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PACIFIC COAST

Santa Barbara to Construct a Boulevard.

RAINS DELAYED BY SNOW.

A \$400,000 Fire at Tombstone, A. T.—

The Mine Paid Dividends to the Amount of \$2,000,000.

A gang of boy burglars has just been broken up at Tucson.

Los Angeles is to have another Republican morning journal.

Virified paving bricks are to be manufactured at Los Angeles.

The choir of the Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City is 300 strong.

Snowdrifts in Eastern Oregon are causing delays to the trains.

Santa Barbara has voted \$70,000 to construct a beach boulevard.

Borax is a mile in length, half a mile in width and eight feet thick having been discovered near Ellensburg, Wash.

The rain gives assurance of abundance of feed on the ranges, and the prospects for grain are very bright. The season opens auspiciously.

The indications are that the Miners' Convention for the 23rd of January in San Francisco will be the largest ever held in California.

The orange crop in the south has suffered but little from the freeze. The cold wave ran in streaks. The people have recovered from their scare.

Andrew J. Drusey, a stage robber, is at Tucson under arrest, having been brought from Mexico. He is believed to have robbed the Casa Grande stage two years ago.

By direction of the Acting Secretary of War, Ordain a Sergeant George W. Wells, now at the Presidio of San Francisco, has been ordered to proceed to Fort Cocker, Mont.

When the Southern Pacific Company completes its Coast line, passengers for Santa Barbara will go via Santa Monica, instead of Newhall, the distance being twenty-nine miles less by the new route.

Fred Brubrooke, a San Jose clerk, is said to have skipped owing to complications of a matrimonial nature. He is a married man, and had engaged himself to marry a young lady of San Jose this week.

L. W. Kennedy of Oakland is an applicant for a place on the Interstate Commerce Commission and has sent to the President a great pile of recommendations, which he hopes will have their weight.

Thomas Hill, alias Frank Smith, awaiting trial on the charge of attempting to murder Constable Adams in Tulare City, broke jail Monday night at Visalia by cutting the bolts of his cell and digging through the outer brick wall.

Three hundred representatives of hydraulic, drift and quartz miners assembled in San Francisco, to organize and organize a County Miners' Association. Delegates were chosen for the San Francisco convention, and resolutions adopted favoring the construction of dams by the government, and changes in the mining laws to simplify the method of obtaining patents.

The Special Council Committee on Water at Los Angeles has adopted the report of the City Engineer recommending the construction of a complete water system for the city, to cost about \$2,000,000. The plan includes the delivery of water on three levels, the water being pumped to an elevation sufficient to give a pressure for fire purposes.

Pensions have been granted as follows: California—Original, Franklin, Or., John F. Adams, Samuel P. Woolper, Chas. W. Sutherland; renewal and increase, Francis G. Hooper, increase, August Steiner, original, widows, etc., Margaret McEhin, minors of Clayton Curry, Samuel Erwin (father), Caroline Horn, Oregon—Original, Pratt R. Skinner, Austin Tolan, Coleman D. Winn; additional, Charles A. Sweet.

The Los Alamos, Ventura county (Cal.) Central says it has produced 2,000 bushels this year. It took 31,000 sacks to hold the crop and they will fill about 13 cars, on the average of ten tons to the car. This will make eight or nine trains of beans. But this is only from one ranch. The railroad company expects to handle 1,500 carloads of beans on the Ventura division this year, which at \$22 per ton if shipped East, means \$137,000 in their cash account.

A fire recently at Tombstone, A. T., completely destroyed the works of the Constitution mine and the adjoining branch of the railroad company, excepting the main line. The mine has not been worked for about five years, though the company has kept watchmen on the premises day and night since the mine was shut down. The loss to the company will probably exceed \$400,000, which is only covered by a very small insurance in San Francisco companies. The mine was one of the best in that vicinity, having paid dividends to the amount of \$2,000,000 in five years of its operation. The owners of the mine are California capitalists.

The United States steamer Ambatross arrived at San Francisco the other morning from Honolulu. The steamer has been engaged in surveying the line of a cable from there to the Hawaiian Islands, and reports that a practicable route has been found. The route has not yet been wholly surveyed, but enough soundings have been taken to learn that it is entirely practicable. At Monterey was found the best place to land a cable on this side. There is a gully extending up the bay, gradually shallowing from the entrance to the shore, and the landing there will be comparatively easy. At Honolulu the finding of a landing place was not so easy. The islands are of a volcanic origin, and rise abruptly out of the water, rendering a gradual approach to the land almost impossible. After repeated soundings, however, a place was found that would answer the purpose. This place is a suburb of Honolulu named Wilkiki, and about four miles south of the metropolis of the islands.

EDUCATIONAL.

Oberlin Gets a Bequest of \$61,000—A Chautauqua Class of 15,000 Students.

There are 208 students from North America at the Berlin University.

There are 487 schools in Irkutsk, Siberia. The population of Siberia is nearly 900,000.

Oberlin College recently received a bequest of \$61,000 by the late William B. Spooner.

Trustees of Washash College, Crawfordville, Ind., have practically decided against co-education.

Twenty-three students of the State Normal School at Cortland, N. Y., have been suspended for hazing.

The entering Chautauqua class, which is to pursue a three-year's course, comprises 15,000 students.

The University Settlement Society of New York has formed a permanent organization with President Seth Low of Columbia College, President.

The stock dividend of 20 per cent. recently declared by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company will net to the John Hopkins University about \$60,000.

The Woman's College of Baltimore is to have two new buildings, one for general college instruction, the other for dormitories. The cost will be \$15,000.

Among the great teachers in University Extension occur the names of John Ruskin, Dante Rossetti, P. J. Furnival, Prof. F. Maurice and Thomas Hughes.

It is said that Professor Charles James Capen, principal or master of the Boston Latin School, has not missed being at his post on account of sickness a single day in forty years.

According to the latest statistics, to every 10,000 inhabitants there are in Russia 9.9 professional scholars; in Germany 48.1; in Austria, 58.9; in Italy, 51.2; in France, 42.5; in Belgium, 82.3; in Holland, 4.4; in Sweden, 59.4 men and 5.2 women; in Denmark, 47.1; in Norway, 76.5; in Switzerland, 57.4.

The northwest provinces of Canada have made beautiful provision for the education of the multitude of people who are expected to some day occupy this now somewhat lonesome expanse of territory. Saskatchewan has set apart 3,948,000 acres of land for the maintenance of public schools; Assiniboia, 8,040,000, and Alberta, 3,240,000.

They have been holding a bazaar in Philadelphia for one of the principal institutions of the city, the Teachers' Amusement Fund. The fund was only \$35,000, but \$100,000 is expected from the bazaar; it will become operative in 1894, when worn-out teachers will be pensioned from it. Many Philadelphia teachers are members of the fund association and pay 2 per cent. of their salaries to it.

The public schools of Boston are the pride of the city, and there is no disposition to complain at the expense. The estimate of the school committee for this year is \$2,118,497, an increase of \$100,381.81 over last year. This increase is to cover the cost of a larger attendance, the introduction of manual and physical training and a few minor expenses.

The cost of an education at Harvard is estimated at \$72 (low) to \$1,000 (very liberal) a year; at Princeton it is from \$311 to \$645; at Cornell from \$53 to \$59. The Lawrence University of Kansas puts the yearly expenses as low as \$175. Expenses at Vassar are given as \$400 a year; at Wellesley \$350; at Mount Holyoke \$200. At Ann Arbor and Oberlin many of the students are self-supporting.

There are 4,218 teachers in the public schools of New York. When a Normal graduate gets her appointment she does not substitute for the munificent sum of \$25 a day—regular day laborer's pay. When she gets a school her salary is \$400 a year, and at the expiration of fourteen years of meritorious service there shall be paid a salary of not less than \$750. The fidelity of these women is best illustrated by the following extract from the educational schedule for the year ending June, 1891: Number of teachers employed—ten to twenty years, 849; twenty to thirty years, 590; thirty to forty years, 383; forty to fifty years, 55; fifty to sixty years, 4—and a black swan is not a rarer bird than a rich schoolmarum.

WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

Manufacturers in Germany Decline to Take Part—Liquors Will Be Sold on the Fair Grounds.

An Atlantic county, N. J., land company offers free transportation to the World's Fair to every lot purchaser.

Director Charles L. Hutchinson and Director M. A. Ryerson of the World's Columbian Exposition have sailed for Europe.

The first step towards organizing a World's Fair Association for Northern California was taken by the Sutter County Horticultural Association at Yuba City the other day.

An application has been received from a Wilmington, Del., woman for space at the Chicago Fair for the exhibition of a collection of combs, containing subjects, showing the effects of her embalming process.

Herr Wermuth, the Imperial Commissioner appointed by Germany to represent that country at the Chicago World's Fair, has received reports from Dusseldorf that manufacturers in nearly all branches of industry declined to take part in the exhibition.

A Chicago paper says liquor is to be sold at the World's Fair. It was not known definitely until one day last week that the Directors had agreed on a liquor program. President Baker said: "It was definitely decided months ago that liquor should be sold at the exposition. It will only be on sale in the restaurants." It is stated by Director Butler, Acting Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, that no final action was taken by his committee, but it is understood by all members of the committee that liquor is to be sold on the grounds. The National Committee has yet to be consulted in the matter.

EASTERN ITEMS.

La Grippe Increasing in St. Louis.

IRRIGATION IN THE EAST.

A Pastor Fined \$500 for Smoking—

Buffalo's Contribution to Famine-Stricken Russia.

Irrigation is likely to be tried before long in some of the Eastern States.

Edward J. Tracy has been appointed Treasurer of the State of Tennessee.

Several Indian mounds have been found and explored in Atchison county, Kan.

All the principal street railroads will be permitted to use the Trolley in Baltimore.

Professor Hansen of the weather bureau has no faith in the dynamite rain-making theory.

Nearly one-third of the cadets in the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., are down with the grip.

New Jersey, by her State Horticultural Board, has chosen the golden rod as the State flower.

The American School-book Trust is said to have once more secured control of the Indiana trade.

Buffalo's flour contributions to the famine-stricken Russians will reach 1,000,000 pounds.

President Barrett of the Ellendale, N. D., Farmers' and Mechanics' State Bank, has been arrested for crooked work.

A lot in Park Row, New York, which Peter Lorillard bought for \$400 sixty years ago, sold for \$122,000 last week.

Owing to la grippe there is an alarming increase in the number of deaths in St. Louis, especially among old people.

Statements purported to have been made by Sister Rose Gertrude about her treatment in Hawaii are said to be false.

The proposal to put on separate coaches for colored passengers in Kentucky has stirred up opposition from the latter.

Russell Sage now keeps a body guard. He is a stout, burly fellow, who, when in the State prison, stands guard at the door.

The striking coal miners in Indiana, who stopped work two months ago, have been defeated and have returned at the old rates.

Governor Russell of Massachusetts has refused to sign the pardon of James Dunlap, the Northampton bank robber, now in the State prison.

W. N. Pathick, recently appointed managing director of the Chinese railways by Li Hung Chang, was formerly a citizen of New York.

During the week ending November 30, 1891, the number of Russian Hebrew immigrants arriving at New York exceeded 4,000.

A murder committed by any one in the service of the government, and in a United States fort, can only be passed upon in the Federal Courts.

The Flint and Pere Marquette railroad has ceased to do business in Ohio to evade damage suits, as a result of the recent wreck at Toledo.

According to a decision rendered by Judge Burson in Washash, Ind., Indiana may be unable to prevent companies from piping natural gas to Chicago.

Rev. George J. Pierce, of Worcester, Mass., has joined the divorce colony of Sioux Falls, S. D., and asks to be separated from his wife, alleging desertion.

It is said that the postmaster at Baird, Calahan county, Texas, has a Confederate flag floating over his office. The Postoffice Department has begun an investigation.

Steel smokestacks are being placed upon the locomotives of the elevated railroads in New York city, thus reducing the weight from 800 to about 100 pounds.

In the county of Greeley, in Kansas, there is a town named Horace and another named Tribune. The names were all given out of compliment to the great editor.

The new Art building in Chicago is to be on the site of the Exposition building, which has seen great shows and important national conventions since the fire.

Since the movement of the new wheat crop commenced there have been received at Duluth 29,000,000 bushels, at Chicago 27,000,000, and at Minneapolis 24,000,000.

A Chicago paper boasts that there are a dozen or more citizens of that place worth from \$5,000,000 to \$25,000,000 apiece, and at least a hundred others worth \$1,000,000 each.

The Southern New England Telephone Company claims to have beaten all records by laying, recently, at Bridgeport, Conn., 21,500 feet of underground wire in six days and five nights.

The pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Hamilton, Ohio, has had his salary reduced \$500 for smoking. He vows neither to resign nor stop smoking the weed, and a strong party in the church supports him.

The skin of Patrick Woods, a painter of New York, it is gravely stated, has in the space of seven years become nearly an inch thick. He has a good appetite and has never been treated for anything but rheumatism.

Miss Clara Barton, President of the American National Association of the Red Cross, has for some time past been negotiating with the proper authorities in the matter of transporting grain which may be donated in the United States to the suffering peasants in Russia.

Hon. William Lloyd Garrison has written a letter to President Elliott of Harvard on the fear of abuses going on at that university among its numerous secret societies. He charges that part of the ceremonies in these orders consist in branding the victim with the lighted end of a cigar from the shoulder to the elbow, and outside the college the offense would be indictable.

PERSONAL MENTION.

The Newly-Celebrated Composer is Only 27 Years Old—Fred ODouglass Buys a Church.

The Austrian Emperor receives a yearly "salary" of \$750,000.

The late Earl Lytton left a complete volume of poems ready for publication, which were in type at the time of his death.

The newly-celebrated composer, Macagnoli, is just 27 years old, but looks younger. He is married and has two children.

Miss Mabel Dunlap, a graduate of the Philadelphia School of Design, has been appointed one of the five ladies to decorate palace car interiors at Wilmington, Del.

Herr von Piener, one of the leaders of the Austrian Reichsrath, wears English clothes and lives like an Englishman. He lived for some years in England and likes the style.

Mr. Russell Sage's income is estimated at \$15 a minute. That dynamite crank must have robbed the poor man of about \$43.85 worth of his valuable time.

John D. Rockefeller is described by an admiring critic as quite content to smoke plain, ordinary forty-cent cigars, providing they have not too much flavoring in them.

Harry Crisp, a brother of the newly-elected Speaker, was at one time well known to theater-goers, having played for several seasons with Louis Aldrich in "My Father's."

Frederick Douglass has bought the church edifice in which he once worshipped and to which he is much attached, in order to help the congregation pay off its indebtedness.

Governor Abbott of New Jersey rolled a game of tennis the other night in Philadelphia with the Mayor of that town, and won by one pin. The Mayor seems to be a hospitable sort of a person.

Edmund G. Ross, once a Senator from Kansas, now supports himself by editing an insignificant paper in New Mexico. His vote against President Johnson's impeachment killed him politically.

Kaiser William has no qualms about signing death warrants such as made capital punishment virtually obsolete in Germany for nearly fifty years, and the headman no longer has a sinecure.

W. N. Pathick, recently appointed managing director of the Chinese railways by Li Hung Chang, who is running China at present for the young Emperor, was formerly a citizen of New York.

David Lowrey, a bright newspaper man, who recently died in Los Angeles, was the Associated Press reporter who made a stenographic report of Dr. Burckhardt's famous "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" speech.

Kate Field knows a thing or two, and proves it when she declares that woman to be agreeable, must listen. "Keep a man wound up," she says, "look as though you were hanging on to his lips, and he'll think you charming."

Only twenty years ago John Brisben Walker was a very poor newspaper man in Washington, who found it rather difficult to get work. He went to Colorado, made a fortune, now owns the Cosmopolitan, and is able to afford the luxury of employing Mr. William Dean Howells as his associate editor.

NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Court of Arbitration in the Behring Sea Matter Will Soon Be Announced—Other News.

The President has ordered that court-martial meet at Cleveland January 19, for the trial of Major Overman on the charge of financial irregularities.

None of the officials of the department have any knowledge of any agreement made by this government with Italy, to pay indemnity on account of the New Orleans affair, as reported by an English correspondent at Rome. So far as learned, the correspondence on the subject between the two governments, which was interrupted last spring by the recall of the Italian Minister, has never been reopened.

Senator Mitchell has been presented with many requests from people in Oregon asking that a pension be provided for the payment of pensions be established at Portland. He referred a letter on the subject, written by A. W. Gowen of Burns, to the Commissioner, and received a reply which indicates that there will be no agency established at Portland. The Commissioner says that the President has power to establish agencies where he thinks the public service demands it, but first there would have to be an appropriation for its maintenance. The number of pensioners which would be paid off at an agency at Portland is 3,283 in Oregon, 2,885 in Washington and 627 in Idaho. The cost of the agency would be about \$10,000, or \$2 for each pensioner in the country, and he thinks that the President would not be justified in establishing an agency at this cost.

It is believed that the Court of Arbitrators in the Behring sea case will be announced soon. Our government will select France, and it is believed that England will select Italy. These powers will select a third. As the sailing season will not open until June, there is no great hurry. A prominent member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate, who has been consulted in every stage of the Behring sea case, said: "It is not to be expected that the decision made by the commission would be mutually satisfactory to both the United States and England. It is only a question of time, said the Senator, until we will be compelled to go to war with England to settle the question of our northern boundary. We are not ready for a war now with a great power, but we will have to face one sooner or later, and we have no time to lose in establishing a good navy and a system of coast defense. Of course we could whip England on land. Congress, I believe, will appreciate our position towards England and will see the necessity of making liberal appropriations for the immediate improvement of our navy."