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COOPERSTOWN, GRIGGS CO., D.A.T.

EPITOME OF THE NEWS.

Washington Gossip.

Senator Sabin, chairman of the Republican National committee. Secretary Martin and John C. New are the committee of arrangements for the Chicago convention. They have already decided that the next convention shall not be hampered by such a crowd as filled the immense galleries on the last occasion. Then accommodations were provided for about 15,000. It has been decided to limit the seats in the galleries to about 3,000. The body of the hall must give room for 826 delegates and the same number of alternates. It is the purpose of the committee to partition off such a part of the exposition hall in such a way as to afford room for the platform, the space required in front of it for the press, the delegates and alternates and the gallery room included. This will allow a total attendance of about 5,000. The object is to prevent such interruptions and wild scenes as resulted from so immense a mass of visitors in the galleries at the last convention.

The president has appointed a board of officers of the army and navy to consider the question of sending an expedition for the relief of Lieut. Greely and party, and recommend to the secretaries of war and navy, jointly, what steps the board deem advisable to be taken for the equipment and transportation of the relief expedition, and suggest such plans of control and conduct, and the organization of its personnel, as seem best adapted to accomplish the purpose. The board is composed of the following: Brig. Gen. Hazen, chief signal officer, U. S. A.; Capt. James A. Greer, U. S. N.; and Capt. George W. Davis, Fourteenth infantry, U. S. A.

Gen. Brisbin of Fort Keogh is in Washington. He had a talk with Assistant Secretary Joselyn on the subject of exclusive privileges in the Yellowstone National Park. He was informed that there were no exclusive privileges, but that the secretary of the interior could grant privileges at his discretion. Gen. Brisbin has authority to put a steambat on Yellowstone lake. This privilege will not be interfered with at present. The steambat will not be placed on the lake until the number of tourists is large enough to justify it as a business enterprise. Gen. Brisbin says that the Yellowstone park will become a great national resort.

Secretary Chandler has received the following from Minister Hunt at Petersburg: Harper telegraphs from Irkutsk that he has just arrived from Yakutsk in nineteen days. Military honors were paid the bodies of De Long and party on their departure from Yakutsk. The bodies have been received by the East Siberia, and are now lying in a catafalque in the public square, will leave the 14th for St. Petersburg.

A suit was entered the 17th in the name of Lias C. Buodnot and the Cherokee nation against William A. Phillips an congressman, to whom was committed the distribution of the Indian award of \$300,000 made by the last congress and about which there has been so much talk in connection with an alleged misappropriation.

Postoffices established: Montana—Plains, Missoula county. Postoffices discontinued: Minnesota—Champion Mills, Blue Earth county, mailed to Amboy. Postmasters commissioned—Lellan A. King, Carlmons, Minn.; Francis Gores, New Trier, Minn.

The result of the court-martial ordered in the case of Ensign Edward W. Nash, United States Navy, charged with scandalous conduct, has been received. The court sentenced him to be dismissed from the service.

Railroad News.

The main line of the Oregon & California, operated by the Northern Pacific, running from Portland south to connect with the Central Pacific, has been extended to Grant's Pass, a distance of 500 miles. This leaves a gap of 200 miles to be finished between Grant's Pass and Redding, the northern terminus of the Central Pacific. With the completion of this gap there will be through rail connection between Portland, San Francisco and Sacramento. Trains have been running for several days from Portland to Grant's Pass, and to-morrow Pullman sleepers will be put on between those points.

One of the lines contemplated by the Burlington is from Dubuque to St. Paul, to connect with the Northern Pacific. The election of Mr. Eddicot as president of the Oregon Transcontinental and Mr. Coolidge as president of the Oregon railway & Navigation company, both interested in Burlington, points to a union of interests between the Burlington and Northern Pacific, and the new line from Dubuque to St. Paul is to form the connecting link.

Waterloo township, Iowa, including two wards of the city, voted on the 18th upon the question of levying a 5 per cent. tax in aid of the Wisconsin, Iowa & Nebraska railroad, and the project was carried by a vote of 260 to 27. This insures the building of the road to Waterloo, and thus gives a direct line from Northeastern Iowa to Des Moines.

Crimes and Criminals.

There is great excitement at Fowler, Ind., over the confession of a Labarge girl, aged twelve years, who says that Luke Bisset, her uncle, has had for the past year improper intercourse with her. Bisset was bound over in the sum of \$800.

Personal Gossip.

A party of St. Paul people left recently for Nassau, Bermuda, West Indies, where they will spend the winter. The party were ticketed by W. A. Turner, the local agent of the New York and Cuba Mail & Steamship company. The personnel was as follows: Dr. Horton, wife and daughter; Miss Carpenter, niece of the late Senator Matt Carpenter; Col. Lewis D. Wilkes, J. B. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Winship.

Albert Jay Jones of Philadelphia, for many years a resident of Rome, proposes to donate to the government of the United States Monte Baldrione, an estate of fifteen acres in the suburbs of Rome, for an academy of fine arts. The property is valued at \$40,000.

An intimate friend of Mr. Blaine said that the reason the Maine statesman has retired from the presidential contest at this time was because he could not carry New York. The friends of Mr. Conkling and Gen. Grant would not allow it.

E. V. Smalley has written and Gen. Grant supervised a sketch of Gen. Sherman for the January Century. Gen. Sheridan will be done up in February.

Dr. Collins of Blackford, N. J., is dead. Three weeks ago, Kate Wentz, his betrothed, was married to him at his bedside.

Mrs. Allen, wife of the actor killed in Vicksburg by Frank Starr, is in Brooklyn with her daughter, Miss Devin.

Lady Wilde wants the blood of an American editor to satisfy her anger at Oscar's treatment.

Carlisle declines to allow his name to be used as a candidate for senator from Kentucky.

Capt. S. M. Tallman, of the First infantry, died of heart disease at Fort Leavenworth.

Foreign Items of News.

Gen. Lord Wolseley was on the 15th inst., summoned to Windsor castle and reached there very early in the forenoon. The queen desired him to give expression to his views upon the present situation in Egypt, so far as it was affected by the operations of El Mahdi in the Sudan, and might render British intervention necessary.

The funeral of Henri Martin, the historian, in Paris, on the 19th inst., was attended by the prime minister, minister of the interior, leading members of the deputies and authors. President Grevy was represented by Gen. Pittie, his secretary. Delegates of Italian and Greek residents deposited wreaths upon the coffin.

The ballet girls in a Paris theater wear small electric lamps in their hair, from which beams of remarkable brilliancy dart, producing a most supernatural effect.

Casualty Record.

A large "fore and after" schooner was in view off Evanston, a short distance north of Chicago, on the 17th inst., drifting hopelessly. Several tugs sent from there searched for her without success the entire afternoon and it is believed that she has gone down with all on board. She is supposed to be the schooner North Cape, lumber laden, from Muskegon for that port, where she is owned. She has a crew of eight men shipped at Milwaukee.

Two boilers in D. P. Reighard's oil refinery on Fifty-first street, the line of the Allegheny Valley railroad, Pittsburgh, exploded at noon the 18th inst., with terrific force, scattering debris in all directions and injuring a number of workmen. Two of them, Samuel Henderson and West Roub, are believed to be fatally hurt. Others are still lying in the boiler house. Six men in all were injured.

At Wickerton, Ont., the flouring mill of David Moore & Son was burned. Loss \$35,000; insurance, \$19,000.

The Irving school building in Minneapolis was totally destroyed by fire during incursion.

Rat Portage, Manitoba, 125 miles east of Winnipeg, lost \$100,000 by fire on the 17th inst.

Miscellaneous News Items.

Bart S. Tibbitts, a leading cigar manufacturer of Coldwater, Mich., one of the wealthiest in the state, on Sunday the 16th, mortgaged all his property. The fact coming to the knowledge of creditors, his tobacco stock was replevined immediately by the United States marshal at the suit of creditors in New York and Philadelphia.

A serious complication has arisen, resulting from the illness of Congressman Haskell of Kansas. He is not able to leave his bed, and has applied to the speaker to come to him and administer the oath of office. Such a proceeding is without precedent, and probably the speaker will solve the difficulty by leaving the question to the house.

The Western Nail association met at Pittsburg, on the 19th inst., and decided to close for six weeks, from Dec. 29 until Feb. 11. The meeting was one of the largest ever held, every mill in the West being represented in person or by letter. The stoppage is for the purpose of restricting the productions.

Stephen S. Price, Philadelphia, charged with the embezzlement of \$87,000 from the estate of Thomas Richardson, of which he was executor, was acquitted by the jury after being out all night.

F. M. Badshaw, Chicago, sues the Standard oil company for \$500,000. He was their agent at Cleveland, was persuaded to start a Chicago branch, lost every cent, and was degraded to a clerk.

Goodwillie, Wynnan & Co., Boston and New York dealers in printing presses and cutting machinery, are embarrassed. It is stated that a receiver will be appointed. Liabilities, \$50,000.

Workmen thrown out of a job in the shutting down of the manufactories at Johet complain severely of the 500 convicts working for 80 cents a day.

A Christmas tree forty-five feet high, lighted by electricity and revolved by steam, will be a feature of the foreign exhibition in Boston.

The state treasurer's report shows the debt of Pennsylvania to be \$19,718,783. During the year the debt has been reduced \$506,300.

Frank Barnum of Baltimore joined the Jesuits contrary to his brother's will, and the latter's estate now goes to the city.

John O. A. Newsome, real estate dealer, Columbus, Ind., has assigned. Liabilities, \$27,000; assets unknown.

Gerold Massey has sued the New York Times for \$5,000 damage done by ridiculing his lecture.

The debt of Minneapolis is \$2,208,000. The assessed valuation of the city is \$63,901,812.

A New Haven, Conn., jeweler is building an elaborate gold watch for King Kalakaua.

McKinney & Co., notion dealers, Philadelphia, have failed. Liabilities, \$35,000.

Detroit, Mich., has a dog oil factory. The product is used by consumptives.

Truth is Mighty and Must Prevail

Is a good old maxim, but no more reliable than the oft repeated verdict of visitors that

COOPERSTOWN, DAKOTA,

is the Queen City of a magnificent county and the most beautifully located of the many new and prosperous places of North Dakota. It is the

Permanent County Seat of Griggs County, and, though only a few months old, already has a representation in nearly every branch of business and each man enjoying a profitable trade. Plenty of room for more business houses, mechanics or professional men. Cooperstown is not only the

TERMINUS OF THE S. C. & T. M. R. R., but is also Headquarters thereof. In short, the place is, by virtue of its situation

The Central City of the Central County of North Dakota.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL CENTER! THE COMMERCIAL CENTER! THE FINANCIAL CENTER! THE RAILROAD CENTER!

and the outfitting point of settlers for fifty miles to the North and West. The energetic spirit of Cooperstown's citizens, who in most cases have not yet reached the meridian of life, the singleness of purpose and unity of action in pushing her interests, have resulted in giving her an envious reputation for business thrift even this early in her history.

GRIGGS COUNTY

is the acknowledged Eden for settlers and home-seekers. Its soil is unsurpassed; its drainage the very best; its climate salubrious, and its railway advantages par-excellent. Public land in the county is becoming scarcer every day, yet there are still thousands of opportunities for the landless to get homes.

GREAT STRIDES

toward Metropolitan comforts have been made in Cooperstown and the wandering head of the weary traveler can here find rest and entertainment at an

BEAUTIFUL AND ELEGANTLY APPOINTED HOTEL,

erected at a cost of \$21,000. The man who becomes a citizen of Griggs county's thrifty capital can have, without price or waiting, the advantages of

GOOD SCHOOLS AND SPLENDID SOCIETY.

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UNPARALLELED RAPID DEVELOPMENT

of the surrounding country. When you stop and consider the facts you will realize the advantages this new town enjoys. It being the terminus of a railroad, the entire country makes it a

UNIVERSAL TRADING POINT,

a fact demonstrated by the merchants already established and enjoying big trades. Cooperstown is not an experiment but is built on the solid rock of commercial industry. Sound investments can be made in Cooperstown city property or Griggs county farm lands by applying to the

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