

FIRST EDITION

EXCITEMENT IN NEBRASKA.

Men Arming to Defend their Timber Against

Low Prices—Prospect of a Fight.

A correspondent of the Omaha Republican writes from St. James, Nebraska, as follows:—

An exciting event has happened in this usually quiet neighborhood. About a mile above the city of St. Helena there is a piece of timber growing on land made by the Missouri river. This was surveyed last spring, and all of it pre-empted or bought. A party on the other side of the river, pretending that the land had never been surveyed, have at various times driven over the river and taken off timber in large quantities. The settlers on this side at last determined to put an end to this, and a force was organized on January 30, 1870, to capture the offenders. They succeeded in arresting three or four, and gave them a trial, but on account of some illegality in the papers, they were acquitted. Immediately afterwards they announced their determination to clear the whole of the timber on that place.

This aroused the ire of the Nebraskans, and on Friday last the Sheriff of this county, at the head of a small posse, went into the timber to arrest whom he could find. He soon found one and proceeded to arrest him. The man at once drew a revolver, but the Sheriff caught it by the lock, and notwithstanding the desperate attempt he made to throw back the hammer, the Sheriff finally succeeded in wresting it from him. He had no sooner accomplished this than he found himself surrounded by thirty men, who, with revolvers pointed at his breast, demanded that he should return the weapon to them. In the face of such numbers, it would have been madness to refuse, and it was accordingly returned. Mr. Fenny was then allowed to depart.

On Saturday last the settlers, to the number of one hundred and fifty to two hundred, assembled at St. Helena, with the avowed determination of capturing or killing the timber thieves. Owing to illegality in papers, they were unable to leave St. Helena for the timber until about 2 o'clock P. M. In the meantime, they procured legal papers, and each and every member, feeling that the law was on his side, resolved to do or die. But the game was too coy. On reaching the field not an enemy was to be seen. Another organization of settlers took place this day with a similar result.

There has been a requisition sent to Governor Butler, to be sent to the Governor of Dakota Territory (Barbark), for the arrest of those who have trespassed and resisted the law.

TWO MISSING STEAMERS.

The Bremen Steamer Smidt Thirty-seven Days Out—The City of Boston Still Unheard From.

Much apprehension is entertained in some quarters as to the safety of the Bremen steamer Smidt, which left Bremen, bound for New York, on the 24th of January, and has not yet arrived, and is, therefore, now thirty-seven days out. The Smidt is under the command of Captain Scheers, and had on board when she left Bremen 238 steerage passengers. None in the cabin.

WHAT HER AGENTS SAY.

Messrs. Thiele, Motz & Co., the agents of the Smidt, say that they do not feel any great alarm at present as to the missing vessel; that she is notoriously slow, and has been thirty days on her passage once before; and that her shortest passage to the westward was only twenty days to the eastward sixteen days. They also say that the extreme length of the passage has probably caused the supply of coal to run out, and so the boat has had to depend on her canvas alone; that she is comparatively a new steamer, and very strong, and they have no doubt of her ultimate arrival.

DESCRIPTION OF THE VESSEL.

The Smidt was built in Bremen in 1868. She is an iron steamer of 2400 tons, and was originally intended for a sailing ship, but the intention of the owner was altered, and a pair of small engines were put into her, and she was made into what is termed an auxiliary propeller, that is, mainly dependent on her canvas, with the screw as auxiliary. She is ship-rigged and has three decks—the two lower ones for steerage passengers, and the deck above for the crew. She has a large amount of accommodation for cabin passengers, of which she generally had but few, and she was known to be so slow that this class gave the preference to the faster steamers of the line.

THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Nothing has yet been heard of the City of Boston, now thirty-two days out from New York, for Liverpool, and very grave fears are entertained that she will add another to the list of missing steamers never to be heard of more. At the last account the London underwriters were charging a premium of fifty per cent to insure her. It being possible that she might have run on Sable Island, a government vessel has been despatched from Halifax to that place in search of her. Taken in connection with the fact of the Bremen steamer Smidt being missing, there is just one chance in a thousand that the two vessels may have come into collision with each other. But neither of them has been given up as lost, and it is thought that they might, if disabled, run for Fayal, in the Azores, and as consular agents have been sent to that place at long intervals, a great greater time may elapse before the news could reach here or England. Sailing ships have been known to be missing for ninety or even one hundred days, before intelligence was received of their being safely at Fayal.

CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE.

Singular Case of Domestic Infidelity and a Strange Charge.

The facts of a startling case, which has been entrusted for development to Special Detectives Carroll and Stratford, of Jersey City, have just been made public. A fortnight ago, a man by the name of Maynard, at the office of a leading manufacturer in Jersey City, and who had been employed there as cashier and financial manager, had succeeded in embezzling from the funds entrusted to his care an amounting to about \$10,000. Maynard stated, in effect, that this divulgence was dictated by a desire to retaliate injuries which he had suffered. His marriage with his wife had ended in the result of a bargain between her father and himself. Her father had been in debt to him, and he had agreed to discharge him on the obligation if he would give his daughter in marriage to him. Under the terms of such a contract the marriage took place; but Mrs. Maynard put herself not only to conceal the fact that she had not given her heart with her hand. Their union was blessed with one daughter, who grew rapidly in beauty, grace and intelligence. During all this time the father had never succeeded in securing any satisfaction from the man she had wedded, she so much disliked him that she charged, she conspired against his life and employed assassins to murder him; these attacked him with a slung-shot and knives, and being stunned he stabbed him three times fatally. He sought a place away from home, and lived in it until he recovered. He then went away, and did not hear from his wife or child for some years subsequently. She finally learned on her knees for reconciliation, and he set her to his home again. Not many weeks ago he died after this before he overheard his wife and Fraburg conceiving a plot to put him out of the way by means of poison. In the course of the conversation he overheard the wife saying to Fraburg, "I will let you know how I will get you out of the way."

BELLIGERENT BLONDES.

Lydia Thompson, the "Shovel-Nosed Bark of the Sea of Vice," et al., vs. the Chicago "Times."

The following article from the Chicago Times, entitled "The Blondes of a Nitchell," was the inciting cause of the grand combined attack of the blondes and the male combatants on Mr. Story, the editor of the Times, and in which affray the combination came off second best. Unless the entire community is mistaken in its opinion, this is about the last of Lydia. She is effectually "played."

If there is any subject entirely repulsive to the public, it must be that which forms the refrain of this article; and if further reference is made to it, it is done in the same manner and for the same reason that gambling and prostitution are discussed in the columns of this newspaper—that the evil may be properly shown up and effectually cured. Great credit is due to the Times for its noble and its noble accomplishment of this purpose, and we venture to predict that, after two or three weeks, the public will have learned to despise the vulgar and the form of the leg drama, or, if not, that such exhibitions will fail to secure the attendance of any respectable man, as they have already driven away every respectable woman.

The public may not yet fully appreciate the justice of the crusade inaugurated by the Times against this kind of literature, but it is worth noting that it is played in an American city, unless it is in New Orleans or Sunday nights, where they have not been protesting in the morning of the republican community. In New York the women have been openly denounced by the newspapers for their lewd demagogues in public; in St. Louis, they played to empty benches, and in Chicago, they were almost entirely ignored. It was voted in the course of discussion that Southern women were yet in "the Borribooga-Gha of benightedness" as far as the suffrage movement went.

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A voice from the reporter's left suggested that women must be more aggressive. Another voice said that man's normal condition is that of a polygamist. Conservative women are responsible for this. The lady who spoke would never permit any man to bring to her an accusation against any woman. Women were used to bearing wrong and keeping their mouths shut—they were like the Sultan of Turkey's slaves. Mrs. Blake proposed to catechise each lady present as to why she was in favor of woman suffrage, and so she acted as self-appointed censor. The reasons were various in verbalism, all but tending to one point—female oppression—mental, social and civil.

One lady did not desire the ballot, because she could not do it without feeling that she was interfering with the rights of the man. "Have you had all your rights?" asked the fair interlocutor. "Yes," was the answer, "and I have been very exacting, too—had a great many wants. They have never interfered with me." The lady, it is needless to say, was an "outsider," and not a member of the association.

THE LAST SHAKY IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Many Frightened, But No One Hurt.

At about twelve o'clock yesterday there were two perceptible, but not severe, shocks of earthquake felt throughout nearly all the city. As is usual upon feeling the slightest tremor from the ground, people in the city were in a state of momentary fear, and many of the people rushed into the streets, and many of the people certainly not—but just to see why the crowd collected. Small tables, which a few moments previously had been standing in the rooms, were overturned. It being, however, specifically stated that no damage had been done, not even an old brick building having been started from its foundation, and that the people were not injured to their ordinary avocations, and in a short time the subject of the shock became of the past and was apparently forgotten.

NO DAMAGE DONE.

After a careful search through the different portions of the city none of our reporters could find any evidence of damage having been done to any building, and the only damage done was to the windows of many of the houses, which were broken by the fall of plastering, mirrors, and glasses, and were not wanting this time. Of course there were more or less rumors and idle stories about upon the streets, but generally they were of the nature of the outer coating which had been in existence for the last two years.

ALONG THE CITY FRONT.

The old wharves and rickety buildings along the city front, which had been for years in a state of worms or rot, were of course somewhat shaken. But in spite of their age and infirmities, they held their own, and not a single one fell. The people inhabiting that locality ran up town, of course, not because they were frightened, but to assist, if possible, those who had probably been hurt, up to nearly every man had an excuse for being absent from his proper place.

AT SCHOOLS.

At the public schools, although the pupils were more or less frightened, through the prompt action and good judgment of the teachers there was no panic. At the Lincoln school, which is the largest of the schools, the pupils were marched out of the building with the same regularity as upon other days. At the school in the Jewish Synagogue on Sutter street there was a momentary panic, which, however, was easily quelled. Among the hundreds of children who yesterday attended school we cannot learn of the least disturbance, and the schools were generally dismissed after the hour.

AT THE WASHINGTON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

At the Washington Street Baptist Church the obsequies of the late Henry Watson were interrupted by the shock, and led to a very peculiar and convenient cushion on which to fall, fainted. Others less fortunate were denied the privilege of being buried in the church, in the interment. As all the buildings in San Francisco, including the old rookeries, are still standing, we may say "it has been a great shakes after all."—Alla California, Feb. 18.

BLACK MAIL.

Four Hundred Dollars to Escape a Lawsuit and Scandal.

One of the boldest and most barefaced attempts to inflict black mail has recently come to our knowledge, and the innocent victim stands a hard-working, honest mechanic of this city, and well known as such in the community. The circumstances are substantially as follows, the affair having taken place several weeks since—A strange female, accompanied by two children, appeared at the young man one day about the time mentioned, the woman declaring him to be her husband, by marriage in another State, and father of the children in her charge. The woman was very bold and pressing in her demands, and refused all overtures and promises based on any consideration of money.

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