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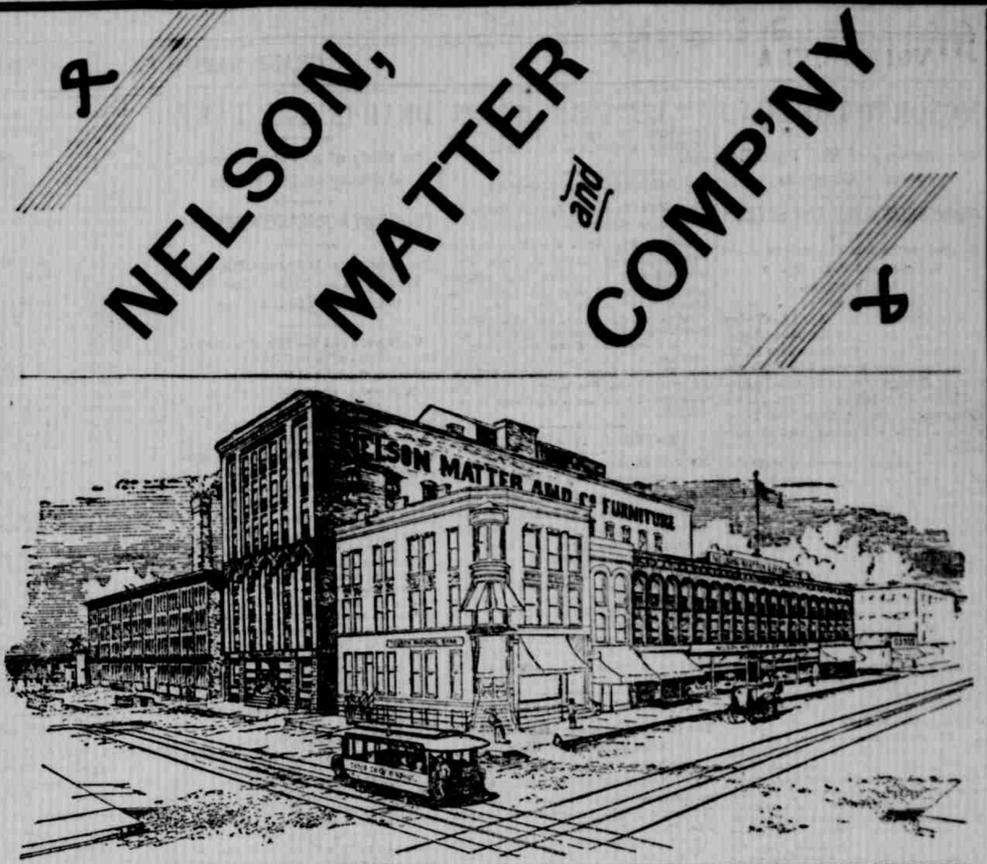
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WAR IN THE WEST

Ranchmen Trying to Exterminate Cattle Thieves.

THE FIGHTING WAS DESPERATE

A Bloody Engagement Reported, in Which It is Said the Former Were Defeated, Eight Being Killed.

HELENA, Mont., April 9.—A dispatch from Dillon, in the southern part of the state on the road to Jackson, in Wyoming, announces that a battle occurred two days ago between a band of thieves and cattlemen on the Montana side of the Wind river country. The news was brought in by a ranchman who talked with one of the participants.

Ranchmen from southern Montana, northern Wyoming and northern Idaho, exasperated by the depredations of an organized band of thieves of the Teton section, assembled by agreement at a point somewhere west of Blackfoot and began the search for the robbers and found a large body entrenched in winter quarters.

Eight Men Killed. They attacked them and were repulsed, losing eight killed and many wounded. The robbers also lost heavily. It is known that the ranchmen had been contemplating this action, and that fact gave color to the rumor. The place where the fight is said to have occurred is isolated and news of the fight would not reach the outside world for several days. This encounter is supposed to have occurred on Green river, where the outlaws have winter quarters.

News comes from Billings, Mont., that the body of a man, as yet unidentified, was found Wednesday evening in a secluded place about 10 miles from there. He had been shot in the head and had been dead, it is conjectured, about ten days. Two dead horses, also shot, with bristles on, were lying near by. There have been two other mysterious disappearances of Wyoming ranchmen who were en route to Canada within the last two weeks.

Incorporated Band of Thieves. This band horse of and cattle thieves is incorporated under the laws of Wyoming under a high-sounding name. Plans for a war of extermination have been under formation since last fall.

Besides a party of twenty-five that started out from Billings, it is learned that a party left Big Timber March 19, under the lead of Sam Roberts. The party composed thirteen men, all of them frontier and mountain men. They loaded two cars with horses, pack mules, guns, ammunition and food. Their departure was kept a secret as far as possible, the newspapers being asked to withhold all information for the present. One hundred thousand dollars' worth of beef was raised for this expedition and the men are paid \$1,000 each. The leaders get \$2,500.

Blindly in the Prospect. Bloody war is expected. The outlaws are determined not to yield to arrest. There is still a great deal of snow in the mountains and it may be slow

work for the cattlemen to reach their headquarters, but they have the satisfaction of knowing that the thieves will have no chance of getting away from their mountain fastnesses and snowbound basin. Every road from the basin is guarded.

Hanged Sixty Men. It was in 1884 that the last expedition of this kind was formed. The men started out in June and cleaned out the last thief in December. They hanged sixty men and followed some of them into Canada. The biggest killing took place on Big Bend of the Missouri, where the cattlemen had a battle. The Marquis de Mores figured in that raid. He contributed \$5,000 and afterward left the country on a vacation.

Will Surround the Kustlers. CASPAR, Wyo., April 9.—The cattle army that left here a few days ago is one of the heaviest armed expeditions that ever passed into the Big Horn country. They have a small cannon with them and have announced their intention of carrying a war of extermination against the men they term rustlers who, however, claim to be peaceful ranchmen, whom the cattle kings have branded thieves and are trying to run out of the country. An army of men are reported between Lost Cabin and Leader, headed for the basin, and if it is true that an army went by way of Gillette into the basin it must be that they are going to unite at the present camp of the cattle army. The greatest fears of the friends of the rustlers is that the cattlemen from Montana will come down through the basin from Billings and that the two armies will get the rustlers between them and exterminate them.

Death of a Well-Known Divine. SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—Rev. Dr. J. Beaton, one of the oldest Congregational ministers on the Pacific coast and president of the Golden Gate Theological seminary, died at his residence in Oakland Friday from bronchitis. He was born in Guilford, Conn., 73 years ago, graduated from Yale college, and came to California in 1849.

To Check Austrian Emigration. VIENNA, April 9.—The government has decided to adopt severe measures to check the emigration of young men to America. In the future no one will be allowed to emigrate unless he has served full time in the army. A bill will shortly be introduced into the Austrian diet to limit emigration.

The Failure Record. NEW YORK, April 9.—The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days number 208, as compared with total of 218 last week. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 242.

Tennessee Republican Convention. NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 9.—The republican congressional convention for the Second district met at Knoxville Friday. John C. Hawk was nominated to succeed himself in congress.

An Arkansas Man Hanged. PINE BLUFF, Ark., April 9.—At an early hour Friday morning F. K. Frazer was legally hanged at Toronto, in Cleveland county. Frazer's crime was that of criminally assaulting his 15-year-old stepdaughter in October last.

MAD RUSH FOR LAND

Oklahoma Again the Scene of Great Excitement

TROUBLE MAY BE ANTICIPATED

Thousands of Would-Be Settlers Flock to the Borders of Indian Lands Soon to Be Opened.

GUTHRIE, O. T., April 9.—The excitement over the prospective opening of the 4,000,000 acres of Indian lands is greater to-day than it has been any time yet. Thousands are gathering in this vicinity and are completing their outfits so as to be ready to start for the line of the reservation on a moment's notice. Every day they arrive by the hundred—some by the trains, some in wagons and some on foot. One company of 300 negroes are on the line who came overland nearly 100 miles, most of them walking the entire distance. The survey of the six new town sites is proceeding slowly, and it is feared that they will not be ready to open at the same time with the balance of the country. If this prove to be a fact it will cause a great crowd of people to gather about the towns, and at the word "go" they will rush in on horseback, in wagons, and on foot, and, as at Chandler and Tecumseh last fall, many will be killed. If the town sites can be opened at the same time as the rest of the country this rush and loss of life will be done away with. The nearest town is 30 miles from the line, and as the people will have to ride that distance, but few will arrive at a time, and the town being open they will take up lots as they arrive and all wild rushes, quarrels and fatal accidents will be avoided.

To Be Opened April 19. Gov. Seay has received a telegram from Secretary Noble stating that the opening would be on April 19. He urged that the town sites be opened then if possible and in case they were not ready stated that soldiers would be stationed at each town to keep the crowd out until the governor proclaimed them open. All of the troops in the territory were placed at the disposal of the governor to patrol the reservation and keep out the "sooners." Secretary Noble also says that any man who crosses the line before the hour of opening will forfeit all right to both a homestead and town lot.

Everybody must start even and all have an equal chance. Government employes, surveyors and others who may be in the country by authority must come out to the line and start with the rest or else lose all rights. This last order tips in the bud a scheme of a company of capitalists, including several congressmen and senators, who had their plans all laid to capture all the land about Fort Reno by the aid of government employes and there found a town, which they would have made the capital of the territory by special legislation.

Wanted to Assassinate the Mayor. BERTON HARRON, Mich., April 9.—The total of William Vance, the colored

gambler indicted with Louis Robb for shooting at Mayor Hobbs on the night of January 23, terminated in the circuit court Friday. Sixty witnesses were examined on both sides. W. F. Paterbaugh swore that he saw Vance fire the shot through the window of the mayor's house. Others swore to Vance's bad record in Anderson, Ind., he having committed various crimes. The jury was out twenty-five minutes and brought in a verdict of guilty. Judge O'Hara will probably sentence Vance to imprisonment for life.

Charged with Murder. WAUPACA, Wis., April 9.—Assemblyman Alfred R. Lea, Sam Stout, Alfred Pall and David Holmes, all of this city, have been arrested upon indictments returned by the grand jury when it finished its investigation of the murder of Banker Mead. Stout is charged with being a principal in the murder, and Lea, Pall and Holmes as accessories. Tab Pryor is also under arrest at Rhinelander charged with being a principal in the affair. It is thought probably four more arrests will take place soon. The men under arrest will probably be tried at the next term of court in October.

Probably Fatal Fire at New York. NEW YORK, April 9.—The five-story rear tenement house at 82 Clinton street was damaged \$10,000 by fire. The first and second floors were occupied by cloakmakers and the third and fourth by M. Grossman & Son, furniture manufacturers. The watchman of the building has not been seen since the fire was discovered and it is thought probable he has been burned to death.

Fatal Outcome of a Quarrel. POPULAR BLUFF, Mo., April 9.—At an early hour Thursday morning Charles, oldest son of Judge John G. Wear, became involved in a quarrel with Ed. Lael, a young man working for the Iron Mountain Company as caller. Wear drew a revolver and shot Lael in the temple, from which he died at 7 o'clock. Wear gave himself up and is in jail.

Hiccoughing for Eight Months. TOPEKA, Kan., April 9.—One of the most remarkable cases of hiccoughing known is that of Miss Etta May Cox. She has been hiccoughing at the rate of seventy-five times a minute for eight months, except when asleep. She is so much reduced in strength and flesh that she is only a living skeleton. She came here from Troy, N. Y.

Instantly Killed by Electricity. CLEVELAND, O., April 9.—Edward Lohise was instantly killed Friday morning by an electric shock. Lohise was putting up an awning. The electric light wires were crossed with the awning frames and he received the full force of the current.

Canada Shut Out. ST. JOHN'S, N. F., April 9.—Newfoundland grants licenses to United States fishing vessels, but refuses them to Canadians; a bill now before the Newfoundland assembly imposes duties almost prohibitory on Canadian products.

In the House. WASHINGTON, April 9.—The entire time of the house on Friday was occupied in the discussion of the bill to admit cutting logging free of duty.

FOR A SECOND TERM

President Baker, of the World's Fair Re-elected

BUTTERWORTH IS BOUNCED

Other Officers Chosen—A Grand Saving Effected by a Big Cut in Salaries.

CHICAGO, April 9.—World's fair directors at their meeting Friday afternoon elected without contention the following list of officers to serve during the coming year: President, W. T. Baker; first vice president, Harlow N. Higginbotham; secretary, H. O. Edmunds; solicitor, W. K. Carlyle; treasurer, A. F. Seeburger; auditor, W. K. Ackerman; commissioner at large, Thomas B. Bryan.

Salaries Cut Down. One of the features in this election is the reduction of salaries. As indicated, the finance committee made a report before any voting was done, and the salary of the president was cut from \$12,000 to \$6,000 per annum, and Mr. Baker says he won't draw that. The salary of \$6,000 which Mr. Bryan drew as first vice-president was withdrawn, so that Mr. Higginbotham will serve without pay—something, however, which he intended doing in case he became president. The office of second vice-president has not had any salary attached. Treasurer Seeburger's salary of \$5,000 was reduced \$1,000. Mr. Edmunds, who becomes secretary, will draw \$2,000 per annum, a raise from \$1,500, which he has been drawing as assistant secretary. Mr. Butterworth, who retired from the office of secretary, drew \$10,000, so that a large saving was effected there. Mr. Carlisle, who, as attorney for the board, will perform the legal duties which devolved upon Mr. Butterworth, is to get a salary of \$5,000 per annum, an increase of \$800 over his present salary.

VICTORY FOR OXFORD.

The Cambridge Eight Defeated on the Thames.

LONDON, April 9.—For the twenty-sixth time since the inauguration of the Oxford-Cambridge boat race, the crew of the Oxford University boat club has passed the winning line ahead of their opponents. The dark blue of Oxford was again carried to victory by the strong arms of its wearers, and thundering cheers greeted the oarsmen as they rested on their oars after their well-fought battle for success. Altogether forty-five races had been rowed, one of which, that of 1877, terminated in a dead heat.

Oxford's time was 19 minutes 21 seconds. The time is the best ever made over the present course. It was at first announced that they had won by a length and a half, but the official announcement of the judges put the distance at two lengths and a quarter.

They Go Exploded. BOSTON, April 9.—The democratic state convention of Massachusetts was held Friday. Resolutions against free silver and the tariff were adopted, also the following: "While ad-

hering to our honored custom, we do not specifically pledge our delegation; we yet declare our conviction that the best interests of the party and the country demand the nomination and election of Grover Cleveland as president, and we are confident that under his leadership the principles of democracy will again win a glorious victory."

Will Resume the Ghost Dance. GUTHRIE, Okla., April 9.—Frank White and Buffalo Black, the two Indians who claim to be prophets of the coming messiah, have been released from jail on a writ of habeas corpus and have left for the Pawnee reservation, accompanied by a large number of their Indian followers, who had come here to attend the trial. The ghost dances will once more be renewed, and as many of the Indians are arming themselves and refuse to obey the agent's orders, it is very probable that troops will be needed to quell an outbreak within the next two weeks.

Must Hold a New Election. LANSING, Mich., April 9.—The supreme court has decided that the election of Joseph Fuller as probate judge of Montcalm county last March is void because a special action was not ordered by the board of supervisors or the governor, and consequently by Lucian C. Palmer, who was appointed probate judge by the governor November 12, 1890, upon the resignation of Judge Wallace, and who contested Fuller's claim of election, will remain on the probate bench until his successor is duly elected.

Seeking Heavy Damages. DES MOINES, Ia., April 9.—The heirs of Dr. Preston B. Plumb, who, while deranged, jumped from a window of the Des Moines Wesleyan institute and was killed, have sued the institute for \$30,000 damages. Dr. Plumb had been a patient, but the institute folks claim he was only a visitor at the time of the accident.

Baseball Next Tuesday. CHICAGO, April 9.—The season of the National baseball league will open Tuesday next with the following games: Chicago at St. Louis, Cleveland at Louisville, Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, New York at Philadelphia, Brooklyn at Baltimore and Boston at Washington.

Won't Sell Oleomargarine. PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 9.—Retail dealers in oleomargarine at Pittsburgh will go out of the business to avoid prosecution under the state law. They will stop the sale of about 1,000,000 pounds of oleomargarine monthly, manufactured at Chicago and Cleveland.

Missouri River Bridge Damaged. OMAHA, Neb., April 9.—The Burlington bridge over the Missouri river at Nebraska City was damaged by fire Friday night to such an extent that it is dangerous for trains to run over it. The loss is about \$10,000. The fire was caused by a careless watchman.

New Jersey Forest Fire. WATERFORD, N. J., April 9.—A forest fire broke out Friday near Cedarbrook and spread rapidly in all directions. Hundreds of acres of woodland were destroyed and the houses of Andrew McGilley and Mr. Howe were burned. The fire is severest near North Ches-

hurst and endangers Foster's hotel, the extensive Dunbarton hennery and other valuable property. The loss thus far is estimated at \$20,000.

MONETARY CONGRESS

A Bill Introduced in the House to Provide for Holding One in Chicago in 1893.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Mr. McCrea in the house introduced for Mr. Springer a bill to authorize the holding of an international monetary congress. The bill covers all the details of the congress. It provides that the congress shall meet in Chicago August 8, 1893, and continue in session at the will of the majority. Twenty-one delegates are to represent the United States; seven to be chosen by the president; seven by the president of the senate; and seven by the speaker of the house. The president's appointees are to be citizens not holding office; the others are to be senators and representatives. The appointments are to be divided equally as possible between the political parties. The secretary of state and the director of the mint are to be additional delegates. The president is authorized to invite foreign governments to send representatives, each government to determine the number of its representatives, but to be entitled to only one vote. The secretary of state is to call the congress to order and is to preside until a permanent officer is elected.

Desires Elected Commander. LAS VEGAS, N. M., April 9.—The fifth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of New Mexico, held its annual session here Friday. Ex-Senator S. W. Dorsner was elected commander, as had been expected. J. F. Franklin, of Las Vegas, was elected a delegate to the national encampment. Santa Fe was selected as the next place of meeting.

Judge Payson Dead.

POSTAGE, Ill., April 9.—Ex-Congressman Payson, of this city, has been sued by the daughters of Franklin Oliver, who died, aged 94, in the year 1881, for the recovery of 1,500 acres of land. The complaint alleges that Payson took advantage of the old man's mental incapacity to secure for \$4,400 land worth over \$60,000.



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