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EASTERN STATES.

Discovery of a Planet.
BOSTON, Nov. 30.—A cable dispatch has been received at the Harvard college observatory announcing the discovery of a small planet by Baliza, at Vienna.

Consolidated.
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 30.—It is reported that the Winchester Arms Company of New Haven, and the Union Metal Cartridge Company of Lowell, Mass., have combined, and in the future will act together as a syndicate, controlling the cartridge manufacturing interest of the country. The company at Bridgeport employs 15,000 operatives, and the Winchester Company nearly as many, independent of a large number at work on guns.

A Year's Labor for a Shotgun.
SALINA, N. C., Nov. 30.—James Buck, an old white man living near Bookin, owns a small farm upon which he and his only daughter lived. She was aged 22, and was plain-looking. Buck saw a chance of making a profitable crop of tobacco, if he could only get some one to assist him, and put his daughter in the field. He was very poor, and could barely make enough to live on, and knowledge of this fact prevented him from securing labor. Richmond Furney, a young man, moved into the neighborhood about fourteen months ago, and procured a job on a neighboring plantation. Furney became enamored of Buck's daughter. The father was willing to turn the affection to some account, and agreed that if the young man would assist him on his farm for one year he would give him a double-barreled shotgun and his daughter. Furney agreed. The term of service expired to-day, and Furney asked for a fulfillment of the contract on the spot. Buck gave him the shotgun, and called his daughter in and asked her to become Furney's wife. She refused, arguing that she had already given her heart to another, to whom she was to be married to-night. Furney went off in a terrible rage, threatening to sue the old man for breach of contract, and get an injunction restraining the girl from marrying his rival.

Northern Pacific Bonus.
CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—The text of the Transcontinental Association traffic agreement says that in consideration of the Northern Pacific withdrawing from California business the Northern Pacific and the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company shall be paid by the other lines parties to the agreement in proportion as the earnings from business subject to this agreement are shared by each, 6 per cent. of the gross earnings on business between or passing through eastern points and San Francisco except business received from or delivered to the Occidental and Oriental Steamship Company or the Pacific Mail Company, it being understood that the Northern Pacific railroad and the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company share in the subsidy to be paid to the Pacific Mail Company. The subsidy now paid the Pacific Mail Company for its steamships between San Francisco and New York shall be borne by the several companies represented in the agreement, in proportion to their revenue from San Francisco business covered by this agreement.

The "Tribune" on the Mormon Question.
NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The Tribune adopts the main points of Governor Murray's declaration concerning the policy of the Mormon hierarchy, and says: "Mormons are increasing with great rapidity. The gospel does not overtake them with the help of the telegraph and fast mails. The missionary spirit is by no means active on its side, but it is strong with them, and it seems to grow stronger as they become more prosperous. They have passed the boundaries of Utah and are getting a dangerous hold upon neighboring territories. If we cannot put down polygamy by law we allow the sovereignty of the United States to be defied by an inner organization which assumes all civil power by virtue of ecclesiastical authority unknown to our laws and openly hostile to legitimate government. If, owing to the exceptional character of the population, national authority cannot be exercised in the usual way, some other means must be devised. We cannot permit our sovereignty to be destroyed by pedantic adherence to the customary form of exerting it. We must remember that the authority of congress over all the territories is absolute. It can govern Utah without a legislature, or even, if the worst comes without an election, as well as it can Alaska.

The Business Outlook.
NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Transactions in general merchandise have been strictly in accordance with the small requirements for immediate distribution, and is apt to be the case as the year nears its close. The general markets, with very few exceptions, lack tone as well as spirit. Stocks of goods in many cases have so accumulated that they have become a heavy burden to carry, and those whose financial necessities are really exigent are compelled to realize, which is apt to involve concessions.

The Strike Pronounced a Failure.
NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The Tribune says the strike of the compositors of the Evening Post office is acknowledged to be a failure and a full force of non-union men is now at work on the paper.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

TELLERS INDIAN POLICY.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—It is believed that the war-fare between Indians and whites can be ended by judicious measures. Secretary Teller recommends permanent reservations commensurate with the numbers of the tribes, discontinuance of cash annuities and the establishment of manual labor schools for the young. He urges that white adventurers be imprisoned for attempts to invade the Indian territory.

Limitation of Silver Coinage.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Judge Kelly will introduce a bill for further limitation of the coinage of silver dollars, providing that until the free coinage of both gold and silver is established a full legal tender shall be established at a common ratio by the leading commercial nations of Europe in concert with the United States, to be limited to the amount of \$1000 in coin, during each and every year ensuing the passage of this act, said amount to be coined at the same times and at such mints as the secretary of the treasury shall determine.

Bill to govern Alaska.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Senator Miller will introduce a bill in the senate this week, to provide civil government for Alaska. Section 1 provides that Alaska shall be a civil and judicial district. Section 2 provides for the establishment of a district court and the appointment of a district judge, to perform also the duties of governor, ex-officio, and see that the laws are executed. Section 3 provides for the appointment of a clerk of the court, who shall also be treasurer of the district, and ex-officio registrar and receiver of the land office at Sitka, and recorder of deeds and registrar of wills for the territory. Section 4 provides for the appointment of five commissioners, who shall reside, one at Wrangell, one at Sitka, one at Oumalaska, and one at Kodiak. They shall act as justices of the peace, notaries public, etc. Section 5 provides for the appointment of a United States district attorney, who shall also be ex-officio surveyer general of the territory. Section 6 makes the collector of customs for the district ex-officio marshal. He is given power to appoint five deputy marshals.

The general laws of Oregon, civil and criminal, so far as applicable, are made laws for Alaska. The district court is given exclusive jurisdiction in all chancery, title to lands or mining property and all trials for capital offenses. Provision is made for settling all jury trials. It is provided that all the territory embraced in said district, excepting groups of islands which constitute the United States government reservation, shall be a surveying and land district, with officers at Sitka and the laws now in force for the disposal and management of the public domain, under title 32, revised statutes, are made applicable to Alaska.

DEMOCRATIC TARIFF BILL.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—It is asserted that the tariff policy of the democratic party in the house will be a surprise to the republican leaders, and that policy, it is asserted, will not be to bring in a bill calculated to alarm the various industrial interests that depend for existence upon the maintenance of the existing system. On the contrary, it is proposed to attempt no revolutionary changes in the tariff law, but confronted with the necessity for reduction of the vast surplus revenue, a majority being opposed to the abolition of taxes on whisky and tobacco, the ways and means committee will be organized to report a bill which will abolish the duty on sugar, thus cutting off \$49,000,000 of revenue, and taking off the duties from a few other articles that are consumed daily by the people, and in native productions of which no great labor employing industries consume. A bill of this character it is said, will be passed by the house and sent to the senate, where the republican majority can kill it if they choose. The responsibility will thus be placed, and on the issue so joined the parties will plead before the people next fall.

Indians are not to be disturbed in the possession of their lands, and the United States is to relinquish its title to such lots of land as were specified in the transfer of the territory as belonging to the Russian-Greek church, or which have been occupied and improved by bona fide residents and citizens, or corporations doing business in said territory since, by permission of the United States authorities.

SENATE.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The senate was called to order by the president pro-tem, Edmanis, after which prayer was offered. The president laid before the senate the credentials in relation to Beck, who succeeds himself. Palmer, Terry and Pike succeed Rollins. The oath of office was administered to Beck, Bower, Callan, Dolph and Terry, whose credentials were submitted last session.

COINAGE NOTES.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The issue of silver dollars during the week ending December 1 was \$143,437. Same time last year, \$802,000. Coinage at the mints in November was \$1,824,910, of which \$2,350,000 was silver dollars.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Mexican Railroad.
MEXICO, Dec. 3.—The Mexican National road has opened to the public its line to San Miguel, which extends 254 miles from here.

Arrested in Russia.
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 3.—There have been many cases of incendiarism, at Gshatsk, in the government of Smolensk. Many persons suspected have been arrested.

Intruded by Fanatics.
TEHERAN, Dec. 3.—A Mussulman fanatic, Koof Seyd, has entered Persia with 2000 Turcomans, badly armed, however. Two smaller bands have also invaded Persia.

A Holy War in Persia.
TEHERAN, Dec. 3.—Khafeyd is preaching a holy war against Russia. He intends to march against Askabad.

Attacked in Afghanistan.
CALCUTTA, Dec. 3.—Ghazias attacked General Kennedy's exploring expedition to Suliam, Afghanistan. The assailants were killed. The expedition suffered a loss of 110.

Attempt to Kill De Lesseps.
PARIS, Dec. 3.—There arrived from Nice three boxes, one addressed to De Lesseps and the others to Couvreur, a contractor for work on the Panama canal. When Couvreur opened the box a cartridge exploded, but no harm was done. Couvreur was immediately alarmed, but De Lesseps, who was smiling, merely said, "They trust me like a sovereign."

The Franco-Chinese Difficulty.
PARIS, Dec. 3.—It is semi-officially announced that England, Germany, America, Russia and France will participate in joint protection of their subjects and interests in China, in the event of war between France and China. The object is to protect the lives and property of Europeans and Americans, in the event of a recurrence of an incident similar to the Canton trouble last summer. In order to accomplish this the five powers would form a flotilla of gunboats on the Canton river, the command of which would be given to the power having the largest naval force in Chinese waters. At the present time France has the greatest number of vessels there.

Mob in Ireland.
WEXFORD, Dec. 3.—A mob last evening attacked a theater in which evangelic service was being held, and attempted to burn the building. The mob took possession of the town, broke the windows in the Protestant churches, and of nearly all the houses occupied by protestants. The dresses of the ladies who attended services in the church and theater were torn off, and the gentlemen accompanying them were stoned. Several were injured severely. The mob paraded the streets several hours singing "God Save Ireland."

RAILROAD STOCKS.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—It is stated that last summer Henry Poor, compiler of the Railway Manual, became satisfied that the Northern Pacific Railway Company was concealing a large floating indebtedness, and that its stock must suffer a heavy decline. He formed a syndicate, and sold stock short to the amount, it is stated, of \$40,000 shares. The stock was above 80 and went below 40, and his profits were in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000. When the facts came out Poor's estimate of the indebtedness was found to have been almost absolutely correct. When the stock began to go down he seemed to receive mysterious assistance in its downward tendency. This is now believed to have been the result of large sales by President Villard, who, it is asserted, has profited to the extent of millions by pursuing the policy of Jay Gould in dealing with his own stocks. Many of his friends have been entirely cleaned out.

Workmen on a Visit.
NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—A delegation of French workmen recently arrived, announcing an intention of visiting the principal cities of America, including San Francisco, to study the labor problem. They are intelligent looking men, but their affiliations, since arriving, with socialists of the Herr Most and Justus Schwab school have excited some distrust among respectable American workmen. After visiting western cities they return and hold another consultation with leaders of trades unions, and enter into a full discussion of a scheme for an international federation of labor unions and decide whether or not such is practicable so far as the United States are concerned.

OUR POLICY IN THE FRANCO-CHINESE DIFFICULTY.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Confidential instructions which were sent last week to the commanders of American men of war cruising in the Chinese waters were such as are usually communicated to officers for their guidance in relation to the action of our squadron in case of actual hostilities occurring between France and China. The rights of American merchants doing business in China, which might be taken or attacked by the French forces were fully explained, and our naval officers were directed to see that these rights were respected and maintained by the French and the Chinese commanders. Strict neutrality is to be observed in all cases, no matter in what direction the sympathies of the officers may be. The quarrel is between China and France, and is none of our affair.

PACIFIC COAST.

Season's Catch.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—The total catch of the Arctic whaling fleet for the season is 11,290 barrels of oil, 162,244 pounds of bone, and 31,120 pounds of ivory. The whole is valued at \$860,000.

Foreign Demand for Coast Lumber.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—The movement of lumber vessels during the past ten days has been unusually active. Orders on foreign account have been filled as rapidly as possible, and yesterday arrivals from Humboldt bay and Puget sound brought large quantities of lumber, cut to order, that will be shipped to Europe during the present month. The captain of a schooner running in the Humboldt trade says mills in that locality are running largely on foreign orders, and that they have enough on hand to keep them busy some time.

Meteorologists Puzzled.
NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Meteorologists are puzzled to account for the red sunset for the past week, no two agreeing as to the cause. The phenomena was seen at various places from Main to California.

HOUSE.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Carlisle and Keifer being nominated for the speakership of the house Carlisle was elected by 191 votes to Keifer 112 and 5 scattering. The adjutant general of the army has received information of the surrender at Camp Poplar river of five lodges of Sitting Bull's forces from the British provinces.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 3.—The case of Frank James, charged with the Blue Cut train robbery, in 1881, comes up in the criminal court to-morrow. It is considered the defense will have the trial deferred until early next month. James, to all appearance, is nearly in his usual health.

Renting Farms.
Of all that appertains to agricultural matters that of renting farms is the most unsatisfactory. In 99 cases out of 100 both the landlord and the one who rents the farm are not satisfied with the result. It matters not how good condition a farm be in, a year or two of renting will have destroyed its productiveness. The tenant may be the very best kind of a farmer, the result will be the same. It is a kind of law of nature that renting of farms is unprofitable to the owner as well as to the occupant. In journeying through the rural districts, a farm that is rented can always be selected from those which are worked by its owner. The dilapidated state of the buildings, the broken gates, the tumble-down fences, the mammoth crop of weeds, the unthrifty general appearance—the air of desolation and destruction, are all too flagrant not to be observed. The rented farm is free to be plucked in every possible manner. It is like the poor boy at the frolic, it has no friends. In plowing, the object is to "cut and cover." The whole object, too, is to secure the utmost drain on the soil—get everything off without returning any of the fertilizers necessary to make it productive. No, if a man has a farm and he can not work it himself, he had better let it remain idle rather than rent it. We can speak understandingly on this matter. We have tried it.—Farm, Herd and Home.

How to Change an Address.
One of the most frequent and annoying troubles we have come from persons who want their papers changed from one office to another. For instance, one subscriber will write, "Please change my address to Eugene." Sometimes the subscriber's name does not appear on the order. It would be an easy matter to make the change if the bookkeeper knew where it was to be made from. Another annoyance is complaint about the receipt of papers, when on post office is designated. If the bookkeeper does not know the subscriber, and no one about the office can give any information, he is obliged to run over several thousand names to find the party. The error is fallen into by gentlemen frequently who have been subscribers to papers for years. If subscribers will write in plain hand the name of the post-office where they live, with the date and name of the postoffice where they want the paper sent, and send their names in plain letters, there will be no trouble in making the change. "Change my paper from Corvallis to Eugene, Robinson Jones," would be attended to without any trouble. The dates and names are absolutely essential to prompt business transactions.

Lost Ring.
The ladies finger ring lost on the streets of Corvallis last week. It was made so that it could be separated in three parts, and could be wore as two separate rings or as only one. When put together as one ring the emblems on it were clasped hands. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at his office.

Sunday was the quietest Sunday ever experienced in Newport. The city council having recently passed an ordinance closing up all saloons and business houses on Sundays. Last week our city marshal Geo. A. Lanis, arrested three of our citizens for gambling. In turn two of our most moral and law-abiding citizens were arrested for working on Sunday. All paid their fines without contest.

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