

YUKON RELIEF EXPEDITION.

MAJOR RUCKER REPORTS TO THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

Gives the Plans He Has Prepared for the Parties to be Sent Out by the Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The War Department has received advice from its agent at Dyea, Major L. H. Rucker, Fourth Cavalry. He reports at length upon the plans he has prepared for the relief parties to be sent out by the Government.

He says that it will require 115 mules and 130 mule drivers to transport 120 tons of supplies into Dyea. Luggage ready to send down the Yukon River to Dawson when the ice will permit. He proposes to divide the route into three sections.

The Major has worked out all the details of the expedition, but while submitting them according to his instructions, he adds that he recommends strongly that the Government contract with one of the railway companies to take in the supplies. One at least of these roads will be open by the time supplies reach Dawson City, he says, and he files an offer from one of the roads for the transport of 150 tons of supplies or more for 16 1/2 cents per pound, delivered at Lake Lindemann.

A telegram was received at the War Department to-day from E. H. Wells, a newspaperman who has just arrived at Seattle from the Klondike, saying that he has with him the long-expected report from Captain Ray to the Secretary of War, which he was charged to place in the hands of the Secretary himself.

Captain Ray was at Fort Yukon when he sent his report on December 20th last. Inasmuch as the department officials who are charged with the preparations for the Government relief expeditions are very anxious to secure such information as Captain Ray has, without waiting for Mr. Wells to make the trip across the continent, he was telegraphed by Acting Secretary of War to place in the hands of the Secretary of War the dispatches for the General Merriam, commanding at Vancouver Barracks. The General has been instructed to open the report, and telegraph such points as may be necessary for the information of the department.

VESSELS BOUND FOR ALASKA. TACOMA, Jan. 31.—The steamer Rosalie cleared to-night for Dyea and Skagway with 185 passengers and 200 tons of freight.

PORT TOWNSEND, Jan. 31.—The steamer Chilcoot, arrived here to-day.

SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—Two steamers sailed to-night for Alaska, the Protection and the Rosalie. The former had thirty-two passengers and the Rosalie 175. Of the total number of passengers for the latter vessel 124 were looked in this city, and the remainder in Tacoma and Port Townsend, at which places the Rosalie called after leaving here.

REV. C. O. BROWN.

Congregational Association of Chicago to Take Up His Case.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Rev. C. O. Brown will be given an opportunity to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Congregational Association of Chicago at its meeting to be held February 14th. The call for the meeting will be issued by Rev. George W. Coleman of Lake Forest Church, the registrar of the association. The following petition has been sent to Rev. Coleman: "We, the undersigned, call for a special meeting of the Chicago association for Monday, February 14th, at 11 o'clock, to consider the case of Rev. C. O. Brown, D. D., and for the transaction of such other matters as may be presented. Rev. J. A. Adams, Rev. W. D. Westfield, Rev. George R. Wallace, Rev. W. A. Waterman, Rev. W. D. Silcox."

The five clergymen who signed the petition have been friendly to Dr. Brown, but who, it is said, are not as kindly disposed toward him since he acknowledged the offense. The meeting will be held in the rooms of the Ministerial Union, and as Mr. Brown desires to confront the members of the association, the time is fixed at two weeks distant, in order that he may be present.

WILLIAM HARRITY.

He Has Not Been Removed From the National Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Chairman Jones of the Democratic National Committee says there is no truth in the statement that he removed William Harrity and substituted the man designated by the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee as his successor.

Mr. Jones said that Chairman Garman of the Pennsylvania committee and a number of Pennsylvania Democrats called upon him last week, and after Garman informed the Senator of the action of the Democratic Committee of Pennsylvania, said that the matter would be presented to Senator Jones in an official manner, and all the papers and correspondence laid before him.

Senator Jones informed Mr. Garman that the power of removal of a member of the National Committee rested wholly with the committee itself, and that he would take the papers submitted to him and send a copy to Mr. Harrity, to give him an opportunity to make a reply. After both sides had been heard, he would take the papers in the case and send a copy to each member of the committee for an expression of opinion. The committee might then be called together.

er, if the members so determined, when the case can be discussed and decided.

GALLANT SOLDIER DEAD.

Ex-Governor Plaisied of Maine Passes Away.

BANGOR (Me.), Jan. 31.—Ex-Governor Harris M. Plaisied, who died this morning, was born at Jefferson, N. H., November 21, 1828. He worked on his father's farm until he was 17 years old, and then acquired a college education by teaching school during portions of the year. Afterward he was principal of the Waterville Liberal Institute and later Superintendent of Schools. He was graduated from the Albany College of Law in 1855, and practiced law in Bangor until August, 1861, when he enlisted for the war in the Eleventh Maine Regiment. He was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel on October 3, 1861; Colonel, May 12, 1862, and commanded his regiment in the Peninsula campaign of 1862, taking part in the siege of Yorktown, the battles of Williamsburg, Fair Oaks and the Seven Days' battle. He was a Brigadier-General during the latter part of the war in 1863, and also during the great campaign of 1864-65 against Richmond and Petersburg, when his command, known as the "Iron Brigade," had men killed and wounded on fifty-nine different days, losing 1,385 out of 2,498.

While in the service his command never moved to the front without him. He was twice promoted by the President for "gallant conduct in the field," and was warmly commended by all his commanders. General Plaisied returned to the practice of law at Bangor on October 3, 1863, and served two terms in the Legislature, three terms at Attorney-General of the State, and gained distinction as a lawyer and orator. He was elected to the Forty-fourth Congress as a Republican, but in 1878 left his party, having taken a stand for Government currency as opposed to bank currency. He was nominated as the fusion candidate for Governor in 1880, and was elected for two years. At that time the greenback movement was strong, and the Maine elections excited prodigious interest.

AERIAL NAVIGATION.

Thomas A. Edison, Jr., Experimenting With an Airship.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Thomas A. Edison, Jr., is experimenting with an air ship which he believes will be successful. The ship is the invention of Frank Sauter of Milwaukee, Wis., but Edison hit by accident upon a gas which he believes is the only thing required to make the ship a practical thing. Sails were substituted instead of any propelling power. Mr. Edison says:

"It was at this point that I conceived the really new principle. It struck me that it would be a good idea to inflate the sails with gas, thus making them serve as balloons, as well as supplying the sailing power. It would not do to make baggy balloons of the sails, so they were divided into numerous compartments, which, when inflated, resembled water bags. The tubes running to the balloon was tapped in three places to supply gas to the mainsail, and rubber tubes carried gas to the two jibs. The compartments of the mainsail were connected by narrow openings, the gas thus flowing freely through the entire sail.

"A rudder completed the air ship. After many failures, we were successful. The ship actually flew, and we succeeded in steering it. I believe that the inflated sail idea is the one that is going to solve the aerial navigation problem."

Appointments Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The Senate to-day made the following confirmations: William J. Mills, to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of New Mexico; John R. McPhe, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico.

Postmasters—California: Theodore W. Leydecker, at Alameda; Edward Oakford, Tulare.

The Theater Hat in Paris.

M. Blanc, the new Prefect of Police in Paris, has begun his administration by the issue of a stringent ordinance against women's high-trimmed hats in the parquet and balcony seats of the metropolitan theaters. The rule does not apply to women in the boxes. Curiously enough, a similar rule was enacted at the close of the last century by the Chief of the Parisian police, whose name was not M. Blanc, but M. Nols. The same edict debarred all women, except those of the aristocracy, from appearing in theaters and places of public resort with rouge on their cheeks.

Distance Was Against Him.

A certain writer sends a poem to a Northern publication with this note: "This poem was written for bread. I would be glad if you would give it an early reading." The editor complied with his request, for in a short time it was returned, with the following note: "We read your poem immediately, and we would give you a bread ticket for it if you were nearer to a New York bakery. As it is, we are compelled to return it."—Atlantic Constitution.

An Expert.

A witness who was very prolix and tested the patience of the bench, jury and even the counsel who had called him, was suddenly asked by Judge Joseph F. Daly: "What is your business?" He answered: "I lead the orchestra at a music hall." "I thought," responded the Judge, with a weary look at the courtroom clock, "that you must be an expert at beating time."—Argonaut.

If you give a baldheaded man a fair show he will be sure to occupy a front seat.

POISONED GAME.

It is a Wonder Many Persons Have Not Been Killed.

It is high time that something were done to put a stop to the indiscriminate scattering of poisoned grain for the purpose of killing off birds. If the poison were to be scattered in fields that remained in particular fields it would not be so bad, for land owners might prohibit persons from invading their property and shooting game that had eaten poisoned grain, or if any one should trespass it would be at his peril. But the trouble is that birds are everywhere and somewhere else to-morrow. They may eat poisoned grain in one end of the county and be shot miles away, thus endangering the lives of those who eat them.

Yesterday Game Warden Helms went out to a locality about six miles south of Poison to investigate a report that the ground was covered with dead doves that had been poisoned. He found about 2,500 of these birds scattered about, all dead, as reported.

Helms found that the poison had been put out by a farmer named Daniel Paskenberg. Paskenberg, when called on, admitted that he had put out wheat soaked in strychnine to kill the birds that ate his growing grain.

The facts were reported by Warden Helms to District Attorney Ryan, and the latter could find no law governing the case. There is a clause in the law which prohibits the use of destruction of certain species of birds, including doves, between specified dates. In the case of the doves, this protection begins on the 15th of February, so that after that date any one can be prosecuted and punished for poisoning or otherwise killing doves. Warden Helms subsequently conferred with Supervisor Morrison on the subject, and Mr. Morrison declared his intention of introducing an ordinance at the first meeting of the board making it a punishable offense for any one to put out poison where wild game are liable to get it.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Rhys Thomas of San Francisco is at the Golden Eagle.

Mrs. M. Miller of this city has left for New York on a visit.

Miss Julia Robinson of Lakeview, Or., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. J. H. Liggett.

Commissioner of Public Works E. E. Leake was over from Woodland yesterday.

Dan Hyman, who had been visiting San Francisco for the last week, has returned.

Superior Judge Hart went to Woodland last night and will hold court there during this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Nagels and Miss Decker are home again after a week's sojourn in San Francisco.

W. L. Dunn, editor of the "River News," and Andrew Lauritzen, both of Rio Vista, were in the city yesterday.

Rev. R. J. Johnston, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, is expected to arrive in Sacramento with his bride some time next week. Rev. Mr. Johnston was to have been married in Belfast, Ireland, on January 7th.

THAT GOLD BRICK.

Receiver Smith Wants It in His Possession.

Judge Johnson's court was engaged yesterday in hearing testimony in the case of S. B. Smith against Sheriff Johnson. The plaintiff is receiver in the matter of the suit of Mrs. Jennie B. Ritter against the Interior Development Company. When the company's property was attached the Sheriff turned on a gold brick, the result of a clean-up in the defendant's mine. This brick the receiver seeks to recover.

Crops Not Suffering.

Mrs. Alice M. Valensius of Arno was in the city yesterday. Mrs. Valensius and her son are extensive growers of wheat and other cereals, and she reports all crops in her vicinity as doing well. Although a little backward in consequence of the protracted frosts, she says the grain is being strongly rooted and when it does start it will grow rapidly. The storm that set in last night, while not absolutely necessary would do much good, as it brings warm weather.

Woman Beater Pleads Guilty.

Bill Francisco pleaded guilty in the Police Court yesterday to an assault on a woman named Maud Muller. Judge Davis taxed him \$10 for his fun.

Young Ladies' Institute.

The party to be given at Turner Hall to-morrow evening will be by the Young Ladies' Institute, not the Young Men's Institute, as published yesterday.

Under Adversement.

Defendant's motion for a new trial in the case of Antoine King against L. E. Chandler was yesterday taken under advisement by Judge Hart.

Admitted to Citizenship.

In Judge Hughes' court yesterday Frank J. Clifton was admitted to citizenship. He is a native of Canada.

PITHY PARAGRAPHS.

Portsmouth (N. H.) High School girls are advertising an approaching school benefit by appearing on the streets as "sandwich men" with placards hung about their necks. A cigar smoker consuming half a dozen cigars a day for fifty years has, in all very lumped together, about sixteen feet long and two broad, weighing a ton and requiring a steam engine to create a through draft when it is lighted. A pipe smoker would use half a ton of tobacco.

One of the most curious and ancient examples of the locksmith's art is attached to the door of the Temple Church, London. The key weighs seven pounds, is a foot and a half long, and instead of being made for a lock, as are other keys, it has the distinction of having a lock made for it.

A St. Louis man returned a marriage license he obtained a few weeks ago with this notation on the back: "I am too poor to get married; will try again later on." His fiancée, who confesses to 29 years, says \$4 is sufficient money with which to get married, but he insists that \$100 is necessary. A Frenchman is the inventor of a scheme whereby the wool on sheepskins can be converted into velvet. Until now the tanned sheepskins have been used only for rugs, carpets or the lining of clothing, the wool being left in its curled state. The inventor leaves the wool on the skin, but has a process of arranging the hairs so they do not mat.

The solid food taken in a lifetime would be nearly fifty tons, and the liquid would be 1,280 times a man's weight. If all this was of the consist-

For a Rainy Day.

A few left of those Women's Black Gloria Umbrellas at 48c; steel rods, pretty crook handles and the best sort of valve. Some higher price ones at \$1 and \$1 50.

Umbrellas, 38c.

Men's medium size Umbrellas, slightly imperfect, special price of 38c.

An English Twill Umbrella, fast black color, metal trimmed handles, steel rods. Special value at \$1 25.

Men's Mackintoshes.

Recently we held a special sale of Men's Box-Coat Mackintoshes. Coats up to \$10 were reduced to \$5. Those above \$10 were reduced to \$10. We have still good assortments left.

Fine garments every one of them, and the biggest sort of value.

Women's Mackintoshes.

Special value in Women's Double-Texture Mackintoshes, with capes, \$3 48. Silk-lined Mackintoshes, \$7 50. Misses' Rubber Coats, with capes, \$2.

Oilskin Clothing.

Men's Oil Coats, medium length, \$1 75 and \$2 25. Oil Coats, full length, \$2 25 and \$3. Short Sack Coats, \$1 and \$1 50. Oilskin Trousers, 85c and \$1 10. Aprons, 50c.

Wet Weather Footwear.

Women's Storm Rubbers, 50c. Men's 75c. Children's and Misses' Rubbers, 25c and 30c.

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WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Sale of Seiberlich Shoes

For Misses and Children.

Shoes made by the Seiberlichs of Philadelphia are well and favorably known by shoe buyers everywhere. Many parents in Sacramento have purchased Seiberlich shoes for their children for years past, and found that they always gave satisfaction. Recently the Seiberlich-Kast Shoe Co. decided to close out the stock carried in San Francisco, and made us a very favorable offer for the entire stock. We bought it for spot cash and are going to sell it at special sales. There are thousands of pairs of fine shoes in this stock for women, misses and children. None of the shoes have ever been offered at retail, and every pair is bright and fresh and in the most attractive styles. Seiberlich's shoes are made by skilled workmen. You have only to look at any shoe in the lot to see that at a glance. They are strictly high-grade goods, and you must not judge the quality by the very little prices at which we are going to sell them.

The first sale will comprise Misses' and Children's Shoes. It will consist of

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LOT 1—Children's Dress Shoes, with both cloth tops and kid tops, spring heels and patent leather tips. Fresh new goods, never before offered at retail. Thoroughly well made in every respect. Sizes 5 to 8.

Wednesday's Price, 48c.

LOT 2—The same Shoes as the above but in sizes for larger children. The sizes are from 8 1/2 to 11. You will scarcely credit the price. Here it is,

Wednesday's Price, 68c.

LOT 3—Misses' Spring Heel Shoes, patent leather tips, black cloth or kid tops. Neat, stylish and well-made shoes, in sizes 1 1/2 to 2. At the price it will pay you to lay in a supply for future use.

Wednesday's Price, 88c.

LOT 4—Same Shoes as in Lot 3 but in larger sizes for school girls in their teens. Medium square toes, with tips, spring heels, cloth or kid tops. Sizes 2 to 6.

Wednesday's Price, \$1 08.

ency of a frothed egg it would be 29,000 times as big as the man and if the total amount of sustenance was converted into mechanical power it would be equal to lifting 87,600,000 tons one foot high.

Krupp, the great gunmaker, has recently completed some paper cannon for the navy. Their caliber is two inches and they are so light a single soldier can carry one. At the same time the resistance is greater than that of a field piece of steel of the same size. It is not expected these paper guns will replace those of metal. They are merely intended for use in portions of the field where the taking of metal guns is impracticable.

In the time of good Queen Bess the wearing of hats was considered a sign of luxury or an assumption of superiority which rendered those who thus stepped out of their proper rank liable to a fine. An Act of Parliament was actually passed at this time by which every person above the age of 7 years and under a certain degree, was obliged to wear a woolen cap of English make on Sundays and holidays under a penalty of 3 shillings and 4 pence for each day's neglect. This Act was repealed somewhat later in the same reign. In the church warden's account of the parish of Fulham there is the following curious entry: "1587. Paid for the discharge of the parish of Fulham for wearing hats contrary to the statute, 5 shillings and 2 pence." The hats came from Geneva.

After a voyage around the Horn the slab of California redwood ordered by W. W. Astor has at last reached Cliveden, on the Thames. A carpenter shop has been built on his estate and workmen will soon begin the conversion of the slab into a table at which Mr. Astor hopes to seat twenty guests. The circumference of the slab is forty-eight feet. London clubmen are now beginning to say that each guest should have two and one-half feet space, and this would call for a table fifty feet in circumference or fifty-two and one-half feet, including the chair of the host. But there is no hard and fast rule as to space, and it is thought that, in order to win his bet, Mr. Astor will have chairs especially constructed for use at the feast. The total cost to him will be about \$50,000.

A Home Cut. Teacher—What do we learn from the story of Samson? Tommy (with unpleasant results still manifest)—That it doesn't pay her broken women folks cut a feller's hair.—Brooklyn Life.

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AN UP-TO-DATE PAPA. Came to His Daughter's Rescue and the Day Has Been Named. "I want some laudanum and sweet oil and a bit of cotton to stop a pain in my ear," said an old fellow in seedy attire as he rushed into a corner drug store. "Been sneezing it a little?" inquired the clerk, as he filled the order. "Not exactly. If you don't mention it I'll tell you something. I got this pain in my ear a-listening." "So. Draught through a keyhole?" "Yes, sir. And it's surprising if I don't have newralgia or lockjaw or some other infernal ailment, but father must sacrifice himself to his child's good, I s'pose. You see, there's a young man has been keeping steady company with my daughter for three years and ain't never set the day. But it's set now—yes, sir; it's set for certain." "You encouraged him to propose, did you?" "Not an encourage. It was the girl who did the encouraging. The chap said he thought somebody was outside the parlor door, and she said, kind of indifferently, it was only pa and a lawyer, a-taking notes either for a breach-of-promise case or a wedding, she wasn't sure which. With that he set the day, and we'll have a rip-roaring wedding at Christmas, and the happy groom will pay all expenses. Yes, thank, the pain in my ear is a lot better. S'long."—Chicago Times-Herald.

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