

Cooperstown Courier.

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COOPERSTOWN, N. DAKOTA

Miss Jane Morgan, of Philadelphia, has passed an examination before the United States steam vessel inspectors, and they have granted her a master mariner's certificate, good for "all oceans."

There is throughout Germany a tendency toward decreased hours of labor, accompanied in many cases by demands for higher wages. In coal mining the shift for underground workmen now rarely exceeds ten hours, instead of 11 or 12 as formerly.

The chief articles of export from Wurttemberg to the United States are musical instruments, and of these the greater part are mouth harmonicas, which are sold in greater quantities in the United States than in any other country.

There are certain markings on every United States coin that enables the place of its coinage to be located. Those struck at the Philadelphia mint have no mint mark, but those struck at all other mints are distinguished by a small letter on the reverse, near the bottom.

One of the unique farms in the world is that of Hon. Walter Rorhach, child, brother-in-law of Lord Rosebery. He has a large estate in Hertfordshire, and it is given over to his hobby, zoology, for on this farm he has few domestic animals, but numbers of creatures such as one seen in a zoological garden.

The inland revenue department at Ottawa has concluded an analysis of 75 samples of ground coffee. Of this number 45 were genuine, 19 adulterated and 8 doubtful, and in 3 adulterated was declared. In Montreal 6 samples were genuine, 4 adulterated and 1 doubtful. In Toronto there were 3 genuine, 2 adulterated and 2 doubtful.

The imports of coal into France in 1902 were the smallest for several years—12,602,000 metric tons, against 13,770,000 tons and 13,775,000 tons in 1901 and 1901. The reasons assigned for the falling off of the receipts were decreased consumption, owing to the unfavorable condition of the metallurgical and other industries and stagnation.

Saxony has passed through a very trying period. From the middle of May to September 10 there was practically no rain. Such was the scarcity that the water in the Chemnitz reservoir fell from 24 to 8 meters (82 to 26 feet), causing the city council to issue orders forbidding street sprinkling and admonishing the people to be careful in using water.

Trade conditions in Austria-Hungary during the year 1902 were good, according to official trade statistics. The total foreign trade was the largest in the history of the dual monarchy, the value of exports and imports being in round numbers, \$200,000,000. The exports exceeded the imports by a considerable sum, yielding a favorable trade balance of about \$50,000,000.

The "Frigate" is the swiftest of all sea birds, and in some of the equatorial isles is used as a letter carrier. Taken from the nest before it can fly, it is hand-fed by the natives, and in the course of a few months becomes so tame that it can be liberated during the day and will return to its perch at sunset. It is the practice of the natives of the Ellice group, near Samoa, to exchange the birds after they have been tamed.

The cost of the acquisition of vast territory by the United States is given in the following list: Louisiana, \$10,000,000; Florida, \$5,000,000; Texas, \$18,500,000; California and New Mexico, \$15,000,000; Arizona, \$10,000,000; Alaska, \$7,250,000; Philippine Islands, \$20,000,000; Panama Canal, \$40,000,000; Panama Canal strip, \$10,000,000; total, \$135,750,000. In addition the United States, when it annexed Hawaii, assumed a debt of \$4,000,000.

In 1902 Russia supplied over 11,500,000 tons, or more than 51 per cent, of the world's product of petroleum; the United States produced not quite 10,000,000 tons, or 41 per cent. of the world's product; the rest was divided among Galicia, a province in Austria, 573,440 tons; Roumania, 320,000 tons; Sunda Islands, 380,000 tons; India, 180,000 tons; Japan, 120,000 tons; Germany, 50,000 tons; South America, 15,000 tons, and Italy, 2,800 tons.

The latest German estimate of the population of the world is 1,503,290,000. Of this billion and a half of "souls" Asia has more than half, 819,556,000; Europe, 392,264,000; Africa, 140,700,000; North America, 105,714,000; South America, 38,482,000; Australia with Polynesia, 6,483,000; and the polar lands, 91,000. Europe has 104 persons to the square mile; North America, 13; Australia and Polynesia, 2. A very thinly settled world as yet.

Of particular interest to American fruit exporters is the unusually large and fine crop in Western France this year. In view of the almost complete failure of this crop in 1901, 1902 and 1903, and of its insufficiency in the several preceding years, American prunes and dried fruits, particularly dried apples, have for the past two years almost dominated the local markets. In 1903, indeed, the demand for California prunes and dried apples was so large and urgent that the supply was not always equal to the demand.

WEST GETS TASTE OF REAL WINTER

FURIOUS STORM OF SNOW, SLEET AND WIND DEMORALIZES TRAFFIC AND BUSINESS.

Many Trains Are Stuck in Enormous Snowdrifts—Several Deaths Are Due to the Blizzard—Damage at Many Points Very Heavy.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 29.—Although causing but little trouble in St. Paul, Tuesday night's storm brought serious trouble in many districts of the west and northwest, paralyzing railway traffic and working havoc with the movement of trains. Five through trains from Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City were caught in snow drifts and did not arrive in St. Paul Wednesday morning. A dozen south-bound trains were likewise snowed in.

Traffic at a Standstill.
Marshalltown, Ia., Dec. 29.—Traffic on two roads out of this city, the Iowa Central and the Chicago Great Western, is at a standstill. No trains have been handled in or out on either line since Tuesday morning. The only trains moving are those from the east on the Northwestern. The Iowa Central is unable to get trains south of Hampton or north of Searsboro. The Northwestern is unable to get farther east than Ames. On the Great Western there is a drift at Fairbank half a mile long, 12 feet deep, and a thousand feet wide.

Three Deaths Reported.
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29.—Two deaths are known to have resulted from the recent blizzard. Near Hiawatha, Kan., Constantine Miller, an old soldier, lost his way in the storm, and was frozen to death. The dead body of Charles Clock was found near Lees Summit, Mo., Wednesday.

Blown from a Train.
Centralla, Ill., Dec. 29.—A brakeman named Perry was killed near Decatur by being blown off a freight car and run over.

Three Veterans Die.
Columbus, O., Dec. 29.—Specials from Dayton and Sandusky, O., tell of the death of three civil war veterans from exposure during the storm of Tuesday night. At Dayton the dead bodies of Daniel L. Stewart and James H. Hays, inmates of the National Soldiers' home, were found in roadways near the home. At Sandusky the dead body of George Weber, an inmate of the Ohio Soldiers' home, was found near the home, where he had apparently fallen asleep.

Lost Train Is Wrecked.
Marshalltown, Ia., Dec. 29.—A Chicago Great Western freight train, lost in the storm, has been wrecked two miles south of Melbourne, causing injuries to six train and section men.

A Terrible Experience.
Woodruff, Wis., Dec. 30.—Stalled in a great drift that covered the cars to the windows on the Lac du Flambeau Indian reservation, four miles from any white habitation, without food and in danger of being frozen to death should the steam in the engine boilers fall, 40 passengers from Ashland, Bessemer and Ironwood, spent 24 terrible hours on a Northwestern train in the blizzard of Tuesday night and Wednesday. That they did not perish is due to Conductor Beatty, who plowed his way through five hours of blizzard to this village and summoned assistance; to the brave lumber camp foreman, George Ennis, who brought them food and furnished the men to dig the train out, and to Engineer Donahue and his fireman, who worked on their disabled engine, lying on their backs in the snow for hours, that fire might be kept under the boilers. Many of the passengers were without food for 30 hours.

Heavy Damage in Michigan.
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 29.—Specials to the Tribune from points along the shore of Lake Michigan from St. Joseph north to Muskegon, indicate that damages resulting from the storm will aggregate \$500,000. This includes the loss of the lighthouse at Macatawa bay. Summer cottages and resorts, yachts at anchor and fishermen's property suffered heavily all along the shore. Northern Michigan towns report streets impassable, trolley lines out of business and train and wire service demoralized. Nearly two feet of snow has fallen and a heavy gale has piled it up in huge drifts. Business was suspended and it will be several days before conditions become normal.

Four Dead in Chicago.
Chicago, Dec. 28.—Four persons were killed and many others injured by a blizzard which swept over Chicago at the rate of 72 miles an hour, destroying much property.

Indiana Man Killed.
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 28.—The blizzard that struck Indiana Tuesday, accompanied by high winds, caused one death, and property loss amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars. The damage was especially heavy in the oil fields, where derricks were blown down and drilling suspended. Frank Cavanaugh was killed by a derrick falling on him while he was taking shelter from the rain. The derrick loss is estimated at \$200,000 in the Muncie field, and \$50,000 around Portland.

To Abolish Grand Jury System.
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—Minnesota, by a vote of more than 121,000, abolishes the grand jury system on the ground that it is unfair, expensive and antiquated. The legislature asked for the vote, after examining the legal machinery of Wisconsin and North Dakota, which have eliminated the system.

Ex-Congressman Dead.
Denver, Col., Dec. 26.—Hugh H. Price, of Black River Falls, Wis., a congressman from Wisconsin in 1887 and 1888, died in this city Sunday, aged 45.

DEPEW WINS.

Opposition in New York to His Return to the United States Senate Withdrawn.

New York, Dec. 30.—Chauncey Mitchell Depew, of New York, will succeed himself for a term of six years as United States senator from the state of New York, continuing as the colleague of Senior Senator Thomas C. Platt, who has four years to serve. The formal announcement of this conclusion was made late Thursday afternoon at the Fifth Avenue hotel by Gov. Odell, as chairman of the republican state committee. Gov. Odell's formal announcement, which is regarded as closing the controversy on the subject, gives it as his conclusion that "party harmony will be best subserved by the reelection of 'Senator Depew,'" concedes that the sentiment favoring his selection is very strong throughout the state, and declares that "it would have been the worst kind of party generalship to have run counter to this expressed public opinion." Former Gov. Black, who was the leading candidate against Senator Depew, has withdrawn his name.

MUTINY IN PRISON.

Convicts Make Break for Liberty at Folsom, Cal.—Three of Them Are Shot Dead.

Folsom, Cal., Dec. 30.—Seven of nine convicts at the state prison who made a break for liberty Thursday were almost riddled with bullets, three being now dead and three in a critical condition. Capt. R. J. Murphy, a prison official, is wounded by a shot in the leg and two slight knife wounds.

The following convicts were killed: H. G. Hill, under sentence of 36 years for robbery; J. Quinlan, serving 12 years for robbery; W. Morales, under sentence for robbery.

The following wounded will probably die: D. Kelly, serving a sentence of eight years for robbery; E. Queyena, serving a life sentence for murder; W. P. Enley, serving a life sentence for murder.

Slightly wounded: Charles Carson, serving life sentence for robbery.

WOULD DISSOLVE COMBINE.

Attorney General Moody Strikes a Severe Blow at the Paper Trust.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—Attorney General Moody late Tuesday afternoon began a suit by petition in the United States district court here on behalf of the United States against the General Paper company and other paper and pulp companies comprising what is known as the paper trust, under an act of congress approved July 2, 1890, entitled an act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies. The petition asks that the defendants be enjoined from continuing the trust. The General Paper company is made the principal defendant, and party defendants are made of 24 companies.

WAR VETERAN DIES.

Gen. William H. Powell, Ex-Commander Illinois Department G. A. R., Passes Away.

Belleville, Ill., Dec. 27.—Gen. William H. Powell, for years a warm personal friend of President McKinley and at one time commander of the Illinois department of the G. A. R., died Monday at his home in this city. At the time of his death Gen. Powell was president of the Western Mail company of East St. Louis, and held the position of internal revenue collector for the Thirteenth district, under President Roosevelt. At the close of the war he was in command of the Second cavalry division under Gen. Sheridan and carried severe wounds received while leading a charge at Wytheville, Pa. He was 79 years old.

Justice Moves Rapidly.

Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 28.—George Bears, who murdered Mrs. Abel Brown at her home on a farm near Belleville last Friday, Tuesday pleaded guilty to the charge, and was sentenced by Judge Law to life imprisonment in Marquette prison. The murder was committed Friday afternoon. Bears was arrested Sunday at Flint, brought here Monday and before noon Tuesday had appeared in both the justice court and circuit court and had been sentenced to life imprisonment.

A Strange Case.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 29.—John Clark, a negro, five years old, is dead at the home of his parents in Lyndon, of acute alcoholism, in consequence of excessive doses of wine and a mixture of wine and whisky administered to him by his stepfather and his mother, in an effort to keep him from ever having a desire for drink by making him sick on it.

Famous Horse Dies.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Luke Blackburn, noted sire, and in his days one of the most brilliant performers of the American turf has known, died of old age at the farm of W. H. McAllister, near Bellevue, Tenn. He was 27 years of age.

Favors Four Big Reforms.

Washington, Dec. 26.—President Roosevelt hopes to bring about four big reforms—tariff revision, regulation of railroad rates, national licenses for corporations and federal control of insurance companies.

Is Pardoned.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 29.—Norman King, formerly a Minneapolis city detective under Mayor Ames, and who was convicted and sentenced to a term in state's prison on a charge of complicity in a diamond robbery, was granted a full pardon by the state pardon board.

Federal Judge Quits.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 28.—Judge Francis J. Wing stated Tuesday that he had forwarded to the president his resignation for the northern district of Ohio, and that he had been assured that it would take effect on the first day of February next.

Two Burned to Death.

Bloomfield, Ind., Dec. 29.—Tuesday night the home of Nathan O'Neill, five miles west of here, was burned to the ground and O'Neill and his daughter Nora were burned to death.

Penalty for Stolen Kiss.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 29.—James Robinson was sent to jail for 30 days for an assault. The offense for which he was committed was kissing a young lady against her will.

THE OLD STORY.



JAPANESE TAKE RIHLUNG FORT

IMPORTANT POSITION BEFORE PORT ARTHUR CAPTURED AFTER FIERCE BATTLE.

Victorious Army Loses 1,000 Men in the Assault—Breaches Made in Wall of Fort by Explosion of Seven Dynamite Mines.

Headquarters of the Japanese Army Before Port Arthur, via Pusan, Dec. 30.—Rihlung fort was captured at three o'clock Thursday morning with 1,000 Japanese casualties. Seven dynamite mines exploded at ten o'clock Wednesday made breaches in the front wall through which a large body of Japanese troops charged under cover of a tremendous bombardment and captured the first line of light guns. A bitter fight resulted in the capture of the fort. A majority of the garrison, numbering 500 men, were killed. Nearly 60 guns were captured.

Rihlung fort, situated on Rihlung mountain, formed a part of the inner circle of the chain of forts defending Port Arthur. Rihlung is situated about two miles from the outskirts of the town of Port Arthur, from which it bears due northeast. The fort just captured is a mile and a half southeast of Keekwan fort, recently captured by the Japanese. The possession of these two forts should make a most important breach in the fortifications of Port Arthur and cut off communication between the Golden Hill forts and the forts of the western section of the inner circle of fortifications.

Bayonet Conflict at Midnight.

London, Dec. 28.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Chefoo, in a dispatch dated December 26, says: "A messenger from Port Arthur describes a Japanese attack the evening of December 22 with a light column of 5,000 and many machine guns on the northern defenses. They dashed along the railway, carried trench after trench, and succeeded in reaching the water course beneath Payusean mountain, whence the Russian artillery worked terrible execution. A fierce bayonet fight occurred at midnight. A strong Russian force advancing eastward of Payusean mountain threatened the retreat of the Japanese who, after a desperate struggle, retired to the north, leaving several machine guns, 300 rifles and 80 prisoners. It is estimated that they lost 600 killed. The Japanese halted near the cemetery, and finding that both their flanks had carried all the works forming the outlying range of the main forts, they entrenched on small hills near Etse mountain under a severe enfilading fire, which caused them heavy losses."

BURN SURPLUS COTTON.

Bonfire Is Made in Streets of Town in Georgia—Movement of Farmers.

Fort Gaines, Ga., Dec. 29.—The farmers and merchants of Clay county met at Fort Gaines and decided to burn their share of 2,000,000 bales of surplus cotton. A starter was made Wednesday, when a bonfire was made of cotton on the streets of Fort Gaines. It is not yet determined where it will stop. The farmers have decided to set the pace, and are moving determinedly. A large crowd paraded with much spectacular ceremony. The object is to show that the farmers are ready to sacrifice a few bales for the benefit of the masses.

Watson to Publish Magazine.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Thomas E. Watson, of Thomson, Ga., the candidate of the people's party for president in the last election, incorporated with the secretary of state a stock company called Tom Watson's Magazine, for the purpose of publishing and circulating a monthly literary periodical of that name. The corporation is capitalized at \$125,000, divided into 12,500 shares.

An Enormous Christmas Tree.

Cincinnati, Dec. 30.—The Cincinnati Traction company Thursday night treated its employes, numbering several thousand, their wives, children and other relatives, to a fine Christmas entertainment. From a Christmas tree, 25 feet high and 100 feet in circumference, over 3,000 toys were distributed to the children. The entertainment is an annual affair.

Rich Haul of Robbers.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—After binding the engineer and the watchman employed in the Garden City Brewing company's plant, Albany avenue and Twenty-first place, early Wednesday, four trackmen blew open the safe and escaped with \$2,500.

Indicted for Land Frauds.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 28.—The federal grand jury has indicted E. P. Ormsby, William H. Davis, mayor of Albany, Oregon; C. E. Loomis, Henry E. Long, George Sorenson, and John Doe and Richard Roe, in connection with a land fraud in this city.

Shoppers Spent Millions.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The volume of Christmas shopping in Chicago is estimated at \$45,000,000, the greatest in the city's history.

BATTLE TO DEATH IN WEST VIRGINIA

FATHER OBJECTS TO DAUGHTER'S LOVER AND YOUNG MAN OPENS FIRE ON HIM.

Bullet Strikes, Instead, His Sweetheart—General Fight Follows in Which Lover and His Brother Are Killed and a Friend Wounded.

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 28.—Lucian and Ira Lucas, brothers, were killed, and Octavo Adkins, a friend, and a young lady were wounded in a fight which occurred Sunday night near Midkiff, Lincoln county. The Lucas boys and Octavo Adkins were returning from church, accompanied by Martha Williams and Miss Adkins, daughter of William Adkins. The party stopped at the residence of the latter. Adkins was opposed to his daughter keeping company with Ira Lucas, and ordered the young man to leave his house. This so enraged Lucas that he drew a revolver and fired at William Adkins. The bullet missed him, but struck his daughter, in the side, inflicting a dangerous wound. Firing then became general and when the battle was over it was found that both of the Lucas boys were dead and Octavo Adkins probably fatally wounded. William Adkins escaped being shot, but there were several bullet holes in his clothing. He gave himself up when the officers arrived.

CZAR SUGGESTS REFORMS.

Liberal Promises Are Made in an Imperial Ukase Just Issued.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—Emperor Nicholas II has issued a ukase which was supposed to be the first step toward a new constitution, with practically all the subjects brought to the emperor's attention by the memorial of the congress of zemstvos presidents held here last month, and while not specifically pledging the government to carry out the various reforms to their entirety, as demanded by the memorial, promises that each shall be referred to the council of ministers, with orders to report promptly on the fullest measures of relief which can be accorded by the various subjects.

One question not touched by the ukase is that of the constitutional assembly. Neither is the Jewish religion specifically mentioned, though freedom for all creeds or sects, whether Christian or otherwise, is among the subjects which will be dealt with.

The czar ignores the appeal for a constitution and an elective assembly. He makes it clear that the principle of autocracy will be upheld, but he promises that the excesses of bureaucratic chiefs shall be curbed; that the peasants will be made equal before the law with all other classes; that the courts will be made independent; that every accused person shall have a fair trial; that press censorship will be made less rigorous; that there shall be more freedom of religion and speech.

AGREED ON SUICIDE.

Two Men Form Death Compact and Take Poison—One of Them Is Dead.

New York, Dec. 29.—Benjamin J. Riley, of Brookline, Mass., on Wednesday night declared that he and Crestes A. Weed, of Boston, came to this city with the intention of committing suicide together. The two men were taken from the Grand Union hotel here early in the day suffering from morphine poisoning, and Weed died at the hospital after the physicians had tried for hours to save him. Riley was revived and was transferred to the prison ward of Bellevue hospital, where he is held on a charge of attempted suicide. It is thought that he will recover. Despondency over continued ill-luck, he says, was the trouble.

Three Fatally Hurt.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Three men were probably fatally injured and 12 badly hurt by a terrible explosion of dynamite in the new section of the drainage canal near Lockport Monday. Two large charges of dynamite, that had failed to explode when a general blast was set off, exploded almost directly under a huge steam shovel, wrecking it and burying a score of workers in the debris.

May Seat Peabody.

Denver, Col., Dec. 30.—By the action of the state canvassing board in issuing certificates of election as senators to Casimiro Dorels and Henry E. Millard the republicans have secured such absolute control of the general assembly that it is now regarded in democratic circles as highly probable that Gov. James H. Peabody will be reelected.

Centenarian Dead.

Denver, Col., Dec. 29.—Dr. Johann Jacob Eisenhut, 104 years old, the oldest person in Colorado, died Wednesday at St. Anthony's hospital in this city.

Business District Burned.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 28.—Fire in the business district of Oregon, a town of 1,000 inhabitants in Boone county, has caused a loss of \$30,000.

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