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John McGilligan, a letter carrier of Philadelphia, became intoxicated, and instead of delivering his pouch of letters, took them home and threw them in the stove. He had hardly resumed most of them, but some were destroyed. He was committed to jail in default of bail.

Congressman Morse wants congress to appropriate money, without delay, for a memorial to Miles Standish. The doughty Puritan captain deserves a monument, but there ought to be enough public money in New England to set it up without bothering the rest of the country.

If Henry George, the apostle of social reform, were penniless to-morrow he would have very little difficulty in getting employment as a type-writer. Several years' practice has enabled him to obtain such positions on the instrument as would put hundreds of professionals to the blush.

Deputy Marshal McMurtry arrived at Fort Smith, Ark., from Oregon, Kan., taking R. T. Goings and Adam J. Kennebrew, charged with being participants in the Fryer Creek train robbery, in the Cherokee nation, November 24. When Messenger Johnson was held up and relieved \$1900.

Members of the window glass trust which have been in Washington all winter clamoring for an increase in duty, met in Springfield, Mass., and determined to no increase per cent. This looks like a case for the application of representative Burrows' principle of reducing duties to break up trusts.

President and Mrs. Harrison, in view of the recent affliction in the families of Secretaries Blaine and Tracy, have recalled all invitations issued to public receptions and dinners until Lent. Vice President Morton has also recalled all invitations to social festivities at his house. The official season is thus practically at an end.

Caleb Longgood, a wealthy resident of Pottstown, Pa., possesses an abnormal aptitude for peanuts. The form his favorite article of diet and he eats six quarts at a time. He says he eats them scientifically, whatever that may mean, and could eat nine quarts on a wager. He was once prominent peanut-eater to challenge him.

Nearly 6000 people attended a reception in Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage's home at the Thirtieth regiment armory, in Brooklyn. Mayor Chapin, General Sherman, General Barnes and many prominent clergymen and other citizens were present. Speeches were made by Rev. Talmage, and the above gentlemen responded eloquently.

It is now thought the shortage of Walton, the absconding clerk of the Pacific Express Company, at Dallas, Tex., will reach the sum of \$50,000. It is known that he is not intending the good character which he bore, was on familiar terms with two notorious women, upon whom he lavished a large amount of money. He went north, and detectives are in pursuit.

Stanley claims that his recent discoveries show that Victoria lake in Africa is the largest body of fresh water in the world, a distinction which has always been awarded to Lake Superior. It is rather mean of Stanley to discover in the back-woods of Africa a lake which exceeds our own lake region, but he is in the pay of fortune and long ago lost at his national pride.

The jury returned a verdict of "no cause of action" in the case of the suit of Rev. Dr. Ball, of Buffalo, against the New York Evening Post for libel. Ball was one of Grover Cleveland's prominent political enemies in the campaign of 1884, and circulated letters denouncing Cleveland for his alleged treatment of Maria Halpin. The Evening Post excoriated Ball, hence the suit.

The year of 1889 was prosperous for ship-builders. In Maine the shipyards have been busy producing schooners of big tonnage, which are easily handled, are enormous carriers and have small crews. In Baltimore, however, some are turned out during the year over half a million of dollars in new shipping and her shippers have now orders on their books for over \$3,000,000 for 1890.

Robert Nevin, a London barrister, is in Boston, where he is delivering a course of lectures. He says: "It would not surprise me if before I die there is not a crowned head in Europe. Ideas are in the air and events move rapidly. Two years ago the theory of imperial federation was not regarded as practicable; now it is recognized as within the sphere of practical party politics. This is a great gain."

The ship Josephine, from New York for Boston, with oil, was disabled by heavy seas on January 24. Five men were washed overboard and one fell from the rigging. The vessel was abandoned January 25, in a sinking condition. Captain Pette and seven of the survivors were taken off by the steamer Phenomena, from London, which arrived at Boston. The Phenomena had a very stormy passage. Her life-boats were smashed, cattle fittings carried away and rails damaged.

It is a comfort to learn, with the breaking of the news blockade, that the battle of the rules in the house of representatives has been going on without interruption since Portland has been isolated from the world at the home meets every day, the democrats try to obstruct business, Speaker Reed suppresses them with a decision and a little work is done. It does not appear however, that any final action has yet been taken on the election cases or that progress has been made with any matter of legislation.

Miss Elizabeth Bland went west on the Pacific on the same steamer, the Oceanic, which brought her rival, Nelly Bly eastward on the home stretch. The two young women would have reached New York the same day had not Miss Bland made the mistake of flying past Paris on her way north from Brindisi, thus missing the fast French steamship La Champagne which had been held for her at Havre at an expense of \$2000, and being compelled to take passage on the Botnia, the slowest of the Cunarders. The mistake of leaving Paris out in the cold cost her the race. It was, however, the first and only mistake of her trip, and was due to the fact that the fast German steamer Rna, which she had expected to meet at Southampton had been taken off the line. Of course she is sorry that she did not see (with new feminine generosity) is glad Nelly Bly did.

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He Was a Hero. A tall, broad-shouldered man, with the bearing of an athlete, walked through the Michigan Central Depot recently, timing his strong, energetic strides to the slow, feeble steps of a little old lady with white hair, who clung to his arm, says the Free Press. As people looked rudely by her he drew her nearer to him, and all the time he kept telling her cheerful little lies about the future. She was to come and visit them again next summer. That cough did not amount to anything, the doctor had told him so. She must be very careful of herself this winter, and in the spring she would come out as chipper as a lark. And he kept up the little fiction until she was seated comfortably in the palace car on route for the long journey to California and, as he knew, for that longer one which has no bounds.

"Don't watch me out of sight, George," she said in a little quivering voice; "it will be sure to bring bad luck if you do." So he left before the train did, and as he turned away, after throwing her a parting kiss, a tear that did honor to his manhood fell from his eyes for the mother whose face he would never look upon again. And as he went up the street he whistled "There's a land that is fairer than day" so sweetly that people passing turned and looked at him, but they saw only an ordinary traveler on the highway of life, and went on their way again.

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EASTERN NEWS. ONE SAW A BULL FIGHT.

A Baltimore Girl Tells How the Spectacle Impressed Her.

A Baltimore girl, who faints at the sight of a bull fight, says green at the flow of blood, and is in every way of a most gentle and kindly nature, thus writes about her visit to a bull fight--the occasion being the farewell to Paris of the prince of matadors, Lord Mascalanti.

"At last I have seen my first bull fight, and I trust my last. You could not have borne it five minutes and I scarcely know how I did.

Imagine an immense arena, with 22,000 people packed in circles, who above innocent little white clouds float over an intensely blue sky. At times the tender-hearted clouds shut the sky entirely off from all view of what was going on beneath in the arena, while frequent short April-like showers of tears fell from them, and it is to be hoped soothed the wounds of the six enraged bulls that succeeded each other to death.

The second was Mascalanti's farewell to his Parisian admirers, which has made such a hero of him. Not only had fated calves been killed in his honor in appreciation of the fatted bulls which Mascalanti had killed with such glory, but his hair and handkerchiefs were presented in silver, and gold, and jewels were thrown to him after his little speech of farewell, and flowers, in forms of wreaths, bouquets, and hearts, soon covered the gore-stained ground.

Of all these gifts he only one this Spanish grandee needed, and that was a simple bunch of violets. This he stooped to pick up, and kissed in the direction of the fair dams who had thrown it. His two valets raised the more valuable gifts from the dust, while Mascalanti himself turned to give a glance at the rich jewels scattered at his feet.

"It was a wonderful sight, exciting past belief. I am glad to have seen for the first time something, but the one lesson I learned was, I'll see no more bull fights. The orchestra played the music of 'Carmen' as we came out, and I stopped to study the faces of the audience that but a few minutes before were in such extremes of excitement, shouting and hissing when the poor bull, terrified and smarting, tried to save himself instead of showing the proper amount of fight, and I remember that I too, at that moment had risen to my feet and taken the bull in my well-placed lance, which I thought was costing the picador his life, as he stood directly in front of the bull's horns, pierced the bull's shoulder just as he lowered his head to strike. Then the martyr Mascalanti leaped over the head and stood quickly waiting until the now maddened creature turned on him with sufficient ferocity to satisfy the most exacting hater.

"Nothing can express to you the intense feeling which pervaded the performance. One has to see it to understand the science of these superb men. They walk with the dignity that princes are supposed to have in and out of the jaws of death--a leap not any higher or lower than the wisest of statesmen in this side of eternity. The little scarlet cloak, their only defensive weapon, and with this alone they lead the infuriated animal to the exact spot where they wish to kill him, not at any hazard, but with just enough to startle him into a leap. The signal given by the President. In Paris they do not kill the bull in the arena, but when the signal to kill is given, the matador's personal danger is all the greater for not killing, and must look to the bull in the vital spot above the head between the shoulders, just as the bull lowers his head to gore him, thus going through the form, after which the bull is taken out by oxen and killed out of sight. Each bull which is of a very high breed, belongs to some well-known Spanish senior, and is worth a many hundred dollars. But they say it cannot fight twice, as it must be put an end to; the honor of the family to whom it belongs is at stake by the way it fights.

"A wonderful sight, and always shall it live in my memory how the artistic superadded the human side of it in my eyes. I had to grasp the smelling salts in one hand, for you know how I turn sick at the sight of blood, and to see the matador blindfolded horses raised on the horns of the maddened bulls made me turn faint for the moment, while the next I was fascinated by the wonderful science that turned life into a plaything. The cost of such a bull is about \$5000, and the most picturesque things imaginable. In fact, everything is done to make it endurable. Fierce feelings that I never imagined I had rose up and took possession of me, and I could scarcely realize my own lack of heart. For once and the last time I have been this relic of a past barbarism, and I am glad to have had the experience."

Anything in Reason. Old Martin, colonel of the 3rd Cavalry, was a martinet in all save his own habits, says Time. On one occasion he had a martinet to start on a long march through Texas and orders were issued that baggage should be reduced to the minimum. Lieut. B- had just received from his father a small box of books, which he did not attach to his baggage. He thought the colonel if he might not take it along.

"Good g-d, sir! No, sir! Couldn't I'm very sorry, colonel." It will be very dull out there without my reading. My father sent me a barrel of whisky, too, but of course I couldn't take that.

"Good g-d, sir! Of course you can, sir. Anything in reason, sir!"

In 1888 New Zealand had 15,000,000 sheep, and she has now about 100,000 less.

No Time Now. A young lady from Boston, who is visiting a married schoolmate in this city, supposed her friend was keeping up her symposium of eastern literature, and after the first greetings were over asked her what course of reading she was taking.

"Oh, I have no time for reading now. You see, there are progressive eucure, and drive whist, and pedro, and bean pich--"

"Is it possible," interrupted her friend, "that you have exchanged the classic for the dreadful western games, which you used to read Browning and Chas and Interpret Chopin?"

"Oh, dear, don't mention it," said the other, with a shiver. "I didn't know any better then. I haven't time for any such nonsense now. But really, dear, I've not entirely neglected my reading. I read the daily papers, and am away up on the Cronin murder case!"

Her friend returned East on the next train. -Detroit Free Press.

COAST NEWS. Body of Nicolas Frazer Found in the Mountains Near Pendleton.

EASTERN OREGON'S LOSS OF STOCK. Pelle to Hang June 6th--A Forger in Trouble.--C. & C. Damage Great.

Before the house committee on marine and fisheries James B. Montgomery, of Portland, Or., read a document, in favor of subsidizing American vessels.

Those who are well posted on the condition of the stock throughout Crook county estimate that the loss during the winter will be between 15 and 20 per cent.

The flood is practically over. The river fell rapidly at all points, though its decline was slower at Portland, on account of the increasing volume of water coming down the Columbia.

Pello, the Indian who was convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of Agnes Talmage on the night of May 29, was sentenced at Portland, Or., to be hanged Friday, June 6.

Senator Stewart introduced a bill to reimburse the states of California, Oregon and Nevada for moneys expended by them during the late war. The amount claimed by Oregon is \$556,271.

The Columbia had reached its highest point at Portland, at 6 o'clock, P. M., February 20, in congress with the fact has demonstrated the fact that high water can affect but very little the traffic of Vancouver.

Major Handbury, U. S. Engineer, spent Sunday at Fort Stevens, investigating affairs at the mouth of the river. He thinks the temporary appropriation of \$100,000 for the purpose of cutting the river and if it is worked on the jetty will be resumed as soon as the weather settles.

The body of Nicolas Frazer, some time ago lost in the mountains east of Pendleton, was found three-quarters of a mile from where last seen. He had slid down the side of a mountain a thousand feet. His clothing was broken. The body was brought to Pendleton.

The total receipts of the great charity ball given at the Tacoma hotel, were \$555; expenses, \$401.15; net \$153.85. By direction of Nelson Bennett, the Tacoma hotel sent to Fred F. Lacey, treasurer of the association, a check for \$26.15, in order to bring the amount up to an even \$100.

In view of the floods that have been prevailing in almost all parts of Oregon, resulting in almost complete stoppage of travel over all lines, the ninth annual encampment of the G. A. R. department of Oregon, that was to have convened at Eugene this week, has been postponed until March 12.

The late rains have soaked the ground so thoroughly as to cause landslides at the Duany hill, and on the hill between Virginia and Blaine streets, Seattle, where cuts were made. Tons of earth cover the walks and the east side of Second street. The same trouble exists at the Rainier hotel grounds.

Arrangements have been made to bring all the salesmen and agents who had culminated at Portland during the past week to Perrydale, Or., by the narrow gauge railway, and carry them from there to Salem by stage. This is the only route open at present on the Willamette river and Salem.

The extent of the damage by the late rains to the California railroad road between Ashland and Roseburg 150 miles north, can not be estimated even approximately, but it is very heavy. The railroad from Grant's Pass to Roseburg is reported one continuation of slides, and streams all over Southern Oregon are reported very high.

Seth C. Maker, of Seattle, beat the world's record on a typewriter, writing 125 words in one minute, or 296 letters and seven punctuation marks without a mistake. The fastest record heretofore made by a boy in Chicago, who wrote 121 words or 384 letters in a minute. Mr. Maker has written over 1000 words in ten minutes several times.

The sheep penched in Gilliam, Morrow and Grant counties will number in the thousands. Hundreds of head of horses and cattle have died on the ranges from starvation. Although there has been a hard winter on stockmen, it will help the farmers, as the hard rain we have had have melted the snow gradually and taken it into the ground.

The business of the police association at Tacoma is finished. A constitution and by-laws were adopted, and officer of the association elected, as follows: President, Chief Chesney, of Tacoma; vice-president, S. B. Parriah, of Portland; secretary and treasurer, Joseph F. Warren, of Spokane Falls. The association adjourned to meet the first Wednesday in August next at Portland.