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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

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

Mrs. Mary B. Stevens, of Yale, while acting as chaplain of the Daughters of Rebekah, at their annual session in Springfield, Ill., and as she was just beginning a prayer dropped to the floor and died of heart disease.

A late rider in the American soldiers of Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, was most brutally murdered by a comrade in Omaha, Neb. The motive was evidently robbery, and the murderer has fled from the city, after a most remarkable exhibition of coolness after his crime.

Edward W. Curry, chairman of the Democratic state committee, died in Des Moines, Ia., of blood poisoning, the result of an initiation into the Elks' lodge a few weeks ago. He was seated in the electric chair and was horribly burned before those operating it realized what they were doing.

Mrs. Foley, a widow, aged 60, and her unmarried daughter, Fanny, aged 40, were found murdered in their home near Liberty, Mo. It was a cold-blooded murder for the sole purpose of robbery. The robber or robbers first dispatched the women, then ransacked the house. Fifty dollars, all that was secured, was taken from the foot of a bed on which the women had slept.

A correspondent of the London Daily Mail at St. Petersburg says he is able to confirm the report that consternation existed while the czar was on his visit in England over the discovery of a plot against his life. The Belgian police seized a parcel of bombs, which were en route for Paris, just before the czar was leaving England. On the same night the Paris police arrested forty suspects. In the absence of absolute proof the matter was dropped.

The Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company was reorganized at Philadelphia. The railroad was sold under foreclosure on September 23. Under the plan of reorganization there will be three companies—the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, and the Reading Company. The latter is known as the National Company, but an application has been filed in the court to have the title changed.

It has been definitely decided by Superintendent Irwin that the holiday session of the Oregon State Teachers' Association will be held at Salem this year, beginning on Monday, December 28, and continuing for one week.

John S. Frye, a returned Alaska miner, met an old schoolmate from Germany in Tacoma. They roomed together one night, and in the morning Frye missed \$660 in gold, his sole possessions. His old schoolmate had stolen it and made his escape.

An angry mob attempted to lynch an old German named Breckman in Cherryville, Kan., for his brutal treatment of his daughter. She was beaten into insensibility and died from her injuries. The sheriff prevented the mob from securing Breckman and he was hurried to jail.

A three-story structure at the corner of Front and Davis streets, Portland, owned by the Ainsworth estate, was partly destroyed by fire. The building was occupied by the Oregon Cracker Company, whose plant was ruined, entailing a loss of about \$20,000. The damage to the building will amount to \$10,000.

The Cariboo Gold Mining Company, of Spokane, has declared a dividend of 2 cents a share. This makes a total of \$125,000 paid in dividends since February, 1895. This is the mine whose manager was held up by a highwayman and robbed of \$11,000 in gold bullion not long ago. The robber was afterwards killed by the foreman of the mine.

The board of fire commissioners in Spokane has decided to request the resignation of Chief Winebrener, of the fire department. Mayor Belt, after a long contest, has secured control of the commissioners, and extensive removals are probable in the various departments. It is thought that Clair Hunt, of the water department, will be the next one to go.

Burglars broke into the house of John Mirka, an old miser, of Cleveland, O. He was known to have his money hidden somewhere about the premises and the robbers tried to force him to tell them his secret hiding place. He refused and they tortured him. He was bound hand and foot and a lighted lamp placed at his feet until the flesh was literally cooked. The old man writhed in his agony, but protested that he had no money. The fiends then applied the flame to his hands, then to his body, until he finally sank into unconsciousness, in which condition he was found in the morning. The burglars got nothing.

Officers vs. Bandits.

Deputy United States Marshal McGlinchy has had a fight with Black Jack's bandits, at Separ, N. M., killing the notorious Bob Hays, and wounding George Musgrove, alias Davis, who escaped. None of the posse was injured. Black Jack, Frank Anderson, Bill George and another escaped, and the posse is in pursuit. The fight occurred near the Southern Pacific road. This is the most desperate gang that has ever infested Arizona.

Guns for Uncle Sam's Soldiers.

It is reported that partial orders have been placed by the United States government with the Winchester Arms Company, of New Haven, Conn., for 100,000 guns of the Lee pattern. The information is given by a commercial agent who made a business call upon the company. He was told by the officers that the government was contracting for the rifles on account of a possible war with Spain.

Wires Were Crossed.

C. C. Udell, a street car conductor, of Los Angeles, Cal., while telephoning to the central station was knocked down and instantly killed by an electric shock. The telephone wires and trolley wires of the street railway had become crossed.

Struck by a Train.

Al Pollick, a young lawyer, and the Misses Lulu and Lizzie Lind, daughters of the proprietor of the Lind hotel, were instantly killed by a railway train while attempting to cross the track in a buggy at Concord, Ky.

Murder at Salt Lake.

The body of Eduardo Delvecchio was found in the suburbs of Salt Lake with two bullet holes in the side. No motive is known for the murder.

Burns Midnight Oil.

President Cleveland is burning midnight oil in the preparation of his annual message to congress. The message is being written in sections and will be put together in consecutive form just before it goes to congress. All of Mr. Cleveland's messages have been distinguished by neatness and clean penmanship, and the forthcoming will be no exception. He is writing every word of it by hand.

Peace in Armenia.

A Constantinople dispatch says Monksignore Mahai Ormanian's election as the new Armenian patriarch is an excellent sign of peace in the future. An imperial decree will be issued, approving the election, and the next day the patriarch will enter upon his functions. He has already decided that religious councils shall take immediate steps to examine the rules of organic law, which will doubtless be modified.

Selling Their Children for Bread.

Rev. R. P. Mackay, of Toronto, Canada, foreign secretary of the Presbyterian church, has received a letter from one of the missionaries in India which tells of a terrible tale of distress and suffering because of the failure of the wheat crop in that country. People are on the point of starvation; parents are selling their children for bread, while some are leaving them to perish from want.

Must Stand Trial.

Mrs. Susie Martin, of San Francisco, declared innocent of murdering her husband, must stand trial for insanity. Her counsel claims the proceedings are irregular, but Judge Wallace refused to release her, and the case was continued two days, when the jury will pass upon her mental condition.

Li Hung Chang Disgusted.

A Singapore dispatch says it is rumored that Li Hung Chang will return to private life, being disgusted with the treatment he received on his return from his journey around the world. This dispatch also states that the new Japanese-Chinese treaty gives no concessions to foreigners.

Another Bank Fails.

The First National bank of Sioux City, Ia., has closed its doors. The failure is due to heavy withdrawals. The bank is one of the oldest institutions in the city, and was considered one of the soundest. The amount of liabilities has not yet been made known.

Insurgents Defeated.

An official dispatch from Manila sent to Madrid says the insurgents have been defeated in an engagement with the Spanish troops fought near Santa Cruz. The enemy lost 500 men killed, the government loss being slight.

The Shortage in Cereals.

According to the official report the yield of principal cereals in fifty governments of European Russia and the Caucasus in 1896 is 16,250,000 quarters below the average of the last thirteen years.

A Colliery Horror.

A firelamp explosion occurred in a colliery near Berlin, Germany. Twenty-five bodies have been recovered. Forty or fifty men are known to be still entombed.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

The boiler of Reno Bros' sawmill, twenty miles northeast of Sedalia, Mo., exploded, demolishing the mill, killing John Reno and severely scalding Edward Reno.

DROWNED IN THE COWLITZ

Three More Lives Lost in the Turbulent Stream.

MUCH DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

The Town of Hamilton, in Skagit County, Totally Wrecked by the Flood of That River—No Lives Lost.

Chehalis, Nov. 24.—Additional though meager details of the floods in the upper Cowlitz valley, in the eastern end of this county, were received today. A letter written by L. A. Davis, to Mrs. Davis, at Cora, states that great damage was done in that vicinity. She says the mailcarrier just informed her that A. L. Brown, his wife and 20-year-old daughter were drowned in the Cowlitz. Brown's house and barn were swept away.

Siler, a well-to-do farmer, lost a valuable team and all his livestock. York, a neighbor, lost much stock. The water ruined many farms, destroyed promising orchards, and swept away barns, houses, fences and stock for many miles in its course.

John Shumaker, the farmer whose wife and five children were drowned, died from exposure. When found by neighbors he was exhausted and delirious.

Superintendent Sheldon said today he had ascertained that the loss of the Chehalis Water Company at the pumping station on the Newaukum, near town, was more serious than supposed. It will probably amount to several hundred dollars.

A Skagit Town Wrecked.

Seattle, Nov. 24.—Notwithstanding yesterday's severe snow storm, all the trains in and out of Seattle are running, although the schedule time has been washed to pieces. Seattle is still in the clutches of snow and slush.

Probably the town in Skagit county to suffer the most by the flood of the Skagit river was Hamilton. The town is a complete wreck. The big brick store building of Barker & Fountaine is a heap of ruins, and the goods are buried under the fallen walls. Everything is in a horrible shape. The streets are washed out, sidewalks gone, and the town is filled with trees, stumps and rubbish. Everyone is discouraged and heartbroken, and the scene beggars description.

No lives were lost, although there were several close calls. The water was in every house in the lower part of town, and some of the people were prisoners upstairs until Sunday noon, when they were taken off in boats.

The track of the Seattle & Northern railway, between Woolley and Hamilton has been almost completely destroyed, and it will probably be two weeks before the road is in good working condition again. The loss to upriver ranchers will be heavy, as considerable stock was lost.

MURDERER CONFESSES.

The Omaha Hotel Mystery Is Cleared Away.

Omaha, Nov. 24.—Charles H. Elliott, now in the county jail, has confessed to the murder of Gay Hutsonpillar, his friend, in the Windsor hotel here last Tuesday. His confession covers twenty typewritten pages. He says Hutsonpillar was about to leave for Montana, and continues:

"I owed him \$15, and wanted him to sign a receipt for it, and he would not. I told him I would not pay unless he did. He called me a fool, and said he would take it out of my hide."

Elliott then picked up a coupling pin and struck his friend, and becoming alarmed at his hard breathing, went to a drugstore and bought fifteen cents' worth of chloroform, saturated a towel with it, and put it over Hutsonpillar's face. Elliott then left the hotel and took the Northwestern train east, and was arrested at Cedar Rapids. He did not know at the time that Hutsonpillar was dead. He adds:

"I took only \$21 of his money. The rest of the money found on me, about \$65, was sent me by my uncle at Akron, O."

The Terror's Gun Trial.

Atlantic Highlands, N. J., Nov. 23.—The monitor Terror did today what no other ship in the United States navy ever did. She fired solid shot at sea from her four 10-inch guns in one volley. All were fired as if one piece. They were fired by electricity from the bridge. Nearly 1,000 pounds of powder was burned in doing it, and a ton of metal was hurled into the deep. That volley represented \$500 worth of material destroyed. The recoil of the guns represented no less than 55,000-foot tons, and yet the Terror showed scarcely a tremor as the guns plunged back from the discharge and then slid into their places. That same energy would have lifted one ton 55,000 feet in the air. That reveals the possibilities of such craft as the Terror, whose largest guns are of the 10-inch size. It is because of the fact that the Terror may mark another distinct advance in naval affairs by Americans that this was of unusual significance.

SAN BENITO WRECKED.

The Collier a Total Loss and Six of the Crew Drowned.

Point Arena, Cal., Nov. 24.—The steamer San Benito, bound from Tacoma to San Francisco, went ashore seven miles north of Point Arena this morning. The steamer struck on a sandbar and broke in two. The San Benito carried forty-four men. During the severe storm last night, she must have lost her bearings. The wind blew terrific and a heavy sea was running.

The vessel struck about 1 o'clock in the morning, and an hour later broke just aft of the smokestack. Boats were lowered, but one capsized immediately with five men in it, four of whom were drowned. Another boat, with four of the crew, capsized nine times, losing two men. The three men by heroic means reached the shore. Daylight found the rest of the crew clinging to the rigging. Such a heavy sea was running that it was impossible to render assistance. The drowned are: John Sherman, messboy.

C. Condon, second assistant engineer; married.

O. W. Scott, first assistant engineer; married.

Michael Pendergast, fireman.

Two men, names unknown.

The steamer Point Arena reached the scene at 11 o'clock this morning, and sent out a boat, and, by great bravery and skilled seamanship, rescued seven men. In making a second trip, the boat was almost swamped, and was compelled to abandon all efforts on account of the great breakers washing over the wreck. A sailor was washed overboard and reached shore almost dead. He was revived by a doctor on the beach.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon, a sailor jumped overboard, and attempted to swim ashore with a line. The shoal-estrops of his life-preserver broke and the man went down.

Lighthouse Keeper Brown, an Indian, Lasarus, William Caumprey and Al Cunningham manned a boat and made two heroic efforts to connect the wreck with the shore line, but were unsuccessful.

The steamers Point Arena and Alcazar are off the wreck, but can render no assistance until the sea calms. A passing steamer landed a gun at Point Arena this afternoon, and the line will be shot to the wreck tonight. Both parts of the ship are fast in the sand, fifty feet apart.

The sailors claim the accident was on account of the foghorn not blowing, but the night was clear and the light could be seen many miles.

Carried a Light Cargo.

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 24.—The steamer San Benito left here Wednesday at 4 P. M. with 4,600 tons of Carbon Hill coal. This was 600 tons short of her usual winter cargo. She arrived Monday at 3 P. M. The Northern Pacific branch to Carbon Hill mines being closed by washouts, Captain Smith wired the situation to San Francisco and was instructed to sail with a light cargo. Thursday coal began coming in, and he could have gotten away Friday morning with a full cargo. Captain Mountford, the Southern Pacific agent here, thinks the light cargo should have been in the steamer's favor.

The San Benito has been between Tacoma and San Francisco since the San Pedro was wrecked near Victoria in 1891. For a year previous she had been running to Comox, B. C. The Southern Pacific brought her around from Newport in 1890. She made the round trip between here and San Francisco every eleven days, and in the summer season carried 5,500 tons per trip.

There are several members of the San Benito's crew belonging to this port, and much uneasiness is felt regarding their safety.

Five Children Cremated.

Hamilton, Mo., Nov. 24.—Five children of Mr. and Mrs. Snyder Neal, living five miles north of the city, were burned while their parents were attending a dance. They had eight children. The oldest, a boy of 15, and a baby accompanied the parents to a social party. About 11 o'clock the gathering broke up. Soon after starting home, the Neals and those accompanying them, discovered the Neal residence on fire. When they reached the burning building, the father saw his 11-year-old girl lying burning in the front door, clasping her 3-year-old brother in her arms. The flames prevented the rescue. The children were then dead. The father fell in a swoon, and has been a raving maniac ever since. It is thought the fire was caused by an incendiary. Nora, 9 years old, is the only survivor.

The Earth Slipped.

Meadow Lake, Or., Nov. 23.—A bad landslide occurred at this place. Such damage was incurred that the present proprietor will not attempt to restore it. The slide occurred last Saturday. For more than a mile in length and 800 feet up the mountain side the earth gave way. The dam and flame, power generators for the large shingle mill, were carried away, together with much of the buildings and machinery, including two large turbine water wheels. Water over the entire lake, which is one-half by one and one-half miles, was raised more than seven feet. The loss was a heavy one.

WORLD'S WHEAT MARKET.

A Scheme to Establish an International Price.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The following is the subject of the world's wheat market is understood to be desired by at least one of the great foreign wheat-growing empires. It is stated in official circles here that Russia is particularly friendly to such idea, and is believed to be making overtures, not only to the United States, but to England, the Argentine Republic and Austria, which are the principal wheat-growing nations of the world. The idea suggested, as outlined here, is that the nations, should they see fit to unite in an agreement upon the subject, could fix a price for wheat to be maintained uniformly through various seasons of overproduction and unsatisfactory crops, caused by drought or continued rain, and thus make the principal grain staple upon which the millions of consumers depend for food, almost as unchangeable in value as gold itself has become. This would enable the producer, in the event of an unusually large crop, to store his wheat and obtain therefrom a loan that would tide him over until wheat was in demand in the world's market, when he would get a full and fair price for it.

A FLAX MILL TO START.

Promotion of Industry in Oregon is Fairly Under Way.

Portland, Or., Nov. 24.—Mrs. W. P. Lord, wife of Governor Lord, uniting in her efforts to promote the flax industry in Oregon, held a conference in Portland yesterday with Dr. Thomson, of Washington, and Henry L. Daniel, relative to the project. The conference yesterday was the result of long correspondence among interested parties. The plan, as given by one of the conferees, is to organize a stock company of \$100,000 capital, and to contract with farmers to furnish a specified quantity of flax per year, the contract to be based upon a reasonable estimate of the amount Oregon soil will produce per acre. Enough flax thus guaranteed, machinery will at once be ordered and a manufacturing plant located somewhere in the state. Salem stands a good chance to be selected as the site. The purchase of the old Scotch mills is under consideration.

A SHOOTING AFFRAY.

California Man Went After His Wife but Got Cold Lead Instead.

Jackson, Cal., Nov. 24.—A shooting affray occurred early this morning on the Payton ranch, three miles east of Amador City, resulting in the instant killing of J. Thomas, at the hands of W. Payton, his brother-in-law. Thomas, married a sister of Payton. Their married life was unhappy, and their matrimonial jars led to several separations, the wife returning to her folks on more than one occasion. The last separation took place a few days ago. About 5 o'clock this morning, Thomas repaired to the Payton place, and, rousing the inmates, said he had come for his wife. He was told it was no time to come, whereupon Thomas drew a pistol and commenced shooting, one shot taking effect in Payton's shoulder. Payton then went into the house, got his shotgun and fired at Thomas, killing him instantly.

A Bridge Gave Way.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 24.—A party of a dozen young people, who left Ensley City last night, in a wagon for a hay-ride, had their merriment transformed into death and disaster before they had proceeded a mile. A new bridge has just been completed across Village creek. While crossing the stream the bridge gave way, precipitating the wagon and its load of human freight fifteen feet below into the water. William Shannon was injured about the head, and died today. Margie Hartigan was injured about the head and back, and will probably die. Charles Barnes was badly injured about the head and internally. Several others of the party were seriously injured. The cause of the accident was that the stringers of the bridge were too short and gradually worked off the sills. The water in the creek was six feet deep, and but for the timely work of those least injured, the ladies and those more seriously injured would have been drowned.

A Murder and Suicide.

Mayfield, Ky., Nov. 24.—A murder and suicide occurred here today. R. Baker, a farmer, recently sued for divorce. He and his wife had not lived together for some time, and bitter feeling existed between them. Today, Baker went to see his wife at his residence, and when she would not listen to his overtures, he shot and killed her, and then shot himself twice. Both died almost instantly.

Emperor William Disgusted.

London, Nov. 24.—The Daily Mail's Berlin correspondent says he fears that Emperor William is disgusted with the proceedings of the reichstag, and is determined to dissolve that body unless the increased naval credits are voted. He regards them as the minimum consistent with the efficiency of the navy, and considers the navy will prove a splendid electioneering cry.