with opposing everything which would appropriate a dollar. I have been called a 'chronic kicker', a 'mossback' from 'way back, but I can stand it all. I feel glad this matter has come up. It is of vast importance. It is not for any particular locality It is not to throw money away, or put it into the pockets of men to build a road along a cow trail. It allows the people to bring their products to market and improve their homes. It is worth more than all the capitol domes, world's fairs and wagon-roads ever constructed. I have been charged with selfishness, but if every member of this legislature will be as selfish as I am today the people of Eastern Oregon will be relieved. We will give these people relief who have been asking relief for many years. I have opposed every appropriation but one, that for the school of Corvallis, where every laboring boy may get an education. We have been asked for $125,000 for wagon rods, $94,000 for a capitol dome and $250,000 for a world's fair. I am in favor of laying aside all these appropriations, and to let charity begin at home. This is wise legislation. A thing demanded by the whole of Eastern Oregon. I voted against the portage at the Cascade, because it would benefit only Wasco county. Not Wasco county, but the whole state should be considered. A legislator should represent no faction, clique or locality, but aim to do the greatest good for the greatest number. When a man takes the oath of office prescribed in this chamber he should rise above everything to fulfill that oath. If this were done vicious legislation would be a thing of the past."

"A GREEK BEARING GIFTS."

The *Oregonian* bears a strong resemblance to the famous Irishman's flea, in that when you put your finger on it, it is elsewhere. Yesterday it advocated the building of portage railways at the Cascades and The Dalles, by both Oregon and Washington, one building at the Cascades and the other at The Dalles. This is perfectly correct, but the trouble lies in the fact that that paper while pretending to the friendly to the measure advocates the one thing which might kill the Cascade railroad bill. It suggests that Oregon build the road at The Dalles, and Washington at the Cascades, and at the same time says that Washington would not act in the matter for two years. We believe the state should build the Cascade road, and we believe that with this done, the general government will build the road at this place. By trying to divert the legislature from the Cascade road the *Oregonian* is doing as a gross injustice, since with the portage built here it would do no good until the Cascade road is built, and this it is conceded would take two years. It looks a little suspicious that the *Oregonian's* editorial should be followed up by the passage of Senator Raley's bill by the senate the same afternoon. There can be but little hope for Raley's bill, which appropriates $400,000, when it seems impossible to get the Cascade bill before the house. It seems to be the accepted plan to pass a bill through one house and kill it in the other, with the understanding that the favor is to be reciprocated when required.

Now that the Cascade bill is passed we desire to add our voice to the demand for continuing the good work and assisting our brethren further last, by asking the passage of Senator Raley's bill for a portage railroad from here to Celilo. This would certainly not be of benefit to "Wasco alone" and would extend the benefits of the Cascade road to all. Let the bill be passed.

To be great in life, is to be ready to do its work; to be great in death is to be ready to die. Be also ready not only to die, but to live.

The glad news flashed over the wires that the Cascade railroad bill had passed the house by a vote of 52 to 1. The bill will have to go back to the senate to have it concur in the amendment putting Secretary McBride on the commission. This will not take long and will assuredly be done. The bill is to all intents a law and the sun of prosperity has dawned for Eastern Oregon. We congratulate ourselves on the passage of the bill, and we lift our hats individually and collectively to the legislature of the state of Oregon. We have been disposed to find fault at the seeming unnecessary delay but twenty years of waiting on the general government for the opening of the locks, and the forfeiting of the railroad lands has made us heartsick and hopeless. It is a happy coincidence that the news of the passage of the portage railroad bill and the instructions to the land offices, which make the forfeited lands available to settlers, reached us, one from the east and one from the west, this morning. Once again we thank you gentlemen of legislature and with one accord exclaim "Well done thou good and faithful servants."

With reciprocity established in the past week with Brazil and Venezuela, it is fair to presume that the balance of the South America republics will be treated on the same terms, and that the policy of the administration will have under gone a change from its radical protective ideas to the adoption of free trade between the favored countries as to the ennumerated in the treaties. As these articles are generally the principal products of the countries and also about all products and manufactures that could be sold there at a profit, it amounts in practice to free trade between this country and South America. It is probable also that both Canada and Mexico, will join the reciprocity band, and that as far as this continent is concerned free trade will have free sway. James G. Blaine is the sorcerer that has brought about this result, and we fully believe that it will prove of immense benefit to all the countries concerned.

It is said by an exchange that some democratic politician grasps at the Pennoyer boom because, he says that P is just now the lucky letter and cites the fact that Pettigrew, Plumb and Paddock voted against the McKinley bill, and that Pfeffer defeated Ingalls. He might have carried the argument much further, Pattison a democrat was elected in Pennsylvania, two P's, Peck was elected governor of Wisconsin, and Pennoyer, of Portland, the principal port of the Pacific coast is certainly a winning combination of the letter "P." When he is nominated for president by his party it will add two more "P's" to his political possibilities. Add to all these the governor's famous epigram "Pay your men" and we think the Pennoyer pole will knock the political persimmons, or any possible combination of "P's" that may be paraded against him.

A heavy storm followed by exceedingly cold weather has swept over the middle northwest, and reports from all sides show blockaded trains, loss of stock and such a general combination of storm and cold that it is dangerous to go out of doors. The Pacific northwest is peculiarly free from such combinations. Cold weather we may have for short periods, but it is generally calm, and the storms never reach the dignity of a blizzard. This winter the ground has not been white with snow here, and at no time has the thermometer been any where near zero. No ice has been formed sufficient for skating, and the hills are covered with green grass, furnishing fairly good pasture for stock. When one compares the climate of the outside world to that of Oregon the desire to spend the winter at home becomes sufficiently strong to be irresistable.

Friday evening, at the special session of the senate, Mr. Fullerton, chairman of the conference committee on the Australian ballot bill, reported that the house and senate members of that committee had failed to agree. Senator Cogswell then moved that the senate recede from its amendments to that bill, and in support of that motion began to impugn the motives of the members of the committee from the house, but this was promptly checked by Senator Tongue who had so nobly championed the people's rights. The motion to recede was then agreed to unanimously.

Chicago union laborers are protesting in strong terms against the employment of non-union labor on the world's fair grounds, and assert that scab laborers as they call them, shall not under any circumstances be employed. It is probable the union laborers have, in vulgar parlance bitten off more than they can chew. It is possible for skilled labor to combine, but for unskilled labor to do is one of the impossibilities. Of course most of the work is of the skilled variety but the United States is large and in this work a strike would not create any public sympathy, but would create such an opposition to union labor societies that it would impede their power, and hinder their growth for years.

Prohibition has broken its record at Bismarck, North Dakota and for once prohibits. Saturday the dispatch says every saloon was closed on account of a decision by the supreme court that the original package law would not protect them in selling liquor, and that no attempts will be made to violate the law. This is the proper way to fight such a law if it is obnoxious.

Newfoundland is justly indignant at England for breaking off the negotiations between that country and the United States tending toward reciprocity and it would be an easy matter to get that province to declare in favor of annexation to the United States.

Senator Veatch's bill to repeal the act creating a railroad commission came within two votes of passing, but it is a hard game to abolish an office let alone four of them at once, and those with salaries of $3,000 a year and "perquisites."

The Australian ballot bill without amendment has passed both houses, and will become a law as soon as it receives the governor's signature.

Idaho, as far as senators are concerned, seems to have drawn a bobtail flush, not even good to bluff with.

NOT DELAYED YET.

General Sherman Still in the Land of the Living with a Fighting Chance for Life,

The House at Salem Passes a Bill Appropriating $50,000 for the World's Fair.

GENERAL SHERMAN.

His Condition Much the Same as Was Reported Yesterday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The flitting lights and shadows in the death chamber of General W. T. Sherman were eagerly watched last night. The General was for the first time in life on retreat. His last march was begun battling with that grim warrior who knows not defeat; now retreating, now advancing, with the courage of one wont to conquer. The General never regained the coign of vantage but is slowly being driven back to the last trench, his base of supplies, strength and vitality, cut off, and annihilation is deferred but a little while. At noon a bulletin was issued saying he is still alive, but no encouraging symptoms.

LATEST.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—2:30—At 2 o'clock this afternoon Sherman showed signs] of improvement. He has risen from his bed and is walking across the floor, and sat down in his chair. Physicians regard this as a very hopeful indication.

They do not now fear erysipilas so much. Their chief fears are of pneumonia because of accumulation of mucus in the general's lungs.

OUR LAW MAKERS.

Senator Raley's Portage Bill to Be Considered Next Tuesday.

SALEM, Feb. 12.—The senate this morning passed a number of unimportant bills. Among the bills passed was house bill providing for a free bridge at Portland, also a bill permitting the A. & A. R. R. Co. to build a bridge at Albany.

In the house a number of senate bills was received, read and referred to proper committees.

Raley's bill appropriating $400,000 for the portage railway was made a special order for next Tuesday.

The bill allowing The Dalles to issue $50,000 water bonds referred to committee on public buildings.

The apportionment bill is settled, and Eastern Oregon is united with Multnomah, Clatsop and Columbia as a congressional district. The union is one of convenience, not love, but we sincerely hope that we may get along with proper regard for decency and neither party kick over the traces. As Portland has both the senators, it is possible the congressman may come from Eastern Oregon, though it is doubtful, for Portland's affections naturally are extended to the country west of her. She can rest assured of one thing, and that is that Eastern Oregon is decidedly off color in politics just now and as 1892 is leap year she had better prepare to do some vigorous wooing. The immediate passage of the Cascade portage railroad bill would give her favor in our eyes, but if this fails her case is hopeless.

MORE RECIPROCITY.

The President to Issue a Proclamation.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—A Washington special to the *Times* says: The president is ready for the announcement of the proclamation of reciprocity with Venezuela similar in terms to that just reached with Brazil, and it will take effect about the same time.

While our commerce with Venezula is not larger than with Brazil, the United States has for several years enjoyed a larger proportion of the importing business than any other nation dealing with Venezuela.

The proclamation of the president would have been made a day or two ago, as it was expected the agreement of Venezuela to the propositions of the United States would be received by the last steamer. Papers are on the way however, and will arrive by steamer due in New York, Feb. 18th or thereabouts.

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION.

The Forfeited Land--Naval Dry Dock--Chance for Portland.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—In the senate this morning Morgan offered a resolution which was agreed to calling on the secretary of the interior for copies of regulation for carrying into effect the land forfeiture act of Sept. 29, 1880, including all instructions and decisions.

The consideration of the naval appropriation bill was resumed, pending the question being on an amendment in reference to the site of the dry dock on the Pacific coast whether on Puget sound or on the Columbia river.

CLAGGETT ELECTED.

The Idaho Legislature Elect him to Succeed McConnell.

BOISE CITY, Idaho., Feb. 11.—The legislature met in joint session today for the purpose of balloting on a United States senator to succeed Senator McConnell. The ballots resulted as follows: W. H. Claggett 28, Mayhew 2, Finch 1, Barton 1. Eighteen members declined to vote and four were absent. Claggett was declared elected, he will contest the seat of Senator Dubois elect, and the fight will be transferred to the U. S. Senate.

Hill Gets Money to Build His Road.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—A morning paper says that President Hill of the Great Northern who went to Europe recently has secured from the English capilalists their controlling interest in the Chicago St. Paul and Kansas City road, and enough money to make the extension of his road from Helena, Mont., to the Pacific coast.

Killed by His Own Son.

PINE VILLE, Ky., Feb. 12.—Judge Wilson Lewis who has been active in the prosecution of desperados of this region was shot and killed last night by his own son, Sidney Lewis. The Judge had put his son under bonds as one of the unlawful gang.

A $100,000 Blaze.

AURORA, Ill., Feb. 12.—Early this morning the Merchantile block, the largest business building in the city, occupied by about 25 tenants, was almost entirely burned. Loss fully $100,000, partly insured.

The State Divided.---To Fix Rates on Grain and Wool.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 10.—In the House this morning the speaker appointed McCraken, Minto and Barnes a committee on Minto's bill to fix rates on grain and wool from points in Eastern Oregon.

Among the bills passed were the following: Dividing the state into two congressional districts and providing for a judge in the first district; Moore's bill, as amended, for $50,000 for the World's fair; Holmes' bill allowing drainage associations to condemn land for ditches and Moore's bill for compul-education of the deaf and blind.

The senate at the forenoon passed the following bills: Referring to boundary of Gilliam county. Norval's, Connor creek and Eagle valley wagon road. Aiding Eastern, Western and Southern Oregon district agricultural societies and Matlock's sale of perishable property under execution.

HAS PASSED THE SENATE.

Senator Raley's Bill for the Celilo Portage Road is well Started.

SALEM, Feb. 9.—[Special to the CHRONICLE]—Senator Raley's bill appropriating $400,000 for a portage railroad between The Dalles and Celilo passed the senate today.

OUR LAW MAKERS.

Doing Everything Except Waking up the Portage Railway Bill.

SALEM, Ogn., Feb. 11.—In the house this morning, a resolution that its federal relations committee be requested to report on resolution for conference of Oregon and Washington, on portage railroads was adopted.

The following bills were passed: Regulating salaries of county treasurers; to protect fish. Also Welch's pilotage bill with consent of the entire Multnomah county delegation, but it was so amended that the only change from the pilotage law is that two commissioners shall reside at Astoria.

A bill regarding the dipping of diseased sheep, and a bill creating Santiam County with Scio, as county seat, was passed.

The senate has passed the following: Confirming sale to state lands. Authorizing mother to appoint guardian by will, Raley's bill regulating interest charges.

BRUTAL ASSASSINATION.

A California Farmer and His Wife Ruthlessly Treated.

NAPA, Cal., Feb. 10.—Last night Captain J. O. Greenwood while on the way to his house from the barn was met by two well dressed strangers, who compelled him to throw up his hands. They took him to the kitchen, bound him hand and foot, and made him swallow liquid which rendered him unconscious.

As his wife, who had driven to a neighbors, came on the porch the men seized her and dragged her inlo the kitchen, where she was bound and drugged. Her body was found later on the bed in the bed room near at hand.

It is presumed robbers took her there and, finding she made resistance. killed her.

Mr. Greenwood, later returned to consciousness and after a great struggle broke the cord from his legs, and made his way to the bedroom to find his wife. As he returned from the bedroom he was again met by the robbers and they then shot him twice, both bullets entering his left cheek. He will probably recover. He laid on the floor until this morning when he crawled out into the road where a passing neighbor gave the alarm and assistance was called.

The house had been ransacked from top to bottom, but Mr. Greenwood says there was only $4 in the house. The only clue to the murderers is a pair of bloody shoes left behind.

GENERAL SHERMAN ILL.

The Old Veteran Seriously Low in New York City.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—General Sherman is very low today. His condition has not changed for the better since last night. The General suffered considerable pain last night and is constantly growing weaker.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—[LATER]—At 2:30 it is stated that there is no change in the general's condition which is extremely critical. He is slowly dying and only arouses when spoken to.

LATEST.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11., 4 p. m.—General Sherman has rallied. The doctors are so much encouraged that they have hopes of his recovery.

ANOTHER SENATOR.

The Idaho Legislature will Send Their Fourth Senator.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 10.—The legislature at noon today, balloted for U. S. senator in separate session. In the house Claggett received 19 votes. The Duboise men declined to vote, and Jones, (Dem.) cast his ballot for a well known character about town.

In the senate Claggett had nine and the other nine were distributed among as many more, senators amusing themselves by voting for each other. In joint session tomorrow, Claggett will have 28 votes which gives nine for majority.

An Election Injunction.

OKLAHOMA CITY, O. T. Feb. 10.—The republicans have applied for an injunction to enjoin the county commissioners from counting the returns to the election on the ground that no legal votes were cast, because there is no act of congress on territorial legislature conferring the right to vote on any one, if this is successful, similar proceedings will be taken to other counties.

She is Already Well Bred.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 10.—Robert Bonner says: Maud S will be bred the coming season for the first time. She will never be driven against her record again. Sunol will be given three trials next summer to break the worlds record, 208¾ claimed by Marvin, her driver, she can trot one mile in 204, and a quarter of a mile in 29 seconds, 156 gait.

Chicago Wheat Market.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 12. — Wheat, steady; cash, 94¼; May 97¾, July 93¼ 93⅝.

San Francisco Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. Feb. 12.—Wheat buyer 91, 1.47½; season, 1.41½.

Portland Consolidation Bill Passed.

SALEM, Or., Feb, 12.—The Portland consolidation bill has passed the House

DAWN OF A NEW ERA.

The Portage Railway Bill Passed the House Last Evening by a Vote Fifty-Two to One.

THE SENATE HAS CONCURRED.

There's music in the air to-day.
It's coming 'cross the plains;
Unmindful of the blinding snow,
And heedless of the rains.

THE PORTAGE RAILROAD.

It Passes the House in Last Night's session.

SALEM, Feb. 12.—The house yesterday passed Senator Watkins Portage Railway bill, and Raley's irrigation bill. The bills are now through both houses.

AGAIN, THE ROAD.

Confirmation of Its Passage--The Tygh Mountain Road Bill Passed.

SALEM, Feb. 12.—[Special to the CHRONICLE]—Senator Watkins' bill appropriating $60,000 for a portage railroad at the Cascades passed the house last night—Jennings alone voted nay—and was concurred in by the senate this morning.

Representative Johnston's bill for $5000 for Tygh hill wagon road has passed the senate and both go to the governor for his approval.

A BAD MAN.

Tries to Bribe an Officer and Blow up a Distillery.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—George J. Gibson secretary of the whiskey trust was arrested here today. He is charged with an attempt to bribe a government official. When the facts of the case are developed it is claimed they will be of a most sensational character. The name of the revenue officer to whom the bribe has been offered is Dewar. It is rumored that Gibson has made a confession.

Among other rumors in connection with the arrest of Gibson as stated is a plot to blow up the Chicago distillery, which is not in the whiskey trust is unearthed. Gibson was taken before the United States commissioner and waiving examination was held in bonds of $20,000.

CLEVELAND TALKS.

Says he and Hill are the Best of Friends.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Ex-president Cleveland, in an interview with a *Herald*, reported in regard to the meeting between Hill and himself, recently said "Governor Hill and I are on the best of terms, and always have been. We had no private conversation the evening of the dinner. I did remark, however, that notwithstanding the recent democratic cyclone in the country. The democratic party would have to do a good deal to beat the republican party."

A TENNEESEE "BOOM."

The Tenneesee River Outside its Banks and Still Rising.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 12.—The Tenneesee river has passed the danger line of thirty-three feet and is still rising steady. Thousands of logs have drifted past from the wreck of the boom at London, entailing a loss of $40,000. The stream is ont of the bank. People in the low places on the north side are taking shelter elsewhere. A big rise coming down from headwaters.

IN THE PRIZE RING.

Goddard the Australian Puts the San Francisco Wonder to Sleep.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Feb. 7.—A fight for five hundred pounds took place here yesterday between Goddard the Australian man and Choynski of San Francisco. At the end four rounds, the referee declared Goddard the victor.

Jackson Will Challenge Sullivan.

VAN DALIA, Ill., Feb. 10.—Jackson, the colored pugilist on his way to New Orleans, stopped here. He says he does not like prize fighting and intends to quit it, but that before doing so he intends to challenge Sullivan for the championship and that the Boston slugger must fight or surrender the belt.

To Tackle the Intangible.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—Rev. Edward Everett Hale, Mary A. Livermore, Rev. Minott J. Savage, Rev. Edward A. Horton, B. O. Flower, editor of the *Arenan* and other well-known persons have signed an agreement to form a society for the investigation of spiritualism.

Military Post at San Diego.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The house today passed the senate bill to establish a record and pension office in the war department. Also senate bill providing for the selection of a site for a military post at San Diego, California.

No Understanding at Presant.

DUBLIN, Feb. 11.—The *Freeman's Journal* says McCarthy has been notified that Parnell and his supporters have abandoned any present hope of coming to an understanding with the McCarthyites.

Killed in a Collision.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 11.—The west bound Wabash train, and St. Louis, Keokuk and North-western freigh-train collided at Ingleside near here today. Two brakemen were killed.

An Engineer Killed.

OMAHA, Feb. 11.—A Union Pacific engine jumped the track in the yard today and overturned. Jacob Lenzen, the engineer was killed, and two switchmen terribly injured.

Two Banks Fail.

AYER, Mass., Feb. 11.—The First National and North Middlesex banks closed their doors today and ugly rumors are afloat concerning them.

Big Steamer Topples Over.

NEW YORK, Feb, 11.—It is just reported that a large iron steamer while being towed from Jersey City toppled over on to two tugs and sunk them. Ten men were drowned.

Famous Irish Journalist Dead.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—James Redpath the famous Irish nationalist journalist and lecturer who was recently injured by a horse car, died here today from the effects of his injurers.

Increasing Mrs. Custer's Pension.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The house today passed a bill increasing to $100 per month the pension to the widow of Gen. Custer.

Secretary Tracy Thinks of Repairing the Wooden Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Secretary Tracy is seriously considering the problem of whether or not it is worth while to repair the old wooden ships of the navy. Many of them are quite rotten, and the expense of repairing them will be considerable. At the same time the old wooden ships have many point in their favor that the new ships do not possess. Nearly all of them are full rigged and the expenses incident to voyages are much less than those of new ships. The Swarata, full-rigged made the trip from from China by sail and did not have to use coal on her way over. The Pensacola, which has just left south Atlantic waters for Chili, is proceeding by sail, and when last heard from was making as good time as if she was propelled by steam. Both classes of vessels have their advocates among naval officers, and the pressure brought to bear on Secretary Tracy to abandon all wooden vessels for new ships propelled by steam is great. He is still undecided as to any general policy, but is probable that the Swarata, about which the present hitch has arisen, will be repaired, although to do so will cost about $75,000. This will not be done, however, until next June or July. She is now at Mare island navy yard.

ON THE ALERT.

Davis Will Contestants Making All Sorts of Moves.

HELENA, Feb. 9.—Although proceedings in the contest over the estate of Millionaire Davis are temporarily stopped, the contestants are on the alert. The Root faction, which alleges that the will is a forgery, made a move today, the object of which is to establish the fact that the conspiracy was entered into on the part of John A. Davis, the sole legatee by the will, and Erwin Davis, of New York, both brothers of deceased. The manager of the Western Union telegraph office of this city was called upon to produce certain telegrams sent and received by Erwin Davis, who, it is said, is in debt to the estate about $600,000. Certain telegrams were shown the court commissioners' but the one most particularly desired by the Root faction was one alleged to have been sent to or received from the only living witness to the will. Fully six weeks will elapse before the probating of the will can be resumed, in view of the decision of the supreme court ordering the appointment of a jury commission.

The Co-operative Kitchen a Failure.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Another colony of Bellamyites is following in the wake of the Evanston co-operative kitchen. The South Evanston Co-operative Club was organized last summer, its membership including eleven families or fifty persons. Two cooks, several servants and a house with the necessary accoutrements were procured. The plan attempted was to furnish the members the necessaries of the stomach at the rate of $3 25 for adults and $1 75 for children per week. Each family was to eat at separate tables in the dining-room. But the meals were found to cost nearer $4 than $3 25 per week at the start, and afterward still more. This necessitated continual assessments, and the co-operators have finally come to the conclusion that the co-operative house-keeping "is no go," and have called a halt. Today the cooks have served the final dishes and will be off on a vacation until other positions can be secured. The debts of the concern will be paid by a general assessment and the affairs of the colony wound up at once.

A NEW GUN.

Dynamite Shells to be Thrown a Distance of Five Miles.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—The United States government has authorized a test at Fort Sheridan of a new gun 9½ feet long, said to be capable of throwing dynamite or other high explosive shells a distance of five miles thousands of times in succession without becoming overheated. The inventor is Louis Gathmann, of Chicago. The chief novel feature of the use of liquidified carbonic acid gas delivered automatically along the entire length of the bore at the instant of discharge, not only as an absorbent of heat generated, but as a "cooler" after the charge has left the gun. By another device pneumatic pressure is produced with powder. Should this invention prove a success, Gethmann expects that the existing systems of coast defense particularly would be revolutionized.

LOOKS WELL ON PAPER.

But It Will Hardly Ever Come to Pass.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Another gigantic consolidation was outlined today to a reporter by "one of the prime movers in the Western Traffic Association." He asserts before the end of this year all the roads in the northwest would be under one management. This would include the Northern Pacific, Canadian Pacific, Burlington, St. Paul, Northwestern and Great Northern. This means an aggregate of 25,000 miles of road. Exactly how the consolidation will be accomplished the gentleman would not state, but says the plan is now being worked out, and has met the approval of many of the roads.

Confessed Too Soon.

OMAHA, Feb. 8.—A young insurance agent, H. M. Rogers, who came here from Chicago last week, attempted to commit suicide yesterday, after writing a letter addressed to the United States Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York confessing the murder of his sweetheart last summer near Mercer, Pa. He did not mention any, but admitted having assumed the name by which he was known. When he realized that he would live he made an effort to secure the letter, but the authorities had been appeised and secured the confession and took charge of Rogers. The Mercer authorities have been wired.

A Philanthropic Jew.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Baron Hirsch has cabled to Jesse Seligman, as representing the trustees of the Hirsch fund for the benefit of Hebrew immigration to this country, that the trustees may draw on him for 12,000,000 francs ($2,500,000) to use in carrying out work undertaken. If the income is not sufficient to do all it is intended for, the trustees are authorized to use part of the principle, and Baron Hirsch will made good the amount. For nearly a year Baron Hirsch has furnished $10,000 a month for work among the poor Hebrews in the United States.

Sheep Freezing in New Mexico.

DENVER, Feb. 8.—The weather throughout Colorado and New Mexico turned very cold last night, and by this morning the mercury dropped from eight to twelve degrees, and today has been pronounced the coldest of the season. A dispatch from Albuquerque, N. M., reports great distress among stock, especially sheep, which are freezing to death.

People Dare Not go Out.

OMAHA, Feb. 8.—There was a heavy snow storm here today, nearly blockading street car traffic. Reports from all portions of the state show the storm is very severe. In the northwestern part a blizzard has been raging twelve hours, people dare not venture away from houses. In the southern part the snow drifted from four to ten feet deep.

The Labor to be Employed.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Referring to the demands of union labor made at yesterday's meeting, President Gage, of the local world's fair directors, said today that there is no intention to treat the trades unions unfairly, and that he has no doubt a satisfactory arrangement will be arrived at. The matter will be taken up at the next meeting of the directory.

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