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WHISKEY MEN IN A HOLE

The Great Spirit Syndicate Needs Coin.

A Circular Sent Out to Stockholders.

Reorganization Demanded and the Working Capital to Be Replenished.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 18.—A circular, adopted by the directors of the Distilling and Cattle Feeding company at a meeting held in this city last week was sent out to the stockholders of the company tonight. It contains a statement of the condition of the company and declares re-organization is necessary, three plans being submitted for the approval of the stockholders.

The circular states that the board has made every possible preparation to take advantage of the increased tax lately enacted into law. A large amount of spirits and alcohol in bond had been accumulated. The circular then reviews the efforts of President Greehut and other officials to effect a loan and the difficulties they encountered. The failure to tax pay goods at this critical period was the severest blow ever experienced by the company. Great as was the financial loss, the loss of prestage was much larger. Owing to the failure to tax but a portion of the goods, trade became restive and the company was forced to abandon the rebate system which had proved so satisfactory in the past. This step forced the company to face new and hazardous conditions which will require more than ordinary sagacity and wisdom to meet.

The cash assets are largely tied up in spirits but there is enough cash to pay all rebates. Rebate money has in the past been used as a working capital, and after the rebates are paid an additional working capital will be required. In the seven years the Distilling and Cattle Feeding trust, and Distilling and Cattle Feeding company, its successor, have been in existence 260,522,624 proof gallons have been marketed and the amount of dividends paid, $6,118,868.20.

THE PRUSSIAN CONGRESS.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—The Prussian diet has been summoned to meet January 8th. The government intends, after the close of the session, to prosecute Herr Liebknicht, socialist member of the reichstag, who took a prominent part in the demonstration against the emperor upon the opening of the reichstag.

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THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Portland, Dec. 18.—Wheat, weak; valley 77½@80; Walla Walla 67½@70.

Liverpool.—Close; wheat, spot, quiet; demand poor; No. 2 red winter, 4s 8d; No. 2 red spring, stocks exhausted; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 5s 4½d; No. 1 California, 5s 2½d.

No. 1 hard Manitoba 5s 4½d; No. 1 San Francisco—Much wheat is arriving from the northern country, and a considerable amount of such stock is coming down to order for export purpose, thus lessening the demand for the California article—87½ for No. 1 shipping and 88 3-4 for choice milling wheat 92½@97½. Receipts of Walla Walla wheat continue liberal at easy rates, say 75c for fair average quality, 81¼ for blue stem, and 60@70 for damp stock.

New York—Hops quiet.

EXTREMES IN FIGURES.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—In the United States circuit court this afternoon the jury in the long contested case of Frank Pauson against the Northern Pacific Railway company returned a verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $310. Pauson was ejected from a train in September, 1892. He had bought a ticket from Seattle to Portland and the company's defense was that it was not properly endorsed. The plaintiff claimed $10,000 damages and a former jury disagreed. Pauson is a wealthy Portland merchant.

A DEPLORABLE LOSS.

Seattle, Dec. 18.—The whole Newcastle coal mine appears to be on fire and it is feared that the mine will become a wreck, involving a loss of $500,000 to the Oregon Improvement company. Coal creek is pouring into it, but it will take several weeks to thoroughly flood it and when the fire is extinguished it will take four or five months to pump it out. About 250 men are idle.

BAY DISTRICT FLYERS.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Five and a half furlongs—Catch 'Em won in 1:15.

Six furlongs—Wawon won in 1:24

About six furlongs—Tartarian won in 1:21.

One mile.—Enthusiast won in 1:54½.

Six furlongs—Quirt won in 1:21.

BRISSON ELECTED.

Paris, Dec. 18.—M. Brisson, chosen prime minister on the fall of M. Jules Ferry in 1885, was elected president of the chamber of deputies in succession to the late M. Budeau today, by a vote of 249 to 213 for M. Meline, French protectionist leader.

NO STAIN ATTACHES

TO TACOMA'S EX-CITY TREASURER GEORGE W. BOGGS.

Honorably Discharged by the Court for Lack of Criminating Evidence.

TACOMA, Dec. 18.—This evening, without one line of evidence being introduced for his defense, ex-City Treasurer George W. Boggs was acquitted of the charge of embezzlement brought against him early in November. When the state rested its case the defense moved that the case be dismissed and defendant discharged. Judge Parker granted the motion of insufficiency of evidence. The jury, under instructions, brought in a verdict of not guilty. Boggs was charged with embezzlement of nearly $25,000 by placing worthless checks and papers in the State Savings bank and having them credited to the city as cash.

HEAVY SUIT ENDED.

Boston, Dec. 18.—The long contested patent suit of the United States vs. the American Bell telephone company was ended this morning when Judge Carpenter of the United States circuit court rendered his decision against the Telephone company. This suit was a bill in equity praying for the repeal of letters patent issued to Emile Berliner, assignor of the American Bell Telephone company for combined telephone and telegraph system. The Berliner patents were issued to the telephone company but were never put into use by them on account, they claim, of the expense of making changes in the telephone system while other companies were prevented from using the system.

IN A MELTING MOOD.

Denver, Dec. 18.—The great labor convention was in a melting mood when it adjourned sine die, at 6 o'clock this afternoon. The closing hour was devoted to telling personal experiences, President Gompers taking part in the recitation of grievances. The most important feature of the day's work was the adoption of resolutions on the Debs matter and these were of a character that was fully anticipated. All attempts to resurrect political questions were promptly repressed.

WENT TO SMASH.

Colfax, Wash., Dec. 18.—Webster & Bowman, known as the Colfax Mercantile company here, closed their doors today. R. L. Sabin, of the Mercantile Protective association of Portland, has taken charge for the benefit of the firm's wholesale creditors. Inability to collect outstanding accounts was the cause of the failure.

CLEVELAND ASSENTS.

Constantinople, Dec. 18.—It is now stated that President Cleveland will, after all, accede to the Porte's repuest to send a delegate with the commission appointed to inquire into the stories of atrocities upon the part of Turkish soldiers in Armenia.

AN ARRAY OF CHAMBERS.

Portland, Dec. 18.—A large delegation from the chamber of commerce of Astoria left tonight for this city to be present on Astoria day at the exposition tomorrow. The chamber of commerce of this city will also be present.

SEN. HILL HITS HARD

Scores the Dilatory Rules in Force

And Opens the Fight in His Usual Style.

A Day's Record of Men and Events at the Nation's Big Capital.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senator Hill of New York today made a speech in the senate favoring the changes in the rules of the senate so as to expedite business. He said:

The sentiment of the country, manifested through the press, rostrum and other avenues by which public opinion is usually communicated seems to desire the adoption of some new methods of proceedure here whereby necessary legislation may be facilitated, sessions of congress materially shortened and the best interests of the country, so interwoven with or largely affected by congressional action, more seriously preserved in their normal condition.

"I assert that the privilege of unlimited debate in a legisiative body is inconsistent with, and destructive of, the right and power of legislation. Such a condition of affairs naturally forces compromises and concessions of doubtful propriety as a condition of any legislation before permitted.

"It is as certain as anything in political affairs can be, if our republican friends obtain control of this body and desire to enact important legislation to carry but their principles, they will boldly amend the rules to enable them to do it promptly."

The senator also argued in favor of counting a quorum and closed by declaring that no silly cry of "gag law" should prevent the desired amendments to the rules.

Notwithstanding the fact that debate on the currency bill was scheduled to begin in the house today less than 100 members were present when Speaker Crisp dropped the gavel. The committee on rules had prepared a special order, under which the house should operate, but had decided, in view of the democratic opposition to the measure, not to offer it at present, but to allow Springer to call up the bill by virtue of its privilege. Immediately after the call of committees for reports, therefore, the chairman of the banking and currency committee moved the house go into committee of the whole for consideration of the measure. The motion prevailed without discussion and Richardson of Tennessee took the chair.

Walker, republican, of Massachusetts, who was in charge of the opposition to the measure, began with a statement of the essence of the Baltimore plan. The beginning and end of that plan, he said, was to give to the national banks power to withdraw their United States bonds from the treasury and issue circulating notes on their assets up to fifty per cent It afforded not a shadow of relief and did not deserve a moment's consideration. Again, the bill presented by the secretary of the treasury was an amazing scheme. The bill had not a feature that could be enacted except after remodelling without endangering the financial interests of the country. Carlisle had drawn the bill over night. He described the peril of the present condition of things in the banking world, and the dangers that threatened. Yet the committee on banking and currency had dawdled away its time until this undigested scheme of the secretary of the treasury had been thrown into the hopper, when, after a few hearings, it had been brought into the house without a single change. Walker spoke of his own bill and its superiority over the Carlisle bill. He expressed the hope that his bill would be passed in place of the Carlisle bill.

Dolph, in reporting adversely the general land grant forfeiture bill, expressed the belief that congress has not the power to forfeit these lands, but that the right to them was vested in the railroads. Even if congress had the power to forfeit them, it would be unjust and inequitable to the railroad companies.

Berry of Arkansas said the majority in the committee for reporting the bill adversely was but one. Five members, including himself, had voted for its passage. In order to get the bill on the calendar one member had changed his vote and had consented to an adverse report for that purpose. He declared the senate ought to pass the bill, and said the railroads were not entitled to one foot of the land.

The vote on reporting the bill stood as follows:

Ayes—Berry, Pascoe, Martin, McLauren, Allen.

Nays—Vilas, Dolph, Pettigrew, Carey, Dubois.

Not voting—Power.

Senator Allen afterwards changed his vote so as to permit the bill to be reported adversely, as that appeared to be the only way of getting it reported at all.

The gold reserve was further reduced today by the withdrawal at New York of $1,800,000, which leaves the amount of reserve at the close of business today $91,554,900, and the cash balance at $155,048,459.

Speaker Crisp and the house leaders have reached a tacit agreement by which adjournment for the holiday recess will be taken at the close of the session next Saturday, and the reassembling will be at noon on January 3d.

Representative Bland of Missouri will move to strike out all after the enacting clause in the Carlisle currency bill now before the house, and substitute a measure he has prepared for a currency system. The Bland bill provides for the free coinage of silver and for the deposit of gold and silver bullion and the issuance of legal tender notes upon it. The bullion is to be subsequently coined and the coin notes are to be redeemed in gold and silver without discrimination as may be most advantageous to the government. Provision is also made for the issuing of coin notes on standard silver coin. All outstanding gold and silver certificates are to be retired and the coin notes are to be substituted therefor.

SIX SHIPS IN JEOPARDY.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The general opinion among sea faring men is that the steam colliers Montserrat and Keweenaw will never be seen again. The only hope is that the colliers were driven north by the storm and that they are now in some sheltered cove along the British Columbia coast. Anxiety is now transferred to the bark Columbia which left Port Blakeley fourteen days ago for this port with a cargo of lumber; the bark Germania sixteen days out from Seattle, coal laden for San Francisco; the ship J. B. Brown, fifteen days out from Nanaimo, with coal for this port, and the bark Sea King, which sailed a day later than the J. B. Brown from the same port and for the same destination. All four would be in the worst of the storm between Cape Flattery and Cape Blanco.

TWO GREAT FLYERS.

Los Angeles, Dec. 18.—Alix was sent a half mile today in 1:00¼ and the last quarter in 29½. The mare is in excellent form for next Saturday's trial. Robert J. also went a quarter today in close to 29 seconds.

THE GOLD GOES.

Washington, Dec. 18.—A telegram from the subtreasury at New York to the treasury department announces that up to 2:15 p. m. today $1,500,000 in gold had been withdrawn.

BETWEEN THE CARS.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—R. G. Clark, a Southern Pacific brakeman, 28 years of age, was crushed to death while switching cars at the Arctic oil works this morning.

THE RACE IS OFF.

London, Dec. 18.—Captain Cranfield said today that from the present outlook there would be no race for the America cup.

HOPE IS ABANDONED

TWO COAST STEAMERS ARE GIVEN UP ENTIRELY

And Very Grave Fears Entertained for Two Other Ships Still Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—That the steam colliers Montserrat and Keweenaw have been lost at sea with all on board is now considered almost a certainty. The Montserrat, from Nanaimo, and the Keweenaw, from Comox, B. C., are both seven days overdue at this port. For several days tugs and coasting steamers all along the northern coast have kept a sharp lookout but no tidings of either steamer have been received. Both vessels were heavily loaded and the prevailing opinion is that they were lost almost together in the terrific gale that raged off Cape Flattery on the night that they put to sea. The Montserrat, Captain Blackburn, carried a crew of twenty men and the Keweenaw, Captain Jenkins, had a crew of thirty men. Anxiety is also felt for the barks Germana and Columbia.

MORE LEXOW ROT.

New York, Dec. 18.—When the Lexow committee began its work today there were present in the court room, Police Captains Cross, Adair and Creedon, all in full uniform. Father McDonald of Brooklyn was an interested spectator. John Rappanhagan, the man who handled Captain Creedon's $15,000 was a witness. The witness reiterated his testimony of Friday to the effect that Snell gave him a check for $15,000 and that Martin knew he had this check. Then he deposited the check and afterward drew it out on July 16, 1892.

"When did Martin tell you that you could have $5,000 of the $15,000."

"When I went to pay $10,000 over to Martin."

"Well, now, as a matter of fact was not this $5,000 paid to you as a bribe for your instrumentality in the matter?"

"Well, I dare say it was."

Rappanhagen then went on to state the $5,000, when it had been paid, he used in paying pressing debts.

"It is not a custom for saloonkeepers in your vicinity to give small loans to the police?"

"Oh, yes, $5 or $10 at a time."

"And as a result the police are not very strict about the enforcement of excise law, are they?"

"No, they are not."

"Is it not a fact that saloonkeepers are assessed to make a Christmas present for the captains?"

"Yes, it is, every year."

HONORS ABROAD.

Rome, Dec. 18.—United States Ambassador McVeigh gave a dinner today to the officers of the cruiser Detroit, which brought home the Vatican relics exhibited at the Columbian exposition. A solemn reception of the officers by the pope is now regarded as uncertain.

TELEPHONE JUDGMENT.

Boston, Dec. 18.—The United States circuit court in the case of the United states against the Bell Telephone Co. handed down a decision declaring the Berliner telephone patent void.

DIDN'T PAD ENOUGH.

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—The coroner's jury decided that Andy Bowen's death was due to the club's failure to pad the ring in which the contest took place.

THE WORLD'S RECORD

Fifteen Bills in Exactly Four Minutes.

Lightning Legislation in the House.

Daily Grist of Interesting News Notes from the Law Making Capital.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—At the opening of the session of the house, Hermann of Oregon presented a preamble and resolution declaring that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty was an obstacle to the construction of the interoceanic canal and that it should be abrogated. It was referred to the committee on foreign affairs. Fifteen, of sixteen bills, favorably reported from Friday night's session were then passed without objection, in exactly four minutes.

McRea, chairman of the committee on public lands, moved to pass, under suspension of the rules, the bill to protect public forest reservations.

Wells charged that rascality was behind the bill and predicted that those who were pushing it through with whip and spur would live to regret their action. The vote resulted 159 to 53, and the bill passed.

The plan of urging Secretary Carlisle's bill for a revision of the currency before the holidays has been abandoned. It was developed today that many democratic members of the house were opposed to hurried action. Mr. Crisp was against haste, and the committee on rules supported this view.

President Cleveland has sent to the senate the following nominations:

Justice—Charles D. Clarke, to be United States district judge of the eastern and middle districts of Tennessee, vice David M. Key, retired; Humphrey B. Hamilton, to be associate justice of the supreme court of New Mexico.

State—Thomas O'Hara of Michigan, to be consul at San Juan del Norte, Nicaragua.

In the senate the university bill went over and the Nicaragua canal bill was called up.

The senate adopted Sills' resolution calling for a copy of the income tax regulations. The bill to establish a national university was then taken up.

The majority report of the house committee on banking and currency, favorable to Secretary Carlisle's plan of currency, was today presented to the house by Chairman Springer, with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The president Saturday approved the bill for the dedication of the Chickamaugua and Chattanooga National parks, September 19th.

The issue of standard silver dollars for last week was $579,795.

The house today passed the army appropriation bill. The bill carries $23,299,814. Three propositions in the bill were new, all being recommended by the secretary of war. One reduced the number of majors in the pay department to twenty, a reduction of five. The second reduced the number of captains in the subsistence department by four, and the third transferred the military prison at Fort Leavenworth to the jurisdiction of the department of justice.

KEEP IT AT HOME.—There is an immensity of Oregon money sent out over the mountains and even across the oceans that might and ought to be kept at home, where it will get back into and circulate through the various channels of trade. One item alone is a little surprising in its magnitude. Very few would think that over $300,000 went out to foreign companies last year in the shape of insurance premiums, yet such is the fact, and the proposition at once suggests itself, how much better it would be if this money were kept at home. And to a large extent it might be. There is no necessity for sending out a dollar for ordinary insurance so long as the people have an Oregon company of strength and reliability to carry their risks. This they have in the State Insurance company, of Salem, composed of many of the strongest men in the state, a company whose policies are as good as a goldbearing bond and whose every interest is to do a clean, honest business with the neighbors and friends who are its patrons. The proper thing to do for an Oregonian who is seeking new insurance or renewing old policies is to find an agent of the State and leave his premiums at home.

ON A CHINESE TRAIL.

Tacoma, Dec. 7.—The local customs officers believe they have made a good start toward breaking up the "Chinese method of sweating customs stamps" and placing them on smuggled opium. Within thirty days eighty pounds of opium consigned to Portland and San Francisco, bearing sweated stamps have been seized here, and twenty pounds at Olympia. The officers are placing private marks on the stamps when first used so they can detect them afterwards.

A DESPERATE MOTHER.

Seligman, Mo., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Jones, residing near here, cut the throats of her two little children and her own throat yesterday. All three died almost instantly. Despondency was the cause.

BIG FIRE LOSS.

Warsaw, Dec. 17.—Fire at the railway station here has done enormous damage. Several storehouses filled with merchandise and a large number of freight cars were destroyed.

SAFELY MANEUVERED.

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—Fire broke out in the Oregon Improvement company's Newcastle coal mine at Coal creek ten miles from this city at 8:30 o'clock this morning, and the creek was turned into the mine to extinguish the flames. In the midst of wild confusion Superintendent Anderson telephoned below to the third level, telling the 125 men in the mine how to escape and stayed at the telephone until the fire drove him away. By this time the 125 men had come out and five men went down the air shaft to warn them that the slope was burning within one hundred feet. The fans were kept going, though they fanned the flames and enormously increased the loss and the men worked like demons to keep the flames from them. One moment's stoppage would have meant death. The last man was brought out at 2:30 p. m. and the roll was called. The openings were then stopped, Coal creek dammed and turned into the mine, and tomorrow the fans will be reversed to draw out smoke, while men go down to fight the fire. The machinery and top works were saved except the roof of the slope, but twenty-two mules, harness, cars and other loss aggregate $50,000.

BOTH ARE COWARDS.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—S. D. Perry, publisher of the East St. Louis Herald, and Lloyd R. R. Fayling, exeditor of the Herald, exchanged courtesies according to the duel code last Friday and were to meet on the field of honor early yesterday morning with pistols. The story got into the newspapers, and fear of the police interfered and the encounter was postponed. A publishers' notice in a recent copy of the Herald caused Fayling to send the challenge, which was promptly accepted by Perry. The sending or acceptance of a challenge to fight a duel being a penitentiary offense in Illinois, the principals are keeping in the background today. Both men are of spirit and the encounter is only postponed.

HOP AND GRAIN VALUES.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Wheat, No. 1 shipping, 87½, though choice offerings would command 88 3-4; milling qualities, 92½@97½; Walla Walla wheat still comes to hand with freedom; 75 to 77½ for fair average quality, 82½@85 for blue stem, and 67½@72½ for damp stock.

Liverpool—Wheat, steady; demand moderate; No. 2 red winter, 4s 9d; No. 2 red spring, stocks exhausted; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 5s 6d; No. 1 California, 6s 2½d.

Hops at London—Pacific coast £2 15s.

Portland—Wheat, valley, 75@77½; Walla Walla, 70.

New York—Hops dull.

PROTECTION GRANTED.

London, Dec. 17.—A Tien Tsin dispatch says the foreign sailors and marines who were summoned to Pekin to protect the legations of their respective countries were refused the right of travel through Chinese territory by the government authorities. Foreign ministers combined to protect their legations, whereupon the emperor issued a new order, and appointed officers and soldiers to afford the necessary protection to the legations.

SUICIDE ON THE SOUND.

Tacoma, Dec. 17.—T. E. Ogilvie, aged 25, a mechanic in the employ of the Edison car shops, was found dead in his room this morning with a bullet through his breast. It was evidently a case of suicide. He was in love with a woman who is to be married Thursday to another man. Ogilvie was despondent through that, and also from the fact he had just discovered he had consumption.

A FUGITIVE MINISTER.

Vienna, Dec. 17.—A dispatch says that Signor Giolatti, ex-premier of Italy, passed through this city last evening on his way to Berlin. It is reported he has fled from Rome to avoid being arrested.

IN HONOR OF OREGON.

Portland, Dec. 17.—Members of the state military board of Oregon have formed an organization for the purpose of raising funds to present a testimonial to the battle ship "Oregon" when she is accepted by the government. The organization extends to every company in the state. Co-operation of civil organizations and commercial bodies will be requested.

AN INVENTOR PROTECTED.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—It was decreed in the United States circuit court today in the case of Adolph B. Bowers against Alexander McNee and others that the dredging and hydraulic apparatus patents issued to A. B. Bowers in 1885 are good and valid and that he be declared the inventor of the machinery involved in the suit.

LOCAL MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Prices Current in the Portland Produce Markets.

Flour—Portland, Salem, $2.40 per barrel.

Oats—Good white, 25 to 26c per bushel; milling, 27 to 29c; gray, 25 to 27c.

Barley—Brewing, 80 to 82½c per cental.

Millstuffs—Bran, $13.50; middlings, $13.50; chop feed, $15 to $17.

Hay—Good, $9 to $10 per ton.

Butter—Firm; fancy creamery, 25 to 27½c; fancy dairy, 20 to 22½c.

Potatoes—35 to 40c per sack.

Onions—Good Oregon, 75 to 90c per cental.

Poultry—Chickens, $1.50 to $1.75 per dozen; ducks, $2.50 to $5.

Fresh fruit—Good Oregon apples 50 to 65c per box.

Eggs—Oregon, scarce and firm at 25c per doz.; Eastern, 21 to 22½c.

Wool—Valley, 7 to 9c, according to quality; Umpqua, 7 to 9c; Eastern Oregon, 6 to 7c.

Hops—Quotable at 4 to 7c per pound, according to quality.

Wheat—Shippers quoted 67½ to 70c per cental as the extreme for Walla Walla, and gave as the outside figure for valley 77½ to 80c per cental.