



A. J. BALFOUR.  
A CONSERVATIVE LEADER.

A. J. Balfour is one of the most prominent men in English politics. He is a leader of the conservative party. Mr. Balfour was born in 1848, and entered the house of commons as a conservative when he was 26 years of age. He joined the "fourth party" under the leadership of Lord Randolph Churchill. Mr. Balfour accepted office under Lord Salisbury (his uncle) in 1885. In 1887 he became chief secretary of Ireland. Mr. Balfour possesses talents of a high order, and has shown himself a cool-headed and sagacious administrator, a ready debater and a skilled political tactician. Want of conviction and a mocking cynicism are his chief defects. He is likely at some time to fill the place now occupied by Lord Salisbury. He has written a "Defense of Philosophic Doubt."

A PROMINENT CONVERT.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 9.—At the close of his sermon last night Rev. Sam Jones called on repentant sinners to come forward. The first to respond was ex-Senator John J. Ingalls, of Kansas. "Mr. Jones," he said, "your sermon has moved me. I endorse every word you said."

Achison, Kas., Feb. 9.—The story that J. J. Ingalls was converted by Sam Jones at Nashville is pronounced a canard by Mrs. Ingalls. He is a member of the Episcopal church, and not in need of conversion.

WHIP AND SPUR.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—The winners of the races today, with the time made in each event, were as follows:

- Five and one-half furlongs—Dr. Ross, 1:13 1-4.
- Five furlongs—Fred. Parker, 1:06.
- Six furlongs—Conde, 1:16 1-2.
- One mile—Red Root, 1:48.
- Five furlongs—Midget, 1:04 1-2.

OPIUM SEIZURE.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—Custom officials today seized two packages containing eleven tins of opium in the post office. The drug was sent from Port Townsend, Wash., and Portland, Ore., and was addressed to Chinese located at 717 Jackson street and 81 Stockton street respectively, in this city.

DISASTER TO TORPEDO BOATS.

Rio Janeiro, Feb. 9.—It is announced that some disaster has befallen the torpedo fleet which left Pernambuco for this city. Details are unobtainable. The government refuses all information. It is said one boat was badly damaged, and the whole fleet put back to Pernambuco.

SNOW STORM IN OMAHA.

Omaha, Feb. 9.—Snow began falling at 3 o'clock this morning. The storm is still in progress, and the snow is about eight inches deep on the level. Street car traffic is blocked, and trains delayed.

MR. WILSON SERIOUSLY ILL.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Chairman Wilson, of the ways and means committee of the house, is dangerously ill of tonsillitis in this city. He was on his way to Mexico, but was compelled to stop here and call physicians.

DECLINE IN RUPEE PAPER.

London, Feb. 9.—Rupee paper again declined below the lowest record, being quoted today at 57, against 57 1-2 yesterday.

HANGED FOR MURDER.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 9.—Near Winston, in the presence of 10,000 people, Peter Degraff was hanged for the murder of his paramour, Ellen Smith.

THE GOLD RESERVE.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The gold reserve of \$100,000,000 is once more practically intact, requiring only \$6,256 to make it absolutely so.

SHOW A DEFICIENCY.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—The Atchison's net earnings for December were \$780,000; fixed charges, \$901,000, leaving a deficit of \$121,000.

MIDWINTER FAIR TICKETS.

Commencing with the steamship Columbia, leaving Astoria Wednesday, January 24th, the Union Pacific will sell round trip tickets to San Francisco at the rate of \$22.00. These tickets will be limited to 30 days from date of sale. G. W. LOUNSBERRY, Agent.

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