

their former level, or close to it. I can make that promise because there will be an influx by the time the new graded cattle from Texas, and with the thousands of them on the market a break in prices is bound to follow.

The conference to be held in Washington will be held on Thursday in a place not yet selected. As it is to be a secret session the place chosen probably will not be made known in advance.

These men will confer in Washington with Attorney General Davies of this state and Alfred L. Bullowa, Senator Samuel S. Slater and James W. Hawes, members of the committee appointed by the Republican club.

The Game Is a Simple One. Pittsburg, Pa., April 28.—John A. Rush, president of the Valley Trust company of this city, who owns a cattle ranch near Cheyenne, Wyo., said today:

Western packers I doubt have a working agreement and are able to force prices up or down at their pleasure. The agents of the packers agree on the prices they will pay for the meat. They adhere to this agreement. One man buys the cattle at the price agreed upon and then divides them with the other packers.

Knox Called On for Relief. Pittsburg, Pa., April 28.—United States Attorney General P. C. Knox met a number of butchers here yesterday and received their complaints relative to the alleged granting of rebates by the railroads to the so-called beef trust.

Quo Warranto Suggested. Trenton, N. J., April 28.—On the part of the retail beef dealers a petition will be sent to Governor Murphy to have him instruct Attorney General McCarter to institute quo warranto proceedings against the firms who are associated in the so-called beef trust and to restrain them from doing business.

Falling on the Scales. Utica, N. Y., April 28.—This city is feeling the effects of the operations of the meat trust. Thomas E. Norton, one of the largest retail dealers in Bleeker street, has been forced to suspend business during the continuance of the high prices. Several other retail meat dealers have filed petitions in bankruptcy in the United States district court during the past ten days and more will follow.

Lots of Evidence Secured. Chicago, April 28.—Testimony of packers' former employees is being secured by federal prosecutors in order to clinch their case against the alleged beef trust.

Indians Wage a Bitter War. Wichita, Kan., April 28.—The beef monopoly has a formidable enemy in the Osage and Onaga tribes of Indians of Oklahoma. Tribal councilors have declared that in the future the beef trust will not be allowed to lease their grazing lands.

Take Off the Meat Tariff. New York, April 28.—The Central Federation union today adopted resolutions calling upon the American Federation of Labor to assist in the urging congress to remove the law on foreign meats until such time as the price of domestic meats is reduced.

SILVER FOR SCHLEY. An Elegant Present From Southern Admirers. Memphis, April 28.—Owing to rain the street parade which was to have taken place at 11 o'clock in honor of Admiral Schley, was abandoned.

FIREMEN INJURED. Hotel and Big Block in Flames at Des Moines. Des Moines, Iowa, April 28.—Fire broke out in the Summit hotel and in the L. G. Burgess furniture company's block at 221-223 West Walnut street, at 7 o'clock this morning. The entire structure is in flames. Several firemen were injured.

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CHANGE STATE LINE

Wisconsin Has a Favor to Ask of Minneapolis. An ISLAND PARK FOR LA CROSSE

The Land Is in Minnesota Waters, but State Line May Be Altered.

Minnesota is to be asked to cede an island to Wisconsin. A bill will be presented at the next session of the legislature authorizing an act, which, if passed, will change the boundary line of this state.

At V. Pettibone, the lumberman, to perpetuate the memory of his deceased son, purchased part of Barron's island opposite La Crosse for a memorial park at the end of the wagon bridge across the Mississippi.

The middle of the main channel of the Mississippi river, which runs close to the shore at La Crosse without intervening sloughs is the boundary between the two states.

In early days Barron's Island was inhabited by tough citizens. Those from Wisconsin would escape to the island and thus defy the authorities of La Crosse who could not get at them without extradition papers.

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AFTER MANY YEARS

Patrick Noonan, Who Killed a Man, Identified at Preston.

Special to The Journal. Preston, Minn., April 28.—Sheriff Blaxter has arrived with Patrick Noonan and the latter has been recognized by many of the old settlers and identity fully established. He admits the killing, but pleads self-defense.

Circumstances leading up to the indictment and arrest at this late day strangely verify the truth of the old saying, "murder will out." Sometime within a year Fitzgerald of this county visited Helena. By chance he stopped at a combined hotel and saloon, and the keeper of this place went by the name of James New. He was, however, easily recognized as Patrick Noonan, who was charged with the murder of twenty-eight years ago.

On Saturday, Oct. 17, 1874, Patrick Noonan, who lived three miles from Fountain, started for the latter place with a load of wheat, selling his wife that he proposed to have a spree and a row. Mrs. Noonan knowing him to be a man of his word sent her boy to town to inform the persons to whom he was to sell his wheat of his intentions, and warning them not to let him have any money. The boy did as directed, but this did not prevent Patrick from going on his contemplated spree.

Later the men met and Noonan struck Shiner or McDonald on the head with a shotgun, fracturing the skull from the effects of which he died two days later. Noonan made his way to the woods, and the most diligent search failed to unearth him. Almost twenty-eight years have rolled by, and his whereabouts have remained a mystery. His family resided on the old homestead until March, 1892, when the entire family left for parts unknown. It was generally supposed that they went to meet the exiled husband and father.

FARMER'S SUDDEN DEATH

OLD RESIDENT OF SPRING VALLEY. Prominent in the Community and State for Many Years—Sketch of His Career.

Spring Valley, Minn., April 28.—B. F. Farney died suddenly at his home yesterday of heart disease, aged 70 years. His wife and one daughter, Mrs. Frank V. Edwards, survive him.

Mr. Farney came to this place in 1857 and has been prominently identified with church, political and commercial interests in this county and was widely known throughout the state. He was postmaster thirteen years. The first bank here was organized by him and at the time of his death he was president of the recently organized First State Bank of Spring Valley.

He was a Mason of high standing, having had conferred upon him the highest degree in that order, and for one term held the office of eminent commander of Sir Knights Templar of this state and had recently been elected president of the Masonic Veterans' association of Minnesota.

He attempted to board a train near Little Falls. Little Falls, Minn., April 28.—While attempting to board a train near this city, John Rutz, aged 20 years, was thrown under the wheels and horribly mangled. He died of his injuries at 1 p. m. He was the son of Michael Rutz, a farmer living near Plensburg.

UNCLE SAM'S BOATS

Menace in German Strength Noted by House Committee. NEW BATTLESHIPS WANTED

The Naval Program for 1903 as Presented to the House To-day.

Washington, April 28.—The naval program for 1903, as presented in the naval appropriation bill and accompanying report, filed today by Chairman Foss of the naval committee, is one of unusual interest.

Little Fighting Value. The report does not take an optimistic view of our naval power as is generally held, and Mr. Foss points out that comparatively few of our ships have any real fighting value.

He accomplishes this with a statement of the enormous naval armament and programs of other countries, particularly Germany.

It is shown by the report that the total number of vessels of our navy, built and building, is 138, and the total cost will be \$235,082,209. The report adds:

While we have built in the last few years 138 ships, yet comparatively few of them have any real fighting value. Our naval prowess lies almost entirely in our eighteen battleships, eight armored cruisers, and twenty-one protected cruisers. The rest of our ships would cut but little figure in actual war.

New Battleships Wanted. Concerning new ships for our navy the report says:

The committee recommend that for the purpose of further increasing the naval establishment of the United States the president order constructed two first-class battleships, carrying the heaviest armor and most powerful ordnance for vessels of their class upon the highest practicable speed, and of a total displacement of about 16,000 tons, and to have the highest possible armor and great radius of action and to cost, exclusive of armament and armor, not exceeding \$4,212,000 each; two first-class armored cruisers of about 14,500 tons displacement, to cost not exceeding \$4,800,000 each, and two gunboats of about 1,600 tons displacement.

Building Our Own Ships. In view of the fact that there is some public sentiment favorable to building ships in our government navy yards, it has been deemed advisable by the committee to insert a provision in the appropriation bill for this year, in the discretion of the secretary of the navy to build any or all ships in government yards, but making it mandatory on him to construct at least one battleship, one armored cruiser, one gunboat, and one gunboat, as an experiment; and it is further provided that he shall keep an accurate account of all expenditures.

Other interesting features of the bill are provisions for a board of naval officers to recommend a site for a naval great station; an increase in the enlisted force of the navy by 3,000 men; provisions for a new navy ration as reported by a naval board; an increase of the number of officers in the navy; and the detailed statement shows that the appropriation bill carries \$7,659,386, which is slightly below the appropriation made last year.

Other public works on yards and docks. \$5,661,075 is appropriated, or about one-third of what was asked. The navy department made estimates for a naval station at San Juan, P. R., \$11,000,000 but the committee reported "that it would be wise not to provide for any naval station in the West Indies until we have more definite knowledge as to the best location for operations."

For the completion of the four dry docks at Portsmouth, Boston. League Island and Mare Island, \$1,060,000 is appropriated. Public works are as follows: Portsmouth, \$672,075; Boston, \$702,700; New London, \$41,000; New York, \$499,000; League Island, \$447,300; Washington, \$240,000; Norfolk, \$1,000,000; Key West, \$85,000; Mare Island, \$225,500; Puget Sound, \$748,500; Porto Rico, \$350,000; Pensacola, \$2,500; New Orleans, \$230,000; Tutuila, \$83,000; Charleston, \$250,000; Cavite, \$253,500.

More Officers Provided For. The United States naval academy received \$200,000 to carry on the plan of improvement.

The committee calls attention to the lack of officers sufficient to officer the new ships, and to meet the needs of the academy are provided for, 125 each year during the next four years. Each senator, member and delegate of the house of representatives is to be furnished with a uniform, and a uniform twenty-four, these being allotted during the period of four years. An additional sum of \$229,995 is provided for the civil administration of the naval academy.

The bill also carries \$2,938,465 for the marine corps.

VENICE CAPTURES YANKS. Sailors There Come Into Conflict With Police.

New York, April 28.—Captain Robert F. Wynne of the Marine battalion, Robert E. Ledbetter, assistant surgeon; John S. Doddridge, lieutenant; and James Chatterton, sergeant, were captured by the Venetian police at Venice, Italy, on a charge of rebellion against the pope, a charge of rebellion against the pope, a charge of rebellion against the pope.

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SOL SMITH

RUSSELL DEAD. Continued From First Page.

In full as it gives a most complete review of Mr. Russell's professional career. Born in Missouri.

I am a western product, having made my debut as an infant a half century or so ago in the town of Brunswick, Mo., and my education as an actor about fourteen years prior in Cairo, Ill. I had no expectation of going on the stage when I went to Cairo. I was imbued with the patriotic spirit and wanted to do something to help our country.

But there was little prospect at this time that I would ever realize my ambition in the minstrelsy. Certainly the atmosphere of my home was very different from that of the theater. My father had never seen a play in his life, and, while my mother, who had taught music in Cincinnati before her marriage, was the sister-in-law of Sol Smith, the then celebrated actor and manager, the subject of the theater was rarely mentioned in the family circle.

Too Young for War. When I was about 14 years of age I was at its height, and being a boy of spirit I determined I would answer my country's call. So, as a drummer boy, I went to Cairo, Ill., where a large force of troops under General Grant was assembled. I was allowed to drum on my drum in the camp, but when the call to the front came, and I was preparing to fall in and march off to achieve glory, they asked me where the written consent of my parents was. I did not have it, and I knew I couldn't get it. Therefore I had to remain ignominiously behind.

Early Work in Blackface. The first part I ever played was a negro girl, Pitt-a-Pat. In a play called "The Hidden Hand." I became quite popular with the soldiers, and my salary was not sufficient to give me any better sleeping place than a property sofa at the theater. Here the manager, Tom Holland, discovered me and took me home with him. Afterward I slept in his house and read the books in his dramatic library.

But one day a manager known as Old Cary came to me and said that he liked the way I sang and told stories, and that if I would go to these things I would earn my money. I went to work for him and he would give me \$8 a week. This offer was too tempting to decline, and so I resigned from the Deafness theater and began to practice my dramatic art in the streets. I played the black and white and the desire to shine on the black way was knocked out of me. I confined myself to the songs and dances, and I was very successful.

As the "Whole Thing." At a latter period I was the company manager, advance agent, treasurer and everything else in one. I remember the first time I was very young and full of hope, and was absolutely independent—that means a great deal, you know.

Climbing Toward His Goal. My star began to glimmer above the horizon in 1886, when I was 18. I secured an engagement at Ben De Bar's theater in St. Louis as second lead, and I acted through contact with many of the prominent actors of the day. During the season I supported Lawrence Barrett, who was then just beginning his career, and who greatly impressed me with his gentlemanly manner and scholarly bearing; and there was Maggie Mitchell and Paddy Collins, who was a very fine actor, and Charles Dillon, the celebrated English tragedian, and Ben De Bar himself, who was an excellent comedian. His Falstaff and Toodles were portrayals difficult to improve upon, and in addition to this he was a capital stage manager. We young fellows learned much from him. Another important educational influence was the presentation of many of the old comedies at this theater by my cousin, Mark Smith. They opened my eyes to the dignity an actor and a theatrical performance may attain, and gave me an insight into the artistic possibilities of acting.

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Nothing that has occurred in the Minnie Healy litigation since the famous affidavit case has created the stir that has resulted from his action of Saturday. It is said this action was directly opposite to the command of the supreme court, and in not settling the bill of exceptions he has been guilty of contempt of the court's orders. Under the laws of Montana, he can be fined and imprisoned by the higher court if it sees fit, but it is hardly expected that it will result.

Tom Thunder is Dead. Claimant for a Chieftainship is Drowned in the Mississippi. Black River Falls, Wis., April 28.—Tom Thunder, the celebrated Winnebago Indian, was accidentally drowned in the Mississippi river. He was the young buck who disputed the claim of "Chief White Buffalo," Tom Roddy, of Chicago, to the chieftainship of the Winnebago and according to the records of the aged Black Hawk before his death, Thunder wished to settle the rivalry by a tomahawk duel over the grave of Black Hawk.

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appearance at the Howard Athenaeum in Boston. In 1871 I reappeared in New York at the Olympic theater for twenty-six weeks, and scored by first success along the lines of my career. I combined my dramatic and lyric experience in a play called "Edgewood Folks," that permitted of songs and sketches and some little character work, and made my debut as a dramatic star. I engaged a company, several of the members coming direct from Wallack's theater stock, and I made every effort for success. But we played for thirty-eight weeks without a success, and I was forced to leave the theater. The next season, however, she began to understand a little, and the next to look upon me with favoring glances. At the end of five years she was smiling sweetly. "Edgewood Folks" had brought shackles to the exchequer and had fairly established me as a fixed light in the dramatic firmament.

Success as Noah Vale. But there were still clouds in the heavens. During the three years immediately after I gave up "Edgewood Folks" I played "Felix McKusick, Pa.," and "Bewitched," none of which just suited me, however. Then Edward E. Kidder and I got together and evolved "Poor Relation," which secured me the most genuine success I had enjoyed up to that time. Dion Boucicault then wrote me a play called "The Tale of a Coat," which didn't bring me much prosperity. My next play was "Peaceful Valley," which Mr. Kidder wrote, and which proved remarkably successful. "A Bachelor's Romance" is the last play I have produced. In recent years I have dipped into the old comedies, and some day I hope to take a shy at Shakespeare. Yes, I also expect to go to London before my retirement, though at present I have all the knitting I can do at home.

I am very fond of my profession. One of the pleasantest moments of the day is that which sees me entering by dressing-room to meet his actor, and who greets me with a welcome my vacation, too. I lose no time in getting home, where I have two young boys, Robert and Lillian, who form the most appreciative audience I have in all the United States.

Centralization. Secretary Shaw Says That is the Trend of Government. Pittsburg, April 28.—The sixteenth annual dinner of the American Republican club in commemoration of the birthday of General Grant, was held at the Hotel Henry, Saturday night.

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