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COOPERSTOWN, GRIGGS CO., DA.

New Brunswick's luxuriated last week with a themometrical record of 52 below zero.

About the present time when we are gathering our winter ice crop, the farmers of Australia are sweltering in the heat of their harvest fields.

The great international exposition of the products of forty nations, mostly attended by natives, which has been running in Boston for the last four months is to be removed to Chicago, and will doubtless attract visitors from all sections of the west.

Rev. Joseph Cook is unable to name more than five American newspapers that he could recommend a foreigner to read.

Winter is more than half over. The days are growing longer and spring will soon be welcomed.

A "Jersey jury" at Trenton, after staying out twenty-five hours, gave a verdict in favor of a woman against an insurance company in which her husband held a policy for \$10,000 on his life, and which the company refused to pay.

Insulting the American hog is likely to prove serious business for France and Germany. If bacon is shut out from these countries it will be an easy matter to shut out from America about \$7,000,000 worth of wines and spirits.

A writer of the London Times says that many persons who are not "dreamers" by habit are dreaming a great deal just now, and accounts for it on the ground that the nights are cold.

In the current number of the Magazine of American History is a letter written by George Washington concerning Harriet Washington, a young girl who has been living in his family and whom he is sending to his sister.

The little dilemma existing between the delicate officiality of Minister Lowell's position and his delicate acceptance of the honorary rectorship of St. Andrew's University has been most happily solved.

It is pretty early in the season for political assessments, but an attempt to make a levy in the post office department by W. S. Odell, a citizen of Indiana was detected and frustrated.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

E. W. M. Mackey, representative from South Carolina, died on the 28th of peritonitis. Mr. Mackey was born in Charleston, S. C., and was thirty-seven years of age last March.

Mr. Washburn of the house presented the claim of William J. Hazen for \$600, on account of depredations alleged to have been committed by the Chippewa Indians.

United States District Attorney Lamberton of Omaha has received instructions from Washington to begin a suit against the Brighton Ranch company, in Wyoming, for enclosing 52,000 acres of public land with wire fence.

Ex-Senator Stephen A. Dorsey, who is in Washington, it is understood proposes going before Springer's committee to testify in regard to certain matters connected with the late star route trials.

Postoffices established: Dakota—Virgil, Beadle county; Wyndmere, Richland county. Postoffice site changed—Dakota; Plymouth, Ransom county, one and one-eighth miles northwest.

The resignation of John C. New as assistant secretary of the treasury was received in Washington, and will be delivered to the president in a day or two.

The senate confirmed James A. Connelly attorney of the United States Southern district of Illinois.

NEWS OF THE RAILROADS.

Some firms ago Wilson & Lawrence, attorneys were employed by the Minneapolis & Northwestern Railroad company, in a suit in which \$20,000 were involved.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS NOTES.

As a sequel to the horsewhipping on the Northern Pacific train when Capt. Mullett arrived at Glyndon he swore out a warrant for the arrest of both Mrs. Jewett and her husband, the latter being charged with aiding and abetting.

The governor of New Jersey has sent a special message to the legislature reciting the refusal of the Hackensack Cemetery company to allow the burial of a colored man.

Mary E. Paige, widow of Samuel B. Paige, the millionaire lumberman of Oskosh, Wis., has begun suit in the United States district court at New York against the New York World for \$100,000 damages, because of alleged libel.

Mr. Sutton, United States consul general in Northern Mexico, has just returned from an official visit to Monterey and Saltillo, and reports that a young American named Muddle, said to be an accomplice of one Leggett in the murder of Contractor Wickland near Garcia Station, has been confined in a Mexican prison over a year without any charges preferred against him.

Reports continue of disasters by gales in the channel and North sea. The meteorological office finds it impossible to prepare forecasts for the north.

in the Mersey during the storm. In Ireland a Kerry railroad train was overturned. Near Londonderry sixty yards of the embankment of the Northern railway was swept away. A mail train had a narrow escape.

The American Lumber Co., at Toronto, Can., have assigned. The company had a capital of \$1,000,000, was formed some years ago and owned extensive limits and mills. The banks mainly interested are the Toronto bank, Quebec bank and the Bank of Commerce.

The seventh annual meeting of the Minnesota State Dairymen's association takes place at Fairbault on Feb. 7 and 8, and the people of Rice county are arranging to give the association a cordial welcome.

In a speech at Rochester, N. Y., thirty years ago, Fred Douglass said: "If a black man burns his feet by marrying a white woman he must expect to stand on the blisters."

Samuel A. Medbury, for a number of years paymaster of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad, has been relieved. His account is said to be \$10,000 short.

Within the last few days, in accordance with instructions, there has been a general reduction of expenses in all the departments of the Western Union Telegraph.

Schedules of the insolvent assignment of John Paret & Co., clothing dealers, New York, show liabilities, \$327,331; actual assets, \$266,568.

There are about 16,052,233 children of "school age," which varies in the different states from four to sixteen, in the United States.

Inquisitive Mrs. Hopkins, of Cleveland, paid \$50 for opening a letter to one of her lady boarders, whose virtue she suspected.

At Detroit, J. H. McLaughlin, in a wrestling match twice downed Joseph Dupur, a celebrated wrestler.

The Iowa legislature is asked to create an insurance and bank commission.

The New York capitol will cost \$25,000,000 before it is completed.

Worcester, Mass., has a tariff club with 2,500 members.

PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS.

The following is an extract from a letter from Gen. Henry H. Sibley to friends in St. Paul, and dated Kittrell, N. C., Jan. 23: "As for my poor self, I am about the same as when I left home. My foot has been very troublesome, and my hoarseness continues. I have to write, (with my game foot cocked up as high as my head), on my knee, which position is by no means favorable to handwriting with the pen, but the doctor says he will bring me out all right. Meantime I have to keep in my room, and my meals are brought to me."

Galvani's Messenger says Mr Windom has arranged for a general tour through Italy during the winter. His daughters are at school in Paris. The eldest has a real genius for music, so remarkable as to have won the highest praise of several of the leading professors of Paris.

The death of John Henry Parker, keeper of the Ashmolean museum London, is announced. He was born in London in 1806.

Miss Juliet Carson is talking to the ladies of Minneapolis on cookery, giving practical illustrations.

Frederick Billings declines to be the republican candidate for the governor of Vermont.

Charles Nash of Stapleton, L. I., ate 300 oysters recently on a bet, without bad result.

A bronze bust of Dr. Merion Sims is to be placed in Harvard medical school.

Thaddeus Davis, an old Buffalo politician and once canal auditor, is dead.

Chicago picked up seventy-nine abandoned infants last year.

FOREIGN NEWS GOSSIP.

Mr. Chamberlain, president of the board of trade, in a speech at Birmingham, said England is not going to allow the war with El Mahdi to interfere a single moment with the projected reforms and improved institutions which England is making every effort to develop in Egypt, and by which, it is hoped securities may be given to Egyptian liberties and the people educated for independence and self-government.

Owing to a depreciation in landed property in Ireland a scheme is in preparation for the relief of owners. It is proposed to establish a Land bank with government guarantee, which shall be empowered to lend money to landlords to pay off incumbrances created before the land act of 1881 and also to lend money to tenants for the purpose of purchasing holdings.

Gen. Lew Wallace, American minister at Constantinople, has demanded from the Porte indemnity of £2,000 pounds on account of the alleged illegal arrest of Dr. Flann, an American, by the government of Assos; also indemnity for American travelers recently attacked by Kurdish brigands in Anatolia.

August Deman of Lester died recently. He came from Germany and settled in Minnesota in 1855. Catching one swarm of wild bees he increased them in a few years so as to become one of the largest beekeepers in the state.

Cardinal Lingbillo, bishop of Sabina is dead in Rome. He was born in Piedmont 1820, and created cardinal bishop in 1896. It was thought he was likely to be the successor of Pope Leo.

The whole conservative press at Berlin condemns Bamberger's speech on the late Lasker, and makes use of the occasion to violently attack the Liberal party generally.

Australian advices say crops are in a splendid condition. It is estimated that South Australia will have 18,000,000 bushels of wheat for export, Victoria 7,000,000.

The revenue of the Dominion from July 1, 1883, to Jan. 20, 1884, was \$17,869,133, a decrease of \$11,112,231; the expenditures were \$16,406,603, an increase of \$985,215.

The Zulu chief Zibebu and followers were defeated at Usubuz in a bloody battle.

Haworth & Co., commission merchants of Liverpool, have failed for £50,000.

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS.

An additional deficit of \$18,000 has been found in the accounts of Tilden G. Abbott, the absconding cashier of the Union Market National bank of Watertown, Mass., and

the end is not yet. The expert at work upon the books found this sum missing from the last account. The examination has not proceeded far, and there will doubtless be other disclosures. The deposits amount to \$100,000. The directors now believe that Abbott intended to skin the bank of the \$300,000 of the miscellaneous securities in the vault at the time of his flight, and to take them to Canada in order to force the bank to compromise with him.

The funeral services at Berlin over the remains of Dr. Lasker at the new synagogue, were participated in by 5,000 persons. Among those present were Levietzow and Ackerman, president and vice president of the reichstag; former ministers Bernuth Camphanen and Delbrueck, municipal councilors and town councilors of Berlin, leading representatives of the Conservatives and clerical parties, including Windthorst, and representatives of the University of Berlin. At 11 the relatives of the deceased took places in front of the catafalque. Students officiated as a guard of honor. After the services Dr. Franke, chief rabbi delivered an oration, drawing a picture of Lasker's life.

At Minneapolis, the 24th inst., the dead body of G. H. Stetson, a well-known contractor and builder, was found in a shed on his premises, corner of Fourth street and Fifth avenue north, by one of his sons. According to the statement of those most familiar with the facts in the case, Mr. Stetson left his home early in the morning, proceeded to the woods, where he adjusted a small rope about his neck, threw one end over a rafter in the building while standing upon a box, and a ter completing his preparations, shoved the box away with his feet, and soon died from strangulation. Ill health and mental depression.

In the trial in Milwaukee of Pentz and McCollogh, two young men, for an attempt to murder Andreas, the street car driver, in November last, Judge Hamilton in the circuit court decided that the confessions of the prisoners taken shortly after their arrests could be admitted as evidence against them. The defense attempted to prove that the confessions were forced from the prisoners by the detectives, by threats of physical violence.

Harry Lee of Cincinnati, traveling under the name of Andrews, was arrested at Toronto by Detective Hazen of Cincinnati. Lee was a clerk of Woodrugh & McParlin, commission merchants of Cincinnati, and forged the name of the firm for \$10,000. When arrested he was in the company of a woman, known in Cincinnati as Bessie. Lee will fight extradition through the various courts.

Frank Eutner of Franconia, on returning from Stillwater on the evening of the 28th inst., was attacked by three men and knocked out of his sleigh, but succeeded in driving off by his assistants and escaped. His team ran away to Marne, without doing any damage, while Eutner was obliged to walk home. It is thought the party mistook their victim for Sam Judd.

Denver, Col., Special Telegram: Another lynching is threatened at West Las Animas, where two horse-thieves are likely to suffer death at the hands of a mob. Lynchings are becoming so common in some portions of the state as they were in early days. The fact that murderers are hardly ever sentenced to death there is thought to have something to do with it.

Frank Williams and John Gray, who shot and killed Orion Kuriz, in a saloon row at Rosita, Col., were taken from jail by masked men and hanged to the rafters of a log shanty near by. Gray died game, but Williams pleaded for mercy, claiming he shot in self-defense.

The death watch has been placed upon William Conroy in the toms, New York city, whose execution is fixed for Feb. 8, for the murder of Peter Keenan, whom he (Conroy), while a policeman on duty and drunk, shot and clubbed to death.

Col. J. G. Kasey, ex-treasurer of Bedford county, Va., has fled the state leaving an indebtedness of \$60,000 for his bondsmen to meet. Kasey was late candidate for the state senate on the coalition ticket. It is reported that he has gone to Canada.

Henry Hittson, Jesse James' nephew killed James Foley at Fort Worth recently.

Burglars took \$15,000 from a Chicago suburban postoffice.

CASUALTIES OF THE WEEK.

A fire occurred at Goodwin, fourteen miles from Waterloo, early Sunday the 27th, resulting in the total destruction of the Rosa hotel and the Lawrence house. Loss on the former, \$1,000, on the latter \$1,600. The Rosa hotel was insured in the German American for \$1,300, and the Lawrence house in the same company for \$400.

The steamer Minneapolis was sunk at St. Louis by the ice.

Latest Northwestern Patents.

John R. Burdick and W. H. Davis, Minneapolis, Minn., sewer pipe machine; Lars Christiansen, Council Bluffs, Iowa, washing machine; Samuel B. Cragin, assignor of one-third to I. L. Cragin, nut lock; Sidney T. Keenan, Menasha, Wis., machine for planing felles; Johann Kessler, Milwaukee, Wis., making sponge lead; Thomas H. Malone, Milwaukee, and G. A. Whiting, Nashua, Wis., car seat; William A. McDonald, assignor of one-half to F. J. Cross, Minneapolis, Minn., sash holder; Alfred R. White, Stevens Point, Wis., and iron; Henry Whiting, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, piston valve.

An Acquittal of Murder.

Batavia, N. Y., Special: The trial of E. Newton Rowell for the murder of Johnston L. Lynch ended on the 31st inst., with a verdict of "Not guilty," on the ground of self-defense. The verdict was received with wild enthusiasm. Rowell was given an ovation at the court house and at the Washburn house. In the latter place he received the congratulations of friends. Bonfires were lighted along Main street. At a late hour a caller, who had figured in the trial, was hanged in effigy in full view of his place of business and in full view of the window occupied by Judge Haight at the St. James hotel. On a board fastened to the figure were the words, "Sneak Palmer, author of crime." Palmer escaped being mobbed by getting into the hotel through a back window while the crowd was in front of the hotel. Palmer was again burned in effigy the next night.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Arnold and Miss Arnold sail for England on the 27th of February.

FORTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

Friday, January 25.

SENATE.—Bills were introduced for the free circulation in the states where published of newspapers and other periodicals, and to facilitate the reform of the civil service. The bill providing a territorial government for Alaska, and the presidential disability bill passed.

Mr. Beck called up his bill intending to prohibit the secretary of the treasury from purchasing bonds above par. If our revenues go on increasing beyond needs as at present, and purchases are made by the treasurer as he sees fit, there will be quite as much instability in the bonds as in the bank circulation based on them. The bill under which the treasurer professed to act was simply to provide for an emergency then existing, not give the secretary absolute power to go into the market and buy bonds at a premium of 20 or 24 per cent., or whatever price the holders choose to demand.

In executive session the following appointments were confirmed: John T. Hazleton, Wisconsin, consul at Hamilton, Canada; James Fletcher, Iowa, consul at Genoa. Postmasters—Robert V. Robert, Beaver Dam, Wis.; Henry C. Payne, Milwaukee, Wis.; Lucius Whiting Billings, Mont. Charles H. Toll, Clinton, Iowa; E. C. Hayner, Centerville, Iowa; Barney C. Wilson, Wapeton, Dak. Adjourned to Monday.

HOUSE.—No business was transacted, the day being given up to debate on the Porter bill. Messrs. Taylor of Ohio and Keifer spoke against the bill, and Messrs. Bayne and Ray supported it.

The galleries were crowded throughout the day and much interest was manifested in the discussion.

The session of Saturday the 26th will be for debate on the Fitz John Porter bill, and no business will be transacted, except the reception of a report from the committee on agriculture.

Monday, January 28.

SENATE.—Senator Hoar reported to-day, from the committee on judiciary, an anti-polygamy bill, which embraces the principal features of the Edmunds bill introduced in the present session, and adds other provisions originating with the committee. He said that he did not himself favor that clause of the bill which requires the exclusion of women from suffrage in that territory.

HOUSE.—Immediately after the reading of the journal the death of E. W. Mackey of South Carolina, who died recently of peritonitis, was announced. The customary resolutions were adopted, and the house, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, adjourned after appointing the following committee to take charge of the funeral arrangements: Messrs. Pettibone, O'Hara, Davis (Mo.), Hemphill, Bisbee and Willis.

Tuesday, January 29.

SENATE.—A bill repealing the timber culture law was reported favorably. Senator Cameron of Wisconsin introduced a bill to establish the Territory of North Dakota. Senator Sherman's resolution for an investigation of political murders in Virginia and Mississippi was adopted—33 to 29. Mr. Sherman contrary to general expectation, had a prepared speech on his resolution. It was calm and somewhat contemplative in tone. He read it shortly after 1 o'clock.

"If," said the Ohio senator, in effect, "these things be as they are reported to have been, they ought to be investigated. The war has proven a failure if such things have happened and can be further countenanced in this country. We ought to know whether such matters are as they have been reported."

Mr. Mahone rose promptly when Mr. Sherman sat down. He had the printed slips of his speech in his hand. He was in good voice, and interested the galleries for three-quarters of an hour. Bills were introduced abolishing the office of assistant surgeon general of the army; appropriating \$200,000 for the improvement of the Missouri.

HOUSE.—The sensational part of proceedings in the house was the consideration and adoption of a resolution to investigate the charges made by ex-Speaker Keifer against Mr. H. V. Boynton, of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, to the effect that Mr. Boynton, toward the close of the last session of congress, had written to Speaker Keifer, asking him to recognize a member to move the passage of the notorious McGarrhan claim, and subsequently had approached him on the same subject.

Wednesday, January 30.

SENATE.—Mr. Blair presented a voluminous petition from about 4,000 citizens of the District of Columbia praying for the passage of a bill to prevent the manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquors within the District of Columbia and the territories. He expressed regret that no action had been taken upon former petitions of this kind, and thought of the subject must eventually compel the attention of statesmen. The petition was referred to the committee on the District of Columbia, where it will slumber with its predecessors.

No business was transacted on account of the funeral of Mr. Mackey of the house.

The president sent the following nominations to the senate to-day: Charles Roberts, register of the land office at Humboldt, Cal.; Richard S. Tutbill Chicago, United States attorney for the northern district of Illinois; James A. Connelly, Illinois, United States attorney for the southern district of Illinois.

Postmasters—James B. Budd, Houma, La.; Niel Sinclair, Morgan City, La.; Carnot Belinger, Lufkin, Tex.; James H. Ashcraft, Paducah, Ky.; Henry W. Grantley, Appleton City, Mo.; Ludell S. Cantwell, Richmond, Mo.; Adrian C. Case, Albany, Mo.; M. Mercator, Jessup, Dardanelle, Ark.; John Watts, Ames, Iowa; George E. Werners, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Elihu Enos, Waukesha, Wis.; James Gray, Rowe, Mich.; H. Kimball, Crystal Falls, Mich.; Ethelbert J. Brewster, Midland, Mich.; James G. Bain, Martineville, Ind.; Jabez H. Casson, Kasson, Minn.; Royal M. Hubbard, Longmont, Colo.; Mrs. Jennie Goodwin, San Buenaventura, Colo.; A. Pedler, Woodland, Cal.; Richard Melrose, Anaheim, Cal.; Benjamin McElroy, Frankfort, Kans.; N. A. Yeager, Augusta, Kans.; George Eger, Ellsworth, Kans.; Ralph M. Grimes, Kearney, Neb.; Joseph C. Keppler, Glendale, Mont.

HOUSE.—After the presentation and reference of several reports of committees, funeral services of the late Representative Mackey, of South Carolina, were observed and the house adjourned.