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## PRESS CENSORSHIP.

### The Course of Jas. Russell Young Agitating Congress.

### CONGRESSMAN HENDERSON'S BILL.

### Senator Sherman Considerably Incensed by Comments.

### THE FAULT, IF ANY, MISPLACED.

### The Dangers Which Might Follow From Such an Act As the One Proposed, Etc. Etc.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The action of the senate in removing James Russell Young, of Pennsylvania, from his position as an executive clerk by declaring the position vacant last week, has caused no small amount of talk in the circles of newspaper correspondents in this city. Mr. Young was charged with betraying executive secrets. The entire force of executive clerks was recently excluded from the secret sessions, as the outcome of accurate newspaper reports of the sessions in the case of Judge Woods, of Indiana, and the Behring sea treaty. The resolution declaring Young's office vacant was presented in the senate executive session by Mr. Sherman, from the committee on foreign relations, and was urged by him reasonably and out of reason, and it was because of this urgency, more than any other one thing, that Mr. Young was removed, as he had never betrayed the trust imposed in him. The senators knew too well where the executive session proceedings came from, and they did not come from Mr. Young. The agitation of this matter has a tendency to revive in the house Rep. Henderson's bill, vesting the postmaster-general with the dangerous powers of a press censorship. His measure was unquestionably well meant, as it was aimed at the exclusion of improper literature from the mails, but as now proposed it would clothe the head of the postoffice department with an authority that ought never to be placed in any man's hands; that of suppressing a newspaper when it fails to meet approval. The laws against the circulation of unclean literature are probable ample now. The fault, if any there be, lies in their administration; they certainly do not need to be supplemented by a Russian censorship. This comes mostly from the course of Mr. Sherman, who was particularly severe on Mr. Young, and also treated without gloves, the newspaper correspondents in Washington generally.

### A Salaried Criminality.

NEW YORK, April 14.—The Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, who gained such wide notoriety by his crusade against the city's dives, issued an address to the citizens of New York this morning, in which he tells why he adopted the methods he did to procure evidence which has been the subject of much adverse criticism. His object, he says, has been solely to secure in the public mind an indictment against the police department. He does not try to defend his method, but says it was the only way in which he could cut to the quick of this whole corrupt business. He refers to the police department as an "organized and salaried criminality" which threatens the community, and says he is determined in his course and will continue it.

### Will Proceed Against Journals.

LONDON, April 14.—The statement was made here last evening that the government is seriously considering the advisability of taking vigorous action against the many anarchists from France and other countries who are now making London their rendezvous. Proceedings may be probably first taken against the anarchist journals, which every week incite their readers to murder and incendiarism.

### The Grant Monument.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Chauncey M. Depew will deliver the oration on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of Gen. Grant's tomb. The appointment was made several days ago by the trustees of the Grant Monument association, but was not announced until yesterday. Mr. Depew has accepted the honorary task, and will no doubt deliver a memorable effort.

### Millions for Chicago.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Arguments in favor of an appropriation of \$7,500,000 in aid of the world's fair were made before the house world's fair committee today by St. Clair Breed, of Massachusetts, and Judge Harris.

### Refinery Closed.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—As predicted, but somewhat earlier than was expected, the Philadelphia Spreckels' sugar refinery has shut down, and all hands paid off. Spreckels "isn't in it."

### Pacific Cable.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—The steamer Thetis is preparing to sail from here on the 23d to complete work of surveying a line for the cable to the Sandwich islands. The survey was begun by the Albatross, which was taken off for duty in Behring sea. She will lay two lines, and is expected to return in about two months.

### Chicago Catches It

CHICAGO, April 15.—The storm which passed this city yesterday was one of the most furious and sudden for years. The gale blew all day, some of the time at the rate of sixty miles an hour, all trains are delayed and communications cut off. Damages to shipping along the lake front amounts to considerable.

### Who is to Pay the Americans.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Correspondence between this government and Italy, concerning the work of the murderous Mafia at New Orleans, reveals the fact that the state department have deposited \$25,000 to be distributed among the heirs of the three Italians killed. In making this deposit Secretary Blaine declared that, although the wrong was not committed directly by the United States, the latter, nevertheless, feels its solemn duty in the premises. Replying, the Italian Marquis expressed the hope that the payment of the indemnity will result in the happy re-establishment of relations between the governments.

### Railway vs. Boats.

NEW YORK, April 15.—In the line of reforms anticipated by the absorption process of the new Reading "system," they will tomorrow close their water transportation department in this city. Their barges, tugs and other floating property will be transferred to the Lehigh Valley railroad. This action is in line with the changes made in consequence of the recent coal combination. There is positive information that the Vanderbilt and Reading interests have joined hands and obtained almost complete control of the anthracite production of this country. With the Delaware and Hudson road in the combine the Pennsylvania road with its 10 per cent. production is the only corporation antagonistic to monopoly.

### Samoa in Bad Luck.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Advices from Samoa show a bad state of things because of the gang of hoodlers surrounding King Malietoa. The government treasury is empty, and for the \$28,000 of United States money, all the government has is a residence for the president of the council costing \$5,000, and a jail which cost \$1,200. It has been very seriously considered by some leading citizens as to the advisability of seizing the treasury and putting a trustworthy person in charge, with bonds to be given that the money will be properly expended; also that a petition will be forwarded to the treaty powers asking that the whole matter be investigated. May 15th the Samoans will be in arrears \$113,000, not one dollar of which, it is claimed, will be collected. This does not take into consideration the gun tax, which all white residents are compelled to pay.

### Wet Snow in Dakota.

STOUX FALLS, S. D., April 14.—The heavy rain storm of yesterday turned into a blinding snow storm this morning, which still continues. Seven inches of wet snow has fallen. The storm appears to be general throughout the state.

### Michigan is for Alger.

DETROIT, April 14.—The republican state convention met this afternoon. Ex-Congressman Allen was made temporary chairman. Allusions in his speech of acceptance to Alger, Blaine and Harrison were wildly applauded. The enthusiasm of the day reached its height when a resolution was presented, which, after endorsing the administration of Harrison, eulogized Alger, strongly urging his nomination for the presidency.

### Claims of the Poachers.

OTTAWA, April 14.—G. E. Y. Gleadowe, of the imperial treasury department, and A. J. Ross, assistant secretary of the National Marine insurance company of London, who have been appointed commissioners to examine into the claims for compensation due to the operations of the Anglo-American modus vivendi in Behring sea last season, will remain here until Monday. A majority of the sealers have already filed claims at Victoria, but, as the time for entering the claims does not expire until the 28th inst., the commissioners do not propose to reach Victoria much before that date.

## A ST. PAUL SENSATION.

### State Officials Involved in a Scandalous Transaction.

### THE MESABA IRON LANDS FRAUD.

### A Worse Proceeding Than the Timber Land Thieving in Oregon.

### A RAILWAY COMPANY TRICKED.

### Lands Relinquished in "Good Faith" are Gobbled up by Preferred Speculators.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 15.—This city of saintly names has for a month past been the headquarters of a horde of Duluth railway men and land speculators, contesting rights to a rich region known as the Mesaba iron lands. Questionable proceedings in the auditor's office, involves several state officials in the transactions which is assuming the shape of a scandal. It appears that on January 29, 1892, the Duluth road, by an agreement with State Auditor Birman, released from its grant certain iron land the title to which was not wholly clear. This land was in the most valuable part of the iron range and consequently was in much demand. They expected to put their men on to it at once, but immediately after the relinquishment a prominent real estate dealer of St. Paul who had become aware of the movement, made application for leases on a large share of the land made eligible to lease by the relinquishment. This application was made only a few minutes after the land had been relinquished and just prior to the closing of the office for that day. The application, which was made by an agent of the real estate man, was carefully scrutinized and the information given that the document could not be considered, as it was not made out in proper form, but the applicant was told to be there the next morning with a proper application and his business would be attended to. Early the next morning, before the office was open, the applicant was on hand, and when he gained access to the office, to his consternation he learned that of the entire tract the greater and more valuable parts had been leased to H. V. Rutherford, and others, the whole clerical force of the auditor having worked, possibly all night, to complete the entries. It has now been decided to expose the whole affair, and actions are to be commenced at once. The valuation of the leases involved amount to nearly \$500,000.

### The Wyoming Fight.

CHEYENNE, April 14.—There is great doubt if any of the Pinkerton mercenaries, who have been smuggled into Johnson county to shoot the ranchmen, will ever come out alive. The fight in Big Horn basin is not, as has been stated, between the cattlemen and the rustlers, but between the big cattle companies and the ranchmen, who are fencing the fertile land. Some cattle have been stolen, and this has been magnified to such an extent that the people generally believe that the inhabitants of the basin are thieves. Now that the Pinkertons are in the basin, they will find it hard to get out. The mercenaries were organized in Denver and brought to this point on a special train, when they were herded into the isolated country by their masters, ostensibly to prevent cattle-stealing, but really to exterminate the peaceable ranchers. The situation is desperate. Everybody knows the facts, but every man fears his neighbor and refuses to talk. Gov. Barber declines to send the militia into the field, saying he has no knowledge, officially, of any trouble in Johnson county, but everybody knows the men are being killed there daily. The sheriff of the county is a man who is in sympathy with the small ranchmen. He is a man of great nerve, and if, as is clearly his duty to do so, he should call on the citizens to assist him in arresting this armed force that has, without authority of law, invaded his county, he could quickly gather about him 200 or 300 cowboys who are familiar with the country and at home in the saddle, and, in that event, there is little chance of any of the invading party getting out alive. While the majority of the small ranchmen are honest and industrious, they are all desperate and daring, with but very few cowards. And though this invading party may be only after a few of the worst thieves, the small ranchmen do not know whom they have on their list, so that it puts each and every one of them on the defensive.

### Will Want to See the Cruisers.

PORTLAND, April 16.—The plan is about perfected for bringing the American war-ships Baltimore and Charleston up to Portland, after the Columbia celebration at Astoria next month. The plan includes excursion rates over all the railways and steamers leading to this city, and it is expected 20,000 people will flock here on the days to be fixed. When the Oregon is launched it will be incumbent on the people of Portland to present her officers' mess with a silver service, second to none in the navy, and the Oregon will have to come up to Portland in order that the presentation may be properly made. She will be a magnificent ship and the whole state will want to inspect her, but there will also be a desire to see the Charleston and especially the Baltimore, which came so near to having to teach the Chilians a lesson, on account of the murder of some of her crew in Valparaiso.

### Moving Into Portland.

PORTLAND, April 16.—When the West Side railway was constructed, years ago out of this city, it took such a zigzag course as to leave Beaverton and Hillsborough eleven to eighteen miles farther from the city than they really are, and it is reported that one time soon after Conductor Webster came on the line he was asked to bring a sick man into the city, and that the person with the sick man would meet the train at Morrison street and again take the invalid in his buggy, driving in ahead of the train. This distance is now to be cut down by a motor line direct from Portland to Hillsboro to be of standard gauge, and perhaps form a link in the connection with Astoria. The distance from Portland to Beaverton by this line will be only about five miles, while by the Southern Pacific line it is eleven miles. A line of this kind would make both Beaverton and Hillsboro suburbs of Portland.

### Blaine's Name at Minneapolis.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—"I think Blaine wrote that recent letter, stating he would not be a candidate, while he was in poor spirits, superinduced by ill health," said Mike DeYoung, member of the national republican committee, to a friend who met him on his return from the east yesterday. Mr. DeYoung added: "Blaine will not make a canvass for the nomination, but if the people insist on his running he will submit to popular will. I had a chat with the secretary about the matter, and he spoke of his age. I replied that if he were able to perform the onerous duties of secretary of state he was surely capable of attending the presidential tasks."

### Woolverine Sheriff in Trouble.

DETROIT, April 16.—An investigation has been made of the official conduct of Dennis Heffren, sheriff of Schoolcraft county and brother of the notorious Dan Heffren, who made such a sensational escape from Manistique, after being convicted of keeping a disreputable house. He is charged by supervisor Hubbell and treasurer Mesereau of the Chicago lumber company with misfeasance and malfeasance in office, and the charges allege that he allowed Dan to run the house, refused to lock him up when bound over for trial and assisted him to escape. Also that he allowed prisoners in his custody to visit saloons on Sunday.

### Scandalous Report.

COLUMBUS, O., April 15.—A night session in the house of representatives broke up in a row at 10 o'clock tonight. A number of the members desired to attend a prizefight at the Columbus Athletic club, and though in the minority, planned to force an adjournment, in order that they might do so. Rep. Dougherty, who was a party to it, was in the chair and recognized the motion to adjourn and refusing to notice the demands for the yeas and nays, declared the motion to adjourn on a viva voce. Pandemonium reigned for a time, ending in a disgraceful scene.

### Nicholas Crouch Dying.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 16.—Nicholas Crouch, who wrote "Kathleen Mavourneen," and who is dying in this city at the age of 84, is the father of twenty-two children. A child of his first marriage was the notorious Cora Pearl, long the unrivaled leader of the half-world of Paris.

### Cotton Spinner's Strike.

LONDON, April 15.—The prospect is that the cotton lockout will be of short duration, as employers will hold a meeting Tuesday to decide the question of arbitration; the struggle is unparalleled in the history of trade, as 65,000 hands are now idle, and will soon be increased to 150,000.

### For Boom Purposes.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Senator Allen has prepared an amendment to the river and harbor bill appropriating \$39,000 for the Willapa harbor.

## GREATLY IN DEMAND.

### The Revolution in Construction of Sea Going Craft.

### AMERICAN STEEL BARGE LEADING.

### There are Now Ten Whalebacks on the Stocks at West Superior.

### PASSENGER CRAFT ON THIS MODEL.

### Capt. McDougall to Release the Fetters Which Have Compelled Heavy Rates.—Other News.

WEST SUPERIOR, April 16.—The shipyard of the American steel barge company now presents a scene of great activity. In it there are today ten whalebacks in the course of construction, besides a special tug. The smallest of the whalebacks is 320 feet long. The two of them which are nearing completion are steamers numbered 119 and 120. It is expected that both will be launched on the same day before May 1st. Capt. McDougall said today that the company has much more work ahead, chief of which will be the construction of one, and probably a second boat for the Columbus fair, the first attempt to make a passenger ship on the whaleback model. The total lengths of the boats now under construction, or under contract is one mile. The big dry dock, work on which commenced last December, is all completed except the timbers and gates. It will be finished by July 1st. The dock is 551 feet long, much the longest on the lakes, and will be able to hold two large vessels at once. As soon as the whalebacks now on the stocks are launched, two more will be placed where they now stand. Work on the passenger boat is already under way, and the draughtsmen are busy getting out plans for her.

### Again Denied.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The rumor is again denied that it is the purpose of this government to gradually cease their diplomatic relations with Chili. No claim for indemnity on account of the attack on American sailors has been made of the Chilean government yet. The question is being reserved for future consideration.

### "Blaine's Last Surrender."

NEW YORK, April 16.—The London daily Graphic, referring to the settlement of the complication between the United States and Italy, speaks of it as "Blaine's last surrender." The Times says: "Upon a great Christian anniversary like Good Friday, it is often difficult to find in the records of current events anything that very distinctly shows the influence of Christianity upon international conduct. Today, however, we have to chronicle what is, at least, one of the most benign and gracious forms of diplomatic action."

### Sallal in Luck.

ASTORIA, April 16.—Capt. J. W. Munson, of Point Adams light, has won considerable notoriety from his amateur work as the maker of violins of a high order. Several years ago he secured a prize in a block of wood which had been "seasoned" for ages near the light house, and the thin little boards sawn from it give forth the clear, mellow sound that is desired in violin stock. Gemunder, the New York maker of violins, was in Portland recently, and secured some of the wood.

### Only a Question of Short Time.

VICTORIA, April 16.—Capt. Winant's steamer Mystery, which is engaged to take off the skins secured by the vessels now at Behring sea, has returned and the total catch to-date received at Victoria is reported to be 4,860 skins. This is regarded as a light catch and attributed in part to the bad weather, but mainly to the fact that seals are reported to be much less numerous than in former years.

### This Thing Won't Work.

DETROIT, April 15.—There is considerable comment in political circles over the absence of Gen. Alger from the republican state convention yesterday. It had been announced that he would address the convention, and his friends say he was ready and waiting, but he wasn't invited. They consider that the general has been badly snubbed at his own home, and as a result the breach between the Palmer and Alger faction continues to grow wider.

### Plan of the Silver Men.

DENVER, Colo., April 17.—The Rocky Mountain News in a leading editorial tomorrow will put forward the silver democratic plan of campaign to be followed should Cleveland or an equally pronounced goldbug be nominated. It says: "There are thousands of republicans in Colorado who will not vote for Harrison, and thousands who will not vote for Cleveland. Yet, driven from their own parties by nominees wearing the yoke of Wall street, they will be disinclined to vote for such nominee. If the action at Chicago shall force it, electors will be chosen at the subsequent state convention, pledged to vote against Cleveland, and for such a free-coinage democrat as Senator Morgan, of Alabama. Rep. Bland, of Missouri, urges this course shall be pursued by the democrats of Colorado, California, Montana, Wyoming, Iowa, Nevada, Washington and Oregon; also by those of Kansas, Nebraska and certain Southern states. By this course the integrity of the democratic organization will be preserved, and the election for president thrown into the house, in which event the free coinage candidate would ultimately be elected, and the free coinage sentiment produced by such a canvass would insure the election of a free coinage congress. The course of the Cleveland contingent in New York is urged as ample warrant for such irregularity. This denier resort for the free-coinage men is worthy of calm and earnest consideration. That this suggestion be passed over lightly, the gravity of the silver situation forbids. The tens of thousands who signed the pledge of the silver league look for some practical plan by which they may constitutionally and consistently exercise their suffrage effectively. The movement, if undertaken, will demonstrate that the democrats and republicans are no longer hewers of wood and drawers of water for Wall street plutocrats, who now almost entirely dominate one political party and have paralyzed the free coinage majority in the other."

### About to go Under.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Western railroad officials are now talking seriously of refusing to attend the special meeting of the western traffic association, called for May 10th, in New York. They are getting very tired of having it crammed down their throats that Gould and Huntington will not attend a Chicago meeting, and that when they go to New York they must bow to the dictates of these two gentlemen and Wall street. The meeting is of such extreme importance that western members may reconsider their present plan, but some of them think the association will founder, anyway, and are doubtful about attending what they believe will be a funeral. They argue that their time is as valuable to them as Gould's is to him; that he is even now on a vacation, while they are all at work, and that Chicago is entitled to the special meeting. If it is held in New York it will be solely because of Gould's objection to Chicago.

### Senator Mills' Term Short.

GALVESTON, Tex., April 18.—There is a large-sized political hen on in this state, and it is hatching trouble for Roger Q. Mills. Gov. Hogg and the men who follow him are not of the kind to lay down their arms and permit themselves to be trampled on as they apparently were without having some good reason. There is something behind it all that will come out when the time comes, and when it does appear Mr. Mills will have to hustle. He was only elected to fill the unexpired term of Senator Reagan, and his term will expire in January, 1893. By that time Gov. Hogg will have his plans all laid and he will give Mr. Mills a fight that will open his eyes. Nobody thought that the present legislature would have to elect a senator, or it would have been made up in an entirely different manner. The next one will be chosen on that issue, and there is where Gov. Hogg will get in his fine work. Hogg was handicapped this time by several ambitious politicians in Mill's district who wanted his seat in congress, and with this difficulty swept away it is good betting that after Mr. Mills serves his nine months in the senate and comes up for reelection there will be somebody else there, or at least there will be a fight that will be a memorable one.

### Sale of Horses.

PORTLAND, April 18.—The auction sale of trotters held in this city a few days since, was attended by prominent horsemen from all over the state. The highest price, \$1000, was brought by Tualco, a black horse by Rockwood, from Nutwood, 2:18 1/4. There was lively bidding between Frederick Strong and A. D. Tufts, but the latter finally won. Nettie, a black mare by Nutwood, second sire Bellfounder, went to R. H. Phillips, of McMinnville, for the same price, \$1000. The total amount received was \$10,885 for fifty-two animals.