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CALIFORNIA MIDWINTER INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION.

It has been definitely decided that the official ceremonial opening of the California Midwinter International Exposition shall take place on Saturday, Jan. 27. This decision has been reached after a careful consideration of all the circumstances and there is full assurance on the part of those who are in charge of the preparations that everything will be in readiness at that time.

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Utah asked unan- house for consid- mitting Salt Lake Lake Co. in- debted, including the present- ness, to the amount of 6 per cen- taxable valuation. Without object, be bill passed.

A member of the Committee on Rules said he believed the first thing the House would take up after the tariff would be the Hawaiian question, and the bill to coin the senioregio silver in the treasury vaults would be compelled to wait until the discussion over the Hawaiian affair had been exhausted.

It is understood a syndicate of New York bankers are preparing an offer for the entire proposed issue of \$50,000,000 of bonds at Carlisle's figures. Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia bankers want a show at them, however, and to prevent them from overbidding it is likely they will be admitted to the syndicate.

The national-bank note circulation, which reached \$200,500,000 during the money stringency last summer, has declined to \$204,500,000 and is daily growing smaller. During December it decreased \$2,322,000, and so far this month \$1,305,000 in lawful money to redeem the banks' notes when presented have been deposited in the Treasury. By law the reduction of bank-note circulation is limited to \$3,000,000 a month.

Senator Vilas stated he would protest against the designs on the award medal of the World's Columbian Exposition. He secured the proofs from the Philadelphia mint and on one side of the medal it was discovered the design was that of a stalwart specimen of manhood, holding in his right hand a lighted torch, in the left a shield. Nearly all the Senators condemn the design, and some other figure will probably be substituted.

These buildings are beginning to attract from visitors the praise they justly merit. Their rapid growth was but one subject of wonder in the progress of this great enterprise. The arrangement of the vast number of exhibits with which their interiors are to be embellished is, of course, another wonderful operation, but meanwhile the development of the ideas of the architects and the development at the same time of the general scheme of color which is being worked out in all the buildings comprises still another field for wonder and admiration. Charles Graham, the well known artist, is director of color at this Midwinter Exposition, and he is working out in this connection one of the prettiest pictures that the world has ever seen, with a group of architectural palaces set in a frame of evergreen foliage and against the background of dark hills and sunny California sky. "Pretty as a picture" is the first comment that comes from the lips of visitors. "Wonderful to behold" will be the inevitable sequel to the original utterance.

The concessional features, having made haste to get ready for Midwinter hay-making, will all be ready by the 27th, unless there may be a single exception in the case of the great electric tower, work on which can scarcely be completed inside of three or four weeks. The machinery plant which, of course, includes the electric lighting arrangements, will be all in readiness by the day set and will be utilized on a general scale for the first time on that occasion.

The only previous occasion when the street decorations of San Francisco approached the grandeur which will be attained on Jan. 27 was when President Harrison paid a visit to the Pacific Coast, but the arrangements already made are emphatically in evidence of an intention on the part of the citizens of San Francisco to outdo every effort they have made in this line. It is part of the plan of the Exposition management that there shall be a grand street parade through the principal thoroughfares of the city, and there is already no little controversy over the line of march. If the wishes of the citizens were to be acceded to, the procession would have to move through every street and the Exposition grounds would never be reached. A happy compromise will undoubtedly be effected, however, and public and private buildings on the route of the procession will be a blaze of bunting and a sea of color.

Governor Markham will declare the day a legal holiday. Mayor Ellert will issue a proclamation closing all municipal offices, as far as possible, and calling upon the business men of the city to close their stores. The National Guard will turn out in full force, and every civic and fraternal society in the city will participate in the parade. There will be more bands of music than have ever been seen in a San Francisco street parade, and if there is not a bigger turnout of citizens, in the city and at the Exposition grounds as well, than has ever been called forth by any demonstration on the Pacific Coast, the expectations of thousands of those who have judged the temper of the community will be grievously disappointed.

The official opening ceremonies will take place on the grand stand which is erected for that purpose, and

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EASTERN PARAGRAPHS.

Congress is costing the country \$8,000 a day.

Gambling-houses have been closed by the Chicago authorities.

El Paso, Tex., is excited over a rich strike of gold in the neighborhood.

There is a movement in the Ohio Legislature to tax certain classes of street cars.

A new oil well near Fostoria, O., flows 1,336 barrels a day, and the section is wild.

The Boston subscription fund for the relief of the unemployed amounts to \$40,525.

The municipal expenses of Chicago last year were \$422,170 more than the receipts.

The opposition to tacking the internal revenue bill onto the tariff bill is getting stronger.

The Chicago papers call the San Francisco Midwinter Exposition a "dainty little fair."

Five Kansas counties have compromised with the Atchison Company on the tax question.

Many farmers are feeding wheat to their hogs in Western Texas rather than sell it at 50 cents a bushel.

The gross receipts of the Illinois Central for December were \$1,702,690, a decrease of \$101,000 from 1892.

The erstwhile World's Fair hotels of Chicago have been changed into flats, and 1,600 of them are now occupied.

The total yield of wool in this country last year amounted to 364,156,696 pounds, the largest American clip ever raised.

Philadelphia's School of Industrial Art is holding an exhibition of laces. There are 2,000 pieces in the exhibition.

Recent census figures show that the population of the city of Washington has increased 50,000 during the past year.

Attorney-General Olney has decided that Chinese laborers may legally go through this country to any country of destination.

Among the unemployed are 15,000 men and boys who are waiting for the Hudson river to freeze over, so that ice-cutting may begin.

The membership of the Boston Fruit and Produce Exchange has jumped to 500; new fields of enterprise were broached the past season.

An attempt by the Carnegie Steel Company to roll a six-inch beam of aluminum at Homestead has failed, but another trial will be made.

Nova Scotia is suffering from a decline of the wooden shipping industry. The registry of the province shows a shrinkage in the last year of nearly 50,000 tons.

The difference in ages between the oldest and the youngest United States Senator is forty-four years. The oldest Senator is a Republican; the youngest is a Democrat.

The Kansas Supreme Court has made a decision that where the holder of a mortgage assigns it to a non-resident to avoid taxation he cannot collect the debt by legal process.

Theodore P. Haughey, President of the Indianapolis National Bank, who was indicted on 167 counts on embezzlement, forgery and bank-wrecking, is afflicted with insanity.

A preliminary fund of \$200,000 has been pledged by business houses in Atlanta, Ga., for the "Cotton States and International Exposition," which it is proposed to hold in that city in 1896.

One dollar from Washington to Baltimore is the promise of the projectors of the proposed electric road. The President of the company states that the road will be in operation next September.

The Atlanta Exposition will possibly be graced by a pipe tower that from plans made by D. S. Paul, a plumber, will measure 1,150 feet in height. It is intended to be higher than the Eiffel tower.

It seems incredible, but it is a fact, that men cannot be hired in Chicago to work on the drainage canal at wages of 15 cents an hour. The number of the unemployed is estimated to reach into the tens of thousands.

A New York charity this winter is a coal and food depot, where bread, tea and coal are sold at cost. It is said J. Pierpont Morgan furnished \$50,000 to run it. About 4,000 unemployed have used its advantages thus far.

County Clerk O'Conner of Garfield county, Neb., was defeated at the Novem-

er success... the... office is ended.

Employee of the Santa Fe from La Junta, Col., have informed Governor Waite they have received no salary since last October, and many of the men and families are on verge of starvation. The wages for November and December, they say, have been promised at different times, but in every instance the pay failed to come.

William Henshaw was brutally murdered three years ago near the northern boundary of Wayne county, Ind., and now Rev. Benjamin Baldwin, a Methodist minister who formerly occupied a pulpit there and is now at Troy, O., has made a confession of the murder. He was jealous of the attention of Henshaw to the girl he loved.

FOREIGN FLASHES.

Cairo is to have a trolley line. Scotland is to develop its gold. France had 300 strikes last year.

There is now an anti-tobacco crusade in France. Drought has ruined the maize crop in Argentina.

Serious riots are in progress at Carrara, Italy. A large force of Italian troops have been sent to Palermo.

Cashier May of the Bank of England defaulted for £130,000. Austrian iron producers will limit production for three years.

The Belgium Diet has rejected the motion for universal and equal suffrage. The annual civil list or salary paid to King Humbert of Italy is about \$3,000,000.

France will begin this year the construction of thirty-two war ships of all classes. Diphtheria has killed nearly every child in the government of Saratoff, Russia.

A long-distance telephone will soon be put into operation between Berlin and Stockholm. It is estimated that in the whole of Europe over 600,000 women hold public appointments.

The amount of gold and silver bullion in the Bank of France at the present time is £19,578,551. The cartoon "Bismarck in Berlin" has got its publisher into jail as a libeler of Chancellor Caprivi.

The iron masters of Austria and Hungary have agreed to renew the iron ring for another three years. Eight cars loaded with human hair arrived in Paris recently, consigned to dealers in that merchandise.

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