

A DARING SCHEME.

Bankers in New York Attempt the Most Startling Deal Since the Great Black Friday.

Horrible Blundering by a Nebraska Sheriff—The Jackson-Corbett Fight was "No Contest."

New York, May 22.—A financial article in the *Telegraph* says: "Ten bankers in Wall street each put up \$500,000 making a total of \$5,000,000 with which to pay the interest of \$15,000,000 in gold which they are going to buy and hold for sixty days. This syndicate intends to compel England and Russia to pay a handsome premium on gold they buy or leave it in this country. It is one of the simplest yet most daring deals that has been attempted since Jay Gould and Jim Fisk tried to corner gold and brought on that day which is always referred to as 'Black Friday.'"

GENERAL COLTON'S ESTATE.

His Mother and Sister Recover \$20,000 From It After Seven Years Waiting.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—Master in Chancery S. C. Houghton today rendered his decision in the case of Abigail and Martha Colton, respectively mother and sister of the late General Colton, against Ellen Colton, widow of the deceased. The suit was brought seven years ago to compel the fulfillment of the terms of the will relating to provisions made for the complainants. After a considerable litigation the matter was referred to master in Chancery.

The estate is valued at over seven hundred thousand dollars. The report awards seventy-five dollars monthly to each of the complainants for living expenses, and finds that by the terms of the will there is due them including interest about twenty thousand dollars.

PRESBYTERIANS IN COUNCIL.

Discussion of the Confession of Faith is Dodged for This Year.

DALLES, May 22.—At the Presbyterian general assembly this morning the report of the committee on confession of faith was read by the chairman, Rev. William C. Roberts, president of the Lake Forest university. After reading the report it was moved that it be sent down to Presbyterians as recommended by the committee, and the committee continued to make a final report to the next assembly. The motion was unanimously adopted and the great debate is over this year so far as the general assembly is concerned.

HORRIBLE BLUNDERING.

A Rope Breaks and a Murderer is Strung up a Second Time.

BAKER, May 22.—Albert Havenstein the murderer of William Ashley and Herman Bolton was hanged at 1:30 this afternoon. When the trap was sprung there was a slip, a groan, and the body fell to the ground, the rope having broken. Havenstein, half-conscious at the time, was picked up by the sheriff and deputies and brought back to the gallows. The rope was doubled and the trap again sprung. This time his neck was broken and death was apparently painless.

Failure and Suicide.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 22.—The Hill Shoe company failed yesterday and William Vilas III president of the company, immediately after committed suicide. He was a nephew of ex-postmaster-General Vilas. The failure of the firm is directly due to the failure of the Lynn Davis Shoe company.

A Brigand Wants Cuba Annexed.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The Cuban brigand, Manuel Garcia, has issued a manifesto declaring Cuba annexed to the United States and setting forth the grievances Cuban people have against Spain. The proclamation is being widely circulated here, in Florida and the Atlantic states and through Cuba.

Will Have Cash to Pay Pensions.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Secretary Foster said this morning that he did not expect any difficulty in meeting the quarterly pension payments, falling due June 4th, as the available cash balance at that time will go beyond the amount required.

Kentucky Republicans.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 22.—The republican state convention nominated A. Wood for governor. A resolution was adopted to endorse Harrison's administration and party in congress for an election law which will give every citizen equal rights at the polls.

The Notorious Detective Arrested.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The chief post office inspector has received information of the arrest today of detective Dominic Comalley of New Orleans charged with opening and destroying letters addressed to Jimmy Carroll the fugitive.

The Jackson-Corbett Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—The fight between James Corbett and Peter Jackson for a purse of ten thousand dollars at the California Athletic club last night was declared "a contest" at the end of the sixty first round.

May Takes Coal by Force.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 22.—The military are still guarding the Pacific Mail coal lighters at Acapulco for fear that the Emeralds may attempt to take coal by force.

Reaffirms the Story.

PARIS, May 22.—The *Siecle* today reaffirms the truth of the reported Italian agent and says the Chilean steamer is to be taken to a United States port; an embargo is to be placed on her.

Our Next President's Health.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Secretary Blaine is now able to be up and about the house and the doctor says his complete recovery is only a matter of a few days.

TRYING TO PROVE A FORGERY.

Davis Will Contestants Claim the Writer of the Instrument is Known.

BUTTE, Mont., May 20.—The Davis will contest set for today had hardly opened when Warren Toole, counsel for contestants, filed two motions, one for a continuance of the trial for suppression of certain affidavits taken in Iowa. In support of the first an affidavit of Henry A. Root is filed setting forth the recent discovery of the identity of the hand writing in which the alleged will is written, with that of J. R. Eddy, a grandson of James Davis, one of the witnesses to the will. The similarity of the handwriting and spelling of the will, as proved by photographic copies of the letters. This discovery was only made last Monday, and delay is not important to enable the contestants to secure further evidence.

Eddy was a resident of Davis county, Ia., in 1880 to 1883, and did business and carried on correspondence for James Davis. He signed James Davis name to letters sent to various people. It is alleged that the will was written by Eddy. Judge Davis, but was subsequently to the death of James Davis and Job Davis, and that the will and signatures to the work were not made by the hand writing in which the alleged will is written, with that of J. R. Eddy, a grandson of James Davis, one of the witnesses to the will. The similarity of the handwriting and spelling of the will, as proved by photographic copies of the letters. This discovery was only made last Monday, and delay is not important to enable the contestants to secure further evidence.

REIGN OF LAWLESSNESS.

Rough Characters Rule in New Town on the Great Northern Extension.

HELENA, Mont., May 20.—John Wilson, a former resident of Helena, and a well known integrity, arrived from the Flathead country today and reports a reign of lawlessness in that section. Within the last few months several people have been murdered, and a number of people have been kidnapped to that country in exchange of the boom expected upon the arrival of the Great Northern Railway Western extension. Two new towns, Columbia Falls and Kalispell, have suddenly sprung up, and a million dollars' worth of lots sold in them.

Among the notable population is a large contingent of very tough characters. Mr. Wilson reports that acts of violence are of frequent occurrence. Three men were killed within a few miles of each other, and they may be left, although he did not learn their names. One was an innocent workman in Colter Brothers lumber camp, a man having been shot in the back of the head, and his aim. The second was killed in a stabbing affair on the east fork of the Columbia river, and the third corpse is that of a man shot in Columbia Falls. But one man is under arrest. The nearest telegraph station is Ravalli, distant from the scene of violence 100 miles, and a detailed description of the law are few in number, and can afford little protection.

A PROFESSOR RESIGNS.

He Takes Exception to the Suspension of Other Ministers.

PITTSBURG, May 23.—Rev. McGurkin of the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Allegheny, announced his intention of resigning the chair of theology and history in that institution. His reason is that seven Reformed Presbyterian ministers have been suspended for voting at political elections. In his letter of resignation he says: "I have been forced to the conclusion that the individual conscience of the American citizen should be allowed to decide as to his duties in the casting of his ballot for the right rulers."

Vigilantes Receive Their Deserts.

DUNSMUIR, Neb., May 23.—A white party of vigilantes who have just captured a cattle thief named McAlvey, near here, and were bringing the prisoner to town last night, they met another party of vigilantes. The night was very dark and as each party mistook the other for the thief fire was opened by both sides and before the mistake was discovered Judge Aikens, treasurer of the county, and McAlvey the cattle thief were killed. No arrests have been made.

The Star Rubber Company in Distress.

TRENTON, N. J., May 23.—The Star Rubber Co., is in financial difficulty. The counsel for the company said that owing to the contraction of the credit, of the company's liabilities were more than it can meet at the instant. Secretary Bell, he added, had informed him that the company could pay two dollars for every one it owed. The liabilities may foot up to half a million of dollars.

Will Not Employ the Leaders.

SCOTTDALE, Penn., May 23.—A large number of coke men have been applying for work, but in every case where a leader or an active agitator applied he was refused employment. Indications are that fully one thousand names of the leaders will be placed on the black list and with such a large number might it is thought a possible strike might be again revived.

Revolution in Cordova.

BUENOS AYRES, May 23.—The statement that a revolution had broken out in the province of Cordova is confirmed. There was firing in the streets of Cordova, the capital of the province of that name, on Thursday and Friday. It is believed that the revolt is instigated by leaders of rival factions in Buenos Ayres. Troops were engaged in quelling the disturbance yesterday evening.

Caterpillars Stop Railroad Trains.

MANKATO, Minn., May 23.—All the trains of the Milwaukee road this morning were delayed seven miles outside this city by millions of caterpillars which crawled upon the rails. When ground up their remains made the wheels slide as if the rails were greased.

Not Guilty as Charged.

GREENSBORO, Pa., May 23.—The jury in the case of Captain Lear, and deputies charged with murder at the Morewood riots, returned a verdict acquitting all the defendants.

Went to the Springs Too Late.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Henry Shelton Sulzfor, ex-United States minister to Belgium and late delegate to the Brussels anti-slavery conference, died Thursday at Healing Springs, Va.

Burned to Death.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 23.—This morning a fire in the house of Felix Lawlor burned to death his daughter aged 6 and an infant son. His wife was seriously burned.

Postponed Payments for Twenty Days.

BUENOS AYRES, May 23.—The chamber of deputies has adopted a bill postponing payments of bank deposits for twenty days.

Returned to Work.

SCOTTDALE, Penn., May 23.—The coke strike is thought broken and reports indicate that ten thousand men will go to work on Monday.

A Statue Unveiled in Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 23.—The statue of Lines, the botanist, a counterpart of the one in Stockholm, was unveiled in Lincoln park today.

STILL A PRISONER.

The Emeralds not Allowed to Get Coal at Acapulco, Though her Officers try to get it by Trickery.

NEW YORK, May 23.—A Washington dispatch says: "The coal bunkers of the Emeralds are still empty. Official advice received by the state department shows however, her officers still have designs upon the Pacific mail steamship and are not above trickery to accomplish their object."

A dispatch from our vice consul at Acapulco states that they came ashore yesterday morning and represented they had just received word from Iquique that all parties concerned, and in the light of this information begged to be allowed to receive coal in order that they might return to Chili. They did not get any coal, however as the consul did not bite.

MURDER WILL OUT.

Arrest of One of the Murderers of William Harbour.

PORTLAND, May 23.—The police are still maintaining a reticence about the arrest of the first of the two men at Butte, Montana, for the murder of Wm. Harbour of Lebanon, whose body was found in the Willamette river on May 3d. They claim to have a complete chain of evidence against the men but will not now give the names for the reason that the third man is not yet apprehended.

THE ORIGINAL PACKAGE LAW.

The Supreme Court Decides that it is Constitutional.

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A CRAZY WOMAN'S DEED.

Hangs Herself and Four Children in Her Parlor, Iowa.

HARLAN, Iowa, May 25.—Mrs. Christ Peterson, a Danish woman, and her four children, whose ages ranged from three to ten years was found hanging in the cellar of their house near here. It is thought they have been hanging there ever since Wednesday. The husband had been sent to an asylum about a week ago and the finding of these bodies show that the wife should have been sent there too as she must have been crazy.

PLAYED IN HARD LUCK.

A Variety Actor in Seattle is Stabbed Eight Times.

PORTLAND, May 25.—A special to the *Evening Telegram* from Seattle says: At daylight this morning a bloody fight occurred in the Elliott house in which J. Leonard a variety clog dancer was stabbed in the shoulder and abdomen eight times. Leonard is not expected to live. His assailant is not known and the wounded man is not in a condition to tell who stabbed him.

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THE D. M. R. CO'S LAND.

A short time ago we published the opinion of H. N. Copp the well-known land attorney at Washington, on the present status of the Dalles Military Road company's lands. Mr. Copp holds that these lands are now properly subject to entry in the United States land offices because they come under the action of the late forfeiture bill. It is well known that the U. S. land office refuses to recognize applications for entry of these lands, but Mr. Copp advises applicants whose filings have been rejected to take an appeal to the general land office and offers to take charge of all such appeals. While it is freely admitted that there are few better authorities than Mr. Copp on all questions relating to public lands, we think in this instance he is entirely mistaken in supposing that the lands referred to have been restored to the public domain by the act that forfeited the lands withdrawn for the Northern Pacific Railway. The fact is, the Northern Pacific never had anything to do with the Dalles Military Road lands. These latter were withdrawn from settlement before those of the Northern Pacific. The grant to the Dalles Military Road company was made in February 1867, and the withdrawal was ordered, as will appear by a certified letter in another column, in December 1869. The grant to the Northern Pacific was made in 1870. The Dalles Military Road company's land could never, therefore have been affected by the bill forfeiting the grant to the Northern Pacific. A forfeiture means the return of the lands already patented and the Dalles Military Road company has a patent for nearly all their lands. Hence Senator Dolph's bill to have the question of title settled by the United States courts. It ought to be well known that this question was argued more than a year ago before Judge Sabin, in the United States district court at Portland when the court rendered a decision very decidedly in favor of the company's retention of the land. The case was then taken on appeal, as the Dolph bill contemplated, before the U. S. supreme court at Washington where it was argued and submitted on the 6th of March last by Judge J. K. Kelley and there is scarcely room for a shadow of doubt that that court will decide that the company has a legal title to the lands. The writer has been familiar with these facts for a long time and it is no new thing for him to advise people, who desire any of the lands in question to abandon all hope of ever getting them through the U. S. government. We have never had a doubt in the world that the company would get the lands and we believe the Dolph bill was framed to leave the question of title to the courts where it properly belongs because it was believed the lands could never be legally recovered from the company. Beside this the Dolph bill provided that in the event of the courts deciding against the company all bona fide purchasers of the lands, to the extent of 640 acres should have their title to the lands confirmed by the action of the United States government. It is very evident therefore that any attempt to secure these lands through the United States Land Office or to follow the advice of Mr. Copp is a useless waste of time and money.

THE SINGLE TAX.

The letter of Mr. Yates, published in another column is a very clear exposition of what single tax men mean by "unearned increments" or the community value of land; that is the value that attaches to land by reason of the presence of population, but it still leaves unanswered the question that gave rise to this controversy. What the CHRONICLE still wants to know is how can an annual revenue of \$62,500 be raised from real estate only, without increasing the taxes of the farming community in a county that has a million and a half of real estate and a million of personal property? If we drop the personal property and levy the \$62,500 on real estate only, how many land owners have to pay the \$25,000 now levied on personal property in addition to the \$37,500 levied on real estate? In other words must not this levy be raised from 25 mills to over 41% mills, so that the farmer or land owner who now pays a tax of \$25, would under the single tax system, have to pay over \$41.60? This is the question and the CHRONICLE submits that neither Mr. Yates nor anyone else has yet answered it. The argument of Mr. Yates, if it proves anything, goes to show that the community value of land should be taxed. This the CHRONICLE has never denied. What we do deny is that the community value of land alone should be taxed and every thing else go free. Here is a man who located on a piece of land 40 years ago when it was a wilderness. In course of years it becomes an important town site. The man sold out his interest for a cool million. It was all "unearned increment," if you will. Shall we not tax him for his million dollars? And if not, why not? He never "earned" a dollar of this money. The community made it for him, yet the single tax system would let him free while it would tax the man who had scratched and toiled to earn the money by himself a man on the land so sold, while not a dollar of the value of such land so far as the purchaser is concerned is "unearned increment," but the fruit of his own honest labor. There is nothing morally beautiful in such a system.

THE PORTLAND SUGAR MERCHANTS.

The Portland sugar merchants must be the smallest men on earth. A while ago they got scared to death because the only firm in the Dalles that buys from the refineries was reported as selling sugar half a cent a pound cheaper than they were. So they clubbed together and sent two of their number to San Francisco to fix things up with Claus Spreckels and it is to be inferred that they got satisfaction for a few days ago it was announced that they were now selling half a cent cheaper than The Dalles but they are not for the firm in question says they are able and willing to meet the Portland merchants at any price they may put on.

Blaine's reciprocity scheme is of a contagious nature.

Now comes a representative from San Domingo for the purpose of negotiating a reciprocity treaty. As an extra inducement his government offers us the use of Semona bay as a coaling station, etc., which has a very large harbor. Many European nations are becoming very anxious about their commercial relations with Spanish America, as well they may.

The Union Pacific has raised the rate on feed from San Francisco to Astoria from \$2 to \$7 a ton.

merchants are mad and charge the thing as having been done at the instance of Portland.

The Oregon Blade has a most felicitous way of advising the East Oregonian to shut its mouth.

It recommends it "to closets extended cavity."

A PROPER APPEAL.

At the last regular quarterly meeting of the business council of Klickitat county grange a memorial was drawn up to present to congress urging the refunding of \$1.25 an acre to all persons who had paid the maximum price for government land within the limits of the Northern Pacific land grant. It is nothing more than just and right that such a rebate should be made. The man who has paid to the government \$400 for 160 acres of these lands has simply contributed \$200 towards the building of a road that was never built, and where the company has failed to build the road the \$200 ought to be returned. We advise other grange councils to do likewise.

Sex in Strawberries.

C. Thompson writes from Warrensburg, Mo.: "I understand there are, among strawberries, hermaphrodite, staminate and pistillate plants. The first named will bear fruit independent of any other. Now, will the other two bear fruit if placed together, or will either of them bear if not associated with another?"

Staminate and pistillate varieties ought to stand in alternate rows, or one row of male blossoming plants to four of the other varieties will fructify all there is to do.

Even the hermaphrodite varieties in alternate rows will produce sufficient pollen to fructify the entire patch. The Charles Downing is of this variety and it has perfect flowers.

Almost every horticultural catalogue will give the best of sorts so you need not err in your selection.

While bridge 113, at which the accident occurred last Saturday, is being repaired, the D. S. Baker is running night and day.

The friends of Mrs. Isaac Joles will be pleased to learn that she is improving.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

D. R. O. D. DOANE—PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Office: rooms 5 and 6