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THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

In New York Government bonds are quoted at 110 1/2 for 4 1/2; 110 1/2 for 4 1/2; 102 for 4 1/2; 102 for 4 1/2; 102 for 4 1/2; 102 for 4 1/2.

There was quite an active business in mining stocks in San Francisco yesterday morning. The sales were larger than for any Monday morning in a long time.

In a runaway accident near Monterey, a Mr. Moore, of Sacramento, had a shoulder dislocated. Two masked men entered a house in Oakland yesterday and shot both the occupants, a father and son.

Large quantities of oysters are being shipped to London and Paris from New York. John Dogo was thrown from a wagon and fatally injured near Contra Costa, Alameda county, yesterday.

The anniversary of the battle of New Orleans was celebrated yesterday at New York, Boston and other places. Gladstone is suffering from overwork. Playfair has resigned his seat in the British House of Commons.

The Democrats of the Sixth Louisiana District have nominated Bennett V. Lewis for Congress. The San Francisco city officials turned over the office to their successors yesterday. George W. Clark was inaugurated Governor of Kansas yesterday.

The General Assembly of Arkansas organized yesterday in Little Rock. An autopsy is to be held on the remains of General Chaney. The Prefect of Madrid has tendered his resignation. Fire in Minneapolis, Minn.; also at Easton, Me.

Sir Charles Dilke has been re-elected to Parliament. The opening of the Yellowstone National Park is announced to take place next June. A Montreal grave-rover has been captured with a "craquer" in his possession.

In a railroad accident yesterday near Cedar Falls, Iowa, several persons were hurt. Small pox is raging in Roanoke county, Virginia. J. Edward Monk and his wife committed suicide in Detroit Sunday.

Two butchers of Reading, Pa., have been selling the heads of hogs which had been bitten by mad dogs in the city of the rabies. E. J. Baldwin's condition is more favorable, and his "cousin" has been discharged.

The death of Chief Justice John W. May, of the Boston Municipal Court, is hourly expected. A three-year-old girl was found hanging by the neck, dead, near Watkinson yesterday. A cartload of carp is to be sent to the Pacific coast in a few days.

John M. Morrill is on his deathbed at Augusta, Maine. THE LOSS OF THE CITY OF BRUSSELS. The loss of the splendid Inman passenger steamer City of Brussels, by collision with another steamer, narrowly missed being an appalling disaster.

Had the collision occurred a little earlier, when all the passengers would have been asleep, there can be no doubt that the loss of life would have been very much greater. Great praise is evidently due to the Captain, officers and crew for their steady discipline, self-possession, and care for the lives entrusted to them.

The Captain appears to have taken every precaution in his power to insure the safety of his ship, and therefore all the responsibility rests upon the master of the other steamer, which ran into the City of Brussels. It is noteworthy that the escape of any of the crew and passengers of the latter is attributable mainly to the construction of the ship in compartments. Though the hull was cut down to the water's edge, and almost in two, it floated for twenty minutes. A vessel without compartments would have gone down like a stone in one minute after the collision.

NOT VERY EXTRAORDINARY. A case is reported from Toronto of a sudden development of insanity in all the daughters of a family, the mother of which has for some time been insane, though never sent to an asylum. She had been kept at home, and attended by three grown-up daughters, and suddenly these latter manifested mental aberration of a marked type. This is spoken of as a very extraordinary case, but there are many quite similar ones recorded. Of course there had been latent mania in all these young women, and probably they had all been regarded as eccentric for some time. They inherited their insanity, and alienists know that the nearest congeners of insane people are often almost as mad as, and are much more troublesome than, the patients themselves.

PRINCE KRAPOTKINE'S TRIAL. Prince Krapotkine, the amateur nihilist and anarchist, is to be tried in a manner which seems to afford very little opening for the peculiar kind of tactics usually employed on such occasions. He will have no jury to appeal to, but three Judges will hear and determine the case. Under these circumstances it is more than probable that the Prince will be convicted, and if he is the French Government will be apt to send him out of the country with a warning against return, if it does not give him a lengthy term of imprisonment. The latter penalty would doubtless be the more effectual of the two, for mere banishment would not prevent him from plotting and conspiring, while his prosecution would of course endear him to the elements which have hitherto constituted his favorite associates.

The Pacific Medical and Surgical Journal does not believe that the severe of San Francisco have much if anything to do with the general health there. Paris of the city where the disease is good often exhibited the past fall the highest death rate. It attributes the increased death rate to the fact that the population of that city was composed mostly of middle-aged and young persons, and that now the mortality exhibits a larger proportion of aged decedents; that San Francisco is now more largely the town of which invalids from all parts come to die, and that one-fifth of the deaths last year took place in the various hospitals.

THE LATEST CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT DECISION.

The decision given by the Secretary of State and the Attorney-General of the United States, to the effect that under the Exclusion Act Chinese laborers may be permitted to pass through the country, though quite consistent with the view taken heretofore by the Chinese Government, certainly appears to involve a very latitudinarian construction of the law itself. When the latter was first enacted it was objected to it that it would not allow Chinese in transit from one country to another to pass through the United States, and the Chinese Minister at Washington then called the attention of the State Department to the fact that there were several thousands of his countrymen in the West India Islands whose time would soon expire, and that the natural and most convenient homeward route for them was through the United States to San Francisco, and thence by steamer to China.

It was intimated that since no danger could accrue from the mere passage of these Chinese across the continent, a law which refused such transit to them was open to the charge of being deliberately unfriendly to China. At that time it was generally held that the law did prohibit the passage of Chinese through the country, and it has been left for the Attorney-General to discover that the Act is far more elastic than it was supposed to be.

It is contended, as a ground for refusing mere passage through the country to the Chinese, that if they once landed in New York it would be impossible to prevent them from staying, either there or at some point along the route, or at San Francisco. Whether this is really a valid objection is a question to be determined. It should not be impossible to devise measures for preventing such passengers from changing their intention after arriving in the country. It is not probable that they would care to take the chances of getting off the cars between New York and San Francisco, being in ignorance of the country; and it certainly would not be impracticable to see that they went from the cars to the wharf after arriving at the end of their land journey. As to the dangers apprehended from this loophole in the law, we are disposed to think them very much exaggerated. In the first place the law as a whole really does not offer any insuperable barrier to Chinese immigration. It is like putting a gate in the middle of a long wall which has no connections at either end. The gate may be locked, but it is always possible to walk round either side of the wall. We can keep the Chinese out at San Francisco, but they can get in easily enough either through Mexico or British Columbia, and we have no doubt that many have already entered the State both from the north and the south.

But for all this the short experience we have already had of the bill justifies the conclusion that it will stem the main stream of Chinese immigration, and that nothing is to be feared from the dribbles which will find their way in surreptitiously. As to whether all the good results anticipated from the bill are to be secured, time alone can determine. Thus far it has had scarcely any other effect than to make things better for the Chinese who are domiciled here. That is to say, it has raised the price of their labor to some extent, and has made them much more confident than they were before. As regards the effect upon the white population, none is observable beyond the increased annoyance springing from the natural growth of Chinese independence and arrogance. Before the passage of the bill we had a guarantee against this in the sharp competition among the Chinese themselves. We have destroyed that competition, and so erected the Chinese who are here into a sort of privileged class. We have made things so comfortable for them that they are sure to stay with us, and as there are quite enough of them to monopolize all the occupations they set their hands to, it is rather hard to perceive in what way white labor has been benefited by the bill.

Since its passage indeed there has been almost a reaction in some parts of the community in regard to the question. A great many of our farmers and fruit growers roundly declare that they cannot get on at all without Chinese labor. Some of the fruit-growers positively assert that they would have to abandon their business if they were made dependent on white labor. As the case stands they are not yet subjected to that deprivation, and in fact no change of any real importance has followed the passage of the bill. It has been assumed that in the course of a few years the resident Chinese population must begin to decline, as individuals make a little money and go home. But it seems possible that this expectation may be counterbalanced by the contraband importation of Chinese, so that the numbers here are likely to remain tolerably constant for some time to come. Of course it is to be presumed that if the Government permits Chinese laborers to pass through the country, in accordance with Attorney-General Brewer's construction of the law, precautions will be taken to prevent them from settling anywhere en route. With the adoption of such precautions we do not see that there need be any alarm as to the result of Mr. Brewer's liberal interpretation of the law, though no doubt it will furnish all the Chinophobes in the country with a text for the next few weeks.

ORUEL AND BARBAROUS AMUSEMENTS. It is no secret that a pit has been set up in this city for the purpose of dog and cock-fighting, and that already exhibitions of the kind have been given. It is therefore in order to point out that these amusements are made illegal both by a State law and by a municipal ordinance of Sacramento, and to inquire why the law and the ordinance referred to are not enforced properly. Cock-fighting and dog-fighting are emphatically cruel and barbarous amusements. They are brutal and embroiling. They minister directly to the most savage and uncivilized tendencies. They teach a horrible indifference to suffering. They are in all respects fit only for barbarians and ruffians, and it is disgraceful for any civilized or self-respecting man to take an interest in them. The sportsmen for these beastly and bloody contests have always been fond of expatiating upon the good they do in giving "lessons in pluck" and "endurance." But this is all fancy and dog of the worst kind. The spectacle of dogs and birds fighting with mutilated ferocity, mangle and torturing one another, can only demoralize all who witness it. It arouses in the spectators the passions and the inclinations of brutes. They fling aside their humanity, and by their yells and howls show that they are for the time being no whit higher in point of development than the wretched animals they are baiting. No man can see one of these combats without being the worse for it.

HOME AND ABROAD.

Tennessee's Absconding Treasurer—Fire at Sea—The Arkansas Legislature—Railroad Accident in Iowa—Carp for the Pacific Coast—Fugitive Matters—Small-pox in Virginia—Deaths in Detroit—Postal Changes—Items of Foreign News.

THE SECRETARY AND THE BOBBS QUESTION. The Secretary of the Secretary of War's letter in relation to the river and harbor improvements, submitted to the House last week, has been generally well received. The improvement of the Sacramento river, the Secretary says: "The previous appropriations for the improvement of this river have been small, and the present appropriation \$40,000 have been allotted for a continuation of this project, and not for the expenditure of the remaining part of the appropriation is for the improvement of the river from Yuba, American and Bear rivers—tributaries of the Sacramento and Feather—to hold back the Jeannette, cannot possibly be true. It must be admitted that Mr. Kennan makes out a very plausible case, and yet we think it may be worth while to suspend judgment for a while. For, however many objections to the story may be shown, it is still possible that the author of it has been stating facts. We have seen a great many drafts of travelers' stories by learned persons who were not within ten thousand miles of the scene. We remember how poor Du Chaillu was set upon when he declared that he had encountered the gorilla, and how many scientific skeptics thereupon undertook to prove that there could be no such animal. We remember also how, when Victor Hugo wrote his description of the poupe, or devilfish, in "The Toilers of the Sea," he also was pounced upon, and informed that his monster was fabulous. Presently, however, some fishermen of Newfoundland killed a poupe having tentacles thirty feet long, and from which no single man could have escaped had a creature once seized upon him. There have been a great many other disproofs of travelers' tales, in fact, and a large proportion of these disproofs have turned out to be fallacious. For this, among other reasons, and notwithstanding the great knowledge of Mr. Kennan, it may be a little while before he is able to convince the committee.

THE CHIPPY PARTY STORY. The Arctic traveler, Mr. Kennan, has undertaken to demonstrate that the story of the finding of the two members of Lieutenant Chippy's party, belonging to the Jeannette, cannot possibly be true. It must be admitted that Mr. Kennan makes out a very plausible case, and yet we think it may be worth while to suspend judgment for a while. For, however many objections to the story may be shown, it is still possible that the author of it has been stating facts. We have seen a great many drafts of travelers' stories by learned persons who were not within ten thousand miles of the scene. We remember how poor Du Chaillu was set upon when he declared that he had encountered the gorilla, and how many scientific skeptics thereupon undertook to prove that there could be no such animal. We remember also how, when Victor Hugo wrote his description of the poupe, or devilfish, in "The Toilers of the Sea," he also was pounced upon, and informed that his monster was fabulous. Presently, however, some fishermen of Newfoundland killed a poupe having tentacles thirty feet long, and from which no single man could have escaped had a creature once seized upon him. There have been a great many other disproofs of travelers' tales, in fact, and a large proportion of these disproofs have turned out to be fallacious. For this, among other reasons, and notwithstanding the great knowledge of Mr. Kennan, it may be a little while before he is able to convince the committee.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Philharmonic Society—Meeting This (Tuesday) Evening at the Presbyterian Church, corner of Sixth and L streets, at 8 o'clock sharp. W. D. CROFT, Secy. J. W. McNEILL, President.

Confidence Lodge, No. 78, of P. A. A full attendance of members is requested THIS (Tuesday) EVENING. Visiting Brethren and members of the Sister Lodges are cordially invited to attend. W. E. ROBERTS, Secy. S. KATZBERG, E. K. of R. (B. C.) 78-11

Stated meeting of Concord Lodge, No. 117, of P. M. THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, January 9, at 7 o'clock. All brethren are cordially invited. By order of the W. M. W. H. HENNING, Secy.

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