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PACIFIC COAST.

Wright Irrigation Law Favored for Nevada.

THE ALASKAN EXPEDITION.

The Sacramento Board of Supervisors Are Charged With Being Boodlers.—Etc.

Riverside is to have a free postal delivery.

The municipal affairs of Victoria, B. C., are to be investigated.

The only female convict in the Arizona prison has been pardoned.

The plum crop at Carson is rotting on the trees. The market is overstocked.

The sale of wild-flower seed at San Diego is becoming a profitable business.

The Nevada State Board of Equalization promises to raise the assessments all round.

The jury in the case of John Haggerty, who killed his son last April at Sacramento, has been unable to agree.

John R. Berry, Collector of the Port of San Diego, has sued the Union Newspaper Company for \$25,000 for alleged libel.

Since January 1 over 1,030 vessels have crossed Humboldt bar, and the shipments of lumber have been over 100,000,000 feet.

An order for 300 combination and cattle cars is now being filled at the machine shops of the Southern Pacific Company in Sacramento.

William Reed of Florin charged three members of the Sacramento Board of Supervisors with being boodlers, and he has been arrested for criminal libel.

Samuel J. Brun of San Jose, late instructor of French at Cornell University, has been appointed instructor of French at the Leland Stanford (Jr.) University.

An effort is being made to resume work in Sacramento on the oil well, which has been abandoned at 820 feet in depth, owing to the piping becoming wedged.

It now seems that a railroad will be built around the falls at The Dalles, Or., on the Washington side and a line of boats put on by the Columbia River Navigation Company.

The newspaper men of San Diego are all being involved in libel suits. So far the Union and the Sun have had suits entered against them, but other complaints are looked for every moment.

There was an enthusiastic body of men gathered at Carson recently to discuss the subject of irrigation. The application of the principles of the Wright law of California was favored for Nevada.

The largest land fur shipment of the year was made from Victoria, B. C., the other day by the Hudson Bay Company, destined for London. It includes \$25,000 worth of beaver and \$10,000 worth of bear skins.

It is estimated that nine-tenths of the water from the Colorado river is flowing into Balton Sea, and the winter floods will greatly augment the volume of water, which may seek a Gulf outlet. A lake 150 miles long and 300 feet deep is predicted.

The Native Sons of Truckee are scheming to erect a monument on the site rendered historical by the death of the members of the Donner party. It is to cost \$5,000, and the various parishes throughout the State are to be asked to contribute.

William H. C. Brotherton, the wheelbarrow man, who left San Francisco April 1 last to make the trip on foot to New York city, passed through Flagstaff, A. T., the other day. He has been laid up for five months in the hospital at Los Angeles. He seems to be in good health now.

The Los Angeles Farming and Milling Company has commenced ejectment proceedings against 141 settlers, who have squatted on a portion of the Lanversheim ranch, which the settlers claim to be government land fraudulently included by the owners of the ranch when the survey was made.

The schooner Lizzie Crosby has returned to Port Townsend from the Kodiak fishing grounds with a catch of 90,000 codfish consigned to Anacortes owners, who intend to establish a drier at that place to dispose of the catch of the Colby and other vessels, which are expected to arrive soon.

The Schwatka scientific expedition has returned from Alaska. A large collection of botanical specimens was made, and photographs of everything of interest were taken. The most successful feature of the whole trip was the breaking through the Mount St. Elias Range, a feat never before accomplished by man.

The Arrowhead Reservoir Company, having in charge the construction of large storage reservoirs in the mountains north of San Bernardino on the head waters of the Mojave river and its tributaries, has advertised for the construction of three large tunnels—one 4,900 feet in length, one 2,800 feet and one 1,200 feet, making a total of 11,500 feet in all.

EDUCATIONAL.

University Extension Makes a Good Start in Kansas City—Free Education in London.

Salvador has a telephone school. No fewer than 20,000 children learn Dutch as well as English at the Cape of Good Hope schools.

The Indianapolis Journal has a motto: "The public schools must not be plunged into politics."

The latest estimates from Harvard University are that the freshman class will number about 450.

The Bricklayers' Union of Boston is the first trades union in the country to countenance trade schools. It has agreed that apprentices shall be instructed in trade schools in that city.

England is very gradually approaching a system of public elementary schools. The educational bill, which has just passed the House of Commons, is a long step in the direction of such a system.

Mrs. Anna E. Graves, recently elected a member of the Battle Creek, Mich., School Board, is the wife of a former Chief Justice of that State. She has been President for thirty years of the Ladies' Literary Association of Battle Creek.

Yale University will put \$150,000 or \$200,000 of its big bequest from the Fayerweather estate into a new building for the Sheffield scientific school. A feature will be the mechanical department supplied with a 100-horse-power engine.

Prof. Dudley Allen Sargent, the Harvard expert in athletics, is said to be better known in the far West than any other instructor at Cambridge. To his summer school in gymnastics there come students from Texas, Dakota, California and also England.

The one hundred and thirty-sixth session at the University of Pennsylvania opened October 1, with an increased attendance in all departments, the total being 1,850 students, a gain of 270 over last year, and the largest number ever in attendance at the institution.

At Yale, we are told, the proprietors of boarding-houses and the owners of houses containing rooms to let have entered into an informal conspiracy to tax all students to such an extent that they can by no means obtain board and lodging at less than \$10 a week.

Of the ten college graduates who have been Presidents of the United States, five were alumni of William and Mary College, two of Harvard, two of Princeton, and one was an alumnus of Union. Of members of Congress 189 were graduates of Yale and 108 of Harvard.

Miss Florence Bascom will enter Johns Hopkins University at the beginning of the current year. She will enter the department of geology and will give special attention to petrography. Miss Bascom is a daughter of Rev. John Bascom, late President of Wisconsin University.

The honors of entrance into the University of London were recently carried off, over 1,600 male students, by a young Scotch girl—Charlotte Higgins. Her father died when she was but eight years old, and it is through the efforts of her mother that she has been able at twenty to be in possession of her fine education.

University extension has made a good start in Kansas City. A society has been organized there in behalf of the movement, composed largely of college graduates and of members who are heartily in sympathy with the work and who will give it their active support. The Missouri and Kansas universities, not to speak of other established institutions of learning in the two States, will furnish an able corps of lecturers, and everything appears to favor a higher education in Kansas City. The system has been tested elsewhere with the most satisfactory results, and that is a sufficient warrant that it will not fail.

The establishment of free education in London has given a considerable stimulus to private schools. A number of parents belonging to the lower middle classes have withdrawn their children from the board schools, either on the ground that they object to take education free or that they think that free education will bring an inferior class of children into the schools. They have sent their children to those "schools for young gentlemen" and for young ladies which abound in all parts of London, and the private schoolmaster, who has recently had a hard time of it, is now reaping a considerable harvest.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Progress Made on the Niagara Falls Tunnel—Colorado's Fruit Resources.

Pittsburg hopes for a new city hall on her old postoffice site.

The report of a formation of a tobacco trust is denied by New York men.

The Niagara Falls tunnel has now 1,175 feet of its 3,530 feet excavated.

E. T. Jeffrey, of Chicago, has resigned from the World's Fair directory.

The cost at the Nevada State prison in Carson is 75 cents per day, the highest in the country.

The Georgia Legislature has passed a bill to prevent combinations among insurance companies.

A perfectly organized band of thieves and counterfeiters has been broken up in Pulaski county, Ky.

The protracted drought is drying up numerous brooks in New Hampshire and killing many fish.

Coloradoans believe that that State will before long rival California even in its fruit-growing resources.

EASTERN ITEMS.

Kiowa Wants Its Female Mayor to Resign.

ARKANSAS COLORED PEOPLE

Emigrating to Oklahoma—The Case Against Detective O'Malley at New Orleans.

Co-operative Alliance stores are to be established in every county in Kansas. The New York Central railroad will help to enforce the alien-contract-labor law.

The Buffalo Board of Health has declared the Barber asphalt works a nuisance.

At Davenport, Ia., the water in the Mississippi river is lower than it has been since 1864.

Saratoga, N. Y., and Hartford, Danbury and Norwalk, Conn., are in great danger of a water famine.

Southern cities are running themselves into debt head over heels to get improvements in the way of water, gas and electric lights.

King Bird, a negro convict in the Frankfort penitentiary, deliberately amputated his arm in order that he might escape hard work.

The Boston Park Commissioners are being urged to take steps to preserve what is left of the earth-work fortification on Bunker Hill.

A \$1,000,000 building is to be erected in Chicago on the southeast corner of Washington and State streets to the memory of Columbus.

An English syndicate, which paid \$600,000 for a Baltimore beer brewery (\$200,000 in cash) has offered to sell it back for \$125,000 cash.

A Pullman sleeping-car conductor has been arrested at Shreveport, La., for violating the law by permitting a colored passenger to ride on his car.

Several hundred Pittsburgh people stood in line for hours, jostling and pushing, for the singular honor of buying the first stamp sold in the new postoffice.

Negroes are leaving Arkansas by the carload for the newly-opened lands in Oklahoma, and farmers expect trouble getting help to handle their crops.

The cotton worm is creating great devastation in many counties in Mississippi. One field of twenty-two acres has been entirely stripped of its leaves.

Another claimant to the estate of A. T. Stewart, the dry-goods millionaire of New York, bolts up in Australia. His name is Hunter, and he claims to be a first cousin.

Dallas, Tex., is organizing a scheme for a supply plant which will furnish the 5,000 members of the association with all the beef, live and dressed, that they may require.

Prof. Lee of the Bowdoin College expedition to Labrador says that the duplicates of the valuable relics secured by the explorers will be sent to the World's Fair at Chicago.

The Mexican government has just granted a concession for a standard-gauge railway about 350 miles from the City of Mexico to a town on the Pacific Coast at Palmdale Bay.

The Canadian government has notified the steamship companies that it will hold them responsible for the maintenance of any destitute Russian Jews who may land in Canada.

The examination of President Dill of the defunct Clearfield and Hontzdale (Pa.) Savings Bank is now in progress, and facts showing he is guilty of embezzling large sums are coming to light.

Members of the Boston Fruit and Produce Exchange will leave Boston in February for a trip to the Pacific Coast. The party will be gone a month, and will be taken charge of by Raymond & Whitcomb.

During the past week about forty men have been discharged from the employ of the Wagner Palace Car Company at East Buffalo, N. Y., because they were members of an organization of Anarchists.

At New Orleans the case against Detective O'Malley has been nolle prossed. O'Malley was indicted on a charge of bribing the jury which acquitted the Italians accused of assassinating Chief of Police Hennessy.

As a matter of general convenience the Secretary of the Treasury has decided that employees of the Treasury Department may receive their salaries in weekly installments, instead of only semi-monthly as at present.

C. A. Spreckels, Rudolph Spreckels, J. Uhler, Charles Watson, William O. Hempstead and Louis Spreckels will make application at Philadelphia next month for a charter for a corporation to be known as the Spreckels Steamship Company.

The total school enrollment for the United States on July 1, this year, was about 14,220,000. The total public-school enrollment, including about 65,000 in universities, etc., was 12,730,000; in private and parochial schools not far from 700,000 each.

Dr. Dorchester, the Superintendent of Indian Schools, in giving his estimate of the progress in christianizing the Indians in the Dakotas says from the church authorities he learns that the Roman Catholic Church Indian population in those States is 4,740, while from 10,000 to 11,000 are of other denominations.

NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Italian Citizens and Residents of This Country Take Matters into Their Own Hands.

The President has denied a pardon to William Reinheimer of Indiana, sentenced to two and one-half years in the penitentiary for counterfeiting.

The Treasury Department officials are now looking around for a first-class man to compose a commission to be sent to Portland on the public-building site. Before it starts West, it is announced, J. B. Montgomery will be given a hearing in advocacy of his property on the east side of the river.

There is a general rumor in Washington that Secretary Blaine has decided not to resume his duties as Secretary of State, and that John W. Foster, now Secretary of the Treasury, will be appointed to that position immediately after the November elections. State Department officials declined to discuss the matter.

The Board of Supervising Inspectors of Steam Vessels, specially convened for the purpose of determining the best system of a line for carrying projectiles for use in case of marine disasters, made a report to the Secretary of the Treasury, recommending the question be referred to the ordinance bureau of the War Department as possessing the best facilities for conducting the experiments. The board also recommends the repeal of an amendment to Sections 4488 and 4489 of the Revised Statutes until a safe and feasible means can be invented to accomplish the object contemplated by such amendment in the use of apparatus.

The recall of Baron Fava, the Italian Minister to this country, on account of the New Orleans affair has left the interests of Italy in the United States in a peculiar condition. The present Charge d'Affaires in Washington, not being invested with the powers of a Minister, the Italian citizens and residents of this country, feeling the necessity for representation of their interests, have taken matters into their own hands. The President of the Italian Chamber of Commerce in New York called on Secretary Root, and it is expected that his visit was in connection with negotiations looking to the raising of the Italian embargo on American ports. It is understood that these negotiations have been in progress for some time, and that they are in such a state that the promulgation of the raising of the embargo will be announced shortly.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Lord Randolph Churchill Makes Some Sharp Remarks About His Old Colleagues.

Herbert Spencer is a man of medium stature, with pink and white cheeks and kind gray eyes.

Lord Lytton's health is said to be seriously compromised, and he thinks of resigning his post of Ambassador to France.

Baron de Rothschild's hobby is photography. He commences his pleasure each day at 6 a. m., and transfixes many a family scene and view.

Don Carlos, pretender to the throne of Spain, who is living at the present time in Venice, is said to be badly in need of money. He was obliged according to reports to pawn his jewels a short time ago.

When he visited America in 1881 Bonalager showed nothing of the fop in his dress or the snob in his manner. He wore but one of his medals, and that pinned inconspicuously on his vest, where it was practically concealed by his coat.

Judge Allen H. Morrill of Alabama is mentioned as likely to fill the vacancy on the Interstate Commerce Commission caused by the death of General Bragg. Judge Morrill was formerly a law partner of Senator Pugh, who will urge his appointment.

John D. Rockefeller, who has been confined to his home at Forest Hill for some weeks past, is a very sick man. Several physicians examined him, and declared him to be free from organic disease, but decided that his nervous system needed absolute rest.

Again the reproachful news comes from abroad that Louis Koszuth, the Hungarian patriot, now blind and old, is living in wretchedness and poverty in Turin. Forty years ago, when he visited America, the simple mention of the fact that he needed funds would have brought forth a hundred offers of assistance.

Sigurd, son of Hendrick Bjorn, has become engaged to Bergliott Bjorn, daughter of the Norwegian litterateur. Young Bjorn is a physician quite well known in Munich, where his father has until lately been residing for many years; and the bride-elect contemplated a professional musical career. The wedding is not expected to occur in the near future.

The late Archbishop of York was sitting next to Queen Victoria at dinner on one occasion, when her Majesty asked him how he liked his picture, which had lately come out in *Family Fair*. "Well, your Majesty," said Dr. Magee, "my children think it isn't half ugly enough for me!" This reply so amused the Queen that she burst into uncontrollable laughter.

Michael Munkacsy, the artist, spent the greater part of the summer at his castle in Luxembourg. A part of his time was also passed at Neuilly, near Paris, in superintending the construction of his new studio. Munkacsy intends to paint his great picture, "The Conquest of Hungary by the Magyars" in the new studio. He has already finished the sketches for the painting.

A FRENCH DUDE FISHING.

The Gallic Idea of Sport Typified in a Parisian Piscator.

I shall never forget a fellow I saw one day last summer, just outside of Paris, fishing in the Seine.

To prelude, the laws are very strict over there in regard to fishing and shooting. The seasons open and shut like a jack knife with a snap, and woe to the transgressor. On a certain day in July, I think, the season opens, and long before daylight of the day the banks of the river all along the Bois de Boulogne are lined with fishermen sitting side by side, almost elbow to elbow. I strolled down to the river one day and witnessed the sport. Taking out a cigar I paid a woman two sous for a chair, and sat down to get a wrinkle in French fishing. For half an hour all sat in silence with not a movement. Presently one fellow had a nibble. Immediately every eye was turned on the little red float on his line. The float moved perceptibly. The man, with every nerve strained and eyes riveted on the float, breathless with excitement, watched. The float dipped again. The man pulled, and the cork came to the surface, but no fish. All along the line of fishermen there was an ejaculation of "Ah!" The disappointed fisherman put on a fresh piece of bait and waited. Presently the fish took hold again; and this time he had him. Carefully he worked him in to the bank, and an attendant slipped a delicate landing net under the fish and carried him up the bank. There was a cry all along the line of fifty or more fishermen of "Bon, bon, tres joli!" Several laid down their rods and gathered around the basket, lined with leaves, in which the fish was carefully placed. He was a monster, nearly six inches long, and must have weighed about four ounces. Then all went at it again with renewed hope and courage.

Presently a cab drove up and there descended from it a dude in an elaborate sporting costume—eyeglasses and a broad brimmed hat. Walking leisurely to the bank, a man who had evidently been sent ahead to secure a position vacated. A servant brought from the cab a folding stool and placed it on the bank; returning to the cab he produced a delicate rod and watch. The rod was put together; the watch was opened and a small silver bait box, a towel, a piece of soap and a bowl were placed on another stool alongside.

The servant opened an umbrella and held it over the fisherman's head to screen him from the sun and the fishing began. It was a long wait for a bite. Finally there was a nibble and more; several more nibbles and misses, and presently there was a fish, sure enough. The excitement all along the bank was intense. With the aid of the landing net the fish was secured. The servant essayed to take it off the hook, but the fisherman anticipated him and held it up in triumph. But this operation wet the dude's gloves, and he took them off and threw them away.

Things were getting interesting and exciting, and blank the expense. Presently another fish, which, being secured, the servant dipped up water from the river and handed the dude the soap and towel; and he washed his hands. This was repeated every time he caught a fish. All this time a gentleman had been walking up and down, and approaching the lucky fisherman there followed an animated conversation with much gesticulating, seemingly a protest against such indiscriminate slaughter.

The dude waxed indignant and quit. The servant unjoined the rod, gathered up the stools, umbrella and fish basket and placed them in the cab, which had been waiting. The dude entered and was driven off with his catch, numbering about six, the aggregate weight of which might have been two pounds—an immense success. I have no doubt this great catch made an item in next morning's paper, with the usual lie about the weight of the string and the big one that was lost.

I had learned how the French do it. Evidently a little fishing goes a long way with a Frenchman. No doubt my little man went home, took a rose water bath and lay down for a rest after such a fatiguing and exciting episode. I thought to myself how I would like to get that chap out of the Rockies on a thorn bush creek, of a hot day, and make him wade the stream, with an occasional stumble over a slippery boulder and a mouse under. What a power of good it would do him, and what fun for me!—Forest and Stream.

The Thumb Ring.

It has taken a long while for the thumb ring to make any headway in New York, but it is every slowly gaining ground. Mr. Dixey was the first man to wear a ring upon his thumb, and he has been so to tenaciously for two years. It is a plain gold band, worn just below the joint, and it was placed there at first merely as a luck. It excited so much talk among the people who knew the burlesque actor that he has refused to take the ring off and has worn it ever since. Actors always have a certain following among young men whose brains are not of durable weight and who are capable of devoting their energies to small things. The small things have taken the form of a thumb ring, and there is a very considerable portion of rather young men about town who are following Mr. Dixey's example.—New York Sun.