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THE OMAHA ASSEMBLY

Jupiter Pluvius Reigneth Ruined Silk Tiles Again.

DAVIDS' IMPRECATORY PSALMS.

The Continued Storms Worse Upon Farmers than Visitors.

AN OMAHA HANGING POSTPONED.

People Were Opposed to an Execution During the Conference Session—Etc.

OMAHA, May 27.—Once more Jupiter Pluvius has covered the Omaha sky with clouds and is covering the earth with moisture. Dripping umbrellas and ruined silk tiles are again abundant. Some of the less godly delegates feel like reading some of David's imprecatory psalms against the weather. It is discouraging to visitors and worse on the farmers. But prophets say it is the "clearing up shower" today. Previous to the presence of so many pious people in Omaha, a murderer was sentenced by the United States court to be hanged here today, but President Harrison granted a respite of thirty days at the request of citizens who are not willing to have a hanging here during the session of the general conference. It is safe to say that such a thing never happened before and no murderer has lived thirty days longer because of a religious assembly. And the saloons are being closed on Sunday and at night as they have never before for a long time, if ever. Whether this is to give Omaha a better name or to keep the delegates from temptation is not reported. Anyhow, the effects of this general conference are quite visible. Apart from its mischievous work in connection with the floods and the crops the weather of the last three weeks has been remarkable in many ways. The public is prepared to stand a reasonable number of spring showers and is even willing to spend its outdoor life in mackintoshes and overshoes one day out of four. In the present spring, however, the rain has fallen on all four days and has even thrown in a few extra showers on the fifth in order to give good measure. This persistent dripping on the public's head is not conducive to health, however, and if the weather will clear up now the exceedingly unsatisfactory character of the May days thus delivered will be overlooked. The really remarkable nature of the season is the more apparent that the sun seems to have contributed to it neither light nor heat. Owing to this delinquency, the days have been not only wet, but dark, raw, chilly, depressing and autumnal. The satisfactory prospect that it must soon stop raining because all the clouds will be wrung dry will be greeted with joy by the multitudes who are awaiting a chance to go out of doors without getting drenched for their audacity.

A Level Headed Man.

PHILADELPHIA, May 27.—Spencer Barker, visiting at Elfton, N. Y., was carried over the falls of Walkill creek, 45 feet high yesterday. He was boat riding above the falls and lost control of the canoe, which drifted helplessly toward the falls. Just as the boat reached the brink he gave a jump over the falls, clearing the rocks below and striking deep water. Those who witnessed the scene were horrified, expecting never to see him alive again. After going under the water three times, he struck out and reached the shore in an exhausted condition. The boat was dashed to pieces. Baker is the only person who has ever gone over the falls and come out alive.

Sunday at the World's Fair.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 27.—In the general assembly of the United Presbyterian church met in its regular session yesterday, a resolution was passed expressing a hope that congress would appropriate money for the world's fair only on condition that it be closed on Sundays, and the sale of liquor be prohibited on the grounds.

Blowing up Levees.

MEMPHIS, May 27.—A private dispatch from Gunnison, Bolivar county, Miss., says: "The levee guards shot and killed a man last night who was attempting to blow up the levee with dynamite at Dennis' landing. We have his dynamite, fuse and pistol. He was a white man." His name is not reported.

Cleveland Will Withdraw.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—It will be a blessed thing when the conventions are over, and people can get a rest from the daily mess of political twaddle which now fills the newspapers of the land from Maine to Mexico, to the exclusion of better reading. Between Blaine and Harrison on one side, and Cleveland and Hill on the other side, there is no limit to the prevarication and the perversions of interview. To such extent has this proceeding gone, sensible men of both leading political parties avoid the bore if possible, but the persistent interviewer follows the man, even to the quiet of his bed chamber, in the hope of securing materials with which to satiate the morbid craving for this species of news. The latest pretended interviews are with Congressman Hiscock, who is made to say: "Blaine will accept if nominated, and I am sure he will be nominated. He will write no more letters of declination. While not quite as well as I expected to find him, he is improving daily. I am satisfied he will be strong enough to undergo a presidential campaign." The next is what Senator Stanford is supposed to say: That "Mr. Blaine told me two months ago that his health would not bear the strain of a campaign." Matt Quay couldn't get through Pittsburg yesterday until he replied to the auger: "Sentiment is strong for Jas. G. Blaine; he is the talk of the hour; all over the country everything indicates that he will be nominated without any trouble. Not by stampeding the convention, but by force of general sentiment." On the other side the work is equally as brisk. The democrats have divided into three classes, according to the Post: "Those who do not know when to speak, those who do not know when to be silent and Mr. Henry Watterson, who does not know either of these moments." The public has been requested by Mr. Henry Watterson to believe that Grover Cleveland, who has a fat roll of endorsements from various state conventions, will withdraw from the contest.

Vanderbilt's Condition.

NEW YORK, May 26.—It is feared that Cornelius Vanderbilt's mind may become unbalanced because of his grief for the death of his son, William H. He is watched constantly, and at night some one sits up in his bedroom. The distracted father is utterly prostrated, and though his real condition has not been made known to the public, the information comes to the press through an unquestionable source that his mind has been seriously affected by the shock of bereavement. Chauncey M. Depew has been almost constantly at the Vanderbilt mansion since the young heir's death, and has been much in the company of the stricken father, in giving information to the press he has little to say concerning Mr. Vanderbilt's feelings. Dr. James McLane, the family physician, when asked about the reported mental derangement of Vanderbilt, said Mr. Vanderbilt is much prostrated and is a great sufferer, but it is not true that he has become deranged. He slept soundly last night from exhaustion, and there was no watcher in his room.

Ohio Waterspout.

NILES, May 27.—A waterspout burst over Kinsman, a small village twelve miles north of this city on the Pymatuning river yesterday. The water fell in torrents from four o'clock till a few minutes after six, and the small river overflowed its banks. Damages would have been comparatively trifling had not a dam about two miles above the village broke without warning, drowning six persons and destroying buildings, stock and crops.

Lead is by Temptation.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—One arrest for opium smuggling has been made on the Puebla, that of Mrs. Baenbach, stewardess of the steamer. One of the inspectors was ordered to watch the women connected with the steamer, as they had been on very friendly terms with the firemen and would probably try to smuggle opium, if there was any on board.

Plucky Women of Principle.

CHICAGO, May 27.—A standing offer of \$1,500 per month has been made to the directors of the Temperance temple for space in the marble corridor of the rotunda in which an elegant tobacco stand would be established. "Never!" said Mrs. Carse; "not if \$50,000 were offered." And all the women say "Amen."

An Old Swindle.

YUBA CITY, Cal., May 27.—An old, old trick of the swindler, was played upon an ignorant, but wealthy rancher, near here yesterday, and he was buncoed out of \$1,000 by confidence sharps.

Looking for a Collapse.

ROME, May 26.—The general opinion here is that the new ministry will fall within a week.

HIDES AND LEATHER.

Present Condition of the Leather Market Demoralizing.

South American Supply Cut Out.

Effect Which the Weather has Upon the Boot and Shoe Trade.

Tanners Afraid of Each Other.

The Bulls and Bears—Hides Advance While the Tanners Were in Convention.

The President's Statement.

Chicago, May 27.—The closing of the tanneries for sixty days because of an overproduction of leather recalls a previous effort of this kind and illustrates the method. Several years ago there was a meeting in Chicago which was attended by representative tanners from all over the United States. Prices were way down, and the tanners pledged themselves to do almost anything and everything to strengthen the leather market. The meeting no sooner adjourned than the tanners made their escape by every exit and bought up every hide in sight. They were afraid of one another. The effect of this was that the price of hides advanced 4 cents while the tanners were in the city. During the time they were in session some of the big packers opened a hall and entertained the tanners. Nothing was too good for them and the packers came out of the big end of the horn. But that there is cause for complaint this year there is very little doubt. The hide and leather market has never been in such a demoralized condition as at the present time. Not only are prices way down, but there is practically no demand for the articles, and the market is full in every department. There is no combination nor association among the dealers, and it is said there will probably never be one, for the reason that competition is close and the interests are so numerous that they could not be kept from clashing. The tanners are divided into four classes. They are the sole-leather manufacturers, uppers, belting and fancy leathers. The depression is in sole leather. There is one firm in Philadelphia manufacturing belting which consumes in one tannery a carload of hides every day. New England and the South are also large producers. The majority of hides which are used in the manufacture of sole leather are of South American growth. The native-grown hides which are used for that purpose are only from rangers and branded cattle. No South American hides are being bought in the markets now, and native-grown is so low that they will hardly bear transportation. The weather for the past few seasons has had a tendency to depress trade. At first thought that statement will probably appear absurd, but a little reflection will show its soundness. During mild weather people will wear old shoes. They are easy on the feet. If it rains and is not too cold those same shoes will be worn in increased numbers. But during dry cold weather people must wear good shoes. They must have good soles on them, and consequently new ones must be bought frequently. We have had no really cold weather for several seasons, and as a consequence people are wearing their old shoes. The effect of this has been to cause a falling off in the number of shoes manufactured and a corresponding decrease in the demand for leather with which to manufacture them.

An Indiana Storm.

BROWNVILLE, Ind., May 27.—A disastrous storm passed through Jackson county last night, and thousands of acres of wheat were destroyed by wind and hail. Much fruit was also destroyed. J. D. Johnson and Levi Miller, farm laborers, were killed by lightning.

Vanderbilt Buried.

NEW YORK, May 27.—The funeral services over the remains of W. H. Vanderbilt, oldest son of Cornelius Vanderbilt, were held today. The interment took place in the Moravian cemetery at New-dorp, Staten Island, the Vanderbilt burial ground.

Liberated too Late.

St. PETERSBURG, May 27.—Buyers cannot be found for Russian oats liberated by the withdrawal of the prohibition on exports. Foreign buyers appear to have supplied their wants in other markets.

The San Salvador Central American diet has signed a treaty of union and dissolved.

NEW STEEL STEAMERS.

Three Heavy Carriers on Light Draft Baptised This Week.

Special to THE CHRONICLE.]
Buffalo, May 28.—The steel steamer Condor, the largest grain carrying steamer yet built, was launched today at the works of the Union dry dock company. This is the third steel steamer launched this week. One at Toledo, the John S. Ketcham, launched at Craig's shipyard, is the first steel boat on the lakes built exclusively for the lumber trade. She will run from Lake Superior. One at Duluth, the whaleback steamer Samuel Mather, being the 22d of that peculiar style of boat now afloat. The Mather is designed to carry 100,000 bushels of wheat on 14½ feet, and 10,000 bushels additional for every additional foot. She will load wheat for Buffalo at once.

The President's Statement.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—In answer to several questions by the ubiquitous interviewer yesterday, President Harrison said: "I am too well acquainted with the meaning of the office of president of the United States not to understand the importance of the work to be done at Minneapolis. For myself I am not, to use a homely expression, a canine with a widely open mouth, ready to catch everything that comes. I have spent three very active years in the discharge of my public duties, during which period of time I have acted conscientiously and solely out of regard for my conception of the exigencies of the public service. I have made appointments as nearly as I could in accordance with my views of what was fitting. Of course there have been some disappointments. The task of filling public offices is so arduous that it can really be understood in its entirety by only the one on whom the responsibility rests. Disappointments sometimes cause discontent, and discontent may manifest itself; but I do not believe that individual disappointments will control the convention at Minneapolis. I have never announced myself a candidate, and I do not now. I did not in 1888 on the occasion of the Chicago convention. I make no such announcement. The convention at Minneapolis will assemble and take its own action. I am aware that I have been criticised for not calling on my friends and others for their support, but I have been disinclined to do so, and my feelings have undergone no change. My public and private records are known to the people, and whatever they wish will be manifested at Minneapolis. If the people, having in consideration the manner in which I have conducted the presidency, desire me, I presume they will signify their wishes. Meanwhile I have not, neither will I, proclaim my candidacy."

'To be Hated Must be Seen.'

PITTSBURG, May 27.—In the United Presbyterian general assembly this morning the committee on prevalent evils and means of reforming them, reported at great length on Sabbath desecration by railroads, newspapers, mails, secret societies, murder, divorce, social evil, theaters, church lotteries, gambling, etc. The report recommended the clergy to boldly and openly make themselves acquainted with these evils, in order to be able to effectually combat them.

Bisul Pardoned.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 27.—Arthur Bisul, who was sentenced to life imprisonment sixteen years ago for the murder of the city marshal at Bedford, was today pardoned by the governor. Bisul, is the man who broke his parole and fled to Mexico, where he led an upright life and grew wealthy as a physician under another name. He surrendered to the prison last week with the understanding that he should be pardoned.

Just Like the Dispatcher.

KINSMAN, O., May 27.—The cloud-burst reported yesterday from Niles, O., with loss of life and property, proves to have been a fake, just like the dispatcher, as nothing of the kind has occurred.

Hail in Spain.

MADRID, May 27.—Terrific thunder and hail storms are reported in various places in Spain. Losses in the vineyards are very heavy, and disastrous floods are expected.

Storm in Virginia.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 27.—A disastrous hail storm visited this section yesterday. Trees were cut to pieces and corn and fruit ruined. The farmers are discouraged.

An Australian agricultural paper makes note of immense increase in the number of sheep Australia in the last two or three years, and of the enormous development of the grazing capabilities of the country. The estimated number of sheep in Australia in 1892 is 60,000,000, against 31,000,000 in 1884.

PATRIOTIC ADDRESS.

America's Offensive and Defensive Powers Reviewed.

THE PEACEMAKER OF NATIONS.

Memorial Address by Ex-President

Hayes at Columbus, Ohio.

WHY OUR NAVY NEED NOT BELARGE

The Most Formidable Army the World Has Ever Seen—Our Recruiting Stations.

CHICAGO, May 31.—Of the many memorial addresses delivered in the United States yesterday, none could have been more patriotic than that of ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes at Columbus. Among other things he said: "The astounding progress of America during the war, and by reason of it during the last 27 years, has carried us forward and upward until we have reached a rank among nations so commanding that we ourselves can hardly realize either the privileges that are ours, or the responsibilities and the duties which those privileges impose upon us. It is our privilege to be without extensive and costly fortifications, because we do not need them. We have only a small navy because with our resources we are able, if need come, to subsidize the ships of almost all the other nations except those of the power with which we are at war. We have today the largest, cheapest, safest, most efficient and formidable army this world has ever seen. It consists of more than 10,000,000 educated men, who are not merely self-sustaining but who are engaged in the peaceful industry of civil life, constantly adding to our wealth and power. To keep this army up to its maximum strength, we have more than a quarter of a million schoolhouses under the old flag, every one of which is at once a fortress and a recruiting station for the army of this republic." He added: "This nation should be the peacemaker of the world. We could, better afford to suffer a wrong, especially when dealing with the weaker nations. America should engage in no war not absolutely forced on her, but once in it should cease only with the annihilation of the power that caused it, so that there never could be a repetition of the conflict with that nation."

The War Ship Oregon.

PORTLAND, May 31.—Now that the cruisers' attraction and decoration day ceremonies are ended the next idea here would be a celebration of the glorious Fourth, but as the pride of the city rests upon the exposition, more or less, it is thought the celebration will be omitted that people may be given a rest, and time to prepare the more effectually for the exposition. An attraction almost equal to the cruisers will be the model of the battle ship Oregon, which Supt. Mitchell has secured to be placed among the exhibits at Portland. The total measurements of this splendid miniature ship are: Length, 9 feet 7 inches, beam, 4 feet; and will weigh 1,200 pounds. It will not be completed before the latter part of August, when it will be shipped at once from Washington. It will be a perfect fac-simile of this, the greatest battle-ship in the United States navy in commission, under construction or contemplated construction. The guns, machinery and every detail will be completed on an exact scale.

Death of Bond.

BOSTON, May 31.—Geo. W. Bond, the celebrated wool expert, died in this city yesterday, aged 80 years. Mr. Bond was remarkable as an expert in wools, and was twice employed by the United States government to prepare standard samples of wool for the use of the customs officers. His report upon the classification of wools was recognized as the highest authority upon the subject.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Mob Law Rampart.

MORRISTOWN, Tenn., May 30.—Charles Weims, colored, is in jail here charged with attempting to assault a white woman at Chattanooga on May 19. That is a commonplace statement that covers an exciting experience. Weims was arrested immediately after the alleged assault and was jailed at Chattanooga. The next night a mob captured the jail, only to find that Weims had been spirited away. His whereabouts were unknown for 24 hours, when he was located at Nashville. Mob spirit became rampant and a second riot followed in the capital city, in which a dozen men were hurt, one seriously. The police forced the crowd back, while Weims in the garb of the jail cook, boldly walked out and joined the officers at the depot. Then began a race that outclasses anything ever seen in this state, in which the telegraph operators along the railroads joined in and, as far as possible, kept the town ahead informed. In five days he had traveled 1000 miles, saw over 200 mobs ready to lynch him, was refused admission to a score of jails, was attacked in three, went 24 hours without food, during which time he traveled 25 miles over the worst mountains in the state; was thrown from a train; was shot at and visited three states, and was so near two others that he could see them. If the story could be told with all its details, narrow escapes, exciting encounters, wild rides, lonely walks and agonies of suspense, it would outrival a novel. Weims claims the woman met him by appointment.

Farrington's Saginaw Deposit.

SAGINAW, Mich., May 31.—On Saturday \$2,000 in gold and silver was found in the cellar of a house in Midland that was once occupied by Hank Farrington. It is supposed the money was concealed by him in 1870. Farrington was a jeweler in Saginaw and neighboring towns for many years, and was suspected of being connected with a gang of counterfeiters. In October, 1874, a man named Stewart, living in Ausable, Mich., was murdered and robbed of several hundred dollars. Farrington was convicted of the crime and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. After serving some years he was pardoned and went back to Ausable, where an old indictment against him was revived. Being warned he embarked in a small boat with the intention of escaping to Canada, but the boat was capsized in a storm and Farrington was drowned. His son, a printer employed in a Saginaw newspaper office, will take steps to recover the buried treasure.

Slugging Match.

As showing the interest in a prize fight in London last night, at the national sporting club rooms, it is said that although the members of the club who had seats reserved subscribed from \$25 to \$500 for the privilege, and paid \$125 more for every guest introduced, the hall was crowded to its full capacity. According to social and sporting standards, a finer attendance never gathered to witness a prizefight. Almost every conspicuous sportsman in London was present. Most of the crowd were in evening dress. B. J. Angle, who refereed the Sullivan-Mitchell fight in France, was selected as the referee. Lord Londale introduced the principals in a neat speech, in which he said fair play would be given both men.

The State Grange.

ALBANY, Or., May 31.—The next annual session of the Oregon state grange will be held in The Dalles, at the session here were present. Resolutions were adopted favoring the free coinage of silver, property rights of women, reform in assessments and taxation, election of United States senators by direct vote, allowing women over twenty-one to remonstrate against the granting of a liquor license. It opposed congress appropriating money for the Nicaragua canal unless this country has control of the canal.

Pupils' View of the G. A. R. Work.

CHICAGO, May 31.—Trouble is expected in the Oak Park high school. The boys and girls were ordered to attend Saturday, and hear several G. A. R. posts conduct patriotic exercises. The pupils got mad and went on a strike. The G. A. R., orators accordingly repeated their orations to themselves, Principal Goddard, and the bare walls of the big building. One young man wrote a note stating that G. A. R. exercises tended to keep alive sectional feeling and were not true patriotism.