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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Italy has effected a treaty of peace with Abyssinia and Emperor Menelek releases all prisoners held by him. Final adjustment of boundary disputes are to be referred to a commission for settlement.

The Niagara Falls Power Company has completed its arrangements for transmitting power to Buffalo, and at noon Sunday the current was turned on which successfully ran the street railroad service of that city.

The French steamship Chateau Yquem, Captain Roy, from New York October 30th for Marseilles, has arrived at Fayal with her machinery out of order, her cargo shifted and three of her boats lost.

The Leeper Hardware Company of Denison, Tex., has made a general assignment.

Frank Crawford broke jail at Toledo, O., by sawing his way through the iron grating at the top of the jail and letting himself to the ground with a quilt.

The Cape Town dispatch to the London Times says there is good authority that the indemnity to be demanded by the Transvaal for the Jameson raid will not be large enough to cause embarrassment in any quarter.

A Rome correspondent is assured that as a result of the Bismarck disclosures, Austria will propose a new clause to the Dreihund treaties to counteract the effect of secret treaties.

The Paris Rappel suggests that Lord Salisbury's recognition of the Monroe doctrine in the Venezuela agreement will embarrass the settlement of the Cuban troubles.

A sheriff levied on an entire train at Wimsboro, S. C., and held it until a judgment of \$199 was paid, that sum being a claim for a farmer's horse that had been killed by an engine of the road.

Alexander S. Clay will be the new United States senator from Georgia to succeed John B. Gordon, and U. B. Peltus will succeed Pugh of Alabama.

China has joined the ranks of nations which recognize the new woman. Li Hung Chang has appointed two educated native women to the woman's congress to be held in London in 1898. The appointees are Methodists and were educated in the United States.

Peter Maher knocked out Joe Choyuski in six rounds at New York the other night.

The Methodist ministers of Chicago have passed resolutions condemning the custom of the college football teams of devoting Thanksgiving day to that sport.

The largest contribution ever made to a campaign, it is said, was that of William K. Vanderbilt of New York, who sent his check to the Republican committee for \$130,000.

The Republicans of Tennessee have requested the president-elect to appoint H. C. Evans of that state to a cabinet position.

A grand popular meeting took place in the plaza Santa Ana to protest against the project now before congress in Bogota to make the island of Ciba, near Panama, an asylum for all the lepers in Colombia. There are admittedly 1000 of them, chiefly living in the interior of the republic.

The sale of the Chicago and Northern Pacific was held on the 17th, and the bondholders of the road were the purchasers. They bid \$10,000,000, and in addition to this they assume two mortgages, which aggregate nearly \$1,000,000 more.

A dispatch from Constantinople says: This is the fourth day that Constantinople has been cut off from postal communication with the outer world, as, owing to the floods, our Orient express service is interrupted, trains only running from Sofia irregularly.

A correspondent in Managua says that the Nicaraguan government has signed a contract with two Americans to build a railroad from lake Nicaragua to a port on the Atlantic coast. An important land concession has been granted.

A residence has been purchased at Bolton, Mass., which is understood to be for the summer residence of President McKinley.

William Foley, a farmer living near Liberty, Mo., returned home a few nights ago and found his mother and sister lying dead in their sleeping apartment, having been murdered and the house robbed.

At the session of the general assembly of Knights of Labor James R. Sovereign was re-elected general master workman.

It is quite likely that President Cleveland will appoint Judge E. H. Rose of Little Rock, Ark., or Judge John H. Rogers of Fort Smith of the same state to succeed Judge Parker, who recently died at Fort Smith.

Harvey M. Kline, bookkeeper in the Farmers' National Bank at Lebanon, Pa., has been arrested for stealing bank funds.

Hattie Spafford, a servant girl whose mother died when she was 3 years old and who was brought up in an orphan asylum, has inherited \$1,000,000 from her father, who had deserted his family years ago when Hattie was a child.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Gen. Eli H. Murray, ex-governor of Utah and said to have been the youngest brigadier general in the Federal army during the war, died a few days ago at his former home in Bowling Green, Ky. General Murray has made his home at San Diego, Cal., for the past seven years.

The Santa Clara Poultry Association held a successful show at San Jose during the past week.

Miss Lulu E. Mess, late a student at the normal school at San Jose, Cal., who was expelled by the faculty, has brought suit for \$10,000 damages against the faculty of the school. She alleges defamation of character in the charges on which she was expelled.

James Diffin of Grant county, Or., was saved from death by his dog. He had dug into an embankment prospecting for gold when the earth caved, pinning him under a heavy load. His dog set to work scratching the earth away and succeeded in releasing his master.

The overland stage from Cahto to Eureka, Cal., came to grief a few nights ago in the Eel river. The driver did not know that the stream had risen with the heavy rains and drove into a 20-foot torrent. The driver was drowned, the stage and team ruined and several sacks of mail washed away.

A party of Bannock Indians from the Fort Hall reservation are slaughtering elk, antelope and deer in the vicinity of Hoback canyon, Wyo., for some weeks without molestation on the part of the authorities.

The supervisors of San Francisco have agreed to let the Southern Pacific trains run at a greater speed between Third and Townsend streets and the Valencia street station. The trains will be run at fifteen miles per hour between the first two streets and at thirty miles per hour between the latter point and the county line. J. A. Fillmore says that the company has taken every precaution and there will be no danger to vehicles or pedestrians. This change will reduce the time of the trip between San Francisco and San Jose by eight minutes.

Owing to the crippled condition of the Great Northern and the Everett and Monte Cristo railroads as a result of the recent heavy storms in the Northwest, there is liable to be a serious famine in towns in the Cascades flooded districts.

Mrs. Addie Dilts of Redlands, Cal., an aged widow, was seriously if not fatally burned by a gasoline stove accident.

A new town, Butte City, is to be laid out near Randsburg, Cal.

A study of minerals has begun in Riverside county's schools.

A tarantula was recently killed at National City measuring seven inches from tip to tip.

A good many beef cattle are being shipped from Wilcox, A. T., to the California market.

Sixty-four thousand tons of sugar beets were grown in two counties in Southern California this year.

The fruit drying building in Anaheim was broken into recently and sixty sacks of dried fruit stolen.

The Chino Beet Growers' Union closed the season's business with a surplus of \$563.76 in its treasury.

The first machine shop of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad is being erected in the yards at Stockton.

At Phoenix, A. T., last week a crippled bootblack clubbed an enemy with his wooden leg.

Rumor has it that the Chinese employees of the Southern Pacific at Tucson are to be replaced with white men.

The Guernsey planing mill at San Bernardino was burned recently. The loss is over \$5000, with insurance of \$1300.

Mrs. Annie Shaw, a colored woman of Hanford, Cal., stepped on a nail and lockjaw resulted. She died the next morning.

Ranchers at El Cajon, in San Diego county, Cal., are raising tobacco in sufficient quantity to ship to Eastern markets.

Mathew Peterson of San Francisco was fatally shot by H. Klein while the two men were in a blind waiting for a fight of ducks. They were on a hunting expedition in Alameda county, Cal.

Sacramento people have been somewhat worked up by the appearance of a strong electric light passing over the city at a considerable elevation. It is said to be a successful trial of an air-ship.

George W. G. Ferris, inventor of the famous Ferris wheel at the World's Fair, died in a hospital at Pittsburg of typhoid fever.

The town of Hamilton, Wash., is a total wreck from the overflow of the Skagit river. A large brick store fell in and the stock of general merchandise is buried under the debris.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is a perfect malarial liver tonic and blood purifier. Removes biliousness without purging. As pleasant as lemon syrup. It is as large as any dollar tonic and retails for 50 cents. To get the genuine ask for GROVE'S. Sold by Strang, the druggist.

He had accumulated a fortune in Montana.

Palmer and Buckner carried one township in Kansas. It is said to be the only township carried in the Union.

It is asserted that in Charlton county, Ga., no election was held on the last election day, and that the people of the famous swamp county did not know there was a general election being held this year.

Charles H. Elliott confesses to having killed his friend, Guy Hutsonpillar, in a hotel at Omaha. Elliott is in jail at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Walter Foster beat Wells in three closely contested wheel races at San Francisco, thus winning the championship of the Pacific coast.

Butte, Mont., miners sent a contribution to Leadville strikers and stated no sympathetic strike was contemplated.

The steam collier San Benito was wrecked near Point Arena on Nov. 22d and is a total loss. Twelve of the crew are known to have been drowned and thirteen were rescued by the life-savers.

The steamship Mariposa has sailed from Sydney, N. S. W., for San Francisco with 400,000 sovereigns on board.

Archibald Wilson, one of the earliest pioneers on the Comstock, died suddenly in Virginia, Nev., on November 12th. He was a Mexican war veteran and went to the Comstock over thirty years ago.

The roads of the Central Passenger Committee have decided against the adoption of a 5000-mile interchangeable mileage ticket.

The Southern Lumber Manufacturers' Association, in session at Memphis, instructed its secretary to enter into correspondence with other lumber associations of the United States to secure tariff legislation to fix a duty on Canadian lumber.

A call has been issued for a meeting of the grand officers of the railroad brotherhoods of the country, to be held in Chicago, to consider plans for labor legislation to present to the coming session of congress.

A Singapore, India, dispatch to the London Times says that a rumor is afloat to the effect that Li Hung Chang, the Chinese prime minister, is disgusted with the treatment he has received since his return from his trip round the world, and will retire to private life.

As a result of a firedamp explosion in the colliery of Retcklinghausen, Westphalia, Germany, thirty lives have been lost.

Work on the Panama canal has progressed with much activity during the past few months. One hundred and fifty more laborers have arrived from the West Indies and have been put to work on the Culebra cut. It is expected that the steamer Castle Eden will bring another consignment of 800 laborers from the west coast of Africa.

The Canadian delegates to the Pacific cable conference in London have been instructed to support the scheme only on condition that the proposed cable between Vancouver and Australia shall not touch on foreign soil, not even at the Hawaiian islands.

The Norwegian Plow Company of Dubuque has made a general assignment. The liabilities are said to be \$140,000; assets, \$250,000.

A receiver has been appointed for the wholesale glove firm of L. B. Lehman & Co. of Chicago. The assets are placed at \$63,000 and the liabilities at \$55,000.

Charles M. Parker, late traffic manager of the Missouri Pacific railroad, has been appointed vice-chairman of the board of administration of the Western Freight Association.

Conventions of river and railroad coal miners to consider the advisability of demanding an advance in wages are being held at Monongahela City and Bridgeville, Pa.

My Sin.

Stand in the public thoroughfares gazing at anything real or imaginary, and the dozens who gather round you will multiply soon into hundreds, and, if you stick to it, perhaps thousands. A crowd as big as the street could hold encircled a sign painter the other day. They rallied in curious excitement and dispersed in disappointed disgust.

"My Sin," in huge, flaming letters, was what the painter had already printed. If ever a crowd was bent on anything, it was on the discovery of what that sin was. They asked each other what it might be and hazarded guesses, while the man laid by his red paint pot and brought forth green instead.

What would the next word be? The crowd grew so excited that they called to the man, "What is it?" "Tell us," "Go on," "Hurry," "Paint quick if you won't talk," until it seemed he might grow too bothered to print anything. But he did.

He printed out in small green letters, added to the gigantic "Sin" the syllable "gle," and when the sign was complete it read, "My single aim is to sell at nominal profit."—Pearson's Weekly.

Chawley Grotlocks—My dearest Margaret, I love you tenderly, devotedly. Your smiles would shed—
Margaret—Never mind the woodshed. How about a residence built for two.—Washington Times.