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IN THE TEXAS DESERT.

Want of Rain Converts Rich Prairies to a Glaring Waste.

NOT A DROP IN THREE YEARS FALLS

A Region Once Carpeted With Grass is Now as Bare as Glass.

AN APPEAL TO GOV. HOGG FOR AID.

Seeds Put into the Ground Two Years Ago Still Unsprouted—Minor Topics.

AUSTIN, Tex., July 1.—Gov. Hogg has been appealed to earnestly in behalf of the starving people of La Salle county, eighty miles southwest of San Antonio, on the Arkansas, International and Great Northern railway for aid to enable them to reach the cotton districts where they may find work. A call for food has been issued also. The appeal gives a hideous picture of the drought and desolation in that section. In three years it has not rained a drop. The prairies, once carpeted with rich grasses, are as bare as a billiard table. The streams have gone dry, and there is no water anywhere. For any distance as far as the eye can reach there is not a spot of green. The sun, reflected from the white earth, makes the glare and heat almost unbearable. Deer, turkeys and other wild animals have left. Even the familiar jack rabbit has disappeared. All the cattle and sheep have been sold and shipped into other states. Many of the Mexicans are cowboys or soldiers. They have no means of subsistence, and some of them have tried to farm it, but the seed sown two years ago remains unsprouted in the ground. From La Salle county alone 72,000 head of sheep have been removed.

American Tea.

Chicago Mail. The tea plant can be grown as well in many parts of the United States as in any district of China, and from experiments that have been made it is believed that the product is quite as good in this country as in the Flowery Kingdom. There is no probability that American tea will ever compete with the Chinese article, for the latter is manipulated by labor so cheap that Americans would starve to death on the wages. Until the American laborer can live on three or four cents a day no one need expect that tea will become an extensive article of production in this country.

The Tug of War.

Dallas Transcript. A number of Dallas' fair daughters have caught the bicycle habit and may be seen quarantined under the screening shadow of the ball ground and the dusk of evening, these times. They get along as well as anybody so long as their "habits" don't get wound up in a wheel, as one did the other night; then something has to give. "When Greek meets Greek, then comes the tug-off-etc." The "will" and the "wheel" of two untamable elements have found their affinity at last and (the man that wrote this item is dead and buried in the grave of his own ignominy.—Girl compositor.)

The Cascade Fishery.

Dispatch. The steamer Dalles City went down to Warren's cannery at Cathlamet Tuesday, and took on board 240,000 cans for Warren's cannery at Bonville. The reason of this transfer of cans is that but few fish are caught just now on the lower Columbia, while at cascades the fish wheels are catching the fish by the ton, which are strung on ropes and then fastened to barrels and allowed to float down the river, to be picked up by men on launches, who are on the look out for them.

All But the Big-Headed.

East Oregonian. Edward McKee has been named to represent Oregon, as a member of the democratic national committee. A wiser selection could not have been made. Mr. McKee is as fit for the place as Grover Cleveland is for president. He is big-brained, big-headed, big-limbed, big-hearted, and a democrat "to the manor born."

The Michigan Election Law.

DETROIT, July 1.—The state supreme court has granted a writ of error to the United States in the case of the Miner election law recently declared constitutional by the state court.

Telegraphic Flashes.

Rev. James Wilson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Visalia, Cal., was given 24 hours to leave town last night on account of immoral practices. He acknowledges his guilt. He is over 70 years of age, and was heretofore greatly esteemed. He left his family behind.

The boiler of a threshing machine blew up at Perkins, Cal., fatally injuring Ross Dinmore, fracturing the jaw and internally injuring Thomas Wallace and scalding fireman Johnson. The engine was an old one and had not been used for some time. The men knew it was dangerous and took it out in the field to try it.

The report of a cyclone near Belfontaine, Pa., on the 28th, says the path was 1,500 feet wide and six miles long, leveling everything in its course. Luckily there was no loss of life, but several houses were carried away and considerable damage done.

A scarlet fever epidemic prevails in London. The asylums board is causing huts to be hastily erected on the grounds of the hospitals for the reception of patients.

At a meeting of democratic women in New York yesterday the Frances Cleveland influence club was ushered into existence, its patron saint, Mrs. Ormsby enthusiastically declaring that "What the women did in 1890, the women will do again in 1892." Miss Sarah E. Fuller was made secretary of the meeting, and every attempt was made to keep the gathering a secret.

The Kansas republican state convention met in Topeka yesterday. The question which absorbs all others is the fight for the gubernatorial nomination between Morrill, Smith and Murdock. Committees were appointed, and a resolution of sympathy with Blaine and his family in their recent affliction was passed.

The Nebraska independent state convention met at Lincoln yesterday. The congressional districts will select four delegates each to the Omaha convention, now in session.

Elections in England start in with whoops, howls, and disorder. A mob at Lambeth yesterday handled Stanley and his wife shamefully. With the aid of the police, however, the disturbance was subdued, and by sheer power of lung and perseverance, Stanley was able to make himself heard for about twenty-seven minutes. Mrs. Stanley was hooted down. The instant she turned all restraint on the meeting vanished and the crowd became a hooting and fighting mob. Mr. Stanley hastily started with Mrs. Stanley for the door, and his supporters in the audience tried to hurry after him. They had to fight their way to the door through blows and abuse, most of them coming out with their hats smashed and their clothes torn. The mob broke through the doors of the hall with a rush and swept down on Mr. Stanley's carriage. He had barely got Mrs. Stanley inside when they were upon him. Somebody grabbed him by the arm to pull him back, but he tore himself loose, jumped in and slammed the door, and the mob followed, pulling at the carriage doors, and trying to stop the horses. They wrenched one door, but before they could do more the driver got his horses into a gallop, and was soon beyond their reach. Mrs. Stanley was badly frightened. She was almost in hysterics when she left the hall, and she screamed several times during the mob's attack upon the carriage.

A Possible Peter.

Telegram. Who is "Funk of Oregon?" The dispatches say such a man is an advance delegate to the Omaha convention, and that he is a Weaver man. Is it possible that Oregon has sent a delegate to that convention who is not for Oregon's governor for the presidential nominee? Mr. Funk, whoever he is, ought to have state pride enough to stick to Penoyer, first, last and between times. Especially when it is a fact that our governor would really be the strongest nomination the Omaha convention could make.

Blas't the Pipe.

Examiner. Astoria was not washed this morning. Manager Welch turned off the water before sleepers awoke, and said nothing about it. The air was blue with blessings for the water company. A call for lemonade at the bars in town was at the risk of the caller's life. Nobody got washed till noon. Cause burst-pipe.

Wipe it Off.

Chicago News. Now let that wretched wigwag be wiped off the face of the earth as soon as possible. It has been a disgrace to the community. No more wigwags for Chicago, if you please. Once is a dose.

TOLEDO CAPTIVATED.

A Wily Negro Represents Himself as a Favored Zulu Son.

HAS CONFEDERATES OUTSIDE.

They Capture the Plate While he is Captivating Hearts.

THE CHURCH ENTERTAIN UNAWARE

Son of a Negro Washerwoman in Milwaukee Does Them up in True Barbarian Styles.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 1.—A reckless colored fellow, the son of a washerwoman in this city, has been royally entertained of late in Toledo, where he represented himself to be the son of the Zulu king, Cetewayo, and the rightful heir to the throne of Zulu land. As soon as he struck Toledo he commenced giving lectures for the benefit, he claimed, of the heathen in Africa. Tip-top Tip was received with open arms by the church people of the city, and secured admittance by virtue of his princely attributes to some of the best families in the city. His curiosity to investigate the interior of the houses was supposed to be mere savage curiosity, and he was allowed perfect freedom. It now turns out that the wily Tip had two confederates. They are Walter Rice and Henry Wood. After Tip had located the houses, Rice and Wood got in their work as professional burglars, and the houses of the upper-ten have been systematically robbed of jewelry, money, etc., to the extent of thousands of dollars. The trio are under arrest.

Rev. Dr. Jackson Alive.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 1.—A dispatch from Carlisle, Pa., to parties in Alaska, says: Rev. Dr. Norcross has received a letter from Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson, superintendent of missions and government schools in Alaska, dated Oun-alaska, Alaska, March 23d, in which are the words: "We reached here yesterday, eight and a half days from Port Townsend. The Bear is coaling and hopes to get off for the seal islands Thursday. The Methodist mission is doing as well as could be expected. The reindeer we left here are alive and doing well." His letter was written four days after the alleged massacre was reported at Juneau. The reindeer referred to were imported from Siberia a year ago.

Fruit in Portland.

Dispatch. Berries and vegetables of all kinds are now in the market. The strawberry season is nearly over. Black berries both wild and tame, are to be had at fair figures. Raspberries sell at 7 and 8 cents per box. Cherries are abundant just now, but they do not appear to be of a prime quality. The market is stocked with oranges, bananas, and apricots from California which are in demand.

Ripe for Revolt.

Telegram. The talk of nominating Senator Stewart for president by the third party may be all talk, as in the case of Gresham, though it is known that he is ripe for revolt. He would not make a particularly strong candidate, except in the silver states, but would carry them.

Telegraphic Flashes.

The republicans of Kansas nominated Smith for governor on the fifth ballot. Robert F. Moore, of Butler county, was nominated for lieutenant-governor on the third ballot.

British liberals contend that Gladstone has vindicated the right and ability of the common people of Great Britain to control and direct the affairs of the nation. The Tories accuse him of raising a class issue and pandering to the popular prejudice against the rich and titled, in order to gratify his personal ambition, for power.

The Irish election rows are increasing in violence. The priests are taking a prominent part on the anti-Parnellite side, as in the Kilkenny and Sligo contests when Parnell was alive. This fact is being quoted in England to the disadvantage of the Irish cause, and substantiating the contention of the Ulster loyalists that home rule would mean government by the Catholic clergy.

DOWN AT ASTORIA.

Brilliant Prospects in Store For The City by the Sea.

From the Astorian.] The construction of the Astoria and Portland railroad is imparting new life to the districts which it will traverse. Capitalists are preparing schemes for the development of places around Astoria as well as those in the Nehalem valley. Mr. Ketchum and his associates have started the town of Milburn in the Nehalem valley and expect to make it a busy centre for the lumber business as well as for general trade. Messrs. Dwyer and Burke have acquired on satisfactory terms control of the coal, and petroleum rights at Verdonia. They have also a half interest in the town of Grand Rapids which occupies a fine location in the Nehalem valley. This townsite was selected some time ago by Mr. F. E. Habersham, the eminent railroad engineer, who is thoroughly conversant with the resources and needs of the valley. He visited New York recently with Mr. Dwyer and presented favorably to capitalists the undeveloped merits of the country tributary to Astoria as a place for profitable investments. Another operation connected with the railroad is the purchase of Tanzy point by Mr. Dwyer and associates from Capt. Flavel for \$350,000.

It is understood that Mr. Goss has a high opinion of that important locality and that he regards favorably plans by which it will be connected with the Astoria and Portland railway, which will in turn find there an important outlet for cultivating the export trade of the vast country which the railroad will traverse. Capitalists of great influence, as well as wealth, are interested with Mr. Dwyer in this enterprise, which includes control of 900 acres of terminal lands at Portland and embraces plans that may lead to large investments in and around Astoria, whose merits Mr. Dwyer has presented with much force and persistency. It is well known that Captain Flavel considers that he parted with the Tanzy point property too cheaply, and that if it were now in his hands he would ask a much higher sum.

In addition to these important undertakings which are designed to provide profitable opportunities for the investment of capital, other new enterprises are on foot. A hotel manager from Utah has offered to provide \$100,000 for a new hotel in case the people of Astoria take a like amount in stock. Steps have been taken by Mr. W. H. Smith to start pottery works on a large scale. The city will assume ownership of the water works tomorrow and will have important improvements therein. Mr. Trullinger and associates will erect soon the finest electric light station house in the northwest. Buildings and extensions involving a large outlay will be completed this season.

The shipping business of Astoria continues to make steady progress. The grain fleet this year will be the largest in number and tonnage that has ever visited the port. As soon as the railroad is completed to Portland steps will be taken to establish a steamship line to China and Japan. The improvements on the Columbia will give a strong impulse to the river traffic. Congress has made liberal provision for these works. In a recent speech Congressman Hermann said: "Take notice now, that we shall yet prevail. A few years more and the waters of the Columbia, from the head of navigation to the sea shall be free and unobstructed to transportation, and by the aid of the American congress the voice of the people shall prevail over all monopoly and individual greed." When the open river is an actual fact no place will benefit more readily than Astoria by the immense quantity of grain that will come here direct from the wheat fields for shipment.

A Little Complicated.

HARTFORD, July 2.—There were interesting developments here today in the Chicago breach of promise suit of Jessie Hall against James W. Paige, late of this city, in which the plaintiff claims \$950,000 damages. One George H. Hamilton has appeared here and claims that he was married to Jessie Hall July 23, 1891, at Mattone, N. Y. Hamilton says that Jessie's maiden name was Mollenhall and she is the daughter of a prelate at a monastery in Houston, Tex.

Dakota Gophers.

SANBORN, July 2.—The gopher plague is becoming a serious one. Hundreds of the little rodents are making inroads on Barnes county wheat fields, and if their career is not checked they are likely to cause serious damage to the growing crops. The extermination of gophers has been generally neglected during the last few years and now a serious problem confronts farmers. The county furnishes poison free of charge to all farmers wishing it.

WILSON CONFESSED.

The Outrageous Death of Mamie Walsh to be Avenge.

THE DEMON WHO DONE THE DEED.

He is Taken From the Oregon City Jail to Portland for Safety.

THE LAW WILL TAKE ITS COURSE.

One of the Most Revolting Murders of Modern Times, Charged Against Oregon.

OREGON, CITY, July 2.—The fiend in human shape known as George Wilson, who was the fourth person arrested on suspicion of the outrage and murder of Mamie Walsh near Milwaukee, in this county, last week, although known positively to be guilty of the revolting crime by a chain of convincing circumstances and his own final confession, is permitted to live, and must go through the formality of a trial before his miserable acts are avenged by his ignoble death at the end of a rope, at the expense of the people, in accordance with the decrees of justice. Well it is that this figure of our American institutions, Justice, appears bludgeoned before the eyes of the world. This demon hails from Iowa, and has been in this state about one month, but he has fixed upon Oregon one of the most revolting crimes of modern times. The gentle victim of his brutish passion is pounced upon while innocently picking berries in the vicinity of her home, and after being brutally outraged by the demon, her condition and resistance has made it such that to escape from his criminal conduct, he adds murder, in the most outrageous form. His arrest on suspicion is followed by an investigation which reveals circumstantial evidence of his guilt strong enough to convict him, and finally when he sees it is impossible to escape, in the hope of ameliorating the case against him confesses his crime in detail. The confession was obtained yesterday in jail in the presence of his brother Frank Wilson, Sheriff Samson, Joseph Purdon and C. H. Dye. It was taken down in writing and signed by Wilson. Subsequent to this confession Justice Fouts went to the jail and held the preliminary examination, C. H. Dye appearing for the state. After the reading of the information he waived examination, and was held for the murder without bonds. The trial ended at 2 o'clock, and arrangements were immediately made to take him to Portland by boat. He was hurried from the rear door of the jail just before the boat landed from up the river, no one being aware either that he had confessed or of the intention to take him away; so there was no crowd present and but few spectators to the removal. At 2:35 he was hurried away in charge of officer Samson, Purdon and Morris.

Let all be Patriotic.

Some people seem to think; but they are few, thanks; that because Decoration Day comes first on the calendar the Fourth of July celebrations should be dropped out. NEVER! Half a century ago the Fourth of July came but once a year. Since the rise of Memorial day it comes around no less frequently, and it is useless for the antiquarian to protest. The Veterans of the Revolution are no longer here to plead with silent eloquence for memories once paramount with the Nation. It is true a new and stirring drama has come upon the stage; one in which the present generation plays a part; but time and memory forbid that the old order changeth for the new. They are similar in but one single respect—patriotism. And the celebration of each has its distinct sentiment. What? forget the Fourth of July! As well forget the maternal breast which cherishes infancy.

The Wigwag Goes.

CHICAGO, July 2.—A gang of men are busily at work since yesterday tearing down the convention wigwag and within ten days all signs of the famous building where the stirring eloquence of many of the democracy's greatest orators moved thousands to enthusiasm will have disappeared. By terms of the contract all the salvage goes to the contractors, A. M. Allen & Co., who erected the structure, an allowance of \$8,000 being made in the contract price for the same. "We are under a forfeit of \$500 a day to the city for every day after the 10th of July limit if any part of the building material is on the ground." Said Mr. Allen yesterday, "and though the job is a big one I guess it will be done on time. The 23,000 chairs are not out yet, and as soon as they are we will at once commence taking off the roof and begin working three shifts of men." One of the amusing features of the work now proceeding is the diligence with which the various entrances are guarded against intruders. "Why," said Mr. Allen, "there has been thousands of people here today, who wanted to get a chip or a nail from the speaker's stand. For a fact, some of these relief-seekers had the nerve to bring saws with them and would have sawed out whole planks and carted them away."

Gresham the Favorite.

OMAHA, July 2.—The report that Judge Gresham has declined to allow his name to be used before the national convention of the peoples party, is denied by Hon. C. A. Powers chairman of the Indiana delegation. Mr. Powers says "he cannot decline anything which has never been offered him. He has been visited by committees, it is true, but they were merely conferring with him and had no authority to act. I think I know as much about Judge Gresham's attitude on the question of his candidacy as any man, as I was the first to approach him, and I have a letter with me now from him, written last February in answer to one I wrote him. He has not declined, and I think he will be nominated by acclamation and elected." Mr. Powers adds: "The country is on the eve of a political revolution. We are going to have 1890 repeated, so far as breaking up and reforming parties is concerned, and there is no man living today who can so stir the laboring masses and the poor man as Gresham can. He is another Lincoln in the sense that he is a man of the people."

On the other hand it is said chairman Orr, of the Colorado delegation will carry in his pocket a letter from Judge Gresham, in which the latter, in the most positive terms, declares that he will not be a candidate for president on the people's or any other ticket. He authorizes Judge Orr to withdraw his (Gresham's) name should it be presented to the convention. The letter was written about two weeks ago. Judges Orr and Gresham were schoolmates. The coast delegates favor the name of Stewart, while those from Colorado, Utah and Arizona will urge the name of ex-Governor Adams, of Colorado.

Senatorial Antagonisms.

The Walla Walla Union pleading for the lakes Washington and Union scheme, says "both that and The Dalles project will add to the population and the greatness of the Pacific Northwest." True enough; and both might have succeeded, perhaps but for the unfortunate circumstances attending the hostility of Washington senators. It is to them the defeat of both measures must be attributed. THE CHRONICLE recognizes the Union as an unremitting laborer for years for an open Columbia river, and while the world generally regards Washington as the greatest beneficiary for an open Columbia river, circumstances force the conclusion that as a state, looking for the greatest good to the greatest number, her interests have been grossly, if not willfully neglected, for the private interest of her chosen public servants in at least the upper house of congress.

Bryant's Mistake.

Spokane Review. Bryant made a mistake when he wrote "Thanatopsis." The famous lines ought to read, "Where roll lake Union and Swinomish slough and know no sound save their own dashing."

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

Royal Baking Powder

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