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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Columns.

The Homestead steel work started up this week in all departments, giving employment to 4,000 men.

Mrs. Mary Scott, a pioneer of 1864, died at her home in Walla Walla, at the age of 79 years. Her husband, John Scott, died only two months ago.

The president has signed, on the recommendation of the secretary of the interior, an order, reducing the number of pension agencies in the United States from eighteen, to nine. It is said this will save at least \$150,000 per annum.

Hon. J. F. Boyer died at his residence in Walla Walla. Mr. Boyer was one of the best known men of that city. In business, in church, in social life and in almost every matter of public interest he was for many years one of the most prominent men of the Inland Empire.

A Santa Fe train was held up and robbed by two masked men near Nelson, N. M. One of the robbers while attempting to break into the express car was shot and killed by Messenger Summers. The other escaped, taking with him about half a dozen registered packages, the through mail pouches being unharmed.

A grand ball, on a luxurious scale, in honor of President and Mrs. Diaz, was given Saturday night at the palatial residence of Pablo Escandon, of the opulent family of that name. It was in point of importance, taste and display, what the Bradley-Martin ball will be in New York.

News has been received of the wholesale killing of pacificos at Jucos, Matanzas province, last week, by one of Weyler's captains, named Marior. He raided a small village, expecting to find an insurgent hospital there. Being disappointed he arrested twenty of the men, and, putting them in line, he ordered every odd numbered man shot, promising to spare the others. No sooner had these been dispatched than he had the others put to the machete.

Rev. Myron Reed, pastor of the Denver Broadway Temple Association, preached a sensational sermon last Sunday, in which he discouraged the collection of grain and money for the starving provinces of India, while there is so much suffering and need in our own country. Rev. Reed declared that present conditions in India were brought about by British misgovernment and should therefore be relieved by the British people.

Two drunken tramps, named Shepard and Irving, respectively, were locked up together at Merced, Cal., and a few hours later the cell was opened, Shepard was found lying dead on the floor, with a red mark upon his neck indicating that he had been strangled. Thirty-five cents in change, which Shepard had when locked up, were found in Irving's possession. The latter was charged with his companion's murder.

The Pennsylvania state capital has been destroyed by fire. The legislative hall is in ruins and a new structure must rise from the ashes of the building that has served as a meeting place of the state legislature since 1832. The flames within the short space of an hour, ate up \$1,500,000 worth of property. The inefficiency of the Harrisburg volunteer fire department is generally blamed.

A special cablegram from Frankfort-on-the-Main to the New York Post says that the Berlin committee of holders of Oregon Railway & Navigation Company 5 per cent bonds have received a point bill of \$5 from the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroad companies for all the stock of the Railway & Navigation Company represented by them, the purchase price to be payable July 1, with 3 per cent interest. The bid is conditional on its acceptance by at least \$5,000,000 of stock. It is thought the United Pacific will also become interested later in the purchase.

George Edward Butler, the most noted criminal of late years, has just arrived in San Francisco on the Swan-hilda from Australia. He was immediately arrested by Australian detectives and will be taken back to answer to his numerous crimes. He is known to have killed two men, and it is said his crimes may reach forty. His cold-blooded method was to insert an "ad" in Australian papers for a prospecting partner. When he found a man that suited his purpose he would lure him to some desolate spot and there, with a single shot, he would leave an unsuspecting victim would hang deep enough in the earth, Butler would come behind him, and either shoot or stab him. He would then rob him, bury the body in the newly made grave, destroy all traces of his crime and return to the city for a fresh victim. His crimes show that he was utterly devoid of any sense of humanity.

A house was destroyed in Chintown, Portland, by fire, the loss being in the neighborhood of \$18,000, with very light insurance.

One half of the famous Naglee brandy of San Francisco, has been shipped east en route to Europe. This brandy belonged to the estate of General Naglee, who made part of it in 1869, and was the property of his daughter, Mrs. Robbins, of San Jose. The shipment consisted of seven carloads. It is probably the most valuable shipment of brandy ever made from California.

Captain Thomas R. Brown died at his home just south of Ashland, Or., aged about 55 years. Mr. Brown was well known in Washington, where he was United States marshal during the Harrison administration.

There died at the receiving hospital in San Francisco a man who claimed to have been of royal birth. He gave the name of Eugene de Beaucharnais, and claimed to have been a descendant of Empress Josephine, the first wife of Napoleon. He also claimed to have been an officer in the Confederate navy.

WORK OF CONGRESS.

Proceedings of the Senate in Open Session.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The senate was in executive session most of the day, considering the Anglo-American peace treaty, so that little time was given in open session to the transaction of regular legislative work.

Early in the day, the bill rearranging the judicial districts of Texas was passed over the president's veto by the unusually heavy majority of 75 to 1, the negative vote being that of Caffery of Louisiana.

Speaking of the bill, Mills said the burden of the present objection was that the judge of the court, the clerk and the marshal opposed the change. For years the development of Texas had demanded the change, but every time it was attempted there was the opposition of court officials who desired their seats on the bench rather than the convenience of the public. And so, in this case, said the senator, the president had accepted the views of the court officials rather than those of the representatives of the people.

The effect of the vote is to make the bill of the president a reference to the president, as it has already passed over the veto in the house.

Pettigrew sought to have the bill relative to amending the timber culture laws recalled from the president to correct an error. Hill interposed the legal point that it was beyond the power of congress to take a bill out of the hands of the president to amend it on matters of substance. It might overcome the veto power by withdrawing a bill from the president when it was liable to be vetoed. The resolution went over.

At 1 o'clock, on motion of Sherman, the senate went into executive session and so remained until adjourning at 5:25.

In the House.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The house devoted the whole day to District of Columbia business, and eight bills of more or less local importance were passed.

The certificates of election of the principal electors forwarded to the house by the secretary of state, were submitted and ordered to lie on the table, in anticipation of the counting of the electoral vote.

The report on the immigration bill was presented, and notice given that it would be called up tomorrow. Barthold, who fought the first report, has signed the present report, and it will be adopted, it is believed, practically without opposition. The speaker appointed Grosvener and Richardson as tellers on the part of the house to count the electoral vote.

A resolution was adopted requesting the secretary of the interior to inform the house what action had been taken to enforce the terms of the treaty of 1868, with the Navajo Indians, by which these Indians are required to remain within the limits of their reservation. At 5:10 P. M. the house adjourned.

EDISON'S NEW DISCOVERY.

With the New Invention Surgeons Can See Through the Body.

New York, Feb. 10.—Thomas A. Edison is about to give to the world another discovery as wonderful in its way as the fluoroscope, by means of which he puts the X rays to practical use in revealing the bony structure of the body.

"It was," said he, "the action of the X ray on crystals of platino-cyanide of barium which caused Roentgen to make the original discovery. Immediately afterwards I discovered that tungstate of calcium was more powerful than barium in its action. I have been utilizing the crystals in connection with the X ray. Tungstate of calcium is not sufficiently sensitive to transform the strange light discovered by Roentgen to a light that would so illuminate the interior of the human body as to render its most delicate tissues, in other words, to make it transparent."

Mr. Edison set about to find a crystal which would possess the quality. He has discovered one. Its name he will not reveal, saying he is still experimenting with it, and desires to exhaust its possibilities before announcing it to the world.

By means of newly discovered crystals Edison will now disclose to the eye of surgeons organs and tissues that have hitherto been seen only in the dissecting room. It is probable that when he perfects his new discovery the slightest derangement of the system will be revealed to the doctor's sight.

Stoned by a Mob.

Philadelphia, Feb. 10.—When ex-priest Joseph Slattery concluded his lecture at the Industrial Art hall last evening and appeared at the door to take his carriage to his hotel a mob gathered. Two policemen got in the carriage with Slattery and his wife and drove off.

WEYLER WAS UNDER FIRE

Bullets Whizzed Close to the Captain-General.

HE WAS GREATLY WORRIED

Perilous March to Havana—Another American Newspaper Correspondent Arrested by Spaniards.

New York, Feb. 9.—A Key West special to the World says: As General Weyler was marching with his column just before entering Santa Clara, his horse was shot from under him by a Cuban sharpshooter. It is supposed the shot came from a distant hillside.

Throughout the march from Rodas, the captain-general was assailed by missiles of this kind, and several times barely escaped being wounded. He is greatly worried over it, and large scouting parties preceded the advance of the Spanish columns to capture the daring marauders.

A Spanish force of 5,000 was ambushed Wednesday night near Nazarene, just west of Santa Clara, where General Weyler was then, and narrowly escaped annihilation.

A Correspondent Arrested.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Consul-General Lee today telegraphed the state department from Havana: "Sylvester Scovel, a World correspondent, was arrested yesterday at Tunas, Santa Clara province."

New York, Feb. 9.—Sylvester Scovel is the only New York correspondent who has been for any length of time with the Cuban army in the field. He has had considerable success in eluding the vigilance of the Spanish troops and getting his dispatches out of Cuba. He is the son of Rev. Dr. Scovel, president of Wooster university. He is well educated, and an all around athlete.

Scovel was manager of the Cleveland Athletic Club when the Cuban rebellion broke out. In a spirit of adventure, he determined to join the patriots, and in October, 1895, he left Cleveland for Cuba.

CHARLESTON BLOCKADE.

Will Be a Social As Well as a Naval Event.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 9.—The steamer Fern, the first of the blockade fleet, reached here today from Hampton roads. The flagship New York, the Southey, the Monitor, the Albatross, and the Monitor Amphibious, which left Hampton roads with the Fern, are expected tomorrow. The fleet will number about twenty vessels, and they will, in all probability be here within the next few days, when the great minnie blockading the harbor is scheduled to begin. Arrangements are in progress for the entertainment of the naval officers. A number of committees have been appointed, and navy officials as well as leading officers of the blockade fleet will be given a hospitable reception. It is expected that the blockade maneuvers, Secretary Herbert and Colonel Farrow will be guests of the chamber of commerce, which will give a dinner in their honor. Charleston will probably witness during the blockade one of the largest crowds ever assembled here.

Ice Georges on the Mississippi.

Louisville, Feb. 9.—An ice gorge, fifteen feet high and twenty miles long, which has been forming for several days, gave way this afternoon. Several New Orleans and Memphis packets have been caught in the ice and compelled to lay up. If these have not succeeded in finding refuge in the tributaries, the loss may be large. A telephone message from the scene tonight states that the Buckeye State ran into Blue river and quickly receded, leaving the steamer stranded on the shore. Her pilot house and smokestack were demolished, and it is now thought she will be a total loss. Her value is \$40,000.

Gave a Good Stage of Water.

Pittsburg, Feb. 9.—Both the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers are full of floating ice, and are rising rapidly, but a dangerous flood is not apprehended. A good boating stage of water is assured, however, and between 7,000,000 and 10,000,000 bushels of coal will be shipped to Southern points during the first of the week. Several tows were made today and started, but had to lay up because of the ice. The Monongahela above Brownsville, and the Allegheny above Kittanning, are the assistants of the weather. The ice is getting colder, so they will probably not break up now.

An Old Lady Murdered.

Salt Lake, Feb. 9.—A Tribune special from Butte says: Mrs. Mary McDonough, a lady 70 years old, was found murdered at her home today in the town of Basin, in Jefferson county. She was found in a back room of her house, her head and face being hacked almost to pieces, with an ax, which was found in the room. No motive is known for the deed.

Woolen Mills Shut Down.

Fall River, Mass., Feb. 9.—The Jesse Eddy Manufacturing Company, which operates the only woolen mills in this city, has decided to shut down for several weeks.

The Thames Overflowing.

London, Feb. 9.—Although the rains stopped last Friday, the Thames continues to rise. Serious floods are reported throughout the valley. The Windsor race course and the grounds at Eton are submerged.

Three Friends Seized.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 9.—The steamer Three Friends was seized and libeled upon her return today from a towing trip down the coast. The libel charges her with piracy; that a Hotchkiss gun was mounted upon the bow of the steamer and was fired at a Spanish gunboat at the mouth of the San Juan river, while endeavoring to land an expedition.

Towles, Cal., Feb. 8.—A premature explosion of a blast in the Pioneer mine today resulted in the death of D. J. Sullivan and Edward Thompson.

THE ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS.

Senator Thurston Resumed His Speech on the Pacific Railroad.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Thurston, of Nebraska resumed his speech upon the Pacific railroad debt. In the course of Thurston's remarks, Morgan of Alabama asked whether the roads were not paying expenses, to which the Nebraska senator replied he could not say, not having data before him.

Thurston said it was "nip and tuck" whether the court should authorize bonds of interest on the first mortgage bonds of the Union Pacific. He said the Union Pacific never earned enough to pay all its interest obligations.

Following Thurston's speech, the senate, by unanimous consent, went to the calendar and passed the following bills:

For the relief of the Mobile Marine Dock Company, for the establishment of a soldiers' home at Hot Springs, Ark.; to place Rear-Admiral McCall on the retired list; amending the law in regard to collisions at sea; a resolution of inquiry relating to the capture of the Competitor by a Spanish warship; for a public building at Joplin, Mo.; for the relief of Pay Clerk, of the navy, on account of a fire at Yokohama.

When the joint resolution acknowledging the independence of Cuba was reached on the calendar, Morgan insisted that it should be taken up, notwithstanding objections. He subsequently withdrew the request, several senators protesting. Morgan gave notice, however, that when the senate should next come in contact with the resolution, he would insist upon its consideration.

The vice-president announced the appointment of Lodge of Massachusetts and Blackburn of Kentucky as a committee to make arrangements for the counting of the electoral vote.

The Competitor Papers.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The resolution passed by the senate today relative to the capture of the Competitor by a Spanish warship was introduced by Senator Morgan June 3, 1896, and calls upon the president for information regarding the capture. Since that time the president has transmitted to congress parts of the correspondence relative to the Competitor and the prisoners.

Consular and Diplomatic Bill.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The consular and diplomatic appropriation bill was reported to the senate by the committee on appropriations today. The committee restored the American consulates at Horgen, Switzerland, and Alexandretta, Asia Minor. It also extended the franchise privilege to the bureau of American republics.

Decided Against Watson.

Washington, Feb. 9.—It became known today that the house committee on elections, which had charge of the election contest brought by Thomas F. Watson, of Georgia, recently Populist candidate for vice-president, against Representative Black, decided yesterday to confirm Black's title to the seat. The verdict, it is understood, is unanimous.

A Pension for George Hughes.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Representative Ellis says the George Hughes pension bill has passed the house and has been reported from the house committee at \$50 per month. He expects to have it reached and passed in time to be signed by the president before congress adjourns.

LAST PUBLIC RECEPTION.

Mrs. Cleveland's Farewell Draw a Large Crowd to the White House.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Cleveland's farewell public reception this afternoon drew a large crowd, despite a drizzling rain. The White House was artistically decorated with red and white roses and smilax, and groups of big palms and garlands of vines beautified the parlors. Throughout the reception, which was from 5 to 6 o'clock, the Marine band furnished the music. Mrs. Cleveland was robed in violet and white striped moiré silk, the bodice of deep cream lace. She wore a bunch of violets, but no jewels. Mrs. Stevenson, wife of the vice-president, and the ladies of the cabinet, were the assistants of the mistress of the White House, while sixty-five ladies assisted in the Blue parlor. Mrs. Stevenson, standing next to Mrs. Cleveland, was richly dressed in black corded silk.

Drowned Herself and Children.

Salt Lake, Feb. 9.—A Tribune special from Butte says: At Big Timber, in the eastern part of the state, Mrs. John Cort drowned herself and three children in the Yellowstone river this afternoon. The bodies have not been recovered.

"Black Jack" Captured.

Silver City, N. M., Feb. 9.—United States Marshal Hall received a telegram this morning informing him of the capture of El Paso Tio by the police of John McDonald, alias "Black Jack," the notorious leader of the gang of border bandits, who have been committing robberies in southwestern New Mexico and Southern Arizona during the past year. Two members of the gang were killed in the fight with McDonald, and it is believed McDonald was seeking new companions on the Texas border.

Hamburg Strike a Failure.

Hamburg, Feb. 9.—At a meeting of the striking dock laborers today, it was decided to resume work today, after the leaders had declared the battle lost and funds exhausted.

Fishermen Fixed the Price of Fish.

Astoria, Or., Feb. 9.—At the meeting of the fishermen's union tonight, a majority of 200 present voted to raise the price of fish this season 4 1/2 cents per pound.

The Omaha Exposition.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 8.—The way and means committee of the Nebraska house of representatives unanimously reported the trans-Mississippi exposition bill, appropriating \$150,000 for the exposition. This practically ends all doubts as to the exposition, and insures the rapid development of the enterprise.

Drowned While Skating.

Jennings, Kan., Feb. 8.—Ben Munson, married, and Bert, his 15-year-old brother, were drowned while skating near here yesterday.

THE PROTECTIVE TARIFF BILL

Four Schedules Have Been Completed.

BARLEY PUT BACK TO 30 CENTS

An Increase on Mexican Cattle Particularly Desired by Western Cattlemen—Vegetables and Breadstuffs Raised.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The daily sessions of the Republicans of the ways and means committee, which have been in progress for some weeks, have brought the tariff bill, which is to be laid before the next congress, to a stage where the character of the measure can be somewhat gauged and where several of the most important schedules are definitely fixed. In their conferences up to this week, the tariff-makers have dealt largely with the general character of the schedules which they have had under consideration, and devoted themselves to sifting the great masses of figures, letters and petitions presented to them. Four schedules have been fairly completed—the chemical, agricultural, wines and spirits and the earthen and glassware schedules.

Today's meeting was the most important of the series, for it resulted in the framing of the agricultural schedule, which was made a re-enactment of the McKinley law, with few changes except on the demand for products. The most important step in connection with this schedule was the establishment of a rate of \$5 a head on cattle more than 1 year old, and of 25 per cent ad valorem on cattle valued at more than \$20 a head.

McKinley rates on other livestock, including the rate of \$2 on cattle of 1 year old or less, are restored. The Wilson rates were 20 per cent ad valorem on livestock, and while the new duty of \$5 on cattle does not reach the McKinley figure of \$10 on cattle more than 1 year old, it is said that with the ad valorem on the more valuable grades, it will prove adequate to shut out Mexican cattle. It is against the Mexican stock that the increase is particularly desired, on the representations of Western cattlemen that their business has been ruined by the importations from Mexico under the Wilson law, which amounted to more than 200,000 head.

Much interest centered upon barley, which the committee puts back to the McKinley duty of 30 cents a bushel, because the farmers contended that the Wilson rate, which put the market into the hands of the Canadians, while the maltsters, who have been brought under the control of a new lumber combine which is being formed for the purpose of controlling and extending the foreign lumber trade and the maintenance of uniform prices and grades in the industry, and the British Columbia, are likely to be brought under the control of a new lumber combine which is being formed for the purpose of controlling and extending the foreign lumber trade and the maintenance of uniform prices and grades in the industry, and the British Columbia, are likely to be brought under the control of a new lumber combine which is being formed for the purpose of controlling and extending the foreign lumber trade and the maintenance of uniform prices and grades in the industry, and the British Columbia, are likely to 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