

ROTHSCHILD HEARD.

His Proposal on the Silver Subject Submitted to the Meeting.

EACH GOVERNMENT IN THE SCHEME

Purchases to be Made by the Various Treasuries by Agencies.

ARCHBISHOP WALSH'S ADVOCACY

A Matter of Imperative Necessity to Save the Irish Tenant From Inevitable Ruin.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Brussels dispatches give Rothschild's proposal in the silver conference in full. He does not claim that his proposals prove the final solution of the question, but they would prove palliative if summed up. His proposals are that America continue its purchases of silver and the European powers buy an amount equal to \$5,000,000 a year for five years at 43d. If silver should rise above that price the purchases are to be immediately suspended. Great importance attaches to the proposal, as it means that English \$5 notes will be payable in silver. It is reported that under the scheme to be formulated by Rothschild each government represented in the conference will be associated in the purchase of silver to the minimum amount of \$5,000,000, and is to take a fixed proportion of this amount at a limit of forty-three pence per ounce, the purchases to be made direct by the treasuries of the various countries through the agency of financial institutions.

Archbishop Walsh, in the course of an interview declared the adoption of bimetalism a matter of imperative necessity to save the Irish tenants from inevitable ruin. It was disheartening, the archbishop added, to find no interest taken in the question by leaders of the Irish parliamentary party. If things go on as they are, even the excellent land purchase scheme may become, before many years, a source of widespread disaster to the purchasers under it.

Explosion Under Water.

Chicago Herald. A remarkable subterranean explosion occurred a few nights ago in a hollow on the farm of Marshall Fuller, a mile west of Leadville, Ind. The explosion took place about 10 o'clock, and it being only a few yards from Fuller's house, he soon reached the spot. He said that the rocky bottom of the brook which rippled along near the steep hillside was lifted several feet in the air for a distance of 50 feet up and down the stream. After several minutes subsided to its original position. Several feet back in the hill could be heard a rumbling noise which continued for about 14 hours. Other explosions followed, which sounded like the breaking in two of heavy timbers, and these were succeeded by a loud noise as if of escaping steam. An odor like that of natural gas is noticed, although the place is more than a hundred miles from the gas belt. The effects of the explosion are plainly visible. For 50 feet the solid bed rock of the stream is shattered and huge slabs several feet in circumference are shattered on either side.

Shops at Roseburg.

Roseburg Review. The S. P. Co. are gradually moving their repair shops to Roseburg. Some time since their machinery was moved up from Junction, and now their blacksmith shop has been brought down from Grant's Pass. Tuesday a car load of the machinery arrived, and of course, the men employed in it will come too. This will necessitate the enlarging of their round house and machine shops here to double their present size, a move which they have had in contemplation for some time.

Judge Stearns' Illness.

Telegram. Judge Loyal B. Stearns expects to leave for Southern Oregon next Saturday evening, where he will probably remain about a week and then he may go to California, returning home in about a month. "I have secured a promise from Judge W. L. Bradshaw, of The Dalles, to sit for me for two weeks," said Judge Stearns this morning, "and when he leaves Judge J. C. Fullerton, of Roseburg, will take the bench and remain in my place till I return. I am feeling some better than I did, but find there is plenty of room for improvement."

"Can't Live Without Cocks."

Argonaut. On a celebrated occasion in Vienna, when there was much excitement in all the European courts over affairs of international moment, the French ambassador was suddenly recalled by his government. "It is a very grave affair, is it not?" Prince Metternich was asked by a lady at a court ball. "This recall of the ambassador? Not so very grave, I assure you, madam," the prince responded. "As it would have been if it had been the French ambassador's cook who was recalled. The ambassador can easily be replaced, but not his cook."

FREIGHT RATES AND LAW.

Readjustment of Rates Expected by The 15th of December.

(From The Spokane Review.)

The Great Northern is now at work upon its transcontinental freight schedule. It is understood that the schedule is almost complete, and that it will be submitted to the other transcontinental companies about the 15th of December, and probably be given to the public before the first of the year. That Spokane will derive immense benefit from the readjustment of rates is generally conceded. The only question now is regarding the extent of the reduction. Officers and agents of the Northern and Union Pacific admit that rates will be lowered to Spokane, but say that the reduction will not be so considerable as to give us terminal rates. On the other hand President Hill and his associates have repeatedly said that the Great Northern would more than meet the expectations of Spokane, and that the new tariff sheet will be based upon the relative principle. This is thought by many to mean a mileage rate proportionate to the service.

Certainly the people of the interior will not rest content with anything short of terminal rates. The existing conditions are irrational and burdensome, contrary to law and at variance with the principles of commerce existing since the first organization of society. The cold proposition that a common carrier may charge one shipper higher rates for minimum service than it charges another shipper for maximum service has been tolerated only as baronial robbery was tolerated, because the baron was all-powerful and the minion entirely at his mercy. It is contrary to the spirit of our institutions, and can never find a permanent lodgment in this country, where the higher law is based upon pure reason and justice. It cannot be crystallized into higher and enduring law for the simple reason that it is both unreasonable and unjust. Already the preponderance of judicial decision is against it, and the question has only to come before the supreme court of the United States to be determined permanently in favor of the interior communities.

It is not likely, though, that the railroad will permit the existing burdens to continue until overthrown by the highest court. If that were done they would become liable under the interstate commerce law for heavy penalties for unlawful exactions since the passage of that act. Rather than risk so much upon a proposition so untenable, and rather than continue the unprofitable competition with the sea-carriers, they will probably agree to the readjustment proposed by the Great Northern. Meanwhile the people of the interior will await with intense interest the official announcement of the readjustment.

Properly Sized Up.

Astoria Examiner. The Dalles CHRONICLE reported the most outrageous treatment to shippers of freight to that city and the Inland Empire by the U. P. company during the recent blockade near Bonneville. All efforts to induce that company to get freight to its destination, when it could be sent by The Dalles, Portland and Astoria Navigation company, failed, and those awaiting their goods had to suffer the delay and endure the insolence of the company's manager. All sorts of promises and disgraceful tricks were used to hog the business and continue delay. This is about the size of the U. P. It is a grasping, grinding, unconscionable monopoly, unfit to be in the business of a common carrier, and unworthy of a foot of ground to do its business in the state. Astoria has had its bellyful of it, and will feel relieved when some other line knocks it out.

Quite an Eventful Life.

WOOSTER, O., Nov. 28.—William Wilson, son of T. S. Wilson, a Methodist minister, liberally educated and tenderly reared, left here for Missouri in 1859. He soon married a daughter of Senator Clymer. Since then nothing has been heard from him and he has been mourned as dead. Word is just received that he is in prison in Texas, convicted of horse-stealing. Since his conviction he confessed his identity, and says further he served in the Confederate army during the war, was sent on a private mission to the north by Jefferson Davis, and after the death of his wife and children joined the band of the notorious Younger brothers. He was also associated with the James brothers. He became remorseful, went to Texas and was ordained a preacher in the Christian church. While in holy orders he borrowed a horse, sold it and was convicted.

The French Cabinet.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—An interpellation was submitted in the chamber of deputies, asking why the government did not enforce the law providing for an autopsy in the case of the sudden death of Baron Reinach, the banker, supposed to have committed suicide as a result of the damaging exposure in the Panama canal management. Instead of responding, Prime Minister Loubet asked the chamber to observe the order of the day pure and simple. The chamber rejected the request, and tendered their resignations to President Carnot. He accepted the resignations, but asked them to remain in office till their successors were appointed.

THE CANADA PACIFIC.

Ottawa Opposes the Plan of the Gift of the Intercolonial.

FAST STEAMERS ON THE ATLANTIC

A Project Which has Created Widespread Alarm in Both Parties.

GIFTS ALREADY UP IN MILLIONS

The Opposition Will Prepare for a Formal Demonstration as Soon as Parliament Meets.

VICTORIA, Nov. 29.—Ottawa dispatches show that there is widespread opposition to a proposal to give to the Canadian Pacific railway the Intercolonial railway, which cost \$50,000,000. In return the Canadian Pacific railway will provide, in conjunction with the fleet on the Pacific, an Atlantic steamship service as fast as the lines running to New York. The Intercolonial has been managed for 20 years at an annual loss of \$100,000. It runs from Point Levis, opposite Quebec, to Halifax, a distance of 1186 miles. Besides this free gift, the Canadian Pacific expects an annual subsidy of \$500,000 or \$750,000 for the steamship service. This project has created widespread alarm in both political parties. President Van Horn, of the Canadian Pacific, has already testified that the federal gifts of money and land awarded to the line from Vancouver across the continent and through Maine to the Atlantic seaboard are equivalent to many million dollars. If the steamship service was established in conjunction with the transcontinental road, all healthy competition would be destroyed. What to do with the Intercolonial is, however, a perplexing question. Several members of parliament favor intrusting its management to an independent commission. Mr. Schrieber, chief engineer of government railways, in his recent evidence before the civil service commission, said the road did not pay because political considerations dominated all who were concerned in the undertaking. Opposition to any transfer to the Canadian Pacific will be made as soon as parliament meets.

The Polysyllabic Pet.

The chrysanthemum would be all right if its name could be abbreviated about seventy-five per cent. Henry Winter tells of his success, at his Columbia river home, in the following note: "In your recent account of the Chrysanthemum show, I see no account of the prize-taking plants. Can you not furnish your readers some of those descriptions? I have one in full bloom that has 1,080 flowers and about half as many more buds. It is of the Puritan variety and was started from a single sprout seventeen months ago. It is three feet high and three feet in diameter, with a rounding top that is almost a solid mass of bloom. The flowers will average 1 1/2 inches across, are extremely double, with a corn-colored center. The petals are uniform, short and spatulate, white as snow, with an occasional flower tinged with purple pink. The plant is an object of curiosity and admiration for the people of this neighborhood and I am anxious to know how it would compare with the prize-winners."

Life And Hope.

Astorian. We are enabled to make the important announcement that a contract has been signed with Col. Blackman for the building of the Goble railroad; that is, the 57 miles of track along the Columbia river that are needed to connect Astoria with the Northern Pacific. Col. Blackman agreed to build the railroad provided the promised land subsidy is made up. Immediate steps will be taken to make up the land subsidy, to comprise about 2,000 acres. According to the terms of the agreement, the construction of the road will proceed as soon as word is telegraphed that the subsidy has been subscribed.

Mills Re-Election Sure.

HOUSTON, Texas, Nov. 28.—Eighty-eight members-elect of the legislature have answered the query of the Post as to their choice for senator that they are unqualifiedly for Roger Q. Mills. This assures the re-election of Senator Mills with eight votes to spare. The Post received answers from 96 of the 259 members; of those yet to be heard from a majority, it is believed, support Mills.

Not Yet Captured.

TACOMA, Nov. 28.—The train robbers have not been captured. Sheriffs Woolery and Price both think they are working on right clews. Woolery's posse has moved its headquarters from Hot Springs to Palmer.

Death of General Custer's Father.

MONROE, Mich., Nov. 28.—Emanuel Custer, father of the late General George Custer, the famous cavalry leader, died at Harrisonville yesterday.

CHASED BY COUGAR.

An Exciting Incident Recorded by Juniper Flat.

Mr. Samuel Patterson has charge of two cougar, which were captured by a late arrival from the east, and while in the act of feeding them, they became enraged and jumping out of the cage, which was a frail affair, made of pine slats, they started for Mr. Patterson, who took to his heels, and made straight for the nearest juniper tree, which he climbed in great haste. It not being out of the cougar's line of business to climb, they too ascended the tree. Just at this stage of the game Mr. Patterson's screaming for help could be heard for miles, and the gentleman who captured the cougars happened to be on the ranch and hastened to the scene with a Winchester rifle in hand, with which he commenced firing. At three shots both cougars rolled to the ground dead. Mr. Patterson could stand the strain no longer; his eyes commenced to roll, and he fell to the ground unconscious. A little cold water is quickly administered and he returns to the land of the living. In regaining consciousness, he looked around and seeing the two cougars lying prostrate on the ground, he drew a long deep sigh of relief, staggered to his feet with the aid of his friend and took refuge in the house. Though not seriously ill, he is still very weak, and remains within doors by the orders of his family physician.

Spraying is Essential.

Hillsboro Independent. The idea seems to prevail quite extensively among the apple growers of Oregon and Washington that it is useless to attempt to save apples from the ravages of the codlin moth by spraying. Correspondents have in two or three instances lately, written letters claiming that no practical good results come from such spraying. These writers seem to forget that apples are raised and the codlin flourishes in a great many other places as well as in the Pacific northwest and that the orchardists of the leading apple growing districts do save a very large proportion of their apples from the ravages of the codlin moth by spraying with arsenites. What can be done elsewhere can be done here and, in fact, is done here. Reports have been made by a number of fruit growers in Oregon who have saved the greater part of their fruit by spraying. The reports of the results of the experiments at the Oregon Agricultural college have never been contradicted, and Prof. Washburn reports that they have saved 85 per cent of their apples by spraying this year. The proposed plan of trapping the worms of the codlin moth is an excellent one as far as it goes, and ought to be universally adopted. Until it is universally adopted and followed it will be necessary to spray the fruit because the moths which lay the eggs will not confine their operation to the orchard in which they developed but will fly also to the orchards in which all the worms have been trapped.

In No Mood For Sympathy.

Chicago Tribune. The milkman gathered himself up from the ruins of his demolished wagon, scraped the whitish gray mud from his clothing, smoothed out the dents in his hat, wiped from his whiskers the dripping fluid that had drenched his face when the catastrophe came, gave one glance at the runaway horse disappearing down the street, surveyed the dirty white puddles that represented his stock in trade, and turned to the crowd: "All I've got to say," he observed, rolling up his coat sleeves and speaking in the tone of a man accustomed to calling cattle, "is that the first-son-of-a-gun that says a word about its being no use crying over spilt milk is going to get his blamed head punched!"

The Comet Disappearing.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Professor J. K. Rees of the Columbia college observatory was busy watching the comet to-night and also on the lookout for meteoric showers. At 9:30 o'clock he said the comet was scarcely visible and rapidly disappearing straight above the earth. "Tomorrow night," said Professor Rees, "I expect a brilliant display of falling meteors and probably on Monday night also. The best time to see the heavenly display is between the hours of 12 and 2 a. m., though it may commence earlier."

While There is Life There is Hope.

East Oregonian. It looks as if the Indian depredation claims presented by residents of this locality, which have been hanging fire for a long time and have occasioned the visits of several government agents to Pendleton, will soon be settled by Uncle Sam. It is reported that several parties are receiving vouchers, which, after being duly signed, will be followed by warrants. The names of two were learned. Last Saturday Frank S. Landry received a voucher for \$941. During the Indian war of 1878 the redskins destroyed his house and all its contents. He was then residing on Owen's creek, about midway between Willow Springs and Beasley's mill. Mr. Landry found it convenient to be absent about the time the Indians made their informal call. G. D. Richardson is also in receipt of a voucher. He will be paid about \$200 for property which the savashes confiscated.

THE BERLIN CONGRESS.

Better Feeling Reported to Exist Amongst the Members.

AMERICAN MEMBERS SATISFIED.

Committee Appointed to Consider Rothschild's Proposals.

CONSERVATIVE ENGLISH VIEWS.

They Cannot Afford to Ignore the United States in the Matter of Buying Silver—Other News.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Brussels dispatches announcing the committees made up to consider proposals in the international monetary conference quote various plans, and intimate that that of Rothschild's stands the best show of adoption. Of the committee that will consider the proposals, five members are avowed bimetalists, six monometalists, and one doubtful. The committee will sit twice each day. Should Rothschild's proposals be accepted by the committee they would then be referred for adoption or rejection to the conference and the governments represented, with the modifications suggested by the schemes of Levi and Soether. One of the modifications will undoubtedly be that all gold coins below the value of 20 francs will be withdrawn from circulation and be replaced by silver notes.

With the prospect of an early agreement being achieved, nobody now talks of a failure of the conference, which at first was the only prediction made as to the outcome of the meeting. So rapidly has the optimistic feeling grown, it is reported the conference will likely conclude its labors next week. It was said last week the session would last till after Christmas. The American delegates have strong reasons to be satisfied with the recognition of the advocates of monometalism and the seriousness of the danger arising from a further fall in silver. They are disposed to support Rothschild's proposals on the principle that half a loaf is better than no bread.

The Indian delegates are also pleased with the proposals, as they will assist the conclusions of the Indian currency committee, and their acceptance will free India from the fear of a large fall in silver. The American delegates believe the continuous absorption of 30,000,000 ounces of silver by the European powers would bring about artificially a condition of the silver market which international bimetalism could establish permanently and scientifically for life. The delegates are combining some pleasure with work. An interchange of dinners proceeds almost nightly. At the conclusion of the conference the burgo-master contemplates giving a grand municipal ball in honor of the delegates.

The London News speaking of the conference says Rothschild's plan, "which seems to have saved the conference from collapsing, turns out to be a mild palliative and in no wise heroic. Theoretically it would be best to let silver alone, but when we find Rothschild trying tooth and nail to prevent a collapse of the conference, it may be supposed such a result would be disastrous. We cannot suppose it will be remotely suggested that \$5 notes will be made redeemable in silver. The most striking part of the plan is the implied belief of first-class financiers that unless something is done America will discontinue the purchase of silver. America is, perhaps, the richest country in the world and cannot be ignored. Were she to sell silver we might be compelled to close the Indian mints, and even then we might be terribly hampered if America raised a big gold loan. It is not to England's interest to precipitate a currency crisis in America. The disturbance of trade would amount to a catastrophe."

A Scheme to Release Ryan.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 29.—The state senate today issued a bill taking from the judge the power of imprisoning for contempt. It will be bitterly fought in the house. The bill is intended to open the jail doors for Stephen Ryan, who has been locked up nearly a year for contempt of court. Ryan succeeded his father in business some years ago, and after a very rapid career, failed for over \$1,000,000. When the case got into court, Judge Gober decided that Ryan had kept back \$120,000 from his creditors, and sent him to jail for refusing to produce the missing assets. The judge has been re-elected for four years, and Ryan's friends are trying to obtain legislative relief for the young merchant. Many of Ryan's creditors are New Yorkers.

The New French Cabinet.

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Blaine is Improving.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—It is said at Blaine's residence this morning that he continues to improve. There has been no set-back since the first, and at the present rate of discovery, he will be able to ride out as soon as the weather becomes fair.

Storm Spoils Cleveland's Sport.

EXMORR, Vt., Nov. 29.—A storm of unusual violence prevents Cleveland from gunning today.

Chronicle Snap Shots.

What can be more heady than a donkey? The song of the busy bee is "Hum, Sweet Hum." It is always right to take back your own lie. It belongs to you. Every man enjoys a reputation of some kind if it is only for indolence. No man can live by guesswork alone except the lucky fellows who coach the "bookies." When a person is heels over head in debt he wears brand-new \$7 shoes and a stovepipe hat. When a man declares that he will give somebody as good as he sends he means that he will give him as bad as he sends. The day is now divided into eight hours for chin music and eight hours for working the rabbit foot. There is one good thing about Boston beans, people who subsist upon them rarely eat much. One dry bean goes a long way, even with a hungry poet. "When you have learned to paint well, my daughter," said the proud mother, "you may paint a large picture of the jack of trumps for your father's office." A string around the finger will not cure your husband's forgetfulness. If you want your letter posted pin a fresh rosebud in his button hole and put him on the back. When a preacher alludes to the golden rule these days all the silver men declare that he is dragging the church down into politics and in an infernal agent of Wall street. There is a never-failing test by which you may determine your own moral condition. If you find yourself inclined to believe all the good you hear about others and to discredit the bad you are in no immediate danger. If you find yourself inclined to believe every evil report and to disregard the good you have black devils in you by the bushel.

He Needs Information.

The Eastern Oregon papers are calling for the scalp of the chemist of the State Agricultural college, and well they may when he shows his ignorance so far as to state that that section is principally good for raising gas brush. Had he gone to the trouble and visited that portion of our state he would have found the finest wheat fields in the union, many producing from forty to sixty bushels to the acre. He would also have found within three miles of The Dalles, the finest vineyards, small berries and fruit orchards that he ever beheld. We know these facts from personal observation. On one of our visits to The Dalles, we were driven out to view three miles with several others to view the products of the hills, and found the gardens ripe with fruit of every kind and bushels of grapes upon single vines. Melons weighing thirty pounds and more raised upon hills 600 feet above the level of the city which had not a drop of water from April to October. The fruit trees so full that they had to be relieved of their heavy load to prevent them from breaking down, and vegetables of every description so abundant and large that they challenged the admiration of all who saw them. The soil of that section will produce anything that is planted, and with irrigation, in such abundance as no other section can equal. Even the sand beds along the Columbia river seem to be productive, and some of the finest peach orchards are along the railroad to be seen anywhere. We are not surprised, in view of these facts, that the press of that section is demanding the decapitation of this "learned" gentleman, who seems to be entirely out of place as authority upon the productiveness of Eastern Oregon.—Portland Dispatch.

One Killed and One Wounded.

CALIENTE, Cal., Nov. 29.—News is received of a tragedy at Kernville, growing out of claims to a rich gold mine recently discovered there. The Gibson brothers, who discovered the mine, gave a half-interest therein to the Burton brothers on condition that the latter would develop the mine. It is claimed the Burton boys took out papers alleging sole ownership and took possession of the claim. On Sunday evening the Burtons were shot from ambush by unknown parties. Fletcher Burton was killed and his brother mortally wounded.

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