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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Cables received in New York from Paris say that the memory of man has nothing with which to compare the welcome given by France to her ally, the Emperor of Russia. In numbers the crowd rivaled the great English demonstration at the marriage of the Duke of York three years ago, and that was the greatest assemblage of human beings in history.

A meeting of the National Campaign Committee of the gold standard Democratic party was held in Chicago Wednesday, and the committee formally organized. Chairman Bynum was formally declared chairman and John P. Hopkins vice-chairman.

St. Michael's College, at Logansport, Ind., was burned a few days ago. The loss is \$70,000; insurance, \$13,000.

Chief Justice Springer, of the Indian Territory Court of Appeals, has rendered a decision that any person who discovers coal in the Choctaw nation is entitled to take all the coal beneath the surface within a mile radius in every direction from his works.

Morris and Michael Koener, brothers, of Pittsburg, Pa., have been arrested in Chicago charged with embezzlement. It is claimed that they obtained goods from different drygoods houses and shipped them to Chicago, where they were about to open a store.

The Tyler Car and Lumber Company, one of the largest concerns in Texas, has failed. Liabilities, \$250,000; assets, from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

The freight traffic officials of the Western roads met at Chicago to consider the advancement of rates between Chicago and the Missouri river.

Loie Fuller, who has made the serpentine, butterfly and other dances so famous, is going to China on the special invitation of Li Hung Chang. She will take all her paraphernalia with her, and will dance in Peking at the special request of the Viceroy.

Bishop Thomas A. Becker, of Georgia, will probably be the successor of Archbishop Keane as rector of the Catholic University in St. Louis.

News from Cuba says that long accounts have been written of the cruelties of the Spaniards in that island, but to no one has the idea yet occurred to write of the crimes committed by the Cubans. Lack of suitable prisons compel the Cubans to use the death penalty for all who transgress their orders. Spanish farmers and the families of local planters have been compelled to move into the towns to escape the wrath of the Cubans. The Cubans have committed many crimes for the same reason that actuated the Spaniards.

Miss Edith Collins denies as absurd the report that she was engaged to marry her guardian, Chauncey M. Depew. As the great granddaughter of Commodore Vanderbilt and identified as he is with the family, he is naturally, as Miss Collins says, her adviser in financial affairs and a very dear friend.

According to belated advices from British Guiana, Great Britain has broken the promise to maintain a status quo pending negotiations regarding the Venezuelan agreement in such a manner that a remonstrance from the United States may possibly follow. The franchise for a railroad has been granted through the territory that is in dispute.

Frank Ives, the champion billiard player, has sent a remarkable challenge to the great French players, Vignaux, Piot and Fournil. He offers to play them a series of three games, eighteen inch balk line, 6000 points up, for \$1000 to \$10,000 a side. If any one of them wins a game Ives will lose the match. He gives them the privilege of selecting the place of contest.

Colonel R. P. Todhunter, one of the oldest and wealthiest breeders of trotting horses in America, died in Lexington, Ky., a few days ago.

President Cleveland is not going abroad at the expiration of his term, as he first intended. He has purchased sixty acres of land at Hempstead, L. I., and will build there early in the spring.

A disastrous fire broke out in the watch-factory building occupied by the F. F. Ide Manufacturing Co. and the Parsons Horological Institute in Peoria, Ill., a few days ago. The total loss amounts to \$124,000, with insurance of \$136,000.

The Minister of Finance of Chile has had a conference with the managers of the banks and heads of important business houses, to see what can be done to avert the commercial crisis. Foreign bank managers declare that the only way of solving the crisis is for the Government to announce that it would maintain the gold conversion at all hazards.

Word comes from France of the death of a great and brave soldier—that of General Trochu, who defended Paris until it surrendered to the German army in January, 1871.

Herman Stump, United States Commissioner of Immigration, has gone to Rome, to "consult with" the Royal Secretary of the Interior of the kingdom of Italy, in relation to immigration of Italians to the United States. Italy also wants an explanation of the

workings and restrictions of the United States immigration laws, so as to obviate the necessity of deportation and prevent fruitless journeys.

The celebration of the thirty-eighth anniversary of the historical Lincoln-Douglas debate was observed with much enthusiasm in Galesburg, Ill. The exercises opened with the dedication of the soldiers' monument at Hope Cemetery.

The Norwegian bark Ariadne, Capt. Paulsen, from Greenock in ballast, ran ashore five miles east of Ingomish, Nova Scotia, during a gale and went to pieces. The captain and nine of the crew were drowned.

J. M. Mayer & Co., clothiers of Portland, Or., were attached by a Chicago house on a claim for about \$9000. The Portland firm thereupon made an assignment. Debts aggregate about \$65,000 and assets something over \$100,000.

More grain-laden vessels cleared from San Francisco during the thirty days of September than in any month in thirty years, or in fact at any time during the history of the port. Forty-two vessels cleared, carrying 3,113,172 centals of wheat.

The gold miners who went to Alaska last spring to work an alleged rich claim on the co-operative plan, and hoping to secure great wealth thereby, have returned worn out and disgusted. They claimed to have been fooled by F. C. Bener of Berkeley who induced them to invest their money in the fruitless scheme.

How Big Is a Cow?

In the American report of the commissioner of education for 1892-3, published at Washington, there is a most thoroughgoing report on "Child Study," or, as it is sometimes called, "Pedagogy." A bibliography of about seven pages, in books and articles, shows how much attention has been bestowed on the subject in the United States. Dr. Stanley Hill, president of a society for this study, tells us that in 1879 four "kindergartners" in Boston took some children aside and endeavored to find out the contents of their minds, and the result was published in the Princeton Review for 1880.

Dr. Stanley Hill says: "Thirty-three per cent of these children on entering school had never seen a live chicken; 51 per cent had never seen a robin; 75 per cent had never seen a growing strawberry; 71 per cent of the Boston children had never seen growing beans even in Boston. Our school textbooks are based on country life, and the city child knows nothing in the large cities of real country life." Here is one instance: A large percentage of these children, upon being asked how large a cow was, showed that they had little idea. One thought a cow was as large as her cat's tail. Another thought that a cow was as big as her thumb nail. One would like to know if these young folks had never seen the picture of a cow?—Chambers' Journal.

John O'Groat's House.

In the reign of James IV of Scotland, John O'Groat and his two brothers, Malcolm and Gavin, arrived at Caithness and bought the estates of Warse and Dagsiby, situated on the northern extremity of the mainland of Scotland. In time their family increased until there were eight households of the same name. They lived as relatives and neighbors in peace and amity and held yearly reunions in the original O'Groat house. At last the question of precedence arose among the younger members, and they disputed as to who should enter the room first or sit at the head of the table. Old Johnnie O'Groat was made arbitrator of the dispute. He promised that before the next meeting he would settle the matter to the satisfaction of all. Accordingly he built an eight sided house in which to hold the annual banquet with a door and a window on each side and a round table in the center of the room, so that the head of each family of the O'Groats might enter by his own door and then sit at a table which was practical and actually without a "head." John O'Groat's house became the best known building in Great Britain. Its site is now marked only by some grass covered mounds.—St. Louis Republic.

Greek Fire.

Greek fire, which had several other names—wild fire, liquid fire, wet fire and fire rain—descriptive of its destructiveness, is said to have been the most destructive engine of war previous to gunpowder. Discovered by Callinicus, a Syrian, it was first used in the siege of Constantinople, 673-8, and at Mecca, 690.

A Mild Request.

Fair patient—Is there no way of telling exactly what is the matter with me?

Dr. Emdee—Only a post mortem examination would reveal that.

Fair Patient—Then, for heaven's sake, make one. I don't see why I should be squeamish at such a time as this.—Pick Me Up.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

The United States lighthouse tender, Manzanita, Captain Gregory, has gone to Portland Canal, a body of water extending about eighty miles inland on the boundary between British Columbia and Alaska. The trip is a forerunner of others next season, the purpose being to prepare a basis of supplies for the parties which would be sent out by the Government to locate the boundary line between these two countries. Four storehouses have been erected.

Santa Cruz is to have woolen mills. W. B. Humbert, part owner of the woolen mills at Ashland, Oregon, has selected a site for the location. F. A. Hihn has a site for the location. The mills will have a capacity of 120 pairs of blankets per day and employ fifty hands. The principal market for the output is San Francisco.

A fatal wreck occurred in Oregon, a few days ago, a half-mile south of Green's station. Two light engines of the Southern Pacific collided, resulting in the death of the fireman, John McConigle, and the brakeman, A. N. Troy, and the serious injury of several others. The cause of the disaster was that Conductor Wall of the south-bound train left his tickets and papers at the station in Roseburg. He started back with an engine to get them; meanwhile the papers had been discovered and sent out on an engine to overtake his train. The morning was foggy and the engines did not see one another, and collided head on.

Mrs. Mercy Simons, who lives in Linn county, Or., has reached the age of 103 years, having been born at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., in 1793. She crossed the plains in 1853, and walked over 1000 miles of the way.

Redlands has a system of storm water ditches that cost \$100,000.

Shark fishers at San Diego take out the backbone of their catch to have them made into canes.

A colony of fruitarians is being formed in Santa Barbara county by W. S. Manning, who subsists solely on uncooked fruit and nuts. They will be located near Los Olivos.

The sawmill of the Native Lumber Company, in the San Jacinto mountains, is working on an order for 60,000 orange boxes, to be delivered to a Riverside firm.

For the second time within thirty days the Sonora and Oakland stage has been stopped by masked men. There was only one bandit seen and he stood behind a tree, but it is thought that he had confederates. Barnett, the owner of the line, and Fred Johnson, the driver, were riding on the box. At the robber's command the mail pouches, strong box of Wells Fargo and baggage were dropped by the roadside. The treasure was small.

Two of San Francisco's best known, wealthiest and most popular society people, Walter Castle and his wife, are, according to dispatches from London, in jail in that city awaiting the outcome of a charge of larceny. Relatives say that it is some dreadful mistake, and the idea that Walter Castle and his wife would steal anything is simply ridiculous.

There is a deserted gold mine six miles northeast of Porterville, out of which nearly a thousand dollars' worth of gold has been recently taken.

The entire crop of walnuts from Santa Barbara county has been sold to a Chicago firm. The financial stringency has affected the market for walnuts.

The Supreme Court of California has decided that the gold Democrats are entitled to have their Presidential electors put on the ticket under the designation of "National Democratic party."

The Stanislaus Democratic county ticket was offered too late to be legally filed. This has been decided by the Supreme Court.

Three desperate criminals in the city prison of San Francisco made a daring attempt to break jail. They had made a false key, and had their scheme worked the chance of their capture would have been very slight, as the day on which they planned to escape nearly the entire police force were on parade and drill.

The Reliance football team of Oakland is planning a trip to Denver, Butte and Portland. Manager Cal Ewing is in correspondence with the teams in the three cities named. The plans are not yet matured, but in the rough they are as follows: Leave Oakland on November 14th, play the club of Denver November 21st; the Butte eleven on Thanksgiving day; in Portland the following Saturday.

Rain is badly needed in San Diego county for irrigation purposes. Water in the Escondido reservoir is so low that the old pumping plant must be worked to supply the town with water for domestic purposes. The Cuyamaca reservoir is no better off, the water measuring less than seventeen feet.

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