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COOPERSTOWN, GRIGGS CO., DAY.

According to the latest reports received at the agricultural department at Washington, it would seem that the injury to the corn crop throughout the north and west would be less than first reports would indicate.

A bill has been introduced in the Italian parliament to secure to women the right of suffrage. Under its provisions a woman voter must be 21 years of age, pay an assessed tax, never less than five francs, and must be able to read and write.

The question has been asked what the military establishment of China consists of. It consists of the imperial guard, 16,000 strong; the infantry guard, 5,200 strong; 1,750 artillerymen; the Chihli armory, officered by Englishmen, 80,000 strong and armed with breech-loading rifles.

Considerable amusement has been occasioned by the statement that Mr. Henry Irving, the distinguished English actor, intended to bring his own critic with him to this country and have the opinions of his acting made to order in just and proper conservative English style.

The experiments with Ericsson's novel torpedo boat, "The Destroyer," in New York harbor, seems to be going far toward providing an effective coast defense. The plan of attack for this engine of destruction is to run her within 300 feet of a hostile vessel, which is to be shattered below the water line by a shot from a submarine gun.

The New York chamber of commerce has had under consideration a communication from Secretary Frelinhuysen referring to the hostile measures adopted by several countries restricting or prohibiting the importation of American hog products.

The discovery of two or three letters written to the chief of the Philadelphia police by the abductors of Charley Ross has revived again for the moment the interest in that celebrated piece of villainy. It is now known that the hired agents of society knew with certainty five or six weeks after the abduction who had Charley Ross, but police red-tape, jealousy and greed were sufficient to prevent the speedy and certain punishment of the rascals.

The estimated expense of the Russian army for 1884 is 7,000,000 roubles in excess of 1883.

PITH OF THE NEWS.

EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.

The following are recent postoffice changes: Postmasters commissioned: Iowa-Iver Johnson, Lake Center; Gibson Dorothy, Albany, Dakota; Donald McDonaid, Grand Forks. Postoffices established: Dakota: Williamsport, Emmets county; Wisconsin: Orrville, Marinette county; Post-office names changed—Iowa, Ewelland Grove, Mahaska county. Post-office name and sight changed—Wisconsin, Sechlerville, Jackson county, two and a half miles west to Curran. Mail messenger service established—Iowa; Cherokee, Cherokee county; from Illinois Central railroad, eighty-four rods, as often as required. Montana: Helena, Lewis and Clarke county, from Northern Pacific railroad, route 28,001, one and three-fourths miles, as often as required.

The second comptroller of the treasury, in passing upon the pay accounts of certain officers were dismissed from the army and subsequently restored, has decided that these officers are not legally in the service. This decision will apply to quite a number of army officers on both the active and retired lists, who had been dismissed and subsequently reinstated at different times by President Johnson and Hayes.

The secretary of the navy has approved the action of the court martial in the cases of Commander F. R. Smith and Lieutenant Daniel W. Davis, both of whom were convicted of gross violations of the naval regulations, and sentenced to dismissal from the service.

The president has appointed Sidney D. Waters Putnam agent of the Indian College agency, Wash., vice John A. Simms, resigned.

Samuel W. Melton, United States district attorney for South Carolina, is said to have sent his resignation to Washington.

NEWS OF THE RAILROADS.

A circular has been issued announcing the completion of the Fargo & Southwestern branch of the Northern Pacific and requesting connecting lines to issue local exploring tickets from St. Paul or Minneapolis to La Moure and return, said tickets to be of iron-clad form, and good for forty days; and the rate to be \$15.75 for the round trip.

The Canadian Pacific has definitely abandoned Kicking Horse pass through the Rockies in favor of a route eight miles to the north of it.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Mrs. Phillips of Rochester, Mass., had a lively fight with a hen hawk that was after her chickens, the other day. Her cloth were torn, and face, neck and hands severely lacerated by the ferocious bird.

Commissioner Carman, of the Central Iowa association, announces that the lines in Iowa have decided to adopt the joint western classification on local business. Shipments which have heretofore been governed by revised joint classification will after to-day be made subject to the joint western classification.

An assignment for the benefit of creditors has been filed in the county clerk's office, at New York by the firm of Zderbach, Schwab & Co., clothiers, to William Sulzbach. The firm give preferences amounting to \$118,792. The liabilities are between \$350,000 and \$400,000.

The coroner's jury hold the Long Island railway directly responsible for the death of Robert Smith and Edward Aubrey, killed in the collision between the Manhattan Beach and Fushing trains, Sept. 11. Engineer Glenn was released from arrest.

The total wheat crop of the United States is estimated by the Kansas agricultural department at but 40,000,000 bushels, a shortage of 104,000,000 compared with that of 1882 and of 50,000,000 compared with the average for the past five years.

It is said that a pool to take 100,000 shares of Oregon Transportation has been formed. The present unsettled and weak condition of the market is attributed to the syndicate, who wish to secure the stock at lower figures.

Rand, McNally & Co., the Chicago printers, made a contract with the Lumberman newspaper to print pamphlets in the interest of the lumber trade for other parties. The firm has been enjoined from its intended violation.

Two Rice's Point men claim to have discovered silver ore in richly-paying quantities, somewhere on the hillside near that part of Duluth. They refuse to tell where the vein is located until they secure title to the property.

The Hermosillo, Mex., authorities absolutely refuse any information about yellow fever at that place, or state the number of deaths that have taken place. The fever is believed to be on the increase.

The aggregate taxable value of the Cincinnati banks, as fixed by the state auditor, is \$8,045,382.

Thirteen hundred lunatics in Ward's Island asylum, New York, had a picnic the other day.

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS.

A Newman special to the Constitution gives an interview with the boy, White, who was stolen by Ogletree, now so notorious for stealing boys. The Constitution previously gave the details of Ogletree's abduction of Charles Tildon from Atlanta, and of three other boys in Haralson county all of whom he subjected to beastly treatment before they escaped.

A desperate affray, well nigh fatal in results, occurred at Tracy, Minn., on the 23d inst. John and Will Harrigan, under the influence of liquor, went to Luther's boarding house and kicked up a general row, being joined by Joe Ritchie during the melee.

Two crooks hailing under the titles of Dr. Thompson and Prof. Stephens, have been swindling the gullible farmers in the vicinity of Racine, Wis., during the past week, with a cyclone preventive. The so-called preventive is simply a lightning rod attachment which can be connected with any rod, and, in fact, is nothing but a lightning attractor, having instead of one prong, a dozen or more.

David E. Aikin, inspector of water meters New York, has been arrested for complicity in fraud in the water register bureau, and indicted for forgery in having altered the books of records. He was arrested on the 22d inst. The commissioner of public works officially states that \$2,300 of the water rent has apparently been collected and diverted from the city revenue.

A W. Fieldburg, a printer of Milwaukee Wis., arrested recently, charged with attempting to outrage a five-year-old girl on the South side. Fieldburg is a Scandinavian, and is thirty years old. He was arrested in Bay View a few hours after committing the crime.

Cornelius Tobin threw a lighted lamp at Mary Monagan in South Boston, in December, 1877, killing her. He was sentenced for life, but became a raving maniac, and after five years was discharged to support a needy wife and children.

At a dance at Devil's Lake on the 25th inst., a free fight occurred, pistols and knives being freely used. Emmett Orr, assistant postmaster, who was standing in the street, received a ball from a 44-caliber revolver, penetrating his cheek and neck, and lodging in his breast. The ball was extracted, and the wound pronounced not fatal.

John Cooper who was shot down in the streets of Maroa a few weeks ago, by J. Adams, policeman, died, and at the inquest a verdict was found holding Adams for the unprovoked murder of the old man, who was an industrious farmer, who leaves a widow and several children and considerable property. Adams has been in jail since the shooting.

Robert Bruce, a hostler, attacked James Ryan, a sailor, in the street at Elyria, Ohio, a few nights ago, presumably to rob him of \$90 drawn during the day. Ryan's dead body was found early next morning, with a welch gash in the neck and no money on his person. Bruce was arrested, and admits the murder, but pleads self-defense. No money was found on his person.

Crabb Fogg, a farmer living in Canaan, N. Y., was recently waylaid and nearly murdered. A. J. Walker, an adjoining farmer, with whom Fogg had numerous disputes, was arrested and charged with the deed and held to await the result of Fogg's injuries.

At Mount Pleasant, Utah, a few nights ago Pritchett was murdered while asleep at his residence. Parties gained an entrance secretly and held a pistol so close as to burn his face with powder. Pritchett was a Gentle, but it is not known whether he had difficulty with the Mormons or not.

A child eleven months old, daughter of Theron Goodwin of Castleon, Vt. was shot dead in bed with its mother. The mother claims that an hour before a shot was fired at her through the window, and later some one entered the room and killed the baby.

Mrs. Sharon Goodwin of Casselton, Vt., mother of the child mysteriously shot dead a few days ago has been arrested on suspicion of firing the fatal shot. She claimed that an unknown man did the shooting.

Schneider, the boy murderer of Van Wye, was sentenced at Mount Vernon, Ind., to be hanged, Anderson, his accomplice, then pleaded guilty and was sentenced to be hanged. Both will be executed Jan. 5, 1884.

E. Royce, a Burlington & Missouri road station agent at Aurora, Neb., was struck on the head recently by an unknown assailant, fracturing his skull. His assailant got \$400, a gold watch and revolver.

A young man named Palmer, aged nineteen, was arrested at Rock Island for stealing \$800 worth of goods from his employers, Perkins & Gray, crockery dealers of Des Moines.

Michael J. A. Sullivan, tried in New York for the murder of Policeman Francis

J. Malon in June 1884, was acquitted on the ground of insanity, and sent to an insane asylum.

RECORD OF CASUALTIES.

Oscar Vaakster, the treasurer of Troy, and son had a very close call recently at the B'ckeye street crossing, Hudson. While attempting to pass over with a team, they were struck by a switch train and both were or less bruised, though the boy was not seriously hurt. One horse was instantly killed and the vehicle hopelessly ruined.

At Shreveport, La., on the 22d inst., the boiler of an engine running a saw at a bridge being constructed over the Red River for the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific railroad, exploded with terrible force, killing five and wounding five men at work. A boy named Willie Watson escaped unhurt.

A cylinder head on one of the engines in the Laird Norton company saw mill, at Winona, Minn., blew out a few days ago. The accident will cause a stoppage of the mill for about a week. One of the employees had a narrow escape from being struck by the ponderous projectile.

The Ashville (Ohio) jail was burned and one prisoner, name unknown, was burned to death. He was an umbrella mender, and claimed to come from the Dayton Soldiers' home and had considerable money, and it is thought he was murdered and the building burned to conceal the murder.

A short time ago George Miller, living near Tower City, Dak., lost his house, barn, farm machinery and grain to the amount of \$2,000, by a prairie fire.

Lyman Blair, of the Chicago commission firm of Blair & Blair, had the top of his head blown off recently by the accidental discharge of a gun.

FOREIGN NEWS GOSSEP.

A Hamburg correspondent says the absence of all foreign princes from the ceremony attending the unveiling of the statue of Germain a Niederwald, did not signify, as the French press thinks, that this action was a mark of sympathy for the French nation. It was intended, adds the correspondent, that the unveiling shall be a purely German festival.

Braun laugh has addressed a letter to Sir Safford Northcote, in which he declares he will again demand his seat in the house of commons on the reassembling of parliament and charges Northcote with causing all the mischief that has grown out of the continued violation of his (Bradlaugh's) rights.

The authorities at Constantinople are again agitated by the recurrence of a periodical alarm to which they are subject. Suspicion having fallen upon an attendant of the heir to the throne, his chief confidant has been suddenly and with great secrecy sent into exile in the interior.

The Paris newspapers have begun a war upon Kug Alfonso, being convinced that henceforth he will be an ally to Germany, as he accepted the colonelcy of Uaiats at Sarsbury, Alaska, and appeared publicly in the uniform of his regiment.

The steamer Garth Castle, from Cape Town, with Mrs. Carey and other witnesses of the murder of James Carey, has arrived at Plymouth. The detectives who have Mrs. Carey in charge will not allow her to be seen.

The rebellious chiefs, Mampoor and Mappoch, who were defeated by the Boer general, Joubert, and captured early in August, have been tried and found guilty of treason and sentenced to death.

The Tempa says Prime Minister Ferry has requested the Chinese government for a written reply to the French memorandum for an amicable settlement of the Franco-Chinese trouble.

The pope recently gave audience to 5,000 Italian priests. He expressed gratification at their presence, as evincing the union existing between the clergy and the Holy See.

Croatian members of the reichsrath declare they will not take their seats in that body until a constitutional administration of government is reinstated in Croatia.

Thomas Burt, member of the British house of commons for the borough of Morpeth is making a tour of the United States and Canada.

It is reported that Suleman Pasha, recently appointed governor of East Soudan, has been murdered by Arabs.

Three diplomas have been awarded American exhibitors at the electrical exhibition at Vienna.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Ex-Congressmen F. C. Deering and W. L. Eaton of Osage, Iowa, and Capt. J. C. Standing, of Carnito, Iowa, representing a syndicate of Iowa capitalists, have completed the purchase of twenty five acres of valuable coal lands, of General Land Agent Weymoss of the Northern Pacific.

The lands are located on the east side of the Missouri river, sixty miles northwest of Bismarck, and contain a nine foot vein outcropping on the bank of the river, 150 feet below the surface. This is the first coal development east of the Missouri, and the coal is in quality much superior to the lignite found west of the stream. The lignite seams to be quite extensive and it is understood that the syndicate will probably increase their purchase. The gentlemen composing the party are all capitalists of large means and of wide business experience, and it is their intention to prepare their plant and commence working the vein in the near future, having bought the land for the purpose of developing its resources and not for speculation.

Dr. Simonton of St. Paul, Minn., reports having brought the Books comet, within the field of his three-inch glass on the evening of the 25th, placing it about thirty degrees west of the north star. His comet is to be at its nearest point to the earth about the middle of January 1884, when it will be distant from us about 60,000,000 miles and visible to the naked eye. It will be visible for months to come and is identified as the comet of 1812.

Richard K. Fox, owner of the Police Gazette, is but thirty-five years old, and has an income of \$200,000 a year. He started ten years ago with a cash capital of \$10.

Mrs. Caroline Barrett, wife of J. E. Barrett master of the Howard Grammar school, Cambridge, Mass., committed suicide a few hours, recently by taking poison.

the death at that place of S. S. Montague, chief engineer of the Central Pacific railway, aged forty-six.

Charles B. Pettigill, a promise at Cleveland politician is dead. He was a revenue collector under Hayes.

A Japanese prince has arrived at Quebec, to join her majesty's ship, Northampton as a midshipman.

Colored Men's Address to the People.

The national convention of colored men assembled respectfully present the following, as embracing and representing their views and sentiments: First—That we are grateful for and rejoice in the marvelous emancipation that came to our race twenty years ago. The stock of embittered animosity was the toll of a nation born in day. We do not, we can not, forget the great sacrifice of women and heroic men who made possible the struggle in which treason and slavery were assigned to a common sepulcher, nor would we be unmindful of the measure of devotion and patriotism that the white and colored soldiers rendered the nation.

Second—We are not insensible to the fact that the congress of the United States has spread upon the statute books many laws calculated to make us secure in our rights as citizens; nor would we be forgetful of the magnificent amendments to the constitution intended to render forever impossible human slavery.

Third—We do not ask any more class legislation. We have enough of this; but we do believe that many of the laws intended to secure our rights as citizens are nothing more than dead letters. In the Southern States, almost without exception, colored people are denied justice in the courts, denied the fruits of their honest labor, defrauded of their political rights at the ballot box, shut out from learning trades, cheated out of their civil rights by inn-keepers and common carrier companies, and left by the States to an inadequate opportunity for education and general improvement.

Fourth—We regard the labor question, education and moral training paramount to all other questions. We believe that question, especially in the South, needs recasting, and that the plantation credits and mortgage system should be abolished. Honest labor should be remunerated. The landholders of the South should recognize that this question is to be solved by encouraging the negroes to industry, frugality and business habits; by inciting them to habits of thrift; by assisting them to acquire an interest in the soil; by paying them honest wages for honest work, and by making them content and happy in the land of their nativity.

Fifth—The failure of the Freedmen's Savings and Trust company is the marvel of the time. It was established to receive the earnings of persons heretofore held in bondage, and the descendants of such persons. The government should reimburse the creditors of the bank.

Sixth—Distinction between white and colored troops in the regular army is un-American, unjust and ungrateful. White men can enter any branch of the service, but colored men are confined to the cavalry and infantry service.

Eighth—It is not our province to dictate a policy for the government of action of our fellow citizens in the several States. It is a matter that their circumstances, patriotism, and good sense should settle.

Ninth—As a race struggling and contending for our political and civil rights, we are not unmindful of the efforts of Ireland to gain her freedom, and we give to our Irish friends our profound sympathy and best wishes.

Tenth—We earnestly desire the abolition of chain gangs, the admittance to trades unions of men of our race and employment in commercial pursuits.

Eleventh—In nearly every State of the Union, both North and South, the people of our race are not allowed to enter freely in trades or gain employment in the higher walks of life. This is unworthy of our institutions and harmful to the reputation of our country at home and abroad.

Operation of the Omaha System.

The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway company has rendered its annual report for the year ending June 30, 1883, to the railroad commissioner. This shows that the company has in operation, of all kinds of track, in Wisconsin, 472 miles; in Nebraska, 199 miles; in Iowa, 92 miles; in Minnesota, 418 miles, and in Dakota, 58 miles, making a total of 1,240 miles. The total number of passengers carried on the whole line was 872,878, and the total tons of freight carried one mile, 282,206,291. The total earnings from the passenger department were, in Wisconsin, \$771,365, and on the whole line, \$1,512,654, while the total earnings from the freight department were, in Wisconsin, \$1,606,754, and on the whole line, \$3,572,919, making the grand total of exportation earnings \$2,378,119 in Wisconsin, and \$5,085,573 on the whole line. The receipts from all other sources were \$342,961, making the total income from all sources \$2,721,080 in Wisconsin, and \$5,428,534 on the whole line. The total earnings per mile in Wisconsin were \$6,331, and on the whole line, \$4,676. The total operating expenses and taxes were \$3,582,780, leaving the net earnings \$1,845,755. The amount of interest paid was \$30,488, and the amount of rent paid, less than received, was \$1,042,713, leaving a balance of \$772,553. The total dividends paid were \$753,335, leaving a surplus of \$19,218. The average operating expense per mile were \$3,125. The total amount paid for construction during the year was \$3,424,404, and for equipment \$1,002,656, making the total expenditures charged to property accounts \$4,427,060. The total mileage in Wisconsin during the year was 2,471,230, and on the whole line 4,888,722. The total capital stock of the company is \$29,332,927, and the total stock at debt is \$49,598,414; while the total immediate liabilities are \$736,864, and the total assets \$1,012,006. During the year five passengers and eight employees were killed, besides 127 beasts of various kinds.

A Terrible Accident.

A frightful steam thrashing machine accident occurred on the 25th inst., eight miles south of Osakis, Minn. It appears that the pump was not working satisfactorily and the engine was stopped for a few minutes. The men were gathered around the engine when the explosion occurred. The killed are: Albert Garlock, tank center; Peter Billedeux, Leslie; Matwe Joyce, Orange. The dangerously wounded are as follows: Frank Ives, coil pump, severely, wounded in foot; anputation performed. Charles Ives, fractured skull, scalped face and breast, left arm dislocated; not expected to live. The slightly wounded are: Mike Riley, Sam Forer, Chester Gilbert. All are scalded and bruised. Gilbert's lungs blown thirty feet from the engine. Albert Garlock was blown nearly 30 feet and Billedeux nearly 160 feet from the engine. Both bodies when picked up, were literally stripped of clothing, and the flesh and skin scalded off. They were pushed full of holes from the flue pieces of iron. Mathew Joyce and Frank said Charles Ives were thrown down a few feet in front of the engine. The engine was blown 150 feet directly over the top of the separator and wheat stacks.

Some of the students of the Indiana college dressed up a gawky, long-legged comrade as Oscar Wilde, accompanied him on a lecturing visit to Crawfordville, and dined with an aesthetic vilager.