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TO FIGHT ON FRIDAY.

Maher Posts \$1000 for His Appearance.

J. CORBETT'S CHALLENGE.

The Fight Settled Upon After Much Wrangling.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 17.—The fight is off. Fitzsimmons says he will not fight unless he gets the forfeit, which Connelly refuses to pay under any circumstances as Fitzsimmons said he would not demand it.

At a conference today after Julian and Connelly wrangled some minutes, Fitzsimmons broke in with great heat, and declared that as long as he could not get the \$1,000 forfeit money, he would not fight. Turning to Connelly he said:

"You are all a pack of curs; you are afraid to fight, and your man has not been able to get into condition because he has been afraid all along."

Waving his arms, he yelled to the newspaper men and spectators: "Gentlemen, the whole thing is off; I refuse to fight Maher unless I am paid my forfeit money. I am willing to fight Maher; Corbett or any man in the world."

Julian made a proposition that Connelly name five men and he would accept their decision. Connelly agreed. The committee named by Connelly was Siler, Housman, Fitzgerald, Naughton and O'Rourke, Stuart being requested to act as chairman. The committee decided that the articles of agreement of December 4, were abrogated Friday. Under the circumstances Julian could not justly claim the forfeit.

THE MONEY POSTED. EL PASO, Feb. 17.—The fight is now set for Friday, Connelly posting \$1,000 to guarantee Maher's appearance in the ring.

The managers are now confronted with a new obstacle. The purses subscribed by the citizens of El Paso expire by limit today. Some of the subscriptions are not paid and the chances are now that they never will be. All the small fights have been declared off. There never has been strong probability that they would be brought off, and Barry and Dixon stopped work yesterday. There was, for a time, a chance of the Everhard-Leeds match being brought off, but the management refused to take chances on giving away the secret of the battle-ground, and everybody agrees that if only one fight can be had, the big one should stand. The management will pay all the forfeits on the small fights, \$250 to each man, and the fighters are at liberty to go home as soon as they like.

WILL FIGHT THE WINNER. CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—James J. Corbett last night at the Haymarket theater announced from the stage at the end of the first act that if the Maher-Fitzsimmons fight takes place, he will return to the ring and wrest the championship from the winner. The announcement was loudly applauded.

A Big Fire. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 17.—The Houseman block burned this morning. The losses aggregate \$200,000, partially insured. Many occupants had narrow escapes with their lives.

Strike Ended. BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 17.—The Elliott Square building strike is ended. A thousand or more workmen returned to work this morning.

Manufactory Burned. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—The big soap, lye and coffee essence manufactory of P. C. Thompson & Co. burned this morning. Loss, \$400,000.

REVIVAL MEETINGS.—At Leslie M. E. church still continue. Sabbath was a day of great blessing to the church. Several have united with the church, and others are coming to Christ. Bible readings each afternoon at 2:30. Preaching at 7:30 p. m.

THE BIG TIMBERS.—Dick Swartz began today to deliver the sixty-foot stringers for the new Salem woolen mills. They are magnificent sticks and the Swartz saw mills are noted for getting out such in the most prompt manner.

SOME BOLD BLACKMAILERS.

A Bunco Artist Playing a Smooth Game—But He Gets Caught.

A JOURNAL reporter this morning traced up a pair of transients whose methods savor very much of blackmailers, and may possibly land them behind prison bars before they leave town.

THEIR PLAN OF WORK. A solicitor calls at a house and presents a neat business card containing the following:

Prof. J. J. Kato,
Photo-Porcelain Artist,
New York.
C. Earhart, General Agent.

He solicits work, and proposes to make a beautiful colored picture from any photograph by the "porcelain" process, which is furnished neatly enclosed for \$1. As an extra inducement the solicitor says that if 200 orders can be secured, each patron will be presented with an enlarged copy of the same picture, 14x17 inches, free. They claim to have a patent chemical process, whereby they can make these pictures at a very slight cost.

THE METHODS USED. In one case where a Salem lady had given an order for a picture, it was delivered a day or two later by a woman claiming to be the wife of the artist. The picture did not quite suit the lady who had ordered it, and while she was pointing out the defects, the female agent informed her that it made no difference whether she took the work or not, as Frank Talkington, of the Bureau, had contracted for all the refused pictures, to hang up in his saloon. This was too much of a bluff for the Salem lady, who promptly refused to take the picture.

Mr. Talkington was seen by a reporter, and he was astonished at the boldness of the operators. He says they have made no bargain with him, and they he would not buy such pictures. He denounces them as blackmailers, for attempting such methods to force their goods upon timid people.

Mr. Kato and wife and Mr. Earhart have been stopping at the Hotel Wilamette since February 3, where they have rooms. They act very strangely and there is evidently something wrong. When callers appear they decline to admit them, and even the hotel chambermaids are forbidden to enter the room in their absence.

These people have done considerable business, but if their work is not of a higher standard than the methods they employ to force it upon their unsuspecting patrons, it cannot be very desirable.

NO LONGER A POPULIST.

Mrs. Lease Makes Her Debut Into the Ministry.

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 17.—Sunday Mrs. Lease made her debut into the ministry. She preached her initial sermon and conducted her first public exercises in the Christian church before an audience that extended out into the middle of the avenue. The saying is that everybody in Wichita was present except the preacher's docile and practical husband, who went down town early in the morning, swept out his drug store and did a prosperous business while his eloquent wife was preaching.

When Mrs. Lease arose to speak, "to skin the wolves in the church," as she had promised, she beheld ex-Governor Lewelling, her open enemy, "rubbernecking" through the door, and then she changed her mind altogether and delivered a sermon on how one should love his or her enemies. It was at once recognized that she was speaking for the ex-governor's soul particularly, and her remarks were listened to with interest. After the sermon she said:

"I love Mr. Lewelling as a private citizen. Ah, I see you don't catch my sarcasm. I said as a 'private citizen.'"

A great many deaf mutes were present and had the words of the speaker interpreted for them. They presented her with a fine bouquet.

Mrs. Lease delivered another sermon to an audience fully as large, in the evening. There was one instance in which Mrs. Lease departed from the spirit of love that pervaded her sermon, and that was when she said that the church had heretofore told only half the truth, and while they were discussing dogmatic theology, the mouth of yawning hell was swallowing the poor souls who did not comprehend them.

There continues to be more or less discussion of a private nature among senators as to the probability of getting the tariff in some form, but this depends almost wholly upon whether the friends of the bill can obtain assurances of success in whatever move they make.

COLD WAVE DOWN EAST.

48 Degrees Below Zero in Northern New York.

Pennsylvania, Ohio and Other States in the Frost Line.

Severe Weather in New York. NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—A cold wave of unusual severity has spread over this section. In this city the mercury indicated 6.04 degrees below zero at 9 o'clock this morning, the coldest weather here since the establishment of a weather bureau. At Saranac Lake the temperature was 48 degrees below zero, the lowest ever recorded there. Boston and New England points report very cold weather.

Cold in Ohio. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 17.—During 24 hours the temperature dropped 25 degrees, and at 7 this morning the thermometer registered 4 below zero. Reports from various points in northern Ohio show from 2 to 8 below, and much suffering exists.

Below Zero.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 17.—The mercury dropped 22 degrees yesterday registering 2 degrees below zero at daylight this morning. There is great suffering among the poor.

BUSY WEEK PROMISED.

Forecast of Work to Be Done in the Two Houses of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The prospects are for a busy week in the senate; but, outside of the fact that Davis will speak Monday in support of the Monroe doctrine, and that the appropriation bills which have been reported will be taken up and probably disposed of, no definite forecast of the proceedings can be given. Davis' speech is expected to be a strong, logical expression of the views of the more advanced advocates of the Monroe doctrine.

There are three appropriation bills on the senate calendar, but it is not believed any of them, unless it be the consular and diplomatic bill, will arouse any prolonged debate. It is possible the diplomatic bill may not excite debate. This bill affords an opportunity to discuss foreign affairs generally, and it is rarely allowed to pass without senators availing themselves of the opening to discuss diplomatic questions. It is also probable the pension bill will be taken advantage of to discuss the pension question at length. The military academy bill will be the first of the series to be taken up.

The Cuban resolution has been given the place of precedence after the appropriation bills, but it is not certain that this subject will be up seriously until the senators who wish to speak upon it shall have opportunity to prepare themselves. Call will speak on the subject if he succeeds in getting it up, and probable one or two other senators will be heard.

The senate committees have been unusually active since the holidays, with the consequence that there is an accumulation of business enough to cover 27 pages of the calendar, embracing subjects in which all the senators are interested. There is therefore a general desire to get to work on the calendar, and the probabilities are that, with the appropriations bills out of the way, the calendar will be resorted to and a large number of measures of minor character acted upon.

MORTGAGE LIFTERS.—S. T. Hobart, a prosperous farmer who resides near town, who has been engaged in buying and shipping hogs to Portland markets, inform us that since October 25, of last year to Jan. 1 '96, he has shipped 700 head of hogs, and the farmers in this vicinity have realized \$4,600 from the sale of the porkers. While prices have been low, the farmers have made some profit and quite a sum of money have been placed in circulation in this vicinity. Silvertown has good advantages for shipping stock.—Silvertown Appeal.

INDOOR BASE BALL.—The Salem Y. M. C. A. team will play the militia team of Albany, next Thursday evening at the Albany opera house. Indoor ball is the popular winter sport, and considerable interest is manifested in the Albany game. Quite a number will go up from Salem to witness the game.

RED FLAG DISPLAYED.—The red flag is displayed at the home of Geo. Barr, on 12th street between State and Court today, the cause being the illness of two small children with scarletina.

Probable Incendiarism.

MARTIN'S FERRY, O., Feb. 17.—The Buckeye Glass Works burned this morning. The works were to have started up today with non-union hands. The building was doubtless set on fire to prevent resumption. It was owned by A. D. Seamon, of Wheeling, and was worth \$150,000.

Across the Line.

HAVANA, Feb. 17.—It is reported that Maceo has succeeded in crossing the military line drawn across the island to prevent his escape from the province of Pinar del Rio, passed between Neptune and Waterloo, on the south coast, and entered the province of Havana.

Interviewed Salisbury.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Ambassador Bayard had an interview this afternoon with the Marquis of Salisbury on the subject of the Venezuela boundary dispute.

THINK SILVER DEFEATED.

Corporation Lawyers Exult Over a Blow to the White Metal.

Alleged Democrats and Republicans Cheering for Goldbugism.

The overwhelming defeat of silver in the house of representatives on Friday was taken very much as a matter of course, locally, and occasioned no extraordinary display of feeling. Expressions of satisfaction were heard from the sound-money men, who approve the action of the house, while those whose sympathies were with the cause of silver professed not to be surprised, though such a heavy vote against the white metal was not unexpected. Ex-Senator J. N. Dolph was seen in his office by a reporter, and asked what he thought of the vote in the house. He said:

"The action of the house was what was expected, and shows that the free-silver craze is subsiding. It is to be regretted that there was a small minority of representatives claiming to be Republicans voting for free coinage of silver. The Republican party is opposed to free coinage, and will undoubtedly declare at its next national convention emphatically against it.

"The spectacle presented by both branches of congress in the consideration of the bond bill and senate amendment emphasizes the importance of the Republican party declaring explicitly upon the silver question, and seeing to it that the men elected to office by the party are men who will represent its principles in their official position; that they are men who will stand on the party platform, and will not use the influence of their position to oppose the principles of the party which elected them, and weaken and destroy it."

Mr. Dolph added: "I think Oregon is placed in a false position by the vote on the bond bill in the house yesterday."

Mr. Joseph Simon was asked what he thought of the action of the house on the silver question. He said: "I noticed the result of the vote with a great deal of pleasure. It indicates to my mind clearly that the free-silver craze is very materially waning, and that it is near its end."

In reply to the same question, Judge L. L. McArthur said: "I am opposed to the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, unless the same can be brought about by international agreement, which does not now seem probable. Until that end is consummated, I think our government, which is the best on the face of the earth, ought to maintain the highest and best money standard."

W. D. Fenton said: "I am not surprised at the vote. In fact, I would have voted against the free-coinage amendment had I been there."

Judge O'Day echoed Governor Penoyer's sentiments. He said: "The members of the house have proved themselves as bad as Cleveland, and the people have got to elect men that represent their ideas and interests absolutely, regardless of party."

—Sunday Oregonian.

Sonnemann has the best figs.

FROM GATES CITY.

The Live Mining Town of Marion County.

CARD FROM MR. LAWLER

Only Manager of the English Syndicate in Oregon.

W. H. Hughes has rented the Sarbin house and is fixing it up for a drug store.

Mr. Geo. T. Cox has purchased a lot south of the railroad track, and is preparing to build a large hotel on the same.

Real estate is booming in Gates just at present. Land owners are holding lots of all kinds—good, bad and indifferent, at from \$100 to \$200 each.

S. V. Hall, our enterprising lumberman, is running his planer on full time, to accommodate the increasing demand for his finished lumber.

We understand that an endeavor will be made by the religious element of our community to engage the Rev. Dr. Watts of Yaumbill county to give us a course of lectures on Christianity.

L. O'Brien of Yaquina has engaged the hall company's store building and intends moving his large stock of dry goods to Gates as soon as the same is ready for occupancy.

L. Jacobs of Detroit has rented the O'Reilly house, and intends moving his stock of general merchandise down in a few days.

Mr. T. J. McClary is laying a foundation for the town hall building. He is a good stone mason and has been working steadily in Quartzville this winter, laying foundation for the milling machinery.

Joe Moranin is building a residence on his lot in the southern part of town, and will soon be a resident of Gates.

A stock company has been formed by several of our enterprising citizens to build a town hall for the city of Gates. It will be a two story building 30x60 with a store building underneath. Most of the lumber and other material is on hand and the organizers assure us that it will be finished and ready for use within thirty days.

Considerable interest has been manifested here in the recent speech of Senator Tillman in the United States on the silver bond bill. The New York World gave an extensive notice of the speech. The issue containing the same is being around among the citizens and it seems to meet with general approval. Republicans, Democrats and Populists seem to think that the senate and president needed stirring up, and that the flame-tongued orator from South Carolina is doing a good deed in calling them to task for their evil ways.

CARD FROM W. B. LAWLER.

ED. JOURNAL.—I notice in your paper of the 14th inst. reference made to Dr. E. O. Smith, of Portland, Oregon, as one of the Lawler syndicate, also reference made as to my future movements in placing other properties in London. All this is news to me. I am not in the habit of publishing my business and have given no one authority to do so. As a matter of fact Dr. E. O. Smith is in no way connected with the Lawler syndicate, either directly or indirectly, and I am their only representative in this country. Very respectfully,
W. B. LAWLER.

AN OLD TIMER.—When Riley Munkers was in the Cascade mountains, not long since, he met on Blaine nine Tom Gorman, son of Hy Gorman, a stalwart colored man who was the motive power for the daily press of Salem over 25 years. Tom is even more stalwart than his sire, and a good deal blacker. After living many years in Portland he has taken to mining. He has money and has a good mine and in a fair way to build up a fortune. Old Salemits will recollect the Germans, as old Hy was a personality in his day and generation.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

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