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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

The Chinese in Chicago contemplate constructing a Confucian temple in that city.

The four companies composing what is known as the gas trust of Chicago have prepared a bill for presentation to the legislature at its session next year granting them permission to consolidate. There is a statute at present in the way and that would have to be repealed. The Ogden and Mutual Fuel Gas companies are the only independent concerns and they will remain out of the combination.

The Iowa Prohibitory Cigarette law seems to be knocked out. The tobacco trust has discovered that the State law cannot be enforced because it interferes with the interstate commerce law. Shipments of cigarettes were received from New York and sold in the original five-cent packages.

The bodies of George Edwin Dean, aged 12 years, and John Sinclair, aged 9, were taken from the Des Moines river. They were drowned Saturday afternoon, the ice giving way beneath them as they were skating.

The doctors of Holloway Jail report that the health of Dr. Jameson, the raider, which was reported last week to be in a critical state, is showing some improvement.

Mrs. Ah Get, said to be the first Chinese woman to be arrested for bigamy in this country, is on trial in New York for having more than one husband.

Rev. M. B. Hill, formerly a missionary in China, was stricken with paralysis while delivering a sermon at Bentonville, Ark.

William Steinway, the noted piano manufacturer, died in New York on the 30th ult. of typhoid fever.

J. P. Tardival, the editor of La Verita, who has just returned from Rome, declares that the Pope will not sanction the acceptance by the Roman Catholics of Canada of the Manitoba school settlement on the terms recently made public.

The customs committee of the Chamber of Deputies has adopted the sugar bounties 34 francs to 44 francs and also a tax of 2 francs to 2 1/2 francs, according to distance, on colonial and French raw sugars sent to port refineries.

Consul Grimker reports to the state department from Santo Domingo that President Heureaux was re-elected for a term of four years at the election on November 1st and 2d.

The United States army garrison at Pensacola, Fla., is being put in shape for practice in the use of the new arms of the artillery service.

Mrs. J. Coleman Drayton, daughter of William Astor, who was divorced from her husband some years ago after much press notoriety, is reported to be soon married to a London whisky dealer named Haig.

Emma Taylor, an orphan 15 years old, who was recently released from a house of refuge at Kansas City is in jail charged with complicity in recent train robberies. She made masks for the robbers.

Two masked men held up a street-car in Chicago and secured over \$3000 from passengers. One of the men was caught but the money was not recovered.

A club has been incorporated in New Jersey whose membership is composed of titled scions of European nobility with empty purses who seek to trade titles for rich American girls.

Miss Nellie Fisher, a well known and popular young woman of Hamburg, Ind., hung herself in a barn while dependent over the fact that her mother had married the daughter's lover.

A pugilist won a match at Sedalia, Mo., in a novel manner. His opponent struck him on the head with such force as to break his wrist, thus being disabled, and the match was given to the man of the thick skull.

The theosophical societies are talking of establishing a college at Chicago for the purpose of studying out the hidden mysteries of life.

About a hundred families in Milwaukee were poisoned a few days ago by bread bought at a bakery. How arsenic came to be in the bread is not stated.

The present danger from floods in the Chippewa valley in Wisconsin is reported as past. Ice gorges threatened destruction to several towns.

William J. Bryan is receiving letters at the rate of 2500 a day since the election, and has four clerks writing replies and is still way behind with his correspondence.

National aid will be asked for the big Butte reservoir to be located on the Gila. If secured and the dam is built it will be the largest artificial lake in the world. It will back up the water for twenty miles and irrigate a whole country.

Dr. Jameson has been released from jail by order of the home secretary on medical grounds.

Cracksmen blew open a safe at Omaha and secured \$5000 in cash and diamonds. Dynamite was used but no one heard the explosion.

The clerk of the house of representatives has issued the usual unofficial list

of members of the house of the fifty-fifth congress. The list shows that the house will be composed of 204 Republicans, 124 Democrats, 13 Fusionists, 12 Populists and 3 Silverites, and that there is one vacancy from the First Missouri district. Of the total membership 205 were in the last house and 10 others had served in previous congresses.

The executive committee having in charge the arrangements for the national monetary conference of commercial bodies, to be held at Indianapolis, changed the date for the conference from January 5th to January 12th.

The foundation of the sugar factory building at Los Alamitos is all laid and everything is now ready for the steel frames.

W. A. Platt, a well known poultryman and musician of Petaluma, was badly hurt a few days ago by a fall from his bicycle.

A. L. Mechling was so badly frozen from exposure in the mountains in Washington that it was found necessary to amputate both feet.

The ladies of the Wednesday Club of San Diego are making an effort to raise funds for the building of a public library in that city.

The ponds of the different ice companies around Truckee are frozen over to a sufficient thickness to permit skating.

William, the 10-year-old son of W. A. Markley, was perhaps fatally injured at his home in Eureka by being kicked in the head by a horse.

X. N. Steeves, a Portland attorney, is on trial in Hillsboro, Or., for complicity in the murder of George W. Sayres about two years ago.

While hunting at Donner lake recently W. H. Thomas killed a gray eagle. It was a large one, measuring 6 feet, 4 inches from tip to tip.

The board of trustees of Sacramento, Cal., has passed an ordinance prohibiting, under penalty of a fine, expectorating upon the pavements of the city.

The Southern California Railroad has re-established the "material department" at San Bernardino, abolished on the ground of economy some years ago.

Charles Edelman of Orange, Cal., has been appointed special aid-camp to T. C. Mastellar, the deputy commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for California and Nevada.

The Tournament of Roses Association of Pasadena is actively at work, and hopes to be able to arrange a festival for Pasadena January 1st that will eclipse all previous displays.

During the great storm in Washington a cougar sought shelter on the grounds of the State University at Seattle one night. It was not molested and disappeared before morning.

A coyote disturbed the henner of Mrs. Joseph Anthony at Fossil, Or. She got up, followed the beast to a hill, got a moonlight shot at forty yards and shot it through the head.

Withrow and Ruiz, the prisoners who escaped at Maricopa, A. T., while en route to the penitentiary, are still at large, with probabilities that their freedom will be permanent.

Ah Fook, a Chinese who, a few days ago, drew a knife on City Marshal Wilson while under arrest at Riverside for the offense of petit larceny, was sentenced to imprisonment for one year.

It is reported that the Southern California Railroad Company has signed a contract for building the long-delayed extension of the line from San Jacinto to Lakeview, and that the work of laying the track will begin soon.

The educators and school officers of Montana now have an organization peculiarly their own. It is called the State Educational Club. The object of the club is the advancement of education in Montana.

An organ factory has been established in Los Angeles.

Riverside firemen are testing a patent smoke protector cap.

The Telephone Ear.
A German newspaper asserts that about 30,000 of the inhabitants of Berlin hear considerably better with their left ear than with their right. This has been observed in continually increasing measure for 15 years. When the cause was sought for, it appeared that those who are thus affected are frequent users of the telephone. The listening part of the instrument is generally held in the left hand and put to the left ear, while the right hand is often used in taking notes, etc. In the cases observed the subjects heard the slightest sound through the telephone with their left ears, but could understand little or nothing if the instrument were put to their right ears. It is therefore concluded that the telephone has an appreciably stimulating effect on the auditory nerves, and the recommendation is made that the instrument be used alternately at the right and left ear.

First Lady—I don't see how you can afford to let your lodgers owe you several weeks' rent.
Second Lady—Well, it's like this. When they're in debt it affects their appetites—they never like to ask for a second helping—so it comes cheapest in the end.—London Tit-Bits.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

W. H. Thompson, who was convicted of wrecking and robbing a train at Pasco, Los Angeles county, has been granted a new trial. He was under sentence of death.

The train blockade in the Northwest has been partially broken by the cessation of the snow storms and blizzards.

Chinese packers employed by the Fay Fruit Company at Riverside were robbed and deported by masked men. The Chinese returned and are being guarded by an armed force to repel further attacks.

Petaluma is likely to have a cold storage establishment, as preliminary steps have been taken by parties at interest.

The conductor, engineer and fireman of a train were arrested at Red Bluff for involuntary manslaughter for killing a man while running their train at too high a rate of speed.

Isaiah Brandon was sentenced to three months in jail at Fresno for trying to hit his daughter with a hammer. He died a few minutes after being released from jail.

Thomas Johnson, a Swede, went to sleep under a car at San Jose. The train moved up and took off one arm and the toes from one foot. The sleeper was awakened.

The final count of California's Presidential vote shows that the first Democrat on the ballot beat the tailender on the Republican electoral ticket. Four years ago the proposition was reversed, on Republican beating the tailender on the Democratic ticket.

Two electric cars came into collision at Pasadena a few days ago and seriously injured three passengers. G. E. Frost of Chicago had a leg badly fractured.

The twentieth session of the California Fruit Growers' Association is in session at Sacramento.

The San Francisco school board and the board of health are in a clash of authority. The board of health condemned certain school buildings as unsanitary and ordered them closed. The school board refuses to recognize the power of the other board to close a school.

Mrs. M. A. Stockton, the gay widow who figured prominently in the church scandal of Dr. Brown and the First Congregational Church last winter, has been married to an Oakland business man.

Litigation over the estate of Jacob Z. Davis, a California pioneer and millionaire, who died some time ago, reveals the fact that he has lived under an assumed name, his correct name being Dediker. No reason is given for the change of name.

The long delayed decision of the litigation between the railroad commissioners and the Southern Pacific Company has been rendered by Judge McKenna. The decision denies the commission any power to reduce rates. Thus in effect declaring it to be a useless encumbrance on the state.

The Pacific Ocean House, one of the large hotels at Santa Cruz, has passed into bankruptcy. The debts amount to about \$30,000.

A Florence Crittenden Home will be established at Phoenix, A. T.

Two boys, aged 14 and 15 years, have been arrested in San Diego for burglary. Express orders for \$40 and \$17 in cash were secured.

At a meeting of Spokane bankers the Spokane Clearing-house Association was reorganized.

Rev. H. H. Gowan of New Westminster, B. C., has decided to accept the call to Holy Trinity, Seattle, in succession to the late Dean Watson.

Richard Schubert, a butcher of Los Angeles, accidentally shot himself while duck hunting. The muscles of the left forearm were torn to shreds.

B. R. Elmore, engineer of a sawmill at Deep Creek, Or., was caught in a line shaft and instantly killed a few days ago. His body was badly mangled.

The coroner's jury over the body of Alvin B. Hancock of San Bernardino renders a verdict of death with suicidal intent induced by melancholia.

It is reported that the Southern Pacific railroad company will bring several suits soon in Kings county to foreclose contracts for the purchase of land.

Engineers estimate that it will take twenty-two months to complete the eleven steel bridges necessary to close the gap in the coast line of the Southern Pacific railroad.

Since August 1st forty-six cargoes of wheat and flour have left Portland, Or., divided as follows: Wheat, \$3,550,000 bushels; flour, 267,621 barrels. The total value is \$3,508,588.

The supervisors of Kern county have passed an ordinance making it a misdemeanor for any one to kill quail, doves, ducks, rail or snipe for shipping anywhere outside of Kern county.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is a perfect malaria 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.