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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 1,000 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 120 feet in depth, owing to the piping becoming wedged.

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 3,600 feet and one 2,000 feet, making a total of 11,500 feet of tunnel.

They offer a bounty for the ears of rabbits in Idaho. The discovery recently of several live "bunnies" minus their ears has developed the fact that active bounty workers are trapping the jacks, clipping their ears and then turning them loose to breed a future crop, from which bounties can be obtained till the end of time.

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 commence 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 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 180 were graduates of Yale and 168 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 topography. 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 to attain to the possession of her fine education.

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.

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 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.

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 97 cents per day, the highest in this 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 \$200,000 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, bobs 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 Palizada 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 employes of the Treasury Department may receive their salaries in weekly installments, instead of only semi-monthly as at present.

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

The total school enrollment for the United States on July 1, this year, was about 14,230,000. The total public-school enrollment, including about 65,000 in universities, etc., was 12,730,000; in private and parochial schools not far from 750,000 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 Russett, 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 Boulanger showed nothing of the pop 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 Kossuth, 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.

Sigeerd, son of Hendrick Ibsen, has become engaged to Bergliott Bjornson, daughter of the Norwegian litterateur. Young Ibsen 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 Vanity 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.

FOREIGN LANDS.

Influenza Again Rages in London.

THE SHORTAGE OF WHEAT.

Capt. Blunt Declares That Smokeless Powders Are Absolutely Useless for Small Arms.

The influenza is again epidemic in England.

The English railways have begun a revision of rates.

More than one-third of Germany's freight traffic is by canal.

Belgrade is building tanks for the storage of Russian petroleum.

The excavations at Delphi under the auspices of the French government will be begun this fall.

The shortage of wheat and rye in Europe is estimated at 200,000,000 bushels.

The Liverpool elevated railroad, running along the line of docks, is rapidly nearing completion.

The operatives of every bottle factory in France, with the exception of those at Bligny, have struck.

The collection of works of Russian art recently on exhibition at Berlin will be sent to the Chicago Fair.

New Brunswick is to be officially examined as a possible source of supply of horses for the British army.

President Fonseca of Brazil is very ill, and there are intrigues afoot regarding the succession to the Presidency.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach is prominently mentioned as the leader of the Conservatives in the British House of Commons.

The entire railway mileage of Great Britain is now 20,073 miles, or less than one-eighth of that of the United States.

As the cold weather approaches, there is a marked increase in the want and misery among the working classes in Berlin.

In a certain portion of the Ural district camels are the only working cattle used, some large farms possessing 100 camels.

The new remedy for consumptive patients called chlophenol is said to have shown remarkably good results in Italian hospitals.

Mr. Spurgeon seems lively, and expresses himself as confident of his ultimate recovery. He still needs much care, however.

It is reported from St. Petersburg that 25,000,000 persons are unable to pay their taxes, and that this will cause a budget deficit of \$12,000,000.

The Argentine government as a measure of economy has abolished its legation at Vienna, Berlin, Lisbon and Mexico, thus saving \$100,000 a year.

London advises say that the strikes of dock laborers and other employes about the Caron and Hermitage wharves, Wapping, is showing signs of collapsing.

The greatest trades union, the Amalgamated Engineers, having an executive department in Great Britain, America and Australia, is about to reorganize.

The Argentine Republic has sold to Baron Hirsch 1,000 square miles in the province of Chaco for a Hebrew colony. The price paid was 1,000 gold pesos per mile.

The chief rabbis have ordered prayers in behalf of Russian Jews to be delivered in all English synagogues at the beginning of the season of fasting and prayer.

The Chinese coolies imported by the land barons of Eastern Prussia to replace the emigrated peasants have refused to do the hard work imposed on them, and have gone on a strike.

A wave of hysterical religion is passing over some parts of France. A number of Protestant peasants are traveling with tents, preaching the end of the world, bareheaded and with naked feet.

The effect of the strikes on the port of London alone is shown very clearly this year by a diminution of 501 vessels entering inward, which is a loss of 18 per cent, and can be attributed to no other cause at all.

The criticisms of the London Times on the poor financial condition of Italy have stirred up the press of that country, the gravamen of the offense having apparently been found in the fact that the charges are true.

The bread baked by the famishing peasants on the Volga is made up of flour of goose feet (*chenopodium rubrum*) with the admixture of a small quantity of rye. The bread is black, light of weight, and looks like turp.

The estimate made by the Agricultural Department of the Argentine Republic of the crop for the current year is as follows: Wheat, 800,000 tons; maize, 1,000,000 tons; alfalfa, 3,000,000 tons; sugar, 50,000 tons; wool, 135,000 tons.

The result of the tests made at the request of the British government by Captain Blunt on the smokeless powder in England, Germany, France, Belgium and the United States is extremely disappointing. Captain Blunt declares it to be absolutely useless for small arms.

Prince George of Prussia, it is said, is on the high road to become as insane as his mother, the late Princess Louise, whose dementia took the form of aversion to clothing of any sort, and who created a terrible scandal by escaping from her keepers several times in a state of absolute nudity.

PORTLAND MARKET.

Produce, Fruit, Etc.
WHEAT—Valley, \$1.50; Walla Walla, \$1.42 1/2 per cental.
FLOUR—Standard, \$4.80; Walla Walla, \$4.60 per barrel.

OATS—New, 42 1/2 @ 45c per bushel.
HAY—\$12 @ 13 per ton.
MILLSTUFFS—Bran, \$18 @ 19; shorts, \$18 @ 19; ground barley, \$22 @ 22.50; chop feed, \$18 @ 19 per ton; feed barley, \$18 per ton; brewing barley, \$1.15 per cental.

BUTTER—Oregon fancy creamery, 32 1/2 @ 35c; fancy dairy, 30c; fair to good, 25 @ 27 1/2c; common, 15 @ 22 1/2c; Eastern, 25 @ 31 1/2c per pound.

CHEESE—Oregon, 12 1/2c; Eastern, 14 @ 15c per pound.
EGGS—Oregon, 27 1/2 @ 30c; Eastern, 25c per dozen.

POULTRY—Old chickens, \$4.00 @ 4.50; young chickens, \$2.00 @ 3.00; ducks, \$5.00 @ 8.00; geese, \$9.00 @ 10.00 per dozen; turkeys, 15 @ 16c per pound.

VEGETABLES—Cabbage, nominal, 75c @ 81c per cental; cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; Onions, \$1 per cental; potatoes, 40 @ 60c per sack; tomatoes, 40 @ 50c per box; sweet potatoes, 13 1/2 @ 20c per pound; California celery, 90c per dozen bunches; fancy Oregon celery, 50c per dozen bunches.

FRUITS—Sicily lemons, \$8.50; California, \$6.50 @ 7.00 per box; apples, 50 @ 80c per box; bananas, \$2.00 @ 3.50 a bunch; pineapples, \$4 @ 6 per dozen; peaches, 65 @ 81c per box; grapes, Tokay, \$1 per box; muscat and black, 90c per crate; pears, 65 @ 85c per pound; quinces, \$1 @ 1.25 per box; cranberries, \$10 @ 11 per barrel; Oregon cranberries, \$9.50 per barrel; Smyrna figs, 20c per pound; citrons, 27c per pound.

NUTS—California walnuts, 11 1/2 @ 12 1/2c; hickory, 8 1/2c; Brazil, 10 @ 11c; almonds, 16 @ 18c; filberts, 13 @ 14c; pine nuts, 17 @ 18c; pecans, 17 @ 18c; cocoa nuts, 8c; hazel, 8c; peanuts, 8c per pound.

STAPLE GROCERIES.
HONEY—17 1/2 @ 18c per pound.
SALT—Liverpool, \$14.50; \$15.50 @ 16.00; stock, \$11 @ 12 per ton.
RICE—Japan, \$5 @ 5.25; Island, \$5.75 per cental.

BEANS—Small white, 3 1/2c; pink, 2 1/2c; bayos, 3 1/2c; butter, 3c; lima, 3 1/2c per pound.

COFFEE—Costa Rica, 23 1/2 @ 21c; Rio, 23c; Mocha, 30c; Java, 25 1/2c; Arabica's, 100-pound cases, 22 1/2c per pound.

SUGAR—Golden C, 4 1/2c; extra C, 4 1/2c; white extra C, 4 1/2c; granulated, 5 1/2c; cube crushed and powdered, 6c; confectioners' A, 5 1/2c per pound.

STRAW—Eastern, in barrels, 47 @ 55c; half-barrels, 50 @ 58c; in cases, 55 @ 80c per gallon; \$2.25 @ 2.50 per keg. California, in barrels, 30c per gallon; \$1.75 per keg.

DRIED FRUITS—Italian prunes, 8c; Petite and German, 7c per pound; raisins, \$1.20 @ 1.50 per box; plumper dried pears, 8 @ 9c; sun-dried and factory plums, 9c; evaporated peaches, 9 @ 11c; Smyrna figs, 20c; California, figs, 7c per pound.

CANNED GOODS—Table fruits, \$1.65 @ 1.80, 2 1/2c; peaches, \$1.80 @ 2.00; Bartlett pears, \$1.80 @ 1.90; plums, \$1.37 1/2 @ 1.50; strawberries, \$2.25; cherries, \$2.25 @ 2.40; blackberries, \$1.85 @ 1.90; raspberries, \$2.40; pineapples, \$2.25 @ 2.80; apricots, \$1.60 @ 1.70. Pie fruit: Assorted, \$1.10 @ 1.20; peaches, \$1.25; plums, \$1 @ 1.10; blackberries, \$1.25 per dozen. Vegetables: Corn, \$1.25 @ 1.65; tomatoes, \$1.00 @ 3.00; sugar peas, \$1.00 @ 1.15; string beans, 90c @ 1.00 per dozen. Fish: Sardines, 75c @ 1.05; lobsters, \$2.30 @ 3.50; oysters, \$1.50 @ 3.25 per dozen. Salmon, standard No. 1, \$1.25 @ 1.50 per case; No. 2, \$2.55. Condensed milk: Eagle brand, \$8.10; Crown, \$7; Highland, \$6.75 per case. Meats: Corned beef, \$2.00; chipped beef, \$2.15; lunch tongue, \$3.10 to \$4.00 2s; deviled ham, \$1.35 @ 2.75 per dozen.

THE MEAT MARKET.
BEEF—Live, 2 1/2c; dressed, 5 @ 6c.
MUTTON—Live, sheared, 3 1/2c; dressed, 7 @ 8c.
HOGS—Live, 5c; dressed, 7c.
VEAL—5 @ 7c per pound.

SMOKED MEATS—Eastern ham, 13 @ 13 1/2c; other varieties, 12 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 13 @ 15c; smoked ham, 11 1/4 @ 11 1/2c per pound.

LARD—Compound, 10c; pure, 11 1/2 @ 13c; Oregon, 10 1/2 @ 12 1/2c per pound.

HIDES, WOOL AND HOPS.
HIDES—Dry hides, selected prime, 8 1/2 @ 9c; 1/2 less for culls; green, selected, over