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Otis Meeting With Success in Re-enlisting Volunteers.

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AFFAIRS IN THE SOUTHERN ISLANDS

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Commissioner Schurmann Found a Disposition Among the Natives to Accept American Sovereignty.

Washington, July 8.—General Otis cables the following: "The desires of the volunteers in the Philippines ascertained. Two skeleton regiments are fairly well assured. Will cable the names of officers nominated for the regiments so that appointments of lieutenants to recruit in the United States can be made."

In the Southern Islands.

Washington, July 8.—Dispatches have been received at the state department from President Schurman, of the Philippine commission, giving some account of his journey to the southern islands of the archipelago. He finds conditions in these islands extremely gratifying. There is a disposition almost everywhere south of Luzon to accept American sovereignty. Schurman expects to arrive at San Francisco about August 15. It is felt at the state department that the commission has done much to convey to the native Filipinos a proper conception of American government and in that way has sapped the strength of the insurrection.

Regulars as Well as Volunteers.

Salem, July 8.—Nelson Learned, of this city, today received a letter from the war department informing him that all the soldiers in the Philippines who enlisted between April 21 and October 2, 1898, whether volunteers or in the regular army, would be ordered home as soon as transportation could be secured.

THIS SETTLES IT.

Oregon Volunteers Will Come Direct to Portland.

Portland, July 8.—A dispatch from Adjutant General Corbin at Washington today states that the returning Oregon volunteers will be sent on the transports to Portland, notwithstanding reports that they were to be mustered out at San Francisco.

MINERS DYING OF SCURVY.

Sad State of Affairs Reported from Wind River, Alaska.

Seattle, July 8.—An unconfirmed story comes from Dawson City that several prospectors who have arrived there over the Edmonton route report that a score of miners have died from scurvy at Wind river, a branch of the Peel river, and that a number of others are suffering from its dread effects. They had no list of those who had died, but they report the following among the sick:

Dr. J. B. Mason, Chicago; W. C. Cach, Brom brothers, Dr. Martin, dentist, Chicago; Edward Harris, —— Mitchell.

Dr. Martin was camped with two other Chicago men. Both were taken down with scurvy. Martin loaded them on a sled and tried to pull them to Wind City, a distance of 75 miles, where he expected to find medicines and fresh supplies. One man died soon after the journey began. Martin took his other partner on his back and completed the journey.

The news was brought to Dawson by a party consisting of A. G. McGregor, Dr. Sloan, A. C. Alexander, W. N. Gray, J. W. Snell and Howard McGregor, of Huron county, Ontario; Dr. J. E. Brown, W. J. George and James A. Ferguson, of Chicago; Carl Brown, Meade Beandette, Oliver Carter and William Pearson, of Bay City, Mich.; James Vincent, Fritz Thiele and John Lanolette, of Fargo, N. D.

An Enormous Clean-up.

Tacoma, July 8.—Dr. Wilcoxson, of Chicago, who arrived from Dawson, brings authentic news of an enormous clean-up in Klondike during June. Pack trains arrived at Dawson daily, each bringing in $500,000 to $1,500,000. One pack train made several trips from Professor Lippy's claim on Eldorado, which produced over two tons of gold dust.

Only Thirty and Gray

How is this?
Perhaps sleepless nights caused it, or grief, or sickness, or perhaps it was care.
No matter what the cause, you cannot wish to look old at thirty.
Gray hair is starved hair.
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THE MARKETS.

Large Decrease in World's Visible Supply of Wheat.

Chicago, July 8.—Following is a summary of yesterday's grain markets: September wheat opened ⅜c below Thursday's closing price, influenced at the start largely by improved weather conditions. Foreign markets were weak and lower and domestic receipts were too heavy for demand. The total primary market receipts were 838,000 bushels, against 87,000 the year before, and London cabled that the supply there was in excess of the demand. Argentine shipments for the week were 1,216,000 bushels, against 1,008,000 bushels the week previous, while local receipts were 71 cars, against 23 a year ago, and Northwestern receipts footed up 424, compared with 43 last year. All this was meat for the bears and September went as low as 73 1-8. Bradstreet's report of 1,700,000 bushels decrease in the world's visible and Duluth's estimate of April increase in stocks there for the week of 750,000 bushles, helped the market a trifle, but the pressure of immediate supplies was more effective upon speculative sentiment than a prospective scarcity and September wound up with 73 5-8 bid, against 74¼ yesterday.

Corn was dull and easy. September closed with a loss of 1-8c. It followed wheat in the main.

Oats opened unchanged, but soon declined in sympathy with wheat and corn. There was a good demand from shippers and the market rallied, closing at the highest, with a gain of 1-8c.

Today's Wheat Markets

Chicago, July 8.—September wheat, 73 3-8; cash, No. 2 red 75.

San Francisco, July 8.—Cash wheat, $1.10.

Omaha Livestock Market.

Omaha, July 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 260. Market good, steady; native beef steers, $4.50 to $5.60; Western steers, $4 to $4.90; Texas steers, $3.75 to $4.70; cows and heifers, $3.75 to $4.60; canners, $3.20 to $3.60; stockers and feeders, $3.75 to $4.90; calves, $4 to $7; bulls, stags, etc., $3 to $4.20.

Hogs—Receipts, 9200. Market shade to 5c lower; heavy, $3.77½ to $3.82½; mixed, $3.80 to $3.82½; light, $3.82½ to $3.85; pigs, $3.25 to $3.80; bulk of sales, $3.80 to $3.82½.

Sheep—Receipts, 3100. Market active, stronger; yearlings, $4.75 to $5.35; Western muttons, $4.25 to $4.35; stock sheep, $3.75 to $4.40; lambs, $5.50 to $7.

THE BOUNDARY QUESTION.

No Fear of a Hostile Clash Over the Matter.

Washington, July 8.—Ambassador Choate has not communicated to the state department the result of the representations he has made to Lord Salisbury respecting the modus vivendi under instructions of yesterday. Although it is believed almost hopeless to expect a successful outcome of direct negotiations with London, it is not regarded here as inevitable that a hostile clash will follow a failure to secure the modus. Confidence is expressed in the sufficiency of the arrangements backed by sound common sense of the officials of the United States and Canada now in the disputed territory in Alaska to prevent a collision. As a matter of fact the United States and Great Britain have been actually working under a tacitly understood modus vivendi, and if this spirit continues on both sides there is little reason for failure of the negotiations to result in anything more serious than another disagreeable postponement of the final settlement.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS.

International Peace and Arbitration Jubilee at Detroit.

Detroit, July 8.—The great out-door international peace and arbitration jubilee, looked forward to as the most novel and perhaps the chief event of Christian Endeavor convention week, will be held this afternoon. Speaking will be followed by presentation for adoption of the "Christian Endeavor Peace memorial," a copy of which will be sent to the international peace conference at The Hague.

Columbia and Defender.

New York, July 8.—The yachts Columbia and Defender are contesting today for the cup offered by the Larchmont Yacht Club. The course is a triangular one, 19 miles. The Defender crossed the starting line at 12:40:40, the Columbia at 12:40:53. The boats had a great match right after the start, the Columbia getting the best of it.

In luffing the sloops sailed a mile which left them a half mile off the course. At Passing Rye, the Columbia was a couple of lengths ahead, both crafts speeding along with a fine breeze.

Lieutenant Pague Dead.

Chicago, July 8.—Samuel S. Pague, who while lieutenant of Company F, Fifteenth United States infantry, fired three shots at Colonel Crofton and who was dismissed from the army on findings of the court martial, died in a lodging house today under circumstances which point to suicide.

Heart Disease Prevalent.

Tacoma, July 8.—John A. Silsby and Joseph H. Houghton, prominent business men, died suddenly of heart disease this morning. Three other well known citizens have died of the same disease within a week. Three of the stricken persons lived in the same block.

Wheeler Goes to Manila.

Washington, July 8.—General Wheeler sails for Manila on the 26th.

A FIREMAN KILLED.

Train Goes Through a Culvert and is Badly Wrecked.

Kansas City, July 7.—Fireman Welty of St. Joseph was killed and twenty passengers slightly injured in a wreck on the Burlington railroad near Waldron, Mo., last night, the northbound train from Omaha going through a culvert. A cloudburst washed out a piece of track and the water rose three feet on a level. The mail car turned over and was washed down twenty feet from the track. The first coach was thrown on its side and the sleeper was also overturned. Weity jumped to save himself. His body was found against the floor of the overturned mail car.

DIED OF YELLOW FEVER.

Major Heatwole Falls a Victim at Santiago.

Santiago, July 7.—Major Jos. Heatwole, chief commissary, died yesterday of yellow fever.

Major Heatwole was a native of Indiana and a brother of Representative Heatwole of Minnesota.

THE PRESS ASSOCIATION

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New Officers Elected at This Morning's Session.

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ALBERT TOZIER, OF OREGON, HONORED

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H. H. Henry of Mississippi is President—Fake Advertising and Other Important Matters Considered.

Portland, July 7.—The national Editorial Association this morning elected the following officers:

President, R. H. Henry, of Jackson, Miss.

First Vice-President, Matt Harrott, of Waterloo, Iowa.

Second Vice-President, F. B. Ballio, of Cleburne, Texas.

Third vice-president, Albert Tozier, of Portland, Oregon.

Corresponding secretary, J. M. Page, of Jerseyville, Ill.

Recording secretary, R. M. White, of Mexico, Mo.

Treasurer, James G. Gibbs, of Norwalk, Ohio.

The attempt to amend the constitution to exclude from membership in the association all press clubs and district organizations and to limit the membership to state delegations was defeated by a vote of 161 to 123.

Eugene Field Memorial Services.

The Eugene Field memorial exercises at the First Baptist church were well attended by newspaper men and people in general. The service was a fitting tribute to one "whose love for his followmen was so broad in its catholicity that it included almost every phase of effort for the betterment of those about him in the daily walks of life."

The platform was prettily decorated with quaint baskets filled with field daisies and woodland ferns. The musical program was excellent. One of the most attractive features was the song by 50 school children. "Little Boy Blue" was rendered exquisitely, the pure, fresh voices giving new beauty to the touching verses. They were led by Miss Blanche Sorenson, who is to be congratulated for her splendid training. The wee tots in dainty white dresses made a pleasing picture

Mrs. Max Shillock's rich contralto was heard to splendid advantage.

Miss Susie Gambell contributed a solo, "A Song of Thanksgiving." It was charmingly sung and greatly appreciated by the large audience.

The Taylor-street choir, under the direction of Mr. Boyer, added to the evening's enjoyment. Beethoven's "Equali," with its wealth of melody, was admirably rendered by a quartet of trombones and voices. The program was interspersed with readings. Miss Martha Evans gave with fine effect Field's "The Jimin' Farms."

Addresses were made by different visiting editors, who presented the various sides of the interesting character of the "children's poet."

Papers were read from those unable to be present. They were Melville E. Stone, Slasoin Thompson, of the Chicago Times-Herald; Page M. Baker, of New Orleans, and E. C. Stedman, of New York. Rev. Dr. Gunsaulus, of Chicago, sent verses.

Are Typesetting Machines Economical?

The economy of typesetting machines, compared with hand compositors, was quite fully discussed by Gardner of California, Wheeler of Illinois, Kendrics of Arkansas, Patterson of New York, Greer of Oklahoma, Henry of Mississippi, and Hendricks and Alley of Oregon. The merits of both the Mergenthaler linotype and the Thorne typesetting machine were discussed, and all found machine composition to cost less than hand, with the single exception of Gardner. Printing shops setting less than 30,000 ems per day were not considered in this discussion.

Side Issue Advertising.

One question presented was that of advertising fakes, under which head was included church programs, trading stamps, street-car advertising, etc. Mr. Herbert thought that the church program did not injure the newspaper as much as is generally thought, perhaps. President Maccabe, however, took a most radical view of the matter and in his most forcible language denounced such advertising as blackmailing schemes and frauds. Business men, he said, patronize church programs because they are afraid to refuse. He suggested that publishers give their own services to business men in defense of their rights and act as a sort of buffer or turn-down agent between the merchant and the paper. In his section of the country, he said, merchants have learned that there is nothing in such advertising and he trusted that the entire country would be educated to the same understanding.

Mr. Wheeler, of Illinois, stated that the merchants in his part of the country had been annoyed by this class of advertising fakes to such an extent that they had organized in self-defense and signed an agreement to no longer patronize programs or other outside schemes. He characterized the trading stamp system as a humbug from the ground up, but believed that merchants had been playing with it so long that all were getting heartily tired of it and returning to legitimate newspaper advertising.

Snyder, of Ohio; Bemis, of Michigan, and Harding, of Oregon, took similar views. Lanning, of Ohio, took the other side to some extent, and thought as long as fake advertising did not injure publishers to any alarming extent it was best to let it alone.

Winship, of Massachusetts, believed program and trading-stamp advertising was a fad that would die out of its own accord after awhile. He did not believe that one church program out of three netted the church a cent. In his own church he said not a program had been printed in 15 years, nor in any of the other churches in his town for six years. The churches themselves had been educated, and recognized the fact that such advertising is not a square deal to the newspapers. It does not benefit the churches and injures the legitimate advertising mediums.

Mead of Illinois found the greatest protection against program fiends and advertising fakers in the telephone. He and his contemporaries have organized a trust by posting each other by telephone as soon as an advertising faker leaves the office of one to hunt up his rival. He believed the newspaper men had the remedy within themselves and between themselves.

New Orleans was chosen as the place for holding the next convention in February.

THE WALLACE TRIALS.

Defense Asks a Continuance, But the Motion Denied.

Wallace, Idaho, July 7.—This morning the defense in the Corcoran case filed a motion for a continuance of the case until the next term, alleging that under martial law a fair trial could not be secured; that the jurors summoned to try Corcoran were biased against Corcoran, etc. The judge denied the motion for a continuance. The defense then filed a formal challenge to the panel summoned by Sutherland on account of bias on the part of the elisor. The court denied the challenge. Reddy asked for an extension, asking to call Sutherland to the stand to prove the ground for a challenge, and the court allowed Sutherland to be called.

THE MARKETS.

Improvement in the Price of Wheat, Corn and Oats Higher.

Chicago, July 7.—Following is a review of yesterday's grain markets:

Notwithstanding lower cables from Liverpool and the continent, wheat continued to advance until the close. Heavy rains which fell in the Northwestern states yesterday would, it was feared, irreparably damage the growing crop of spring wheat. It was reported that previous to yesterday's downpour too much rain had already fallen and the usual heavy receipts were lost sight of for the time being. In spite of the fact that the foreign markets showed no tendency to recover their early losses, the local market which opened unchanged at 73 5-8 to 73¾ for September, gradually improved until 74½ was paid shortly before the close. Moderate profit-taking caused a reaction to 74¼ to 74 3-8 as the session ended. Cash sales in this market were reported at 160,000 bushels.

Corn ruled strong early, largely in sympathy with wheat. Local professionals took advantage of the bullish news to unload their long lines and the early gain of 3 8c was more than wiped out, September closing 1-8c lower.

Oats sympathized with wheat. September advanced 3-8c. Provisions were dull and featureless. None of the prominent traders seemed inclined to do business. Pork closed 7½c higher, with lard and ribs unchanged.

THE TEXAS SUFFERERS.

Provisions Running Low and Relief Badly Needed.

Richmond, Texas, July 7.—Business is practically suspended. Many plantations are under water. Provisions are running low and unless some are received there will be suffering in a few days. There will be five to seven thousand people to feed in this place within a week.

St. Louis, July 7.—The Post Dispatch special from Dallas says: The Brazos river has fallen eight inches during the past 24 hours, and while the highest estimates of the loss of life may be somewhat exaggerated, the number is large and cannot be definitely known for several days. Relief measures are now under way but still hundreds of people are in perilous positions.

St. Louis, Mo., July 7.—A Post-Dispatch special from Austin, Texas, says: Governor Sayers today received a message from Sealy, saying that 1000 persons who had taken refuge on a mound three miles below there are slowly perishing for want of food. To add to the horror the unfortunates are surrounded by poisonous reptiles and skunks.

Galveston, July 7.—A special to the Tribune from Duke says: "The flood situation is more grave today. Life savers from Galveston brought in sixty-eight refugees last night. Four deaths from drowning are reported near here."

A POPULIST PREDICTION.

Democrats Will Be Defeated if They Fight the Philippine Policy.

Terre Haute, Ind., July 7.—Mortimer C. Rankin, chairman of the populist national central committee, has been interviewed in regard to whether the populists would form a fusion with the democrats for the coming campaign. Mr. Rankin said they would not. The populists will prepare their own platform and nominate their own candidates. He said if the democrats fought the policy of the administration, in holding the Philippines until a suitable government has been formed, they will find themselves snowed under far worse than in 1896.

LUNA'S SLAYERS FREE.

The Trial Proved That They Acted in Self-Defense.

Manila, July 7.—The trial at Gabunatuan of the slayers of General Luna, the Filipino leader, is ended. The accused were acquitted on the grounds of self-defense. The testimony showed there was a conspiracy on the part of Luna and other officers to kill Aguinaldo and make Luna dictator. Luna's death seems to have strengthened Aguinaldo's leadership for a time.

Alaskan Boundary Situation.

London, July 7.—Officiale of the foreign office confirm the dispatch from Washington acknowledging that the situation over the Alaskan boundary modus vivendi was more unsatisfactory than at any time since February. Ambassador Choate received this morning important dispatches from Washington regarding the negotiations.

Ex-King Milan's Narrow Escape.

Belgrade, Servia, July 7.—Former King Milan, father of King Alexander of Servia, narrowly escaped assassination here this evening. The would-be murderer is under arrest. He fired four revolver shots, one of which slightly grazed his majesty and wounding in the hand Adjutant Luitkchich who was with him.

Fatal Fire and Explosion.

Washington, July 7.—A fire and explosion in the residence of Capt. Dickens of the United States navy this morning resulted in the death of Mrs. Dickens. Other persons about the house were seriously but not dangerously wounded.

The Los Angeles Convention.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 7.—The first big rush of eastern visitors to attend the national educational convention began today. Prominent educators from all over the country are beginning to arrive.

The American Won.

Henley-on-Thames, July 7.—Howell, the American oarsman of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, beat Blackstaffe of the Vesta rowing club in the final heat for the diamond sculls.

Famous Abolitionist Dead.

Indianapolis, July 7.—Geo. W. Julian, the famous abolitionist, died today. In 1859 he was a candidate for vice-president on the Free Soil ticket.

Mediation and Arbitration.

The Hague, July 7.—The third committee this morning discussed the scheme for mediation and arbitration.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
ABSOLUTELY PURE
Makes the food more delicious and wholesome
ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

CONDITIONS ARE TERRIBLE

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Water Wrought Ruin and Desolation in Southern Texas.

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A LARGE NUMBER OF LIVES LOST

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The Situation Growing Worse and Starvation Threatened to Those Left—Government Asked for Assistance.

St. Louis, Mo., July 6.—A special to the Post Dispatch from Dallas, Texas, says: A dispatch from Dewey, just across the Brazos river from Sealey, says: Conditions here are terrible. Everything in the country has been swept away and a large number of lives lost in the bottoms. It looks like starvation for those left. The situation is not exaggerated. Deputy Sheriff Swarenger at Sealey says: "There is no improvement in this section of the flood district; if anything, the situation is growing worse."

Several lives have been lost since last night among the refugees on a mound near Oldsand Filipe. A number of negroes fell into the water from the tree tops from sheer exhaustion, after hanging three days and nights.

A rumor is current here of awful disaster near Richmond, below here, in the Fort Bend country.

Aid for Flood Sufferers.

Washington, July 6.—The war department has granted the request of the government of Texas for aid for the flood sufferers. Boats and rations asked for will be issued at once.

Storm in North Dakota.

St. Paul, Minn., July 6.—Reports today indicate that last night's storm at Grand Forks, N. D., was more than local. Eight lives are reported lost at Crookston and much damage done all through the valley.

THE TEXAS FLOOD

Many Lives Lost and Millions of Property Destroyed.

Houston, Texas, July 5.—A correspondent has just returned from a voyage through the flood district. The half has not been told of the havoc wrought. The disaster is so appalling that description is not possible. What a week ago was the fairest part of Texas is now almost a wilderness. The waters of the Brazos have for six days covered its valley to a depth of six to 30 feet. The flood districts had a length of over 500 miles, and a breadth of 50 miles. The loss of life will never be fully known.

The following estimates are made by men in a position to know: Lives lost, from 100 to 300.

Lose to farmers, including crops and livestock, from $7,000,000 to $10,000,000.

Damage to railroads and to country bridges, $2,000,000 to $4,000,000.

THE NEWARK HEARD FROM.

Commander Goodrich Sends a Dispatch from Valparaiso.

Washington, July 5.—The navy department has received a dispatch from Commander Goodrich, of the Newark, at Valparaiso, saying the Aberenda sailed from there last night for Samoa. She carries a steel wharf and sheds in sections to build a coaling station at Pago Pago. This is the first news received by the department from the Newark since she narrowly escaped being blown into the Antarctic regions, running out of coal near the straits of Magellan. Her destination is not made known by the department, but it is understood the plan to send her to Apia has been abandoned.

ALLEGED COUNTERFEITERS.

Secret Service Agents Make Arrests at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, July 5.—United States secret service agents arrested five men here today on suspicion of being implicated in a counterfeiting scheme. It is said that certain parts of the city have been flooded with bogus dollars. One of the prisoners is supposed to have spurious coin with a face value of $1500, hidden within a few miles of Pittsburg. It is alleged the men sold it at the rate of $7.50 for $100 worth.

THE RICHES OF KLONDIKE.

Gold Dust in Large Quantities Pouring Into Dawson.

San Francisco, July 6.—A special from Seattle says: Gold dust was pouring into Dawson when the Humboldt's passengers left. They allege that on June 20, a pack train of 20 horses, each animal carrying 200 pounds of gold dust, arrived from Eldorado creek.

There were two tons of it, worth $1,000,000. It is said that eleven horses were weighted down with dust from one claim. Another Dawson party arrived from the north today on the Dirigo. Joseph Putrau and Henry Berry had jointly 700 pounds of dust. The total on the vessel was about $150,000.

Democrats Will Fight the Trusts.

New York, July 6.—Senator Jones of Nevada is quoted as follows: "Democrats certainly will make strong fight against trusts in the next presidential campaign. Just how the subjects should be treated, I confess I do not know at present. It is a different problem. It is easy enough to shout 'down with trusts,' but what are you going to do about it."

Railway Wreck in Nevada.

Winnemucca, Nev., July 5.—A Southern Pacific train, east bound, jumped the rails this morning. Particulars are meagre. The whole line of day coaches and Pullmans left the rails and turned completely over. Ten persons were more or less injured.

A negro porter had both legs broken. So far as known no one was killed outright.

Christian Endeavor in Session.

Detroit, July 6.—Officers of the United Society of Christian Endeavors arrived at 10:30 and the usual business meeting was late in convening. Dr. Clark called the meeting to order at Hotel Cadillac and addressed the members of the local organization.

RODE ON AN AVALANCHE.

Martin George, of the American Gold Mining Company, near Juneau, has had an experience which perhaps has never been paralleled. It consisted of riding an avalanche down an Alaskan mountain side.

"The trail from the beach up to the tunnel of the American mine, is in places almost up and down," said Mr. Martin. "Just before noon George, as was his custom, started for the Treadwell mine. He had climbed about half way when he came to one of the worst places on trail. The ascent was nothing less than climbing a ladder of rock. At these places the company had stretched wire cables for the miners to grasp and help them in reaching their work. George had but just moved toward the wire when a warning rumble from above told him of an avalanche.

Looking up he saw the breast of the slide not 30 feet away and coming at the rate of 100 miles a minute. With a leap George covered the width of the trail,—but a few feet—and laid hold of the wire guide. The next instant the avalanche was upon him. Covered deep under the breast of soft snow George managed to hang on. Then came the heavier weight of undertrush, wind falls and stones brought down by the slide. George was forced down the wire until his hands, cut almost to the bone, would no longer retain their hold and, as he told us, believing himself going into the Beyond, he let go.

"While he had been hanging to the guide wire the snow had kept pouring over his head, his body being extended in a line with the path of the slide. Letting go, he found himself straddle of a hemlock windfall which had shot in between his legs. Thus riding, with his face toward the mountaintop, George was carried down to the beach fully a thousand feet below.

"When his avalanche mount had found a resting place in three feet of water, Mr. George rolled off, waded ashore and took a rest on the beach. He was scratched and torn from head to foot, besides having received several severe bruises in the side. After an hour he managed to gain strength to walk back to the mill and take the ferry to Juneau, where he was placed in the hospital. At last accounts he was doing well.

"How in the name of all that is miraculous George ever came out of that ride with a single part of his body holding together is the wonder and talk of southeastern Alaska, and anyone who has witnessed the lightning-like drive of an Alaskan avalanche can appreciate the wonderment."

THE SCHEME FAILED.

The Powerful Influence of Government Failed to Be Resultful.

The city of Odessa, Russia, is now engaged in increasing its municipal waterworks. The Russian authorities gave the contract for the iron pipe to an American firm. The French ambassador at St. Petersburg asked to have the contract taken away from the American firm to be given to a French firm on the extraordinary grounds of the close relationship between Russia and France. It is strange to say that the Russian foreign office took the matter up, and the governor of Odessa was ordered to investigate and see what could be done. He was obliged to report that the town refused to change its arrangements, as they were quite satisfied with the American contract. The French ambassador then asked that the specifications be changed so that the French pipe could be used, but the town again declined to do this on the ground that the best engineers favored the shape used by the Americans. American pipe is now well known all over the world and our exports of pipe are constantly increasing.

THE UNITED STATES CENSUS.

The First Census Was Taken in 1790.

The first census was taken in 1790, and showed a population of 3,929,214. The increase by decades for the succeeding hundred years varied from 22 per cent in 1870—that decade including the great civil war—to 36 per cent in 1800-1810. The censuses of 1850 and 1860 showed an increase of 35 per cent. In 1890 it dropped to 24 per cent. These figures are given without the additional fraction of 1 per cent. The average is about 32 per cent of increase for each decade. If this is maintained during the present decade, the population of the country in 1900 will be about 82,661,000. But if it should be only 24 per cent, as in 1880-1890, it will be somewhat under 78,000,000. As the last decade included several years of extreme business depression, when immigration fell off and the percentages of marriages and births decreased, the figures for 1900 may not reach even this number; but probably between 76 and 77 millions would be a safe estimate.

There Are Many Flies.

A mighty, magnificent, peaceful ox was grazing on the open common outside of Athens. A busy, blustering fly assailed the ox and on his great horn stung and stung and stung until he imagined the ox hors de combat. After exhaustion, due to his efforts, the fly alighted and standing before the ox apologized for his conduct and eulogized the patience of his adversary. The great ox, raising his calm and peaceful head, said "My dear fly, I would never have known you were in this field had you not called my attention to it."—Aesop's Fables.

Casting Steel in a Vacuum.

Prof. Dewar's success in liquefying hydrogen is bearing fruit. A company has been formed with a capital of $150,000 to determine whether steel can be cast in a vacuum or not. It is hoped, if the plan is successful, that the air bubbles that now cause flaws and weaknesses will be done away with, and that the metal which is produced will be wonderfully homogeneous. The practicability of the process is to be then tested on a large scale.

Henry Irving's Wife.

Henry Irving, the actor, has a wife. They have lived apart for many years. His friends say she was insanely jealous. Her friends say he neglected her cruelly. When Edwin Booth was playing in London, the lady bought tickets for a Hamlet night. "I would like," she said, "to have the two sons of Henry Irving see an actor." The sons were under her care.