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At Half Price.

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WICKED WEATHER BUREAU MAN

He Loans Money to His Superior Officers.

HOLDS THEM UNDER OBLIGATION

Employees Treat the Government Property as Their Own—Sell It and Pocket the Money.

Associated Press.
Washington, April 17.—Secretary Morton this afternoon received the report of Assistant Attorney-General Colby, who conducted the investigation into the charges of illegal and fraudulent disposal of public property in the weather bureau. The secretary announced that he would take the matter under advisement. The report recommends the immediate discharge of the officials guilty of theft, embezzlement, or of unauthorized sale of government property, and their prosecution criminally and civilly, the entire reorganization of the executive management and control of the bureau, and that no government property be loaned out or taken from the department for private purposes under any circumstances, whatever, and that no property is to be taken for official use except upon a requisition duly signed and approved, and for which receipt is given; that the property carried on the rolls of the bureau be sold only at public auction after due advertisement; that the practice of loaning money now prevailing in the weather bureau between employees and officers, and especially those of inferior rank to those in superior positions be absolutely prohibited. Among the principal findings of fact by the assistant attorney-general, were these: That in 1893 the number of brass and iron mouldings exceeding \$50 in value, were sold to R. F. Brannon, captain of the watch, and without legal authority and no return was made therefor; that a number of yards of carpet and other articles belonging to the government were disposed of by the aid of Brannon, and no returns made; that many articles of property including over 600 thermometers were taken therefrom in the month of August, 1892, and disposed of without legal authority and no returns made therefor. Sixty-seven yards of carpet have been in the residence of Brannon for the past six months. The evidence shows that property of the government has been removed from the bureau from time to time at the pleasure of employees or officers for use at private residences. It further appears that Captain of the Watch Brannon, practiced loaning money at high rates of interest to officers and employees of the bureau, both to those above and below him in rank, thus placing his superior officers under financial obligations to him.

MONTANA CANDIDATE FAILED.

Difference of Opinion on Finance Between Cleveland and Carlisle.

Washington, April 17.—Among the nominations which failed of confirmation by the senate was D. G. Browne for collector of the district of Montana. The policy to be pursued by the treasury department regarding the financial situation, will probably be determined at a consultation to be held this afternoon between Secretary Carlisle and President Cleveland. All efforts to learn the result of the conference have thus far been unavailing. The Star says: "Carlisle is understood to be opposed to the issuance of bonds for the present at least. It is his judgment that it would be preferable to utilize a portion of the reserve fund until it became apparent that the issuance of bonds was an absolute necessity. The treasury officials say that as soon as the brokers and bankers are positive that their attempts to force the issue of bonds is useless, just so soon will gold shipments cease. It is understood there is some difference of opinion between President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle, the president rather leaning toward the issuance of bonds, should the free gold be entirely exhausted."

KEEPS HIS OWN COUNSEL.

Washington, April 17.—Secretary Carlisle absolutely declines to outline his future financial action, preferring to await the arrival of the emergency before indicating what he will do. He had this morning an extended interview with Senator Sherman. An order for \$1,250,000 gold engaged for export tomorrow reduces the free gold in the treasury to about \$50,000.

LARGE LIABILITIES.

Rochester, N. Y., April 17.—A. G. Yates a wholesale coal merchant of this city, and H. H. Warner of this city, are involved financially. They indorsed for each other and their notes have been going to protest. The amount of Yates' paper is nearly \$1,000,000, of which \$400,000 is due to Rochester banks. On Saturday, Yates retired from the firm of

Bell, Lewis & Yates. A great portion of the paper held against Yates and Warner is understood to be in New York and Boston banks.

New York, April 17.—H. H. Warner president of the Warner Investment Company, said: "I will protect my end of the paper at the proper time. I stand ready to pay every dollar I owe."

A UNION PACIFIC STRIKE.

Boilermakers, Pattermakers, Moulders and Blacksmiths Involved.

Chicago, April 17.—Specials from Omaha and Denver say a strike has been ordered among the boilermakers, pattermakers, blacksmiths, and moulders in the shops along the entire line of the Union Pacific to take effect at noon. Trouble has arisen concerning a reduction of the standard time of the working day. Last year the company agreed to so reduce the working force as to permit work for nine hours a day instead of eight. The company began violating the agreement in January, and the men have been unable to bring about a restoration. Fully 3,000 men are involved in the shops at Omaha, Denver, Salt Lake, Cheyenne, Ogden, Portland, Kansas City, Rawlins, Laramie, and round house points.

Kansas City, Mo., April 17.—All the boiler and enginemakers and blacksmiths employed by the Union Pacific road at Armstrong, near here, went on a strike at noon. This means that a strike has been ordered on the entire system, a men here acted on orders from the head of the order at Omaha. The Denver shippers on the Union Pacific are ready to go out as soon as they receive orders from Omaha. They number 200.

Omaha, Neb., April 17.—Six hundred men employed in the Union Pacific shops here struck at noon. The men who went out were machinists, boiler-makers, blacksmiths, moulders and pattern makers.

Portland, Or., April 17.—About 150 Union Pacific machinists in this city and LaGrande quit work today.

Omaha, Neb., April 17.—The strike inaugurated on the Union Pacific by the machinists today affects about 2500 men on the system and only interests workers of iron or those ten working eight hours instead of nine as they allege they were promised on January 15th. The towns most affected in addition to Omaha, are Denver, Cheyenne, Salt Lake, Rawlins, Armstrong, Pocatello, Evanston, Laramie, LaGrande, Shoshone, and Portland. From conversations with officials, the consensus of opinion was that the road has never been in better condition to undergo a strike than at the present time.

FREIGHT TRAINS ABANDONED.

Wichita, Kansas, April 17.—All the freight trains on the Newton and Purcell division of the Santa Fe, and on the Wichita and Western, have been abandoned for lack of engineers. There are twelve dead engines at Newton, seventeen at Arkansas City, nineteen at Purcell, and the road has no means of making the repairs necessary to put them in service.

AN ANCIENT OUTFIT.

Pioneer Locomotive and Coaches Run by Pioneer Railroad Men.

New York, April 17.—The queerest railroad train seen in many long years drew out of the Pennsylvania depot this morning. The train consisted of an engine and two coaches of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The engine is the first railway locomotive used on this side of the Atlantic. It is called "John Bull," and started this morning puffing its way laboriously to the World's Fair. The coaches look like stage coaches on railway wheels. The engine driver A. S. Herbert, drove the "John Bull" in 1823. J. W. Sanderson the fireman, was such in 1855. The other railroad men on the train are equally ancient.

DEFAULTING CASHIER DEAD.

Nashville, Tenn., April 17.—John Schardt, the defaulting cashier of the Mechanics' Savings Bank and Trust Company, died tonight from congestion of the brain. The bank made an assignment this morning for the benefit of all its creditors. The assets are \$200,000, normal, and the liabilities \$150,000. The officers of the bank express confidence in the belief that the assets will pay all debts. Schardt transferred to the bank his life insurance policies amounting to \$50,000 and certain notes and real estate and assets exclusive of those transferred by Schardt amount to \$161,000. The failure is due to the defaulting of the cashier and not to extraneous causes.

PEDESTRIAN MILLER'S TRAMP.

San Diego, Cal., April 17.—Chris Miller, the pedestrian, will leave San Diego in the morning for Los Angeles on foot. His trip around the boundaries of the United States will take him through the principal cities of the coast as far as Seattle. Here he strikes eastward, enroute to the northeastern corner of Maine.

A COLLIERY FIRE.

Hazleton, Pa., April 17.—Fire is raging in Crystal Ridge colliery near here. Five men are said to be in the mine.

AN ARMED MOB IN ANTWERP

Gens d'Armes, Civic Guards, and Laborers Shot Down.

UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE DEMANDED

Thirty Thousand Miners Stop work in Charleroi—Workingmen Hostile to the Government.

Associated Press.
Brussels, April 17.—The industrial revolution against the chamber of deputies is in full progress. Today a thousand dock laborers in Antwerp joined the strikers; and demonstrations became so threatening that the military had to be called out to preserve order. No conflicts have occurred, but the attitude of the strikers is very threatening, and trouble is expected at any moment.

Brussels, April 17.—There is no denying the fact that the crisis is acute. Excited meetings in favor of universal suffrage are being held throughout the country. Everywhere impassioned appeals are made to those who live by toll to join the general demonstration.

In Charleroi district where thirty thousand miners are employed, work in the mines is at a standstill.

The hot blooded strikers at Grannont assembled in the Cafe Holland and held an impromptu meeting at which fiery speeches were made by the leaders. The gens d'armes attempted to break up the meeting but met with a stout resistance. Two gens d'armes and a large number of the rioters were severely wounded.

At Mons the strikers indulged in all manner of threats against the government and determined to take possession of the town for a labor procession. A desperate hand to hand conflict with the guard ensued. The battle was long and bitterly contested, but finally the guard was victorious. Four of the miners were killed and many wounded. This affray has added greatly to the excitement in town and there is danger of more serious outbreaks. The government has issued a decree calling out all the militia for the defense of the state. This means the mobilization of some 45,000 troops against the workmen.

A dispatch from Antwerp this evening shows the situation to be more threatening. Since noon the strikers have gathered repeatedly in large crowds throughout the northern districts. At 3 o'clock, a squadron of police riding with drawn swords against the workmen were overwhelmed with showers of stones and timbers. The police retired in confusion, and while reserves were being summoned, the strikers and women and children hastened from their houses with firearms. When another squadron of police supported by a detachment of civic guards tried half an hour later to drive back the mob, they met with volleys from the revolvers and rifles of men behind the barricade. Many soldiers were wounded.

RUIN IN ZANTE.

Earthquake Levels Most of the City and Killed Many Inhabitants.

Athens, April 17.—The island of Zante, the principal one of the Ionian group, was visited this morning. A great part of the city of Zante was destroyed. So far twenty bodies have been taken from the ruins, and it is feared many more are still buried, hundreds are injured. Most of the inhabitants fled to the plains back of the city, where they wandered about bemoaning the loss of relatives and property by the recent earthquake.

The shock occurred at 7:30 a. m. The church of St. Dionysius and the government offices were thrown down. Advice from the interior show that the whole island is devastated. Many villages are destroyed and it is thought the loss of life is very great. News of the disaster comes in very slowly as communication with the interior of the island has been greatly interrupted by the destruction of many telegraph lines. The full extent of the calamity cannot be estimated at present. A warship will be dispatched from Piraeus with clothing and medicines for the sufferers.

EXAMINATION OF CHINESE.

Tacoma, Wash., April 17.—Chinese Interpreter Ricker, arrived this afternoon from San Francisco and will commence the examination of 340 Chinese brought over by the Mogul. The work will have to be done rapidly as the steamer is scheduled to sail on Wednesday. It is said strict orders have been received from the treasury department that proofs must be sufficient that they are returning merchants irrespective of any certificates.

SHEEHAN DENIES.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 17.—The city hall was under guard all last night to pre-

vent the mayor from taking action under the bill passed last week by the legislature for the appointment of new police and excise commissioners. The injunction preventing such action was severe on the mayor and other officers this morning. Lieutenant governor Sheehan denies that it was the purpose of the bill to cripple the Cleveland democracy.

OREGON PACIFIC ACTIVE.

Its Extension into Eastern Oregon Is Strongly Intimated.

Boise, Idaho, April 17.—Sometime ago E. W. Hadley, receiver of the Oregon Pacific road wrote to Mayor Panney of Boise for maps and other information regarding this section of the state. The request was complied with. In a letter acknowledging the receipt of the documents, Mr. Hadley says of the Oregon Pacific:

"During all its vicissitudes I do not think it was ever so near construction and extension towards the promised land of Eastern Oregon and Boise, as it is at the present moment and I feel sure if we all put our shoulders to the wheel with a long pull and a pull together, we shall ere long be making the dirt fly in your direction."

The fact that such a statement is made by the receiver is thought to indicate that strong parties are preparing to take hold of the road with a view of pushing it eastward, to connection with the Burlington or some other trunk line.

A MAIDEN LADY DROWNED.

Rugene, Or., April 17.—The coroner today held an inquest on the body of Miss Elizabeth Jordan, 54 years old, who disappeared from the home of her brother near Jasper, on February 21st. There has been a mystery about the woman's disappearance. Her bonnet was found in a creek some weeks ago, and since that a thorough search has been made of the creek. On Saturday, by the moving of a jam of logs in the creek the body was discovered. A post-mortem examination failed to find any evidence of violence and the jury returned a verdict of death by drowning.

SAD CASE OF SUICIDE.

Baker City, Or., April 17.—Mrs. J. H. Parker, wife of the cashier of the First National bank in this city, committed suicide last night by taking an overdose of morphine. Domestic infelicity was the cause. A policeman broke open the bedroom door and found the deceased lying on the floor in her night clothes. Death had resulted several hours previous. She threatened to take her life yesterday morning if her husband did not come home. He had not been home for several days. Deceased leaves a daughter by a former husband, who is attending school at Oakland, Cal.

A MISTAKE CAUSED SUICIDE.

San Francisco, April 17.—News is received here of the suicide of Robert Klor, a tailor by jumping from the steamer Alameda, bound for Australia at sea on April 5th. Klor was a German tailor and could speak no English. He had determined to go to Seattle and it is supposed he was confused and took the wrong steamer. The Alameda and the Usatilla sailed the same day and when he learned his mistake and that he was going among strange people, despondency is supposed to have preyed on his mind and led him to the commission of the deed.

A DESPERATE NIGGER.

Albany, N. Y., April 17.—John Johnson, known as "Blue Nigger from Clyde," ran amuck in the broom shop of the Auburn prison this morning armed with a sharp knife used in cutting broom corn. He first attacked Charles Peck, a fellow convict, leaving him dead in his tracks, and next fatally stabbed Daniel Britten, a convict, and severely wounding several others. He was finally captured and confined.

KILLED BY A LOCOMOTIVE.

Baker City, April 17.—Yesterday the locomotive of train No. 2, of the east-bound Union Pacific passenger train, ran into and killed J. J. Cavana, a farmer living three miles west of Huntington. The deceased was dead and was struck just as the engine was making a curve. He leaves a wife and several children.

TWO SOLDIERS KILLED.

Chicago, April 17.—While a party of soldiers were setting up a 14-ton gun as a part of the government exhibit at Jackson Park this morning, the bearing broke, and Private Warwick was crushed to a pulp, and Private Kern fatally hurt.

WORLD'S FAIR FORCE DOUBLED.

Chicago, April 17.—Work on the World's Fair is being pushed with the utmost vigor, and beginning tonight, a double force of men will be employed in the installation work night and day.

FAST CRUISER "DETROIT."

New London, Conn., April 17.—The new United States cruiser Detroit made a glorious record on her trial trip today. She made over 24 miles per hour.