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BEYOND THE ROCKIES.

The Victims of the Grand Tunnel Mine Disaster Rescued.

NEARLY FIVE DAYS WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER.

A Member of the Western Traffic Association Asserts That All the Railroads of the Northwest Will Soon be Operated Under One Management—Miners' Strike in Pennsylvania.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WILKESBARRE, Feb. 9.—Intense joy prevails in the Grand Tunnel over the rescue, this morning, of three entombed miners imprisoned in the Susquehanna Coal Colliery, last Wednesday, by water.

The party were found in an almost exhausted condition from its 115 hours' imprisonment, and it will require care to bring the members through.

When the accident occurred some thought the men might possibly have gotten out of reach of the water, although the idea was scouted by the majority. The rescuing party has been steadily at work ever since, however, determined to learn the fate of the men. At an early hour this morning they heard a faint cry, and soon could talk with the imprisoned men, who said they "were alive, but for God's sake hurry."

In a few minutes more the rescuers made a raft and pushed their way to a little chamber at the head of the cross-heading, where they were found, lying in a cramped position, with the water almost up to them. They were quickly taken out into the open air, where dozens of their comrades hugged them and welcomed them as the dead come to life. Nourishment was given them, and in a few days they will be all right. They did not suffer much from hunger, the greatest misery being thirst and the cramped position in which they were forced to remain.

WITNESS OWENBY.

He Threatens to Sue the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—J. A. Owenby, the silver-pool witness, returned from Washington to-day. He threatens to bring suit against the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House and others, whom he holds responsible for his arrest while there.

In an interview he said that he had a great quantity of evidence that he was not permitted to give, which would have showed that he and Donald, the New York bank cashier, had an explicit understanding.

Owenby declares that a member of Congress from Nebraska, whose name he gave, offered him $2,500 to testify as to the facts known to him in regard to the silver pool.

Owenby charges that several of the Congressional committee made every effort to render his testimony "as farcical as their investigations."

He exhibited a number of telegrams and letters signed "Donald," which he said were from the cashier of the Hanover National Bank. They were worded in a very guarded manner, and their meaning was not apparent.

Owenby said he had a cipher for use in communicating with Donald. He says that in "due time" he will give the names of other members of Congress besides Senators Cameron and Representative Ketcham, who, he says, were implicated in the "pool."

LABOR TROUBLES.

Ten Thousand Miners Go Out on a Strike.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 9.—A strike in the Connellsville coke region was inaugurated this morning, and by to-morrow morning every mine and coke works in the region will be closed. About 10,000 miners went out to-day, and they will be followed to-morrow by 6,000 coke-drawers. The strike is against a reduction in wages and for advanced wages of 12½ cents per ton. A long struggle is inevitable.

The workers say they are well prepared for a strike and declare that they can maintain it for a period of nearly three months before any one will suffer.

A riot occurred at the Fort Hill Coke Works. A number of drunken Hungarians attacked yard boss Snyder and beat him unmercifully. They also beat a man who was assisting Snyder so badly that his death is momentarily expected.

RAILROAD CONSOLIDATION.

All the Roads in the Northwest to be Run Under One Management.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—A special from New York tells of another gigantic consolidation outlined to a reporter by one of the prime movers in the Western Traffic Association. He asserts that before the end of this year all the roads in the Northwest will be under one management. This would include the Northern Pacific, Canadian Pacific, Burlington, St. Paul, Northwestern and Great Northern.

This means an aggregate of 25,000 miles of road. Exactly how the consolidation will be accomplished the gentleman would not state, but he says the plan is now being worked out, and has met the approval of the several roads.

Passenger Train Wrecked.

MASON CITY (Ia.), Feb. 9.—The northbound passenger train on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern was derailed near Randalia this afternoon. Three cars went down the embankment. The train was heated by steam, except the mail car, and the stove there turned over, setting fire to the car, which was entirely destroyed. Twenty-five passengers were on the train, and all were badly shaken up. Some suffered fractured limbs, but none were thought to be fatally injured. The wreck was a very bad one, and it is marvelous that no fatalities resulted.

It Caused a Sensation.

RALEIGH (N. C.), Feb. 9.—In the House to-day, when the bill to repeal the charter of the Petersburg and Weldon Railroad was under consideration, a sensation was caused by the reading of a letter to the President of the road from D. H. Rittenhouse, formerly Secretary to President Polk, of the Farmers' Alliance, dated Washington, December 31st, in which he raised objections to its repeal and invited an interview.

B. A. Haggin Ill.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Since the middle of November Ben Ali Haggin has been extremely ill, and the physicians do not expect to see him out for several months. He was first confined to his room for a month with malignant scarlet fever. Then came an attack of gastritis, which led to neutritis, from which he is now suffering. His wife and children will arrive from Europe in a few days.

Satisfactory Arrangements.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—In referring to the demands of the Union Labor Assembly made at yesterday's meeting, President Gage, of the local World's Fair Directory, said to-day that there is no intention to treat the trades unions unfairly, and that he had no doubt satisfactory arrangements will be arrived at. The matter will be taken up at the next meeting of the directory.

Glassware Trust.

FINDLAY (Ohio), Feb. 9.—Five table glassware houses in Pittsburg, one in Wheeling, one in Fostoria, and one in Findlay, to-day joined in an application for a charter for a new trust. The combination is to be known as the United States Glass Company, with a capital of $1,000,000. This is said to be the beginning of a combination which will soon take in all the table glassware factories of the country.

Gift From Stanley.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 9. — Major Pond, Henry M. Stanley's manager, announces that Stanley has decided to give all the gifts which he has received from the crowned heads of Europe and other admirers, to General Booth of the Salvation Army for the cause of helping the poor of London. The gifts are valued at nearly $500,000.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The visible supply of grain, as compiled at the Produce Exchange, is as follows: Wheat, 23,359,000 bushels, a decrease of 460,000; corn, 2,592,000 bushels, a decrease of 50,000; oats, 3,218,000 bushels, a decrease of 308,000; barley, 3,050,000 bushels, a decrease of 94,000.

"He Wasn't In It."

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 9.—Billy Woods of Denver knock Mike Conley, the Ithaca giant, out in two rounds at the Audubon Athletic Club. The fight was for $1,000, three-quarters to the winner. Bob Fitzsimmons and Bob Carroll seconded Woods, Conley "wasn't in it."

The Deadlock Unbroken.

PIERRE (S. D.), Feb. 9.—In the first ballot for United States Senator to-day twenty-five different persons were voted for. There were a great many absentees, but all are expected here to-morrow. Many leading politicians express doubt as to any election by the Legislature.

Double Tragedy in Wisconsin.

CLINTONVILLE (Wis.), Feb. 9.—Charles Knock, a resident of Leopolis, shot and killed his wife and himself one day last week. The bodies were not found until Saturday evening. The face of Mrs. Knock had been partly eaten off by a cat.

Fight Declared Off.

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—The Puritan Athletic Club telegraphed George Dixon's manager this afternoon declaring the match between McCarthy and Dixon off, as they could not get a suitable place to hold the fight.

Death of a Descendant of Boone.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 9.—Theodore F. Warner, a pioneer of Northern Missouri, who started in business with the famous Ben Holliday, of the Overland Stage system, died last night. He was the great grandson of Daniel Boone.

Pan-American Congress.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Arnoux, Chairman of the Pan-American Congress, has issued a call for a meeting of the General Committee of Two Hundred to take place in Washington April 10th next.

STORMY WEATHER.

A BLIZZARD RAGING THROUGHOUT WYOMING.

Several Persons Frozen to Death in Nebraska—Tornado in Alabama.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

CHEYENNE, Feb. 9.—A terrible blizzard has been raging throughout this vicinity the last twenty-four hours. Stockmen are apprehensive of severe losses of cattle. No West-bound trains reached Cheyenne yesterday over the Union Pacific or the Burlington.

A relief train with provisions has been sent out to the fast mail and overland flier, which is stuck in the snow forty miles east of here.

FATAL BLIZZARD IN NEBRASKA.

OMAHA, Feb. 9.—The storm ceased last night in Nebraska, and is succeeded by severe cold.

Specials to the Omaha *Bee* show that a number of lives were lost in Nebraska during the blizzard. The wife of Milton Cummings, a farmer near Rushville, who started from town for home on Saturday, was found dead in her buggy within forty rods of a neighbor's house. Eddie Chidster and Stephen St. Peters, 14-year-old Kearny boys, who had been out hunting, were found frozen to death in a cornfield. M. L. Lissent, residing three miles north of Chadron, is supposed to be buried under a big snowdrift, and searching parties are looking for the body.

STORM SUBSIDING.

RAPID CITY (S. D.), Feb. 9.—The blizzard wore itself out during the night, and by the arrival of ranchers from the outlying points the extent of its severity is becoming known. So far no loss of stock is reported. A young man named Grant Bay and a school teacher, Miss Gray, who left town with a team during the blizzard, were found by cowboys some distance from the road. They had been overcome, and it is feared they will die.

FOURTEEN DEGREES BELOW ZERO.

HURON (N. D.), Feb. 9.—Reports from various parts of the State concerning the snowstorm indicate that the heaviest portion of the storm was in Jim River Valley, Huron being nearly the center. The wind attained a velocity of fifty miles per hour, and the thermometer this morning reaching fourteen degrees below. The heavy snowfall in Jim River Valley is hailed with delight, because of the moisture it will afford.

TORNADO IN ALABAMA.

BIRMINGHAM (Ala.), Feb. 9.—A tornado struck Helena this afternoon, unroofing and badly damaging several buildings. Two or three people were painfully injured. The storm went on in a northeasterly direction, and it is reported to have struck Talladega.

IT REACHES TEXAS.

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 9.—The coldest blizzard for the past two years reached here last night, and before midnight the mercury had fallen 44 degrees, with the wind blowing thirty miles an hour. West of here the zero point was reached, and a high wind scattered the flocks and herds.

SIGNAL SERVICE REPORTS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The storm last night over the Mississippi Valley from Iowa southward developed into a decided storm center near Lake Michigan. Gales on the lakes, blizzards in the Northwest and northers on the plains, reaching Texas, are now prevailing. Gales may be expected on the Atlantic Coast, and a cold wave over the States east of the Mississippi River. On the Gulf Coast the norther is likely to be very severe. Heavy snows are causing blockades in the lake regions and Atlantic States north of Maryland.

THE TEMPERATURE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—The temperature at 8 o'clock this morning was as follows: Chicago, 32°; Cincinnati, 36°; St. Louis, 24° above, and Winnipeg, 32° below.

COAST CHRONICLES.

The Railroad Ticket Office at Marysville Burglarized.

FATAL EXPLOSION IN A NEVADA COUNTY MINE.

Destructive Wind-Storm in San Bernardino County—Newspaper Consolidation at Seattle—The Oregon Improvement Company's Receiver Soon to be Removed—Financial Statement of the Northern California Citrus Fair.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

MARYSVILLE, Feb. 9.—Yesterday between 10:30 A. M. and 4 P. M. the railroad ticket office was entered and $350 taken. The thief unlocked the outside and inside office doors and turned the combination on the safe. The burglar box had not been locked. The thief opened it and took about $350, leaving a $250 check, $20 wrapped in paper and some small coins. There were no marks of violence, and the work was evidently done by a man familiar with the surroundings.

Agent Baird left the office at 10:30 and did not return until 4 o'clock. He found the safe door open and the money gone, but everything else in good order. All the other employes went to Woodland on an excursion. Baird says it is his personal loss, as he should have locked the burglar box. Much mystery surrounds the case, and the police have no idea who the culprit is.

Baird has been agent here for twenty years, and during that time the safe has been tapped three times, but unsuccessfully. About one year ago the office was entered and a fine revolver taken, but nothing else was disturbed.

Marysville has been overrun with swindlers, burglars and murderers since the opening of the recent Citrus Fair. Nearly all the work is done by traveling men. Only two captures have been made—one for burglary and one for robbery. The culprits were sent to the State Prison for six years each.

BURGLARY IN OREGON.

CORVALLIS (Or.), Feb. 9.—Burlars last night broke open the safe of Fisher's Flouring Mills and stole county warrants and other papers to the value of $500. Several hundred dollars in an adjoining drawer were not disturbed.

OREGON IMPROVEMENT COMPANY.

An Opportunity Offered to Preferred Stockholders to Purchase Bonds.

PORTLAND (Or.), Feb. 9.—A circular has been received here from the New York office of the Oregon Improvement Company that the company has offered to the preferred and common stockholders of record an opportunity to purchase $4,000,000 of the consolidated 5 per cent. gold bonds, authorized on November 1, 1889, due in 1939, and now held in the treasury of the company, at 70 per cent. and accrued interest.

Stockholders of record in February 4, 1891, of any number of shares may make application for the purchase of these bonds by addressing the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company of New York City, who will make allotment on equitable terms to them in proportion to their undivided holdings and the amount applied for. This option will remain open until Friday, February 3d.

All bonds have been underwritten by Lee, Higginson & Co. of Boston and a syndicate of bankers, who will take all the bonds not applied for by the stockholders.

These bonds are the ones which were recently admitted to sale by order of United States District Judge Deady. It is probable that within thirty days the property will be returned to the company and the receiver discharged.

MARYSVILLE CITRUS FAIR.

It Was the Most Successful Exhibition of the Kind Ever Held.

MARYSVILLE, Feb. 9.—The Executive Committee of the State Citrus Fair of Northern California held a final meeting this afternoon to wind up the business of the late fair. The reports of the officers and Chairmen of the sub-committees were read and adopted.

The reports show that the county subscriptions amounted to $1,000; individual, $1,080; gate receipts, $4,138; total receipts, $11,600. The principal expenditures were: Advertising, $1,531; decorations, $1,200; labor, $1,300; citrus fruits for decorative purposes, $1,200; total expenditures, $11,071, leaving a surplus of $526. This amount has been turned over to the Advertising Committee. They will expend it on a special edition of an illustrated paper advertising Northern California for circulation in the East.

Resolutions thanking President Rideout, Secretary Harney, Superintendent O'Brien, Treasurer Peacock, Manager Skinner, W. A. Lawson, editor of the Marysville *Appeal*, and to the ladies who assisted in the decoration of the pavilion were read and adopted.

It was resolved to hold the association together for the purpose of making exhibits at future fairs. This was undoubtedly the most successful fair of the kind ever held.

NORTHERN GRAIN SHIPMENTS.

Merchants Refuse to Pay the High Rates Asked by Ship Owners.

PORTLAND (Or.), Feb. 9.—Owing to the scarcity of wheat in many of the Northern and Northwestern States, and the high prices demanded for charters here, all wheat from Eastern Oregon and Washington is being shipped East by rail, and not a pound is coming here. Four or five train-loads have gone East daily over the Union Pacific and Northern Pacific for the past six weeks, and there is not more than a million bushels left in the warehouses in the inland empire, and about a million more in the hands of the farmers.

Shippers say if the charters had been 40 shillings per ton, but little wheat would have gone overland, but the ship owners knew there was a large crop, and thought their demands must be complied with, so 50 shillings has been demanded, and in some instances paid, and the result will be that by May the ships will be begging for cargoes, and there will be none for them, as all the wheat here has been provided for.

SWEET WINES.

Professor Hilgard Discovers Discrepancies in the Tests Made.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—Professor Hilgard, of the University of California, claims to have discovered a serious error in the Government tables for the termination of alcohol in sweet wines by the saccharometer. It is announced to be a termination by volume, but Hilgard says it is one of weight, which involves a discrepancy of one-fifth between the Government test and his own. It places wine-makers in jeopardy for having too much or too little alcohol, and changes the class into which their wines are put, thus inflicting upon them a great injury.

Professor Hilgard has sent his information to Commissioner Mason at Washington.

COAST WEATHER.

The Walls of a Sugar Factory Succumb to the Wind.

POMONA, Feb. 9.—A heavy desert wind at Chino yesterday blew down one-third of the walls of the sugar factory, which were thirty feet high and 150 feet long. The width of the building is eighty feet. There were no braces and the workmen at work on the walls previous to the wind warned the builders that it was not safe without a brace. Rebuilding has commenced. The repairs will cost $10,000. There was no other damage in Chino.

COLD AT DOWNIEVILLE.

DOWNIEVILLE, Feb. 9.—There has been very cold weather the last few days. The mercury went down to 20°. There is some ice in the river this morning. Water is scarce for miners, who are fervently praying for a good rain-storm.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY FUNDS.

The District Attorney Objects to Their Being Deposited With Banks.

STOCKTON, Feb. 9.—To-day the District Attorney again refused to accept a bank certificate of deposit as cash in the County Treasury, and with the Auditor and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors went to five local banks where the money was on deposit and counted the same.

It has always been the custom to deposit the county funds in the local banks, as the county has no secured place for keeping it. The District Attorney instructed the bank officials to seal up the sacks of the coin and keep the county's money so the officers can count the identical coin next month. The Treasurer says he will keep the money in the banks or resign his office.

Not Yet Identified.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—The police have not yet positively identified the robber whose skull was crushed in by William Ring, on Saturday night. The injured man's condition was slightly improved to-day, and if the prayers of the police can help him he will live and be tried for robbery. They are anxious that he may be given a term of life imprisonment as a warning to other desperadoes who are operating so boldly.

Refused to Canvass the Vote.

CARSON (Nev.), Feb. 9.—The joint committee of both houses of the Nevada Legislature met to-day and decided that the voting population of this State knew nothing of the Constitutional Convention when they voted for it, and a long wrangle ensued in both bodies. A final decision was reached that the matter was submitted to the people wrongly, and was wholly unconstitutional, and refused to canvass the vote.

Dubois' Election to be Contested.

BOISE CITY (Idaho), Feb. 9.—In the House of Representatives this morning a resolution to ballot for another United States Senator was passed by a vote of 19 to 17. A ballot is to be taken in each house to-morrow, and on Thursday there will be a joint session. Claggett has twenty-eight votes in his combination. Dubois' friends say they have no fears as to the outcome of the contest.

Red Bluff Items.

RED BLUFF, Feb. 9.—James B. Roberts, an old resident, prominent Knight Templar and highly respected citizen, died at midnight Sunday from consumption. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2 P. M., under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity.

Sunday night was the coldest of the season. Thin ice formed on water in the streets. There was damage to fruit crops.

Citrus Fair for Riverside.

POMONA, Feb. 9.—An immense mass-meeting in progress resolved to take no part in the citrus fair at Los Angeles, but to join with Riverside and Orange Counties in a citrus fair at Riverside, beginning on March 3d. There was great enthusiasm. A committee was appointed to go to work at once. They mean business henceforth.

Baseball at Fresno.

FRESNO, Feb. 9.—The All-Californias played the Fresno Club to-day, with Cahill and Hardie as a battery for the visitors, and Stapleton and Stanley for the home club. The visitors made eight base hits off Stapleton, and Fresno made ten base hits off Cahill. Score—All-Californias 6, Fresno 4.

Kern County Teachers' Institute.

BAKERSFIELD, Feb. 9.—The Teachers' Institute commenced here to-day. Professors P. M. Fisher, of Alameda, and C. T. Meredith and forty-eight teachers were in attendance. State Superintendent J. W. Anderson will be here to-morrow.

Newspaper Consolidation.

SEATTLE, Feb. 9.—It is stated to-night that the *Evening Times* has been sold to W. E. Bailey, proprietor of the *Evening Press*. The consideration was about $50,000. The *Times* will be merged into the *Press* to-morrow, and the paper will be known as the *Press-Times*.

Murder Trial Commenced.

BAKERSFIELD, Feb. 9.—The trial of P. Bernamayou, for the shooting and killing of Joaquin Commache in an altercation at Tehachipa on the 27th of September last, was commenced in the Superior Court to-day.

Steamer Libeled.

VICTORIA (B. C.), Feb. 9.—The owners of the steamer Eton, which was in collision with the City of Pueblo, have libeled the latter vessel for $60,000. Bonds were given and the steamer was not detained.

A Miner Killed.

NEVADA, Feb. 9.—Yesterday morning at the Eagle Bird mine of Maybert a premature blast killed Sigward Hanson and severely wounded Harry Woolburn.

Los Gatos Water Works.

LOS GATOS, Feb. 9.—Surveys were commenced this morning for the water works to supply Los Gatos.

Why He Was Proud.

Two negro vagabonds, who have been up before the Justice innumerable times, happened to meet in the corridor of the court-house. One of them held his nose high in the air and put on a great deal of style. The other was in custody of a policeman. The prisoner said to his friend:

"What's de matter wid you, niggah? Has you won de big prize in de lottery dat yer hold yer head so high?"

"I doesn't want ter be familiar wid de criminal element. I don't know yer, sah."

"Well, den, what does yer blow yerself out so much for? We has been in jail for weeks and weeks togedder. We has stole chickens togedder more dan forty times."

"I wants yer to understand dat for once I doesn't come inter dis court-house in de capacity ob a malefacter. On dis hear proud occasion I am here in de capacity ob a witness an' I wants ter be respected according."

The Russian Government has issued an order forbidding the employment of Austrian workmen either in agriculture or manufactures. Laborers of this nationality are conducted to the Austrian frontier every day by hundreds.

CLERKS FOR CONGRESSMEN.

The Matter Creates a Lively Battle in the House.

REPRESENTATIVE BIGGS SPEAKS ON THE SUBJECT.

He Characterizes the Amendment as a Salary-Grabbing Scheme, and Says That Every Member Who Votes for the Proposition Will Merit Political Condemnation at the Hands of His Constituents.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—A lively battle occurred in the House to-day during the consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill. An amendment was offered in Committee of the Whole to allow each member a clerk or secretary at a salary of $160 per month during the session of Congress. This attempt has been made annually for a long time by members who think that their duties are just as onerous and they are entitled to have secretaries as well as the Senators.

The opposition to this amendment was very decided. The speech of Representative Biggs, of California, was probably the most interesting made either for or against the proposition. When it becomes known that "Biggs of California" is going to speak on any subject there is the liveliest kind of interest in a moment. Whatever may be said against Biggs by his political enemies, one thing is certain, that when he rises to speak he always commands the attention of the House in a most flattering degree. The press gallery may be empty when the old gentleman rises in his place to address the chair, but before he proceeds far it is noised about that Biggs of California has the floor, and the gallery is instantly filled. He generally selects his own vantage ground, too.

After he had caught the Speaker's eye to-day, and had been recognized, he ran back to the rear of the House and took a stand beside Butterworth of Ohio, who championed the amendments for clerks to the members. Without more ado Biggs sailed into Butterworth, and predicted that if the Ohio Congressman's name was recorded among the "ayes" on this iniquity salary-grabbing proposition his political career would end disastrously, and he would not only be damned by his constituents, but would also meet the same fate in the next world. [Great laughter.]

Mr. Biggs said that on this very proposition of allowing clerks to Congressmen (which he had always opposed stoutly) his constituents had indorsed his action, and had increased his majority from 700 to 1,500.

"Did Daniel Webster or Henry Clay ever vote for a salary grab?" With a voice of thunder Biggs shouted "No," and called for a glass of water.

He said that any men who voted for this selfish scheme would merit political damnation, and he expressed a fervid belief and hope that every man who supported the salary grab would go to—(here the hammer fell).

"For God's sake, Mr. Speaker, give me a little more time."

This request was granted by very unanimous consent, and this was his preservation:

"Mr. Speaker, I have so far withstood temptation offered on every hand in Congressional life, and now in the autum of my political carecr, when I am about to retire in the full belief that my good constituents love and honor me, I am resolved to resist any temptation to selfishly promote my own private interests by imposing a heavier tax on my constituents, whose burdens are hard enough to bear under existing circumstances.

"My services in Congress belong to the people, and I expect to receive no reward except the salary which is fairly allowed me under the existing law. With this compensation I will be content, if in addition, at the close of my career I merit and receive the commendation of my people in the expression, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'" [Applause.]

A further amendment was offered and adopted increasing the salary of clerks to members to $6 per day during the session of Congress—the same compensation that is allowed secretaries to Senators. This amendment must pass the open House, and some members who favored it in Committee of the Whole will be loth to have their names recorded aye on what may be called a salary grab.

However, it is the general belief that the House will pass it, and that the Senate will do likewise, because each Senator has an ax to grind himself. They are trying to have the salaries of their own secretaries paid ad interim.

Representative Vandever says he is not in favor of the House amendment. He observed that the Democrats were always ready to indulge in all kinds of extravagances when they did not have to pay for them. He said that this particular indulgence would be charged up to the Republican Congress, while the Democrats would reap all the benefits. Another reason General Vandever assigned for his opposition, is the fact that under this arrangement the floor of the House will be always crowded with clerks and secretaries, and it is overcrowded under the present conditions.

MISS KATE DREXEL.

She Will Devote Her Life and Fortune to the Cause of Education.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 9.—Miss Kate Drexel will take her final vows at the Convent Mary on Thursday, and hereafter devote her life and fortune of over seven millions to the education of the Indian and negro races. Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Keane and other eminent clergymen of the Catholic Church will be present.

The Pope has approved her plans for the new order, to be known as the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. The mother house of the order will be at Adalusia, near Philadelphia, and work on the convent will begin next month.

HEBREW IMMIGRANTS.

Baron de Hirsch's Generous Donation in Their Behalf.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The trustees of the Baron de Hirsch fund have signed the trust deed prepared by the Baron, and on March 1st will draw on him for two and a half million dollars. The trustees are Myer S. Isaacs, President; Jacob H. Schiff, Vice President; Jesse Seligman, Treasurer; Julius Goldman, Secretary; Oscar S. Strause, Henry Rice and James H. Hoffman, Trustees. The general agent of the fund is Adolphus S. Solomons.

There are no restrictions in the agreement drawn up by Baron De Hirsch which would hinder the Trustees in expending the money given in a direction where it would do the most good to Hebrew emigrants accordingly to their judgment.

The income of the fund is about ten thousand dollars a month, and it will be devoted entirely to the relief and education of Hebrew immigrants and their children who come to this country.

The trustees have established branch committees in Philadelphia, Baltimore and a number of other places. Rooms have been rented here and fitted up for school purposes, and the Hebrew children of newly arrived immigrants are sent here to learn the English language.

The trustees have, within the last six months, found employment for nearly three thousand people. The trustees make no gifts of money, but give it as a loan, and the borrower gives a note, payable in installments. Mechanics are furnished with instructions and tools, and money is given for support when it is needed, but it must be returned. No interest is required.

The refusal on the part of the Russian Government to accept a gift of twenty-five millions from the Baron for the education of Russian Hebrews was the incentive which induced him to give the fund for the benefit of those Hebrews who come to this country.

TURF EVENTS.

Al Farrow Wins a Race at Gutenberg.

GUTENBERG, Feb. 9.—Following are to-day's results:

First race, seven-eighths of a mile, Bohemian won, Innocence second, Ozone third. Time, 1:32.

Second race, three-quarters of a mile, Goldstep won, Dixie second, Shotover third. Time, 1:16½.

Third race, thirteen-sixteenths of a mile, Hope Colt won, Clara Porter second, Roseville third. Time, 1:27½.

Fourth race, five-eighths of a mile, Sunday won, Rancocas second. Time, 1:02¾.

Fifth race, one and one-sixteenth of a mile, Al Farrow won, Marie Lovell second, Iceberg third. Time, 1:53¾.

Sixth race, seven-eighths of a mile, Wonderment won, Harry Ireland second, Landseer third. Time, 1:34½.

AT GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER, Feb. 9.—The races were run to-day in a rainstorm with the following results:

First race, three-quarters of a mile, Amalgam won, Marigold second, MacGregor third. Time, 1:33¾.

Second race, three-quarters of a mile, Sir Rae won, Covee second, Glideaway third. Time, 1:36¼.

Third race, thirteen-sixteenths of a mile, Lithbert won, Glenola second, Benefit third. Time, 1:41½.

Fourth race, five-eighths of a mile, Appomattox won, Carnegie second, Chieftain third. Time, 1:15¾.

Fifth race, one mile, Gounod won, Edward second, Friar third. Time, 2:06½.

They Fought With Shotguns.

SULLIGENT (Ala.), Feb. 9.—John Oldshue and T. J. Beck fought with shotguns over the ownership of a limekiln. Beck is dead. Oldshue fled.

A CONFLAGRATION AVERTED.

AN ATTEMPT MADE TO FIRE A BUILDING AT SANGER.

A Night Watchman Apprehends the Incendiary, and Lands Him in Prison.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

FRESNO, Feb. 9.—Sanger has recently been the victim of three disastrous conflagrations, and that a fourth did not occur is due to the efforts of the night watchman of the Rose Block, who succeeded in extinguishing a lively blaze.

About 2 o'clock this morning, while the watchman was making his rounds, he saw a man touch off some loose shavings in the rear and against the wall of the Rose Block. He hastened to the spot, and after extinguishing the flames started in pursuit of the incendiary, whom he captured and turned over to Constable Phillips.

He proved to be a man named Edward Schooley, well known to all the officers in the country, having served many terms in the county jail for being drunk and disturbing the peace, but was never before charged with a serious crime.

Schooley was locked up in the county jail this afternoon, and refused to talk of his crime. He had carefully planned the burning of the building, having piled up shavings and a lot of inflammable rubbish against the building which he fired.

It is believed by many that Schooley also set fire to the Pattison block, which was destroyed a short while ago.

CURRENT NEWSPAPER WIT.

A German Count—Eins, zwei, drei!—*Life.*

Though a needle is never known to speak it generally carries its point.

Scales are the only things that can stay where they are and steal a weigh at the same time.

Mrs. Wickwire—"I heard to-day that Mrs. Figg called me a vinegar-faced old thing. The idea." Mr. Wickwire (soothingly)—"Oh, well, she simply meant that your face had no flies on it."

"I saw something on the street to-day that I never saw before, and I have lived in this city thirty years." "What was it?" "A messenger-boy running with a message." "Where was the fire?"

A man, desiring to have a pet dog licensed, facetiously asked the clerk if the dog had to make a personal application. "No," was the reply; "you, as next of kin, can take out the papers."—*New York Ledger.*

An arithmetical dog—"But why do you call your dog Thirteen?" "Don't you see he's lame?" "Yes, but what has that to do with it?" "Why, he puts down three and carries one, doesn't he?"—*Munsey's Weekly.*

Simpkins—"Who is that pretty woman in bathing?" Bilkins—"A rich widow, I believe." Simpkins—"Rich, you say? Any incumbrances?" Bilkins (looking at bather carefully)—"Don't see any, do you?"—*St. Joseph News.*

Mr. Cumberback—"Isn't that Miss Walker? They say she's such a jolly girl—I should like to meet her." Miss Stonewall—"Your chances are pretty good, as she doesn't ride much better than you do, and you may be thrown together."

EPITAPH ON A BAKER.

We kneed not weep, we doughnot know
But that he'll win the heav'nly prize,
Perchance, he took some of his yeast,
If so, then he will surely rise. —*Epoch.*

"Have you got your scales with you?" said the trout to the sucker. "I have," answered the sucker. "Why?" "Well," said the trout, "I'm going to take that fly, and I'd like to be weighed before I leave the brook, just for my own satisfaction."

Doctor—"I see just what's the matter with you. You need something strengthening. Eat a plate of oatmeal, boiled, every morning for breakfast." Patient—"I do, doctor." Doctor (equal to the occasion)—"Then leave it off."—*New York Observer.*

"I vas in great luck." "How vas dot?" "Vy, I find $500 yesterday belonging to dot miser Marx, and ven I gif it back to him dis morning he never sharge me no interest for der use of dot monish for twenty-four hours." "Marx vas getting shildish."—*N. Y. Sun.*

They lingered in the gloaming
Beneath the star-lit sky,
Yet oft unto his hearing
There came from her sigh:
He marvelled at her sadness
And longed to ask her why.

Then as he pressed her closer
He lisped: "Why dost sigh?"
"Ah, Gus," said she, "I cannot
Tell unto thee a lie.
The trouble is I've eaten
Too much spring chicken pie."
—*Birmingham Age-Herald.*

DOMINION OF CANADA.

An Appeal to the Electors by Sir John Macdonald.

HE BEGS THEM TO REMAIN LOYAL TO THE QUEEN.

Reciprocity with the United States Only the Forerunner of Annexation—Advantages to be Derived by Remaining Under the Broad Folds of the Union Jack.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

TORONTO (Ont.), Feb. 9.—Sir John Macdonald has published an address to the electors of Canada, in which he says: "As in 1882, and again in 1887, so in 1891, do the questions relating to the trade and commerce of the country occupy the foremost place in the public mind. Our policy in respect thereto to-day is what it has been for the past thirteen years, and is directed by a firm determination to foster and develop the resources of the Dominion by every means in our power consistent with Canada's position as an integral portion of British Empire. To that end we have labored in the past; and we propose to continue in the work to which we have applied ourselves of building up on this continent, under the flag of England, a great and powerful nation."

Dealing with the policy of the opposition, he says: "Unrestricted reciprocity would, in my opinion, inevitably result in the annexation of the Dominion to the United States, although its advocates in Canada deny such to be the case."

Sir John continues: "To the descendants of the pioneers who settled this country, and the multitudes of Englishmen, Irishmen and Scotchmen who emigrated to Canada, that they might build up new homes without ceasing to be British subjects, I appeal, and ask you what have you to gain by surrendering that which your fathers held most dear?

"Under the broad folds of the Union Jack we enjoy the most ample liberty to govern ourselves as we please, and at the same time we participate in the advantages which flow from association with an Empire as mighty as the world has ever seen. The great question which you will shortly be called on to determine resolves itself into this: Shall we endanger our possession of the great heritage bequeathed to us by our fathers and submit ourselves to direct taxation for the privilege of having our tariff fixed at Washington, with a prospect of ultimately becoming a portion of the American Union? I commend these issues to your determination, and to the judgment of the people of Canada, with unclouded confidence that you will proclaim to the world that you resolve to show yourselves not unworthy of the proud distinction you enjoy of being numbered among the most dutiful and loyal subjects of our beloved Queen."

ITALY'S CABINET.

New Ministry Approved by King Humbert.

ROME, Feb. 9.—King Humbert has approved of the following Cabinet: Di Rudini, Premier, Minister of Foreign Affairs and *ad interim* Minister of Marine; Scolombia, Finance; Nicolari, Interior; Luzzati, Treasury; Pollux, War; Bianca, Public Works, and *ad interim* of Posts and Telegraphs; Ferrais, Justice; Chimini, Agriculture; Villari, Instruction.

It is stated that a saving of twelve million lire is possible in the naval estimate. An examination shows that the finances of the Marine Department are in great disorder. For instance, while only 12,108 men are afloat, estimates were made for provisions for 17,660 men.

The *Reform*, Crispi's organ, declares that the new Ministers are all at variance with one another, and it is doubtful if France will adhere to the proposed commercial arrangement with Italy.

King Humbert has offered Signor Crispi a title of nobility.

Signor Branca, Minister of Public Works, to-day said that the new ministerial programme will deal chiefly with economics in the public service.

THE EMPEROR'S HEALTH.

It Is Exciting Apprehension in Court Circles.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The state of Emperor William's health is exciting most serious apprehension in Court circles in Berlin, but it is high treason to mention the subject. There is reason to fear that the painful ear malady from which he is suffering is threatening to become cancerous.

There seems to be some ground for belief that the cause of the death of Prince Baudouin, of Belgium, was due to suppressed small-pox. Every member of the Royal household, from the Grand Marshal down to the brushers, has since been carefully vaccinated.

Peace in Central America.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—President Barrillos, of Honduras, telegraphs Consul-General Buiz that the rumors about the revolution in Honduras and Central America are untrue, and to all reports contrary. All Central America is at peace and busily engaged in gathering the coffee crop, which will be the largest Guatemala has yet produced.

President Bogran, of Honduras, telegraphs: "Complete peace reigns in Central America. Honduras is all right."

British Grain Market.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The *Mark Lane Express* says: English wheat is firm. Prices of foreign wheat are supported. Russian is 6d. higher. California is firm. Barley is firm. Oats are strong and corn steady. At to-day's market the best English wheats were well held, foreign excepting; white sorts dropped 6d. under abundant shipments.

On the Field of Honor.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—In a duel to-day between Larroumet, a Director of the Academy of Fine Arts, and Conder, of the *Echo Du Paris*, Larroumet was wounded in both hands.

A Model Young Man.

Train up a child in the way that he should go, etc. New York *Truth* puts an old chestnut into a new husk in this style:

Fussy old gentleman to a chance traveling lady companion:

"Have you any children, madam?"

"Yes, sir; a son."

"Ah, indeed! Does he smoke?"

"No, sir; he has never so much as touched a cigarette."

"So much the better, madam; the use of tobacco is a poisonous habit. Does he frequent the clubs?"

"He has never put his foot in one."

"Allow me to congratulate you. Does he come home late?"

"Never. He goes to bed directly after dinner."

"A model young man, madam—a model young man. How old is he?"

"Two months."