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THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.

The circuit court of New York has appointed Frank Bigelow and Edward McHenry receivers for the Northern Pacific railroad.

In view of the recent action of the United States supreme court, it is perhaps not improbable that these appointments will be confirmed, so as to give to Messrs. Bigelow and McHenry a supervision over the entire line from St. Paul to the Pacific coast.

While it may be a matter of disappointment to many people in this part of the country that the new receivers, if the latter are earnest in their efforts to care for the interests of the Coast people there will be no reason to complain. And it is not very difficult to outline what the Coast people want.

They ask that the Northern Pacific should be managed as a railroad. They desire a sensible economy in its operation, which will result in an inferior service, while not resulting in an inferior service, will mean a sufficient revenue to allow of reasonable charges for passengers and freight. If money is wasted or squandered, it is, of course, money which has been paid in by patrons of the road, and if embezzlements follow because of reckless mismanagement the people living along the line suffer with the stock and security-holders.

First of all, it would be well for the new receivers to effect a reorganization that will insure the Northern Pacific being run as a business proposition for the benefit of the owners, bondholders and people who patronize it. The gang of parasites which has fastened itself upon the road from St. Paul to Puget sound should be gotten rid of. For twenty years the company has been made to serve the purpose of providing place and plunder for a countless horde of men, who have had no interest in it except insofar as it would be useful in adding them to engineer private schemes to a successful end. Get this crowd out.

The Northern Pacific company has provided its patrons with what is probably the best transcontinental service in the country. It has kept its equipment in good repair and is gradually putting its roadbed in splendid condition. The future will witness even more substantial betterments if the ratholes are stopped up. Hereafter the road should not be run as an adjunct to a thousand and one private schemes, ranging from townsite, irrigation and mining projects down to peanut stand privileges. With the empire of land granted by the government, the road should have been built, splendidly equipped and carrying passengers and freight at cheap rates. Instead of that, the land is slipping away and if there have been reductions in rates it is because of competition and not as the result of excessive profits. What the jobbers, speculators, schemers and hangers-on have drawn down during the two last decades would build the line anew. Get rid of any who remain, if there are any.

Local pride would have been tickled had the Coast had something to say in regard to the future operation of the Northern Pacific, but all sections are treated fairly. It will make little difference where the receivers reside. The main thing is to revolutionize methods of management and run the road in the interest of the owners and the public and not for the benefit of private individuals who may be connected with it.

KEY TO THE PACIFIC.

The reorganization of the Nicaragua Canal Company, although very radical, points to the resumption of efforts to stimulate public interest. The benefit to the whole country by the completion of such a project should serve to keep the people of this coast intent upon its accomplishment; but there is the greater incentive that no part of the United States will feel the benefit in a greater degree than the Pacific states. It has been claimed that with the inauguration of work on the canal every foot of lumber in Washington would double in value; and this is hardly an exaggeration.

The commercial advantages have been so frequently expatiated upon that they become trite; yet it is only by unceasing effort and repetition that they appeal to the interest of the great body of the people, who are more deeply concerned than in any measure of immediate relief than in one they regard as being far off. If it could be realized that, although the canal cannot be completed for some years, the effect of its becoming an assured fact would be an instantaneous spur of business, there would be more persistent pressure brought to bear on congress.

The very prolific literature on the subject has been supplemented lately by an interesting work on the canal which travels beyond the statistical area, although it gives figures compactly and very strikingly.

ly. The author, Archibald Ross Colquhoun, is thoroughly familiar not only with the route to be traversed but with the engineering advantages the Nicaragua route presents over the Panama route; and with the cost of the work in both places. He is exceedingly cautious in his conclusions as to the Nicaragua plan, and puts the cost higher than the official estimate, but shows very plausibly that the advantages will be greater than claimed by the earlier authorities. He believes that the opening of the canal will, in connection with the vast changes occurring in the Orient, bring about the most serious rivalry to the commercial supremacy of Great Britain which she has yet had to encounter, and give an immense impulse to United States manufactures, especially cotton and iron, and will greatly stimulate the shipbuilding industry. An activity in the iron and cotton manufacturing centers has always been in England a sure forerunner and the cause of activity in every other branch of industrial machinery, and there is no doubt the same results might be expected in this country.

LAST YEAR'S RECORD.

The year of 1895 was not a very prosperous one; 1896 was probably its equal. There was certainly very little to choose between them. They form a fair subject of comparison as to conditions; and it is interesting to note the difference between them in the matter of expenses for city government. The following will show the advantage to the city:

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1895, 1896. Items include Salary fund, General fund, Street fund, Sewer drainage, Police fund, Fire fund, Public health, Street light, City park, Library fund, Harbor fund.

It will be seen, therefore, that economy was exercised all along the line. In some departments, it will be conceded, that it is better for the city when some expenses are larger, as that indicates greater activity in general business. But it was economy and not enterprise which was called for in years such as we have just passed through. There has been a very large amount of public improvement done, but it has been in the way of benefiting property which will pay the cost in the end and reap all the advantage in enhanced value. Fully \$100,000 of street work has been done without taking into account First and Second avenues, half of the cost of which should be credited to last year.

The system of accounts has, moreover, been simplified, yet made comprehensive. The accounts of the water, street and sewer departments have been brought under one head.

The law department has distinguished itself by some very notable legal victories, which will result in saving possibly as much as \$200,000 to the city; and has set at rest some vexing questions.

The records of the city have been filed away by the city clerk, and carefully indexed, so that they can be readily found. The fire department has, in spite of some annoyances, been maintained at a high standard of efficiency; and the losses during the year have been remarkably small.

The police department has been efficient, and notwithstanding a strong prejudice as to some small details, the city has rarely been more free from the criminal class.

No serious trouble of any kind has marred the two-year's record. Differences of opinion there have been; but not more wide than may be found between any half-dozen men discussing the same question on the public streets. When men are all of one mind, the universe will be run in entire harmony, but not till then. So long as a government is honest, faithful to honorable views as to the best methods of administration, economical in the expenditure of public money, and at the same time careful that the city's advancement shall be checked as little as possible, we may be thankful for as good a government as human fallibility can give us.

This present administration has done the next promise to be equally a business man's government. With better times, better results can be achieved. Only shame, discredit and extravagance would follow the election of the type of the worst elements in citizenship.

THE FISTIC FIASCO.

It is rather complimentary to the American people that the distinguished pug, James Corbett, is disgusted with us; and looks up admiringly at England, South Africa and Australia as the only places where two men may pound each other's body with their fists under sanction of the law.

Mr. Fitzsimmons has done society a great service by his prompt knock-out of Mr. Maher. It will not only silence the latter for some time, but it divests such encounters of the excitement which follows a stubbornly fought contest.

The fight has evidently been a financial failure. Gate receipts are the chief attraction for the promoters of such exhibitions; and of these there were none to cut any figure. There was no betting; and the side shows were all beaten off by the changing of location.

The determination of the Federal government and of the governors of the states to prevent the fight will have a splendid moral effect. No state in the union dare fall below the standard set up by Texas and Arkansas.

THOSE DECEPTIVE WHISKERS.

There is nothing much in the case of Rev. Dr. Brown and Mrs. Stockton from which anything but a warning moral may be drawn. Every phase of the case is repulsive—a story of deception, immorality, unwholesomeness and hypocrisy. Even the establishment of the innocence of any of the accused of actual culpability leaves the inevitable alternative that there has been a want of discretion little short of criminality on the part of those whose position demanded better judgment.

But there is a side issue which may be discussed from a purely psychological standpoint and without offense to the most innocent. It is a question of whiskers; and on their behalf and in their defense, we object to Mrs. Stockton's implication, "I never would have believed," she said, "that any one with such dignified, impressive, paternal whiskers could have been so frivolous." A woman of so much worldly experience and such ready observation ought to have known that there is no frisk adornment of the human head or face so deceptive as dignified and impressive whiskers. In the matter of begetting the feminine fancy they can give pointers to a military mustache, and in quiet joviality they are light and breezy compared to a bald head. It is usually safe to trust a drooping mustache, but when a woman sees the dignified and impressive whiskers coming she may expect them to be accompanied by an eye quick to see the points of beauty in face, form or gesture and by mobile lips prone to tender compliments.

Dundrears never cajole women into snug suppers to talk over legal troubles; they are too selfish. The clean-shaven absence of face adornment is daring but frank in its admission. Burnside is earnest and generally single-hearted. An imperial is gallant, but openly so; and usually confines its courtesies to obsequious, hand-kissing, broad compliments and extravagant speeches. The Philip Currie needs watching, but it is guilelessness itself compared to the dignified, impressive whiskers.

Mrs. Stockton's affection of being shocked and deceived by them is not confirmed by her actions. Of all the judges forming the bench of a very large court she deliberately and acutely picked out as most amenable to her blandishments and most likely to want to listen to her tale of woe over a bottle of wine and a racy supper in a dashing restaurant—she selected these dignified, impressive whiskers. It is rather sad; because, of themselves, flowing chin whiskers—not Galways or Cavaliers, but long, silken tresses, whether stirred by the gentlest wind, floating circuitously in the circumambient air or reposing calmly on the manly breast—seem to invite confidence and suggest serene sincerity. Mustaches curled at the end are fitful in their affection; the heavy and compact mustache which covers the mouth is always a good friend to a woman it likes. A light, feathery mustache is apt to snatch a kiss, but not to accompany it with glances that pierce the opposing eyes with ardent rays—that characteristic belongs to the more plentiful mustache and to the upper lip handsome enough to discard masks and veils.

But when it comes to the dignified and impressive whiskers, you can never tell what they will do or how far they will go.

THE QUICK AND THE PRINCE.

The marriage of Amelia Rives is entirely a private matter, and she is entitled to respectful recognition of her right to bestow her affections at her own sweet will. But the authors who have voluntarily placed her name upon a title page as a public character, subject to some of the disadvantages as well as to the honors and emoluments of wide popularity. The authors of "The Quick and the Dead" braved public opinion with an audacity which is not likely to shrink over-sensitively from any comment upon her matrimonial career. She may be sure that the interest which was aroused by her book, and revived with her marriage and divorce, will follow her for some time into her life as Princess Troubadour.

The price is described as, and no doubt is, a Russian nobleman, although Russian noblemen who take up their permanent residence in London do not usually rank as high in public estimation as those who reside upon their ancestral estates in Russia. It is said that he is an exceedingly handsome man, with a perfectly lovely mustache and beautiful eyes, and to an esthetic young lady like his bride that would mean very much, at least during the honeymoon. But beautiful eyes and a lovely mustache will not support a family, although they may satisfy an aspiration after the ideal. They are apt to deteriorate under a shabby silk hat or surmounting a threadbare coat. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the new "Quick" has plenty of money. It must be no ethereal undertaking to have for a wife a woman whose tastes are so expulsive and whose temper is said to be as fervid as her books, under any circumstances; but it would be more than most men would brave without an assured and considerable income.

So many sad instances are known of the unhappy domestic life of authoresses that the fate of Amelia Rives may well arouse interest; yet it may turn out that this extraordinary woman, having made a deliberate choice in mature years, may prove a devoted wife, and so disappoint those who are skeptical.

There are numerous reports from Washington City to the effect that President Cleveland is disposed to interfere if order is not restored by the Spanish government within two or three months. After the 1st of May war cannot be successfully carried on by European troops. The rainy season breaks up communication and disease demoralizes the troops. The Cubans, being accustomed, are not affected. If Weyler wishes to accomplish anything, therefore, he must act promptly.

Ex-Gov. George D. Robinson, who died yesterday, was one of the best men the state of Massachusetts has produced. He was honest and able, and in whatever position tried was never found wanting. He was one of the best congressmen Massachusetts, and for that matter any other state, ever sent to Washington City. He was an excellent governor, and had he remained in public life his state and the country would have been the gainer.

A Pennsylvania school master has discovered that 67 cents is the value of an oath. He swore twelve oaths and was fined \$8.00. But there are oaths and oaths. Sixty-seven cents is probably a high value to put upon the oath taken by Congressman Talbert, of South Carolina, to support the constitution of the United States.

It is all right for Senator Squire to urge his fortification bill. We need defenses. But he will do more good if he will get in and promote the passage of the tariff bill. There is all the more reason for doing this because without the passage of the tariff bill there will be no money for fortifications.

Warner Miller thinks the Nicaragua canal can be built for less than the government engineers estimate. It may be so, but it would be extremely imprudent to start the work under the belief that any of the estimates are excessive. Such is not the usual order of things.

One unfortunate thing about the prize-fight is that it has started Bruiser Corbett talking. The American people have long since uttered up thanks because he had retired from the ring, and it will be a sore disappointment to learn that he is back again.

Now that Nansen has found the north pole it will be asked what good can come from it? We advise that it be selected as a place where future prize fights can take place without interference from the authorities.

The Oregonian realizes that Puget sound cities have taken the Alaska trade away from Portland and is wondering what can be done to regain it. We are afraid it will be for years an unsolved problem.

A Cape Cod canal bill has become as much of a nuisance in the Massachusetts legislature as the deceased wife's sister measure in the British parliament.

It is said Mr. Quay once remarked that the presidency would kill him in two months. The indications are that Mr. Quay will live to a green old age.

For the sake of young brides and bridegrooms in the East it is to be hoped that Niagara Falls will not run dry.

The Republicans propose to get right in and work for a sweeping majority. Every-

body should turn out and make the ward meetings so successful that there will be no doubt as to the result on March 3.

How Minister Taylor, of Madrid, must have fallen in the estimation of Minister Bayard, of London.

Black and Brown are the favorite colors in Seattle just now.

Quay may not be in it, but he is at least after it.

Day before yesterday was Waller's Friday out.

Mr. Dingley believes in sealing the doom of the seals.

A good many Democrats are beginning to look Black in the face.

The great lumber pool on the Coast seems to have gone by the board.

It is difficult to get the flying squadron off the perch to any considerable extent.

Debs says he has no taste for politics, but can he say the same thing of cucumbers?

They found an infernal machine in Havana Friday, but they do not say whether his name was Weyler.

New York will content herself for not getting either of the political conventions by holding a cat show.

It might be well enough to tell Mr. Hill that the people here hope his new depot will not be out of sight.

It makes a man feel small to return after a month's absence and find that nobody has noticed he was away.

The Sultan says the Armenians are getting restless, which is the same thing as saying they will get less rest.

The Wabash college students had a fight yesterday, and within a week of the passage of the prize-fighting bill, too.

After the Cuban resolution speeches the Spaniards no doubt wish for a Morgan and a Lodge in some vast wilderness.

The Washington Post asks: "What ails the Democratic party?" Nothing; but it had a good many ailments while alive.

Bill White says he would vote for anything to beat the Republicans. In other words, he is willing to vote for a yellow dog.

If this thing keeps on much longer it will be about as creditable to be in the United States senate as it is to be in the penitentiary.

Perrine's comet is traveling toward the earth at the rate of 1,700,000 miles a day. It will hit about March 11. We thought something would happen to stir up the United States senate.

A congressman reaches the height of his fame either when he takes up his duties or when he dies. In proof of this, read the congressional directory or the obituary speeches.

Now pay your notes and make your will, and blank for more insurance fill. You soon will see it a-humming. You'll think the earth has run amok. And never'll know what you're struck, For Perrine's comet's coming.

The winds will blow two ways at once, And every sage will be a dunce. Hot weather will be numbing. The ice will make the water warm. And waves will not rise in a storm. For Perrine's comet's coming.

Don't worry over household bills. Don't fret with all your family his. Don't think about the plumbing. It matters not what you may do, You'll find yourself dumped in a stew, For Perrine's comet's coming.

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EDITORIAL SPARKLES.

The X-rays ought to give a new view of the marble heart—Minneapolis Journal.

There's a man in Pasadena so heckled that his wife won't allow him to begin a divorce suit.—Los Angeles Express.

That Roentgen camera settles one thing: No more will the poor burglar blow open safes that have nothing in them.—Wichita Eagle.

A Tennessee senator was saved from a fatal wound by a folded newspaper in his breast pocket. Now is the time to subscribe.—Kansas City Journal.

One of the best things to be said of Col. Bill Morrison is that he is so accustomed to defeat that another one will not hurt him.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Probably Senator Tillman would have received more congratulations from home than he did if more of his constituents knew how to write.—Detroit Journal.

Some are born to greatness, some achieve it, some have it thrust upon them and others get it fifty years after death, like the late and lamented Schomburgk.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Mrs. Harriet Hubbard Ayer says red noses are often produced by "tight rakers." That must be the name of a drink that hasn't crossed the Alleghenies yet.—Minneapolis Journal.

If Talbert of South Carolina still insists upon the right of secession, and if South Carolina will give bond to take Talbert, Tillman and all that crowd out of the Union and out of sight, perhaps South Carolina's right to secede will be cheerfully granted.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Tillman is the man for the free silver hour. Plutocracy may seek to deprive his merit, but the people can't be postponed; the truth of these observations of the man will be admitted by all in the happy days to come, when twice two make eight and 50 cents will become a dollar.—Washington News.

According to the accounts kept by the New York Press the total increase in the public debt since Cleveland came into power is \$22,415,251. And still the Democratic Don Moines Leader celebrated Lincoln's birthday by saying that if the martyr president were alive he would probably be a Democrat.—Iowa State Register.

NOTABLE PEOPLE.

Queen Victoria returned to Windsor on Thursday from Osborne. Her Majesty is in the best of health.

Rider Haggard has been elected chairman of the Incorporated Society of English Authors for the current year.

Leo XIII. and the Duc d'Annam have been made honorary members of the St. Petersburg Imperial academy of science.

Dr. George Rodney Eden, bishop of Dover, is the youngest prelate in the Church of England. He is forty-three years of age.

Although singularly fortunate as a commander Lord Wolsley has been wounded in almost every action in which he has fought.

Elbridge A. Towle, who died in Charleston a few days ago, has been a conductor on the Boston and Maine railroad nearly fifty years.

Emperor William on Thursday paid a visit of condolence of an hour's length to Mrs. Bunyon, the widow of the late United States ambassador.

Tom Flynn, ex-speaker of the New Jersey legislature, has been elected by the board of stewards of the New York Jockey Club to succeed James Rowe, resigned, as starter in the local race tracks.

Joseph Chamberlain's head, says a phrenologist, is not a large one. Yet Mr. Chamberlain, in a certain sense, is a great man. His reasoning powers are somewhat above average, and his speaking ability very much so.

The Marquis of Salisbury proceeded to Windsor on Friday in order to consult with Queen Victoria on important state business. The premier has not been to Osborne since December. This failure to visit the queen, in spite of the troublesome times just passed over, is due to the fact that the Marquis of Salisbury is a horribly bad sailor, and is afraid even to venture across the Solent unless positively compelled to do so.

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