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DILATORY DEMOCRATS.

Decline to Dissolve the House, Dead Lock.

FAIR EACH OTHER TO POSTPONE

Special by California Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Commissioner Goff has written a letter to Secretary Noble, recommending that the appropriation of $10,000 for protecting timber lands from depredations, be raised to $140,000. The commissioner says the efficiency of the work depends on the number and activity of the special agents; that in California there are between one and three thousand cases, with but a short season for work in the field, and a large force should be organized for active work as soon as spring opens. Goff says the same may be said of Washington and Montana. Both Secretaries Noble and Windom will recommend an increase in the appropriation.

More Pensioners Made Happy.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Oregon pensions granted. Original—Charles Duggan, Portland; Rodolphus D. Benham, Beaverton. Increase—John E. Smith, Albina.

His First Veto.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 26. The president has vetoed the bill to authorize the city of Ogden, Utah, to assume an increased indebtedness. This is President Harrison's first veto.

A Congressional Row.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 26.—In the house, during the session of the committee of the whole, Hermann, of Oregon, moved to increase the appropriation of the surveyor-general of Oregon, from $1,800 to $2,500. It was defeated, and a lively tilt occurred between Enloe (Dem.) and Evans, (Rep.) both of Tennessee. Finally the lie was passed, and amidst great confusion, Springer moved that the committee of the whole arise. The motion was defeated.

To Regulate Commerce.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The senate to-day passed the Cullom bill amendatory of "an act to regulate commerce."

Good for the Pathfinder.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The nomination of John C. Fremont to be major general on the retired list was confirmed by the senate to-day.

TROUBLE IN THE HOUSE.

Not Even a Quorum to Adjourn.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The house is in a dead lock at ten o'clock and still in session. Democrats are filibustering and not a quorum is left, either to vote on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, or to adjourn. The Democrats absented themselves and the sergeants at arms have been unable to find many of them. A number were arrested and arraigned before the house, among them De Haven, of California. The Democrats have adopted a new filibustering tactic, they pair with one another, and Speaker Burrows, of Michigan, decided that they cannot be compelled to vote, but must be counted as present.

Payson, of Illinois, has just introduce a resolution to dissolve the pairs between Democrats. Some debate followed Payson's resolution, and the latter did not insist. A motion to adjourn resulted: yeas 64, nays 93, no quorum. Tellers were called for, and Springer and Butterworth were appointed. The vote resulted on a motion to adjourn: yeas 58, nays 93, no quorum.

The previous question on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was ordered, and the roll being called, the result was yeas 140, nays 20. The speaker read off 6 names of members present, and not voting, and ruled that this constituted a quorum. (Applause on the Republican side). The Republicans having carried their point, a motion was made to adjourn which was carried.

Mrs. Harrison Going to Omaha.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Ex-governor Saunders, of Nebraska, now a member of the Utah Commission, appeared before the house committee on territories to-day, and testified as to Mormon affairs. He leaves for Omaha on Monday, accompanied by Mrs. President Harrison.

Silver Still Unsettled.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Immediately after adjournment to-day the senators resumed the caucus on the silver bill. The western senators were emphatic in expressions for free silver coinage, and the eastern senators took the other extreme position, favoring a bill more like Windom's modified bill. Nothing definite is decided upon.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Senator Allen Defines his Position.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 26.—In the house to-day Allen, of Massachusetts, rising to a question of personal privileve, read an extract from a special to the Philadelphia papers, stating that in his recent speech he had uttered a vulgar remark against senator Quay, and characterized him, and closed his speech with an attack upon the piety of postmaster-general Wanamaker. He also read a resolution of the Republican senate committee of Pennsylvania, denouncing the indecent conduct "of Messrs. Allen and Spinola in attacking senator Quay.

Mr. Allen denied that he had ever called senator Quay a thief. He denied the allegation and defied the accuser. It had never been his purpose to begin an attack on senator Quay. In a reply to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Cannon), who had arraigned the Democratic party because it had defaulting State treasurers, he had simply said that the Democratic party had never elected them to the United States senate, or made them chairmen of its late committee.

He did not know senator Quay, but he understood he was a man of good traits and he (Allen) was no party to any conspiracy to injure or defame him.

A RASCAL IN RELIEF

Squanders the Sacred Funds Furnished by the Charitable.

LOS ANGELES FLOWER FESTIVAL

Special by California Associated Press.

THE DALLES, Oregon, April 26.—A freight train parted on the bridge in this city late this evening, damaging the bridge slightly and throwing two freight cars a distance of forty feet breaking them in small pieces. No person was injured, and the freight, lumber and ties are not damaged. A beam of one car fell, throwing it off the rail, the centre of the bridge drawhead came out, toppled over and fell to the bank below. Part of the walk and rail are broken.

A THIEVING SECRETARY.

Drawing Warrants for Imaginary Persons.

Special to The Astorian.]

SEATTLE, April 26.—A sensation was created here this afternoon by a publication in the *Times* newspaper, of serious charges against secretary J. F. McCombs, of the Seattle relief committee, It is asserted that investigations have been made by reporters into the alleged cases of destitution relieved by McCombs during the month of April, showing that ten of these persons had no existence, but for each of these McCombs had drawn a check for twenty dollars. It is thought that further investigation will show that ever since McCombs has acted as secretary of the relief committee, a period of about nine months, he has been carrying on this system of peculation. If so, the amount he has gotten away with will foot up into thousands as there have been disbursed a total of $84,000. The relief committee which was previously informed that the *Times* would make charges, met early this afternoon and suspended the secretary. He is not yet under arrest, but kept under surveillance by a detective. An accountant will be employed to investigate the books.

Flower Festival a Success.

Special to The Astorian.]

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 26.—The flower festival here is an immense success, surpassing all former efforts. The floral display is magnificent and the attendance very large, many eastern visitors being almost overwhelmed with surprise, and delighted at the grandeur of the exhibit.

A Bold Theft.

Special to The Astorian.]

SEATTLE, April 26.—A young man, 30 years of age, walked into the office of H. R. Hammond's feed store, on West street this afternoon, and picking up a cash box containing $500, walked out with it. He was seen by Ed. Anderson, an employe, who immediately gave chase. The thief dropped the money box and pulling a seven-shooter from his pocket threatened his pursuers.

Hard, Clean, Scientific Fight.

Special to The Astorian.]

SACRAMENTO, April 26.—Jimmy Morrisey defeated Tom Moran at the Comique theater to-night in seven hard rounds. The contest was one of the best ever seen in Sacramento. It was a case of hard, clean hitting, from the start, with plenty of science thrown in. Morrissey was the lighter of the two, but his cleverness won him the fight. Both are light weights.

All the patent medicines advertised in this paper, together with the choicest perfumery, and toilet articles etc., can be bought at the lowest prices at J. W. Conn's drug store, opposite Occident hotel, Astoria.

NEFARIOUS NEW YORKERS.

Mrs. Croker Croaks on Some of the Principal Villains.

POLLUTION OF PARTY POLITICS.

Special by California Associated Press.

NEW YORK, April 26.—The Fassett legislative investigating committee which unearthed the corrupt practices at the Ludlow street jail, have uncovered another scandal. Peter H. McCann testified that Richard Croker, a Tammany boss, raised a fund of $180,000, to have the present mayor Grant nominated for public works commissioner. McCann explained that the fund was to secure Grant's confirmation as public works commissioner, and was not used, because mayor Grant nominated another for the position. The fund was raised among the Tammany politicians, and Grant personally raised $80,000 of the fund. The witness knew these things by reason of being Croker's brother-in-law and much of his information was derived from Mrs. Croker.

The Great Strike Averted.

Special to The Astorian.]

CHICAGO, April 26.—It is now stated that there will be no strike of the Chicago packing house employees at the stock yards, as was at one time feared. The strike would have involved 15,000 men, but older heads counselled against it as hopeless, and their counsel prevailed.

The Farmers Combine.

Special to The Astorian.]

INDIANAPOLIS, April 26.—The Farmers Mutual Benefit Association was organized to-day. Eleven counties with 5,000 membership, reported.

An Insurance Company Fails.

Special to The Astorian.]

INDIANAPOLIS, April 26.—The Manufacturers Mutual Fire Insurance company, organized in 1886, assigned to-day. The liabilities are $27,000; assets, $10,000 cash and $103,000 in premium notes.

The Breach Widens.

Special to The Astorian.]

CHICAGO, April 26.—President Goldie, of the carpenter's and builder's association, to-day disclaimed to appoint a committee on arbitration, and declared the organization would not recognize the union. The carpenter's strike will be resumed with redoubled vigor.

The Silver Business Quiet.

Special to The Astorian.]

NEW YORK, April 26.—Silver certificates have advanced to 107, but business is less active.

The Prelude to La Grippe.

Special to The Astorian.]

INDIANAPOLIS, April 26.—A strange malady has made its appearance at Muncie, with one hundred persons suddenly stricken. The doctors disagree, and the claim is made that it is "Lanora," the prevailing epidemic in Germany and Italy, which was preceded by la Grippe.

Forgot His Mother's Teachings.

Special to The Astorian.]

OMAHA, Neb., April 16.—A special from Auburn says, George Woods, a farm hand, was found dead under the cash drawer of Roscow Bro's. general merchandise store, this morning. The store had been troubled with burglars, and a gun attached to the drawer by wire was discharged. The dead man's arms were liberally tattoed, and among other things bore the picture of a woman's face, and the words "In Memory of Mother."

Lively Game at the Hub.

Special to The Astorian.]

BOSTON, April 26.—In the Brotherhood battle between New York and Boston teams, base hits were thick and home runs many. It looked like New York's game up to the sixth inning, when the bean eaters gauged Crane's curves and batting in three runs, tied the score. In the seventh inning the bean eaters made four runs and won the game, which was called at the end of the eighth inning on account of darkness. Score—Boston 14, New York 10.

The Levee Break Extending.

Special to The Astorian.]

NEW ORLEANS, April 25.—The break in Morgan's levee is now fifteen hundred feet wide, and caving at the ends at the rate of 300 feet in 24 hours, causing a loss of $3,000 per day. The stories of suffering, and danger of loss are premature.

Another President Short.

Special to The Astorian.]

PHILADELPHIA, April 26.—A sensation in financial and insurance circles was created by rumors affecting state senator McFarland, president of the American life insurance company. There are no facts to show that the company itself is embarassed. One of the directors tonight admitted that McFarland was heavily involved financially. The amounts said to be short is $120,000. McFarland is out of town, and it is claimed by his friends that he is on a trip for his health. He was in St. Louis a few days ago.

A NEW PLAN PROPOSED

To Regulate Athletic Championship Annually.

Special to The Astorian.]

NEW YORK, April 26.—Gus Heckle, a prominent politition and patron of sports, to-night mailed a letter to President Fulda of the California athletic club that he should hold an annual tournament at which boxing and wrestling championshp in all classes would be decided. The events open to the world, each competitor to deposit at least $250 as sweepstakes, to go to winner in his class.

To the man adjudged the champion heavy weight pugilist of the world, your club could present a purse from say $10,000 to $20,000 and suitable emblems. To middle weight champion, say $10,000; light weight, $7,000; feather weight, $5,000; bantam weight, $3,500 and emblem. The purses to be in addition to sweepstakes.

Competition to be annual, winners holding their titles and emblems undisputed for one year. Every athlete of known ability would be allowed a reasonable sum of money for training and other necessary expenses, but men who have never figured prominently in public combat would be required to "pay their way."

Duluth, April 26.—In the Minnesota mine a large mass of rock fell on the men, burying them. An Austrian named Laschaner was taken out alive, but died in few minutes. Two others were injured internally and will probably die.

Still Agree to Disagree.

Special to The Astorian.]

DETROIT, April 26.—A committee from the Employing Builders organization met a committee of union employers this morning. After two hours of conference and a very bitter quarrel, they met again this evening with no better result. The builders will not concede eight hours, but stand out for nine, and a strike is almost certain on May 1st.

The Country Can Spare Him.

Special to The Astorian.]

AUBURN, N. Y. April 26.—Murderer Kemmler has written a statemen declaring he is ready to die, if electricity be used, as he prefers it to the gallows. He says he is guilty and should be punished by sure death, painless, and is confident he will not weaken.

A Wonderful Run.

Special to The Astorian.]

NEW YORK, April 26.—Willie Day, the champion at cross country running, to-day, in a cold, beating rain, over eight miles of the roughest going that any cross country runner ever experienced, surpassed himself by lowering his own record by almost six minutes, covering the distance in 47 minutes and 41 seconds. The run was made at the fourth annual team championship meeting of the National Cross Running Association.

Too Much Water for the Boys.

Special to The Astorian.]

CHICAGO, April 26.—The rain prevented the games of the Player's and National leagues at Brooklyn and at Pittsburg, the Player's at Buffalo and the National at Cleveland.

A Brilliant Featured Game.

Special to The Astorian.]

BOSTON, April 26.—The national game between New York and Boston clubs, was lively and replete with brilliant features. Rusie did remarkable work, holding down the bean eaters to four safe hits, and Clark also batted well. Bassett's work was clever. Score—Boston 1, New York 3.

AN IMMENSE SYNDICATE.

The Largest Gas Company in the World.

PHILADELPHIA, April 26.—Financiers of this city and New York have succeeded during the past week in placing stock for the biggest syndicate ever formed. The syndicate embraces in its plans no less a feat than lighting two hemispheres. The incorporators expect to meet during the coming week to perfect the organization under the title of the Anglo American Gas Lighting company. Arrangements are already completed to list $50,200,000 stock on June 1st, in Philadelphia and New York exchanges. W. W. Gibbs is engineering the scheme, Wannamaker, B Widiner and William S. Elkins are interested, also the Imperial Continent Gas Company of London.

A Rather Strong Statement.

Special to The Astorian.]

NEW YORK, April 26.—The *Times* says Henry Villard is credited with having told the people of the northwest, that within the next four years the Northern Pacific will expend between $50,000,000 and $60,000,000, chiefly in Montana and Washington. At that period, the company expects to own 3,500 miles of main line fully equipped.

Distinguished Visitors in Portland.

Special to The Astorian.]

PORTLAND, Or., April 26.—Mrs. John A. Logan and Gen. Alger and party, arrived here this morning, as the guests of the G. A. R. The party are being tendered a grand reception this evening by the G. A. R. and Oregon National Guards.

WILL CIRCLE THE GLOBE.

The Canadian Pacific Will Give A Grand Excursion.

WHEN THEIR STEAMERS FLOAT.

Special by California Associated Press.

BERLIN, April 26.—An investigation is about to be made, which promises to uncover great frauds extending over a period of years in the imperial naval department. It is said that the government has been robbed of immense sums, and a host of naval officers and reputable firms are implicated, the firms for receiving pay for goods never bought, or for goods imported from England and over-valued.

International Questions.

Special to The Astorian.]

BERLIN, April 26.—The *Hamburger Nachrichten* says that the German ambassadors abroad have been summoned to Berlin, to consider various pending questions between the German and other governments.

The French-Dahomian War.

Special to The Astorian.]

PARIS, April 26.—There was a council of ministers to-day, after which a semi-official announcement made of the advance of the Dahomian forces upon Porto Novo afforded no special reason for alarm, as all that danger of the situation has been exaggerated. Barbey, minister of marine, announced that sufficient supplies had been sent to Kotonet, Dahomey, to last during the rainy season, and that the cruiser *Roland* had been ordered to leave Senegal with a detachment of the Senegalez riflemen to reinforce Katonet.

Stanley's Welcome in London.

Special to The Astorian.]

LONDON, April 26.—Stanley arrived at Victoria station, London, this afternoon. There was an immense crowd of people inside and outside the station. He was given an enthusiastic greeting by Duke Abercorn, Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and a large number of other friends of the explorer, who were waiting to welcome him. The baroness presented Stanley with a bouquet. He silently bowed his thanks, then entered the carriage of the baroness, and drove off with her.

Another Fool on Exhibition.

Special to The Astorian.]

LONDON, April 26.—It is stated that during the forty days Signor Succi, the Italian faster, has been showing the public how they can live on nothing, four persons have died of starvation in London. Succi seems to have experienced no ill effects except he had to resume the habit with caution for fear he might kill himself. The exhibition of abstinence and endurance is painful to everybody but himself and the doctors. He receives a salary of $200 per week.

Lawn Tennis Games.

Special to The Astorian.]

LONDON, April 26.—Pettitt, the American lawn tennis champion, played a match to-day at the Queen's club, against Sir Edward Gray, the english amateur champion. Pettitt plays at the world's championship tournament in Dublin the last week in May. He is matched against Charles Saunders, the English champion, for a stake of £500.

Queen Victoria's Afflictions.

Special to The Astorian.]

LONDON, April 26.—It is well known in court circles here that Queen Victoria's health is seriously imperilled. Her majesty's visit to Aix Les Baines, whither she went for the cure of persistent acute inflammation in the muscles of her leg, have been in vain, although the English papers report she is unable to walk and is assisted out of her carriage; is very ill, weak and suffering from incurable dropsy which is only prevented from taking malignant form by the highest medical skill and greatest precaution. Her majesty is much depressed in spirits and will return to London on Tuesday.

Serious Trouble in France.

Special to The Astorian.]

PARIS, April 26.—News from various French industrial centers reached here to-day, causing much alarm. At Roubaix 20,000 workmen have left work to attend the funeral of one of their mates, who, after killing the foreman who refused him employment, committed suicide. At Lisle, the office of the *Floral Journal La Depeche* was invaded by Anarchists, who complained that it had maligned their party. They beat two parties of the editorial staff, destroyed the press, and committed other excesses. Certain quarters in Paris look as they did during the siege.

The machine gallery of last year's exhibition has been turned into a cavalry barrack, where troops are consigned, ready to move at the first symptom of disorder. American and English tourists are writing from Barritz, Aix and southern health resorts, to inquire whether they can come to Paris without running risks of being caught in street riots. Many Americans are now prolonging their stay in hopes that they may see the barricades.

GRAND EXCURSION

Around the World in New Ships.

OTTAWA, April 26.—The first of the new vessels being built by the Canadian Pacific for the Vancouver-China route, will be launched in November. It is the intention of the company to send them to the Pacific Coast via the Suez Canal, and furnish at that time one of the grandest excursion trips ever undertaken around the world under the British flag, with only two transfers, at Vancouver and Halifax. The vessels will visit India and Australian ports and then proceed to China and Japan. At Yokohama, entering upon the regular trips to Vancouver.

Such an excursion has never been undertaken heretofore. Three vessels follow each other at stated intervals. The *Globe* girdling excursion will be open to tourists at about $600 for the round trip. All the room in the first vessel has been engaged. When these greyhounds of the Pacific are on a China route, it is expected that the passage will be made in ten days. With fast service on the railway it will be possible for the Canadian Pacific railway to land passengers an freight from China to New York before the United States can land them at San Francisco.

Preparing for the May Parade.

Special to The Astorian.]

LONDON, April 26.—Labor in England will celebrate May day on the 3d, following the custom of the queen who makes of her birthday a moveable feast, and appoints the first convenient Saturday for its observation. The men on strike will parade the 1st of May and hold meetings, but the great demonstration will take place the following Saturday. Preparations are being made throughout the metropolis and suburbs for a great meeting to be held at Hyde Park. Beside the trade organizations and benevolent societies, the Radical socialists and political clubs of all kinds will take part, and there will be no exclusiveness.

All Quiet in Brazil.

Special to The Astorian.]

RIO JANEIRO, April 26.—The reported ministerial crisis is false, according to the newspapers of Montevideo. Ministers Bocaquva and Ruy Borbosa retain their portfolios. The state of discord in the cabinet has disappeared. The government has accepted the conclusion of the Washington congress, settling all questions by arbitration, which may arise between the two countries.

Must Settle by Arbitration.

Special to The Astorian.]

LISBON, April 26.—The United States and British governments have made an imperative demand that the DeLogoa railway question be settled by arbitration. The United States and British ministers had a long interview to-day with the foreign minister who has the affair under consideration.

More Honors to Stanley.

Special to The Astorian.]

LONDON, April 26.—Stanley arrived at Dover this afternoon. He was accompanied by the king, from Brussels to Ostend, and was met at Dover by the mayor and aldermen, and a large crowd. He left for London this afternoon.

Three Stylish Spring Bonnets.

Pale blue and black is the favorite combination in hats and bonnets of the latest importation. Here are three of them:

A wide-brimmed hat of shirred lace, turned up at the back with an exquisite bow of pale blue gros-grain ribbon, in the center of which is a tiny bow of black velvet ribbon; drooping from this, all over the crown, are bunches of pale blue sweet peas, with a black velvet bow on the brim in front.

A Marie Stuart capote is of black braid, with a fine wreath of pale forget-me-nots under the edge all around; a pert looking bow, of pale blue grosgrain ribbon, stands on one side of the pointed front; there is a smaller bow or knot of ribbon at the back, from which depend the long ties of blue ribbon.

A hat with projecting brim, narrow at the back, is of black open-work braid; the brim is faced with shirred pale blue crepe; the crown is of *point d'esprit* over a puff of pale blue; at the back is artistically arranged a bunch of beautiful, nodding, pale blue tips, from which depends a scarf of the *point d'esprit* a yard and a half long, to be wound about the neck and fastened on the left shoulder.—*Ladies Home Journal.*

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THE GREAT REMEDY FOR PAIN

For Stablemen and Stockmen.

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AT DRUGGISTS AND DEALERS.

THE CHARLES A. VOGELER CO., Baltimore, Md.

A LAND SCANDAL.

Story of a Plot to Grab Four Thousand Acres.

CORPORATE GREED EXHIBITED.

Repudiation of an Agreement to Divide The Swag Precipitates Serious Trouble.

The circuit court has finally made the last entry in the great case of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway vs. the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railway. The history of the great litigation is interesting, especially as showing the slight estimation in which honor is held when corporations deal with their like. Some time ago by a decision of the Wisconsin supreme court the Omaha company was practically confirmed in the possession of a land grant worth $1,000,000, which it obtained through the payment of $70,000 and an agreement with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul that the St. Paul should stand in on the deal for one-fourth of the grant. This agreement was repudiated later, and the repudiation is now confirmed by the supreme court on the ground that it is contrary to public policy. The incidents out of which the suit grew form one of the most sensational pages in Wisconsin history, and involves men now high in official station.

The Portage & Superior Railroad company had secured a land grant of 400,000 acres, as an inducement to run a road up through the northwestern part of the state. The company was weak, and as the season closed in 1881 it was well understood among railroad men that it would have to lay down its load before the winter was over. Hence when the legislature opened, the corridors of the capitol swarmed with railroad lobbyists representing the two great roads, the Northwestern and the St. Paul, each of which was striving to obtain possession of the grant when it reverted to the state. At that time senator Sawyer was interested in the Northwestern, though he has since disposed of his interest. He was as powerful at that time as now, and had for his assistant John C. Spooner, then the attorney for the Omaha road. Governor Rusk was serving his first term as governor, to which office he had been elected by the Sawyer ring in the face of the demand by the body of the people that Hans B. Warner be the nominee of the Republican party.

This was the situation when the legislature opened. All work had to be done quietly, as the Superior road was still staggering along, while the persons most in interest made the best dicker they could. While this corporation scramble was on foot the laborers employed in the construction of the road were receiving no pay. Supplies ran short and the starving wretches suddenly called a halt in the capitol dickering by breaking out in rioting. Driven by hunger they raided stores in adjoining settlements. A reign of terror ensued in that section and the governor was called on for assistance. Something had to be done and at once. If the network of wires leading to plot and counterplot became uncovered to public gaze there was danger that the land grant would be held by the state for settlers. On the 10th of January, 1882, the representatives of the Omaha and St Paul companies met in Milwaukee and formulated a contract under which the St. Paul road agreed to pull out of the fight for the grant. In its turn the Omaha company agreed that it would give to the St. Paul company one-fourth part of the land grant, when acquired, and also give the St. Paul company an agreement by way of a lease or running arrangement by which the St. Paul was to have the same right to run its trains over a proposed road from the Chippewa river to Superior that the Omaha company would have for which the St. Paul was to pay the Omaha 6 per cent. per annum on one-half the actual cost of the road, and to pay for repairs on the basis of the wheelage of the two companies. This was a perpetual right, and the St. Paul company further agreed to pay one-fourth of any amount that the Omaha company might agree to pay the Portage company for the assignment of its right to said land grant.

The amount of wages due the riotous laborers was $70,000. This was provided by the corporations interested and turned over to Governor Rusk, who thereupon issued his celebrated proclamation with the "bread instead of bullets" clause. The laborers were paid off and removed from the complication as a perplexing factor, and by a combination of the lobby the legislature was induced to transfer the land grant to the Omaha road. In pursuance of the agreement entered into the Omaha company proceeded at once to build its road according to the proposed agreement, and the St. Paul company built no more of its line, but stopped at Cedar Falls, six miles north of Menominee. In January, 1883, the Chicago & Northwestern road, controlled by the Vanderbilt interests, purchased from Mr. Porter his interests in the Omaha and assumed control of the latter, and Marvin Hughitt was elected president. In June, 1883, Mr. Hughitt sent to the St. Paul a communication refusing to make the division. The St. Paul people then brought suit to enforce the agreement. The Omaha company demurred to the complaint, claiming that the contract was void as as against public policy and that no action could be maintained thereon. Judge Stewart, in the circuit court here, decided that the contract was a good cause for action against the Omaha company, and the supreme court afterward reversed his decision, the Omaha-Northwestern combination being awarded the grant. The circuit court has now, following the ruling of the supreme court, sustained the demurrer and dismissed the complaint, thus closing out one of the crookedest deals that Wisconsin railroad railways were ever guilty of.—*Spokane Falls Review.*

IF ALL SHOULD STRIKE, WHAT THEN?

Some Observations on the Widespread Eight-Hour Movement.

Once, as we are told by the verscious chronicle, Capt. Frederick Marryatt, a certain high and mighty pasha, in a fit of pique, ordered that all the people in his realm should be beheaded. The order, however, was not carried out, for the simple reason that there was nobody to enforce it. Where all were victims there could be no executioners, and when the wrath of his mightiness cooled down he was quite willing to rescind the order.

The arrangement for a general strike of all the workmen on the first of May is very nearly analogous to the pasha's order. If literally and strictly enforced it can hardly last a day, because, under present conditions of society, men are dependent on each other's service. Thus, suppose that the carpenters strike. They may be able to live without work, but they cannot live without eating. They cannot have meat, for the butchers have struck. They cannot buy bread, for the bakers are not baking. They cannot procure groceries and canned provisions, for the grocers' employes have joined the ranks of the voluntarily unemployed.

Besides, as there are no men to run the trains or to operate the mills and factories, no beeves can be brought in from the distant pastures, no flour can be ground, no provisions can be packed, and the problem of existence, which is easily solved when everybody does his share of the work, becomes an impossible one when no man's hand is raised to help his neighbor.

To be sure, it is expected that the fear of loss will drive employers to concede the employes' demands before things reach this pitch; but suppose it should not, and suppose that, as one man has as much right to strike as another, there should be a literal compliance with the suggestion for a universal strike. It would not last more than twenty-four hours, but it would be the most valuable experience the world has ever gained in that space of time.—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

PASSING PARAGRAPHS.

The Stonington correspondent of the Norwich *Bulletin* has a German-silver tobacco-box that has pasted in the inside of the bottom the "code of the earliest laws and orders of the general court of Connecticut in 1638-39, against the use of tobacco." On the inside of the lid is the picture of a constable arresting a man for chewing tobacco. Said constable has on a sort of continental hat, and, after placing the hand of arrest on the chewer's shoulder, he remarked, "Chaw tobacco, will you?"

A rabbi, of Montreal, says the low death rate among Jews is owing to their adherence to the Mosaic law, which permits for use as food only the flesh of such animals as divide the hoof and chew their cud. In the killing of these animals the strictest examination had to be made to prevent the communication of disease to man. As to fish, the Jews only eat those with both fins and scales, and oysters, in his opinion, are simply "the scavengers of the sea." Lobsters, crabs, and other crustacea are likewise tabooed.

James Welch, of Middletown, Conn., having been told that the force of a dynamite explosion was downward, made a practical test of this principle a few days ago, by boring a big hole into a monstrous gnarled log, into which he put a lot of dynamite, ignited a short-time fuse and carelessly sat down astride one end of the log. Soon Welch and the log ascended in a curve about thirty feet; in the descent the position of the couple was reversed. Welch arrived at earth first, the log followed, and Welch says it thumped him several times after he was down.

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