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THIS PAPER is kept on file at G. O. DAKES Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, California, for accounts for advertising can be made for it.

The New Orleans Cotton Exchange it is just expelled two members for defrauding a client.

Now that New York has another woman murder mystery, municipal reform has been crowded into a back seat.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie's \$10,000,000 gift to the Carnegie Institution is likely to remain the world's donation record for some time.

By the way, Secretary Hay's Congratulations of the Pan-American Conference on the successful result lacked one thing he didn't name the successful results.

Miss Alice Roosevelt has demonstrated her remarkable strength of constitution by surviving the adulation of the snobs during her first Washington social session.

The President has cut off about every privilege of the Federal office holder except that on drawing a salary, but so long as that remains there will be no rush to resign.

Harvard University should coax a few more money kings into the little game of rivalry that has already got it \$1,000,000 each from Jr. Pierpont Morgan and J. D. Rockefeller.

The teamsters strike, in Boston, gave the National Civic Federation its 2nd chance to show what it could do in its chosen work of settling differences between capital and labor.

The occupants of a burning Montana home who were compelled to jump from the windows in their night clothes, with the thermometer 20 below zero, got it hot and cold simultaneously.

Cuban's awful economic crisis, will take wings about the time that Congress takes final action on the question of Cuban reciprocity. The Cubans are merely showing that they are up to a legislative trick or two.

That St. Louis grand jury which indicted a bunch of citizens for fraud in connection with a street railway franchise wished the country to understand that Chicago does not monopolize municipal crookedness.

There is a lesson for the political controversialists nearer home in the fact that Senators Tillman and Spooner, who never lose an opportunity to engage in a political controversy on the floor of the Senate, are the best of personal friends.

Patent medicine advertisers some times overdo the thing. For instance, one of them is exploiting the alleged oldest man in America, who is made to say that he attributes his long life to the use of a medicine that has only been on the market a few years.

England has refused the Dutch offer of mediation and adheres to its intention not to accept the intervention of any third party. Lord Lansdowne also stated in his reply to the Dutch Minister that all negotiations for peace must be conducted in South Africa.

It may be true that Germany has advised England to accept Holland's offer to try to arrange peace in South Africa, but it's brick houses to fence rails that it isn't. England ought to have jumped at the offer, but we have noticed that nation's, like individuals, do not always do what they ought to do.

Dr. M. Elkenberg, of Gothenberg, has invented an apparatus by which milk can be reduced to the form of powder. This powder is like flour in appearance but possesses all the qualities of milk, moisture excepted. This invention will be of importance for the utilization of skimmed milk which has heretofore been largely wasted.

There are doubtless Senators and Representatives whose time is worth more than the \$5,000 a year now paid them, but we should not care to insure the reelection of those who vote for the proposed increase of \$2,500 in their salaries. There are a whole lot of men in this country who don't make \$5,000 a year.

Rear-Admiral Sampson will be retired within a week, as he will reach the age limit, 62 years, on February 9. He was relieved from active duty, being then in command of the Boston Navy-yard, last Fall, on account of failing health, and has since lived in Washington. Under the law he will be retired without having gained the now vacant post of Vice-Admiral, to which his friends wished to have him promoted. Some men have many active years before them at 62, but Sampson is supposed to be near his end.

A Kentucky Welcome.

And Schley! Why, here he is! what is the matter with you? what are you making all this fuss about? It is a ground-swell, is it not? Ground-swell it is an earthquake!

Simply this: That he was here; that he won the fight; and that the other man was not and did not. So much to begin with. Next, if a single Spanish ship had got away, Schley would have been court-martialed. Not one got away. Next, since others have the prize-money, Schley is entitled to the glory. And, finally, and more than all, there has seemed a conspiracy somewhere to cheat him even of the glory. Public opinion just rears back on its hind legs and resents this. The sentiment of outrage is greatly aggravated by the circumstance that a male strumpet, carried on the payrolls of the Navy Department, supported by a great but degenerate Publishing House, and, apparently approved by persons in authority, was permitted to blackguard this noble officer and gentleman without a word of rebuke during the entire period of inquiry to which he was subjected.

The people en masse would rebuke these monstrosities of Administration. They will have none of them. They know Schley to be, as each of our great naval commanders, from Paul Jones to Farragut, has been, a gentleman and a hero; as far as our frail humanity may compass, incapable of intentional wrong; a sailor and a fighter, but, also, a humanitarian, who risked his life successfully, and without losing it, to save the lives of his fellows.

Open the doors wide. Ring out all the bells! It is Schley, of Maryland; Schley of the Brooklyn; Schley of Santiago!—Louisville Courier Journal.

The Spokane Indian Reservation, the South Half of the Colville Indian Reservation in Eastern Washington and the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation in Northwestern Idaho affords opportunities enough for the development of several states of very respectable proportions.

The vast riches in mineral timber and agricultural wealth that are locked up by the legal obstructions which prevent their appropriation and development are sufficient in themselves to sustain a population of many thousand people, containing as they do an acreage nearly equivalent to that of Rhode Island and Connecticut. Why should they not be opened—echo answers, why not? Why aren't they opened—common sense answers, because the business men and citizens of the Inland Empire don't know the treasures lying at their doors, and have, therefore, failed to manifest that degree of interest and activity which is absolutely necessary to the success of a movement of this kind. Public Land.

"The reader may make up his mind to be pleasantly overwhelmed by the opulence and vivacity of 'Around the Pan' published by the Nutshell Publishing Company, 1059 Third Avenue, New York. The wonders begin with the frontispiece picture President McKinley, draw in a single line beginning at a point on the cheek bone and going round in a constantly widening circle, which waverings and downbearings or the pen in the proper places to secure detachment and shading. We are told that this portrait 'is considered the most unique work of its kind in the world', and if there are degrees of uniqueness we are willing to believe that this is most the thing of which they are know duplicates. Of course there is text in addition to the pictures, and we should be surprised indeed to here from any purchaser the opinion that he had not got his money's worth (\$2.00)."

The Inland Empire Horticultural Society which held a most enthusiastic meeting with a large attendance at Spokane last week, adopted a standard size for all apple boxes used in shipping. The box is to contain 2241 cubic inches and will be made in two shapes to conform to two different varieties of apples. One will be 10 x 11 20 inches made out of 3 8 inch stuff and the other will be 10 1 2 x 11 1 2 x 18 inches made out of 9 16 inch stuff. A committee was appointed by the association to be present at the coming convention of the Northwest Fruit Growers' held in Walla Walla asking that body to adopt this size of boxes. The next meeting of the association will be held in Spokane some time in June.

Hartford City Ind. Feb. 2. Mrs. Rebecca Evangelizer, who would have been 100 years old March 12, committed suicide at the home of her son near South Whitley. She choked herself to death by stuffing a large handkerchief down her throat. She was thought to be sleeping when found dead.

If the tireless messenger boy could only be added to the wire as telegraphy enough time would be saved to start a new series of leap years. Home and Family.

Mexico's mine horror costs more than one hundred lives. It was a dust explosion.

Cured of Leprosy.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—The steamer Doric brings the following Hawaiian advances from Honolulu, under date of January 31:

United States Judge Estee has set aside the verdict in the case of the United States the Honolulu Plantation Company, in which the jury brought in a verdict awarding it company \$105,000 for its leasehold interest in lands wanted for the naval stations at Pearl Harbor. The Judge held that the award was excessive.

Reports have reached here of an alleged cure of leprosy in Tabiti by use of the Venezuelan plant known as Tuetua some of which was sent here some time ago by the United States Government. The result here were not satisfactory. It is very violent in its effects and causes a good deal of pain, and the average Hawaiian refuses to keep up the treatment after trying it.

Two Deserters Hanged

Washington, Feb. 7.—Two soldiers were hanged today in the Philippines, on execution of sentences imposed by the military commission by which they were tried and convicted of deserting to the enemy. Their names were Edmond A. Dubose and Lewis Russell, and both were attached to Troop E of the Ninth Cavalry, a negro regiment. While their troop was operating against the insurgent forces in the Province of Albay, in August last, these two men deserted, and were afterward discovered serving in the ranks of the enemy. The military commission before which they were tried sat at Guinobatan, in the Province of Albay. They were found guilty of the charge, and each was sentenced to be hanged. The findings and sentences were approved by General Chadler.

New Klud of Dust.

Trinidad, C. I., Feb. 1.—Two Austrians met under the west Main Street Bridge in a wrestling match to see which could put the other under the table. They disrobed and Charles Penosa was forced under by his opponent. He was unable to get out and froze fast. He was discovered later by two men who thought he was dead. Restoratives brought him to life, however, and it is thought he will live.

Clerk's Wise Suggestion.

"I have lately been much troubled with dyspepsia, belching and sour stomach," writes M. S. Mead, leading pharmacist of Attleboro, Mass. "I could eat hardly anything without suffering several hours. My clerk suggested I try Kodol Dyspepsia Cure which I did with most happy results. I have had no more trouble and when one can go to eating mince pie, cheese, candy and nuts after such a time, their digestion must be pretty good. I endorsed Kodol Dyspepsia Cure heartily." You don't have to diet. Eat all the good food you want but don't overload the stomach. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests your food. R. S. Knowlton.

London, Feb. 5.—The British pursuit of General Dewar has been successful to the extent that his last gun has been captured and Commandant Wessels, one of his principal Lieutenants, has been routed. General Kitchener sent this news in a dispatch from Pretoria, dated Tuesday, Feb. 4, as follows:

"Bing's column while proceeding toward Liebenburgville, after a night march attacked and routed a considerable force of the enemy under Commandant Wessels. We captured a 15-pounder and a pom-pom taken from Eirman's column, and also a Boer pom-pom, which was the last gun Dewar had, and three wagons of ammunition, 150 horses and 100 mules. The Boer casualties were five men killed, six wounded and 27 men captured. "Among the killed was Field Cornet Wessels. Among the prisoners is Captain Muller, of the States Artillery. The enemy was scattered. Our casualties were slight. The national scouts near middleburg (Cape Colony) captured 13 prisoners. "Plumer, near Amersfoot (Tanzania), captured seven prisoners and 500 head of cattle. General Gibber Hamilton captured 32 prisoners.

Coast Seamen's Journal.

Emperor William asked that the inhabitants of Berlin would not illuminate the city on his birthday, January 27, but devote the money to helping the needy and unemployed.

Owing to spread of smallpox in London, the various Government departments have issued instructions which will result in the vaccination of practically all Government employees, including postmen, inland revenue officers and telegraphers.

Congress and the various interests involved have managed to muddle the question of Cuban tariff concessions to such an extent that it is difficult for any man to tell just "where he is at."

The Russians are not so slow. One of them has invented an electric plow that promises to do great things for agriculture.

Chinese Water Hats.

The boat population here is enormous. There more people living on the water at Canton than at any single place in the world. You could take the floating population of Venice and lose it in the floating population of this city. China has more boats than all the rest of the world put together, and Canton has more than any other part of China. There are hundreds of thousands of people here who are born, live, and die upon boats. There are thousands of babies who are always within six inches of drowning. I have visited many of the boat homes, sculling along from one little floating house to another, creating consternation among both parents and children by pointing my camera at them. On some of the boats babies were playing, on some they were squalling, and on some taking a meal from their mothers. Many of the small children had barrels or boats of wood tied to their backs. These are life preservers to keep them from sinking when they fall in the water. Other little ones were tied by ropes to the boats, but as a rule the children sprawled about free. They dodged this way and that as my boat moved toward them, diving down into the hold or hiding behind a sail or mast to keep out of the camera. This morning I pointed the instrument at four little boys playing on the wharf. Each had a barrel on his back. I was about to press the button when one of them spied me and gave a yell, whereupon the quartet scampered away crying, their barrels flying out behind them as they ran.

I find the Chinese here decidedly object to being photographed. When Hubbard Mr Smith was in our Consulate he offered his chair bearers 20 cents apiece if they would hold him up in the Consular chair while he had a photograph taken. They indignantly refused, one of them asking Hub Smith whether he thought him such a fool as to stand in that picture all the rest of his life lifting up the American Consul for 20 cents. I had a similar photograph made the other day. It cost me a dollar.

London, Feb. 6.—The Calcutta correspondent of the Daily Mail says there is little doubt that India is threatened with another severe famine. Much depends upon the rainfall during the coming fortnight.

Sofia, Feb. 6.—M. Kamtcheff, the Minister of Public Instruction, was assassinated today in his study by a Macedonian who pretended he wanted to present a petition. The assassin subsequently committed suicide by shooting himself.

St. Louis Feb. 5.—The fire that last night destroyed the five story building at 314 Chestnut street, occupied by the American Tent & Awning Company, resulted in the death of six firemen, who were crushed by the falling walls and floors. These bodies have been recovered and the fireman are bigging at the immense heaps of ruins in order to reach the others.

Waterbury Conn. Feb. 2.—The business section of Waterbury was swept by fire to-night. A high southwest wind prevailed when the fire was discovered at 6:30 o'clock, and the flames spread with such rapidity that within a short time a dozen blocks was on fire and the entire city was threatened. At midnight the damage amounted to more than \$2,500,000.

Aberdene, Wash., Feb. 9.—A peculiar accident today resulted in the death of Edward Thomas, a popular young business man. He attempted to put a part of a carcass of a hog upon a hook, at the same time holding a long, sharp knife in his hand. He missed the hook, and the carcass falling forced the knife into his right leg, severing the femoral artery. He died from loss of blood while being taken to the hospital.

J. P. Jones, traveling passenger agent for the Southern Pacific Co., was in the city today and gave us further information as to the low rates that the railway companies are now offering to emigrants coming west within the next few months. They have determined to give Southern Oregon an even chance to secure to secure their share to the immigration and have granted stop-over privileges from Portland to Ashland, which will give the settlers ample time to look the country over. With the extremely low rates from Eastern points many immigrants will take advantage of the low rates and come west, and with the great resources Southern Oregon offers we are sure to receive our share of the immigration. The people of Southern Oregon are well pleased with the privileges granted by the railway companies as it places us on a more even footing with other sections of the Northwest.

For Stomach Trouble.

"I have taken a great many different medicines for stomach trouble and constipation," says Mrs. S. Geiger of Dunkerton, Iowa, "but never had as good results from any as Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablets." For sale by R. S. Knowlton.

Plans to Increase Trade Of Portland.

Portland, Feb. 7.—Plans are rapidly nearing completion for the building of a railroad from the Columbia river landing known as Lyle, on the Washington side of the river, and about 10 miles below The Dalles, to Golden-bale the county seat of Klickitat county, to be operated in conjunction with a line of steamers between Lyle and Portland. It is the intention of the promoters of the enterprise to have the road in operation by the end of the year. The road will be from 22 to 30 miles in length, and will bring the product of the rich Klickitat valley to Portland. The valley is a large wheat producer, and also is devoted largely to the sheep and wool industry. At present most of the products are hauled to the Dalles by freighters.

Artesian Water Is Struck

North Yakima, Feb. 6.—Messrs. Weiber & Deeringhoff, who have charge of an experimental artesian well at White Bluff, on the Columbia, about 50 miles from here, for a Seattle syndicate, were in town this week, and reported that they have struck artesian water. They have gone but a short distance in the earth, but water has risen to within 30 feet of the surface, or some 10 feet higher than the surface of the river. Its temperature is 62 degrees. There is a large body of fine sand in the neighborhood of White Bluff which cannot be irrigated from the river, but which if artesian water can be had, will prove to be of great value.

Mr. Wheeler Got Rid of His Rheumatism.

"During the winter of 1898 I was so lame in my joints, in fact all over my body, that I could hardly hobble around, when I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. From the first application I began to get well, and was cured and have worked steadily all the year.—R. Wheeler, Northwood, N. Y. For sale by R. S. Knowlton.

The masts of the pleasure yacht Meteor, which is building in the United States for Emperor William, will be made of Oregon pine. They will be 105 feet in length, and the longest booms 85 feet.

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