The Herald.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 1893

NEWS IN GENERAL

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

In The Slums of New York.

He who would see Mulberry Street in the picturesque aspect it wears beyond any other point in these haunts of the wretched, must approach it from Bayard Street, the chosen home of Jewry, bristling with Hebrew signs, and vocal with all strange tongues the Hebrew may choose to make his own, the strangest of all being their own "Jedish," the lingo made up on principles the philologist may not define, and used in printing as well as speech.

Up to the moment in which the corner of Mulberry Street is reached, one is in Hebrew land, but, presto! there is a sudden transformation. Southern Italy and one of its market places lie before one, and, in spite of the fact that sordid tenement-houses line either side, the illusion is complete. Saturday morning, above all, is given to the open air market, in which trucks and barrows of every description line the side walks and fill the narrow street. Ash barrels often serve as counters from which extraordinary commodities are dispensed. The Italian scorns the house save when it rains, choosing the streets as persistently as the Polish Jew avoids it; and now they make an never ending procession, filling every available foot of walk and street.

What do they sell? Tainted meat; stale eggs bought by the pailful from the marketman, who is glad to get rid of them on any terms, and bought here by the spoonful for omelets made savory with oil and herbs. Here we find poultry blue with age and skinny beyond belief; wilted vegetables; half-rotten or moldy fruit; fish long parted from the water; strange weeds doing duty as salads: all offering their share toward the unspeakable odor that rises to Heaven, and seems grateful to the nostrils of the buyer. Stale bread abounds, nor is it found in just such fashion at any other point. The sacks containing it are old mattresses,—at least they are of bed-ticking, and foul as such antecedents would make them,—and in them are loaves of all sizes and ages, sold weekly by down town bakers at so much a sackful. It is "not unwholesome," the health officers say, only disgusting.—From "In Mulberry Bend and Beyond," in Demorest's Family Magazine for March.

Bleeding Kansas.

TOPEKA, Feb. 15.—A riot is imminent between the republicans and populists in the hall of the house of representatives. There seems no way to avoid a dangerous clash.

When the republicans went to the hall this morning they found the doors barred by the populists.

Sledgehammers were brought into play against one of the side entrances, with such good effect that the doors were soon demolished and the republicans quickly filed into the hall. Had the populists been in session a conflict would surely have resulted, but fortunately the populist house adjourned yesterday till 1 o'clock this afternoon.

As soon as the populists learned what had been done, Governor Lewelling was notified.

CALLED OUT THE TROOPS.

The governor promptly called out the militia and instructed them to proceed to the hall to eject the republicans from the floor.

The only weapons shown by the populists were one Winchester and two revolvers in the hands of a mild young man who made no attempt to use them. They were captured by the republicans and will be preserved as trophies.

Governor Lewelling was found in his private office in consultation with Judge Webb, attorney for the populist state committee. The governor refused to discuss the situation, but Webb said that the populists would come out of the fight on top of the heap.

HOLDING THE FORT.

When the republicans took possession of the house they ejected the populist sergeants at arms. They say they propose to hold possession, and sent out for dinner.

The republicans then nailed, barred and propped every door leading to the hall.

The populists decided to freeze the republicans out. The janitor shut off the steam from the hall. The populists also have undertaken to starve out the republicans. The men sent for lunch for them cannot get past the militia lines. The house, therefore, is in a state of siege.

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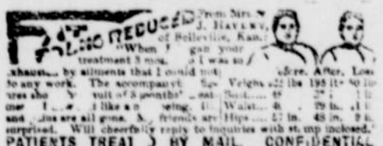

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