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THE PACIFIC COAST.

A New Railroad Projected in Arizona Territory.

THEY REFUSE TO REGISTER.

White Men in Alaska Territory Being Arrested for Purchasing Wives—Other Items.

Work is booming at Mare Island.

The Chinese at Boise, Idaho, refuse to register.

The First National Bank of Helena, Mont., has been authorized to resume business.

Los Angeles is to canvass the city to ascertain the wants of the unemployed in distress.

The bill to establish a port of delivery at Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, has passed the Senate.

The permit of Chris Evans seems to have been abandoned by the officers of Fresno county.

The San Diego Superior Court has practically nullified the ordinance creating changes.

Mores is said to be anxious to break his partnership with Evans, the bandit, and leave the country.

Congress are reported plentiful on the mountains back of The Dalles, having been driven from the interior wilderness by the late storms.

The State Controller will include the new counties in the distribution of the back taxes of the Southern Pacific Company when they are paid.

The faculty of the Oregon State University has passed a rule prohibiting students from entering or frequenting billiard halls and skating rinks.

It is understood at Mare Island that Secretary Herbert has ordered all vessels at the yard repaired without delay, including the monitor Monadnock.

W. J. Thompson, a negro, wants \$10,000—Lamagne from John Crofton, a wealthy Sacramento river farmer, because the latter charged him with having stolen a hot-air register.

A popular subscription is being raised at Carson for the fifteen-year-old hero who saved the lives of six children at Empire, swimming forty feet under the ice with one of them.

Thirteen pages have been torn from Book II of the probate records at San Jose. The presumption is that it was the work of some one who desired to destroy the record in the matter of a particular estate.

Johnny Crow, aged fourteen, rescued six children who had broken through the ice on the Carson river near Empire. The young fellow was nearly dead when taken from the water by those who ran to his assistance.

The Broadest Mercantile Agency reports thirty-three failures in the Pacific Coast States and Territories for the past week, as compared with thirty-one for the corresponding week of 1893.

Judge Clark at Los Angeles has ruled that Mrs. Lucy C. Goodspeed is her co-tenant with General Mansfield in every way entitling her to be the guardian of her mother's person and estate. The charges against Mrs. Goodspeed's moral character, he says, are untrue, and have always been.

A report from Yuma says that General G. Andrade of San Francisco and parties representing French and Scotch capitalists have gone to the mouth of the Colorado river for the purpose of selecting a place where they can locate a colony of French grape growers and winemakers of a thousand families.

Locomotives were used to take the trees off the large trunks between Alta Pacific, which had been thrown there by a landslide. Locomotives were placed on either side of the obstructions and log chains leading from them fastened to the trunks of the pines. They were then drawn out of the landslide as a dentist draws teeth.

Governor Markham has authorized the law firm of Estey & Miller of San Francisco to institute legal proceedings for the purpose of having the property of the late Thomas H. Blythe escheat to the State government. Markham is of the opinion that the title to the property of Blythe has failed for want of heirs or next of kin, and for that reason has reverted to the State.

A new road is projected in Arizona. It is to run from Phoenix in the Southern Pacific to Globe, 130 miles, passing through the Gila Valley in Graham county, one of the richest in Arizona, where now over 30,000 acres of land are cultivated. This road will open up a fine agricultural valley. It runs seventy miles down Gila river, ending at Globe, one of the richest mining districts in the Territory.

A party of the male population of Sitka has wives they have purchased. This is contrary to law. Marshal Porter of the Alaska district has just instructed his several deputies throughout the Territory to at once arrest every white man who is guilty of purchasing a wife, and to bring the offender before the court.

The largest foreclosure of a mortgage ever executed in Butte county, Cal., took place the other day in the suit of James D. Phelan et al., executors, against D. M. Reavis and wife. Judgment was rendered for the Phelan estate for \$35,000 and for C. W. Clarke, Jr., on a mortgage for \$125,000 against the same embraces 8,000 acres of the finest land in Butte county.

Ex-Receiver George L. Fitzhugh of the Walla Walla Savings Bank has made the final report. It appears from the statement that \$343,640.68 in notes are owned by the bank, \$134,107.81 is now in the bank and securities worth \$200,541.87 have been pledged aggregating \$1,000,000. An examination of the county records show that Edmiston on the day the bank closed decided to take institution of a \$225,000 deed of land in Walla Walla county, and it is said he included in the statement of the assets of the bank made by the receiver.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Secretary Carlisle, it is said, has announced there is no prospect that the United States revenue-cutter Corwin will again be sent to Honolulu with dispatches for Minister Willis.

Senator White of California has introduced a bill appropriating \$250,000 to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture to investigate and determine upon the best plan to reclaim the arid region.

The statement that extreme suffering exists among the Indians of Pine Ridge is discredited at the bureau of Indian affairs. Officials ridicule the assertions that the Indians are "dying off like sheep."

The bill appropriating \$50,000 for the monument of General John Stark passed the Senate after some discussion, touching mostly on finances, during which Morgan said the country could not afford to borrow money at 6 per cent to build monuments.

There is no truth in the report that the Hawaiian government has demanded the recall of Minister Willis. It can be stated upon authority that nothing of the sort has been even hinted at in official communications between the two governments.

Secretary Carlisle has disallowed the claim of Miss Phoebe Couzens of \$6,000 for pay as Secretary of the Board of Lady Managers at the World's Fair. Miss Couzens claimed she was wrongfully deposed from the office, and submitted a claim for the amount.

Delegate Rawlins of Utah asked unanimous consent in the House for consideration of a bill permitting Salt Lake City to become indebted, including the present indebtedness, to the amount of 6 per cent of its taxable valuation. Without objection the bill passed.

A member of the Committee on Rules said he believed the first thing the House would take up after the tariff would be the Hawaiian question, and the bill to coin the seniore silver in the treasury vaults would be compelled to wait until the discussion over the Hawaiian affair had been exhausted.

It is understood a syndicate of New York bankers are preparing an offer for the entire proposed issue of \$50,000,000 of bonds at Carlisle's figures. Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia bankers want a show at them, however, and to prevent them from overbidding it is likely they will be admitted to the syndicate.

The national-bank note circulation, which reached \$209,500,000 during the money stringency last summer, has declined to \$204,500,000 and is daily growing smaller. During December it decreased \$2,422,000, and so far this month \$1,305,000 in lawful money to redeem the banks' notes when presented have been deposited in the Treasury. By law the reduction of bank-note circulation is limited to \$3,000,000 a month.

Senator Vilas stated he would protest against the designs on the award medal of the World's Columbian Exposition. He secured the proofs from the Philadelphia mint and on one side of the medal it was discovered the design was that of a stalwart specimen of manhood, holding in his right hand a lighted torch, in the left a shield. Nearly all the Senators condemn the design, and some other figure will probably be substituted.

Chairman Cammings of the Naval Committee is preparing a report on Holman's resolution calling for an investigation of the system of awarding premiums to contractors for building government ships. The report will be adverse to proceeding with the investigation on the ground that there is no testimony tending to substantiate the general charges. The resolution charged by implication a general collusion between the contractors and officers of the Navy Department.

The House Committee on Labor has ordered a favorable report upon McCann's resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Labor to investigate and report upon the effect of the use of machinery upon labor and the cost of production; the relative productive power of hand and machinery labor; the cost thereof; and the effect upon wages and the use of machinery operated by women and children. Ten thousand dollars is appropriated to enable the Commissioner to carry out the provisions of the resolution.

The House Committee on Public Lands has decided to report adversely three bills, viz.: Representative Flynn's bill for the relief of settlers on public lands in Oklahoma; Representative Hillman's bill to suspend the provisions of the mining laws requiring assessment work on quartz-lode mining claims for the year 1893; and Delegate Joseph's bill to establish an additional land office in New Mexico, to be known as the Socorro land district. The committee also reported a bill, amending a section of the Revised Statutes so that it shall be lawful for the Commissioner of the general land office to sell for not less than \$20 per acre any isolated tract of the public domain which it would be proper to sell after thirty days' notice.

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EASTERN NEWS.

Employees of the Santa Fe in a Starving Condition.

GOLD FOUND NEAR EL PASO.

New Oil Well Near Fostoria, Ohio—Gross Receipts of the Illinois Central for December.

Congress is costing the country \$8,000 a day.

Gambling-houses have been closed by the Chicago authorities.

El Paso, Tex., is excited over a rich strike of gold in the neighborhood.

There is a movement in the Ohio Legislature to pass certain classes of street cars.

A new oil well near Fostoria, O., flows 1,320 barrels a day, and the section is wild.

The Boston subscription fund for the relief of the unemployed amounts to \$40,525.

The municipal expenses of Chicago last year were \$422,170 more than the receipts.

The opposition to taking the internal revenue bill onto the tariff bill is getting stronger.

The Chicago papers call the San Francisco Midwinter Exposition a "dainty little fair."

Five Kansas counties have compromised with the Atchison Company on the question.

Many farmers are feeding wheat to their hogs in Western Texas rather than sell it at 50 cents a bushel.

The gross receipts of the Illinois Central for December were \$1,702,690, a decrease of \$101,000 from 1892.

The erstwhile World's Fair hotels of Chicago have been changed into flats, and 1,600 of them are now occupied.

The total yield of wool in this country last year amounted to 364,156,666 pounds, the largest American clip ever raised.

Philadelphians' School of Industrial Art is holding an exhibition of lace. There are 2,000 pieces in the exhibition.

Recent census figures show that the population of the city of Washington has increased 50,000 during the past year.

Attorney-General Olney has decided that Chinese laborers may legally go through this country to any country of destination.

Among the unemployed are 15,000 men and boys who are waiting for the Hudson river to freeze over, so that ice-cutting may begin.

The membership of the Boston Fruit and Produce Exchange has jumped to 500; new fields of enterprise were broached the past season.

An attempt by the Carnegie Steel Company to roll a six-inch beam of aluminum at Homestead has failed, but another trial will be made.

Nova Scotia is suffering from a decline of the wooden shipping industry. The registry of the province shows a shrinkage in the last year of nearly 50,000 tons.

The difference in ages between the oldest and the youngest United States Senator is forty-four years. The oldest Senator is a Republican; the youngest is a Democrat.

The Kansas Supreme Court has made a decision that where the holder of a mortgage assigns it to a non-resident to avoid taxation he cannot collect the debt by legal process.

Theodore P. Hanghey, President of the Indianapolis National Bank, who was indicted on 167 counts on embezzlement, forgery and bank-wrecking, is afflicted with insanity.

A preliminary fund of \$200,000 has been pledged by business houses in Atlanta, Ga., for the "Cotton States and International Exposition," which is proposed to hold that city in 1895.

One dollar from Washington to Baltimore is the promise of the promoters of the proposed electric road. The President of the company states that the road will be in operation next September.

The Atlanta Exposition will possibly be gravely by a pipe tower that from plans made by D. S. Paul, a plumber, will measure 1,157 feet in height. It is intended to be higher than the Eiffel tower.

It seems incredible, but it is a fact, that men cannot be hired in Chicago to work on the drainage canal at wages of 15 cents an hour. The number of the unemployed is estimated to reach into the tens of thousands.

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THE MIDWINTER EXPOSITION.

CALIFORNIA MIDWINTER INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION.

(Weekly Circular Letter—No. 14.)

It has been definitely decided that the official ceremonial opening of the California Midwinter International Exposition shall take place on Saturday, Jan. 27. This decision has been reached after a careful consideration of all the circumstances and there is full assurance on the part of those who are in charge of the preparations that everything will be in readiness at that time.

The great fire at the Columbian Exposition on the night of Jan. 8 did not damage the exhibits intended for transfer to San Francisco, except that a few of the cases in which they were packed were pretty well drenched with water. Luckily, however, the contents of the cases were not injured, and, as a matter of fact, such a very small proportion of the Midwinter display remained unshipped at the time of the fire that the delay will not be aggravated on its account. Before this letter is read the last carload of exhibits will have left Chicago for San Francisco, and before that time also, the scores of other carloads which are now on the way to San Francisco will have been unloaded in the different buildings and placed in position in the different buildings in which they have been assigned a location.

These buildings are beginning to attract from visitors the praise they justly merit. Their rapid growth was but one subject of wonder in the progress of this great enterprise. The arrangement of the vast number of exhibits with which their interiors are to be embellished is, of course, another wonderful operation, but meanwhile the development of the ideas of the architects and the development at the same time of the general scheme of color which is being worked out in all the buildings comprises still another field for wonder and admiration. Charles Graham, the well known artist, is director of color at this Midwinter Exposition, and he is working out in this connection one of the prettiest pictures that the world has ever seen, with a group of architectural palaces set in a frame of evergreen foliage and against the background of dark hills and sunny California sky. "Pretty as a picture" is the first comment that comes from the lips of visitors. "Wonderful to behold" will be the inevitable sequel to the original utterance.

The concessional features, having made haste to get ready for Midwinter hay-making, will all be ready by the 27th, unless there may be a single exception in the case of the great electric tower, work on which can scarcely be completed inside of three or four weeks. The machinery plant, which, of course, includes the electric lighting arrangements, will be all in readiness by the day set and will be utilized on a general scale for the first time on that occasion.

The only previous occasion when the street decorations of San Francisco approached the grandeur which will be attained on Jan. 27 was when President Harrison paid a visit to the Pacific Coast, but the arrangements already made are emphatically in evidence of an intention on the part of the citizens of San Francisco to outdo every effort they have made in this line. It is part of the plan of the Exposition management that there shall be a grand street parade through the principal thoroughfares of the city, and there is already no little controversy over the line of march. If the wishes of the citizens were to be acceded to, the procession would have to move through every street and the Exposition grounds would never be reached. A happy compromise will undoubtedly be effected, however, and public and private buildings on the route of the procession will be a blaze of bunting and a sea of color.

Governor Markham will declare the day a legal holiday. Mayor Ellert will issue a proclamation closing all municipal offices, as far as possible, and calling upon the business men of the city to close their stores. The National Guard will turn out in full force, and every civic and fraternal society in the city will participate in the parade. There will be more bands of music than have ever been seen in a San Francisco street parade, and if there is not a bigger turnout of citizens, in the city and at the Exposition grounds as well, than has ever been called forth by any demonstration on the Pacific Coast, the expectations of thousands of those who have judged the temper of the community will be grievously disappointed.

The official opening ceremonies will take place on the grand stand which is now being erected for that purpose, and for utilization afterward in connection with athletic sports on the Recreation Grounds. This stand will accommodate 7,000 people and the populace can be accommodated on the grandstand in front of it to the number of 100,000.

There will be short addresses by Governor Markham, Mayor Ellert and Director General de Young. Mrs. de Young will press the button that shall set the machinery in motion. The operation of the day will be delivered by General W. H. L. Barnes, the orator par excellence of the Pacific Coast, and the exercises will conclude with a rendition of "America," played by the united bands of the Exposition, in which the voices of the entire assemblage will join, and at which there will be a great gun accompaniment from the throats of a battery of artillery stationed upon the Exposition grounds. These are the general plans for the official opening ceremonies. It is expected that the crowd in attendance on that occasion will more than equal that which witnessed the ceremony of breaking grounds, when fully 75,000 people gathered on the bit of wilderness where, in four short months, a veritable city of palaces has been created.

Don't continue to treat the boy as if he had no sense, but consult with him occasionally; he may possibly know more than you do.

The Colorado Farmers' Alliance wants Congress to issue legal-tender notes to the amount of \$200,000,000.

FOREIGN CABLES.

Printing of Prince Bismarck's Memoirs Completed.

CENSUS RETURNS OF RUSSIA.

The United States Ambassador to Germany Contradicts a Newspaper Statement.

Cairo is to have a trolley line.

Scotland is to develop its gold.

France had 300 strikes last year.

There is now an anti-tobacco crusade in France.

Drought has ruined the maize crop in Argentina.

Serious riots are in progress at Carrara, Italy.

A large force of Italian troops have been sent to Palermo.

Cashier May of the Bank of England defaulted for £130,000.

Austrian iron producers will limit production for three years.

The Belgium Diet has rejected the motion for universal and equal suffrage.

The annual civil list or salary paid to King Humbert of Italy is about \$3,000,000.

France will begin this year the construction of thirty-two war ships of all classes.

Diphtheria has killed nearly every child in the government of Saratof, Russia.

A long-distance telephone will soon be put into operation between Berlin and Stockholm.

It is estimated that in the whole of Europe over 600,000 women hold public appointments.

The amount of gold and silver bullion in the Bank of France at the present time is £119,578,551.

The cartoon "Bismarck in Berlin" has got its publisher into jail as a libeler of Chancellor Caprivi.

The iron masters of Austria and Hungary have agreed to renew the iron ring for another three years.

Eight cars loaded with human hair arrested in Paris recently, consigned to dealers in that merchandise.

So far as murder and robbery are concerned, Sicily and Corsica are the two worst countries on the globe.

A commission has been appointed by the government of Cape Colony to inquire into the leprosy question.

The new siphon tunnel from Brieg in Switzerland to Isella in Italy will be twelve and one-half miles long.

The London Times apologizes for the methods of the Bank of England, and says that they are being improved.

For the coming Paris Exposition the history of gardening from the most ancient days is to be illustrated in gardens at Versailles.

Irish members of Parliament will be asked to prevent the transfer of Anglo-American mails from Queenstown to Southampton.

The Russian census returns for 1893 show