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NOTES AND NEWS.

Fredric Lemaitre, the French actor is dead. His age was 37 years.

The eighth annual convention of the National Wholesale Grocers' Association is to be held at Washington.

A Government Commission has been appointed to examine the proposed railway, as a preliminary step to the construction of the same. The Government has threatened to demand an appropriation of the same.

The billiard match, which has been going on since last week, between Gibson and Gordon, in New York, resulted as follows: Gibson, 600; Gordon, 482; winner's average, 15 15 39; Gordon's average, 75; Gibson's score, 138.

The witness in the case of the \$400,000 is believed that he took very little money with him in his flight.

A resolution was offered in the Ohio Legislature for an amendment of the state constitution so as to abolish the grand jury system.

The affairs of Vice & Co., straw goods dealers, of New York, are being rapidly settled. Their liabilities were \$1,600,000.

A joint committee of the two houses of the Kansas Legislature has agreed on a bill appropriating \$25,000 to erect a building at Philadelphia for the use of the state.

Reliable information has been received that lead and zinc have been discovered in large quantities near Baxter Springs, Kansas.

The National Soldiers' Home, near Milwaukee, was damaged by fire to the amount of \$2,000.

The International Postal Congress has agreed to admit British India and the French colonies into the Postal Union. The question of admitting other colonies is reserved till the next Congress.

The number of drinkers in the United States is 8,690,000, who spend annually \$1,675,000,000.

The Rothschilds are said to be worth \$3,400,000,000.

John Kelley has bought the New York Express for \$50,000 in cash and \$200,000 in stock to the old proprietors. He proposed to make it the organ of Tammany Hall.

The creditors of Edwin Booth met and declared a dividend of 54 per cent.

Winslow, the Boston forger, has been traced to the steam ship Rotterdam, which sailed with him and family to Rotterdam. There is no extradition treaty with Holland.

The victims of the Emma Mine swindle, in London, have determined to prosecute all parties, having any connection with the issue or sale of the stock in that country.

The contract of building the bridge across the Hudson, at Poughkeepsie, has been awarded to the American Bridge Co. of Chicago. The price named is between four and five million dollars. The river is at that point, about a half mile wide, but the bridge will, with the necessary approaches, be nearly a mile in length.

Black leg is prevailing among the cattle of Martin County, Minn.

A mob, supposed to be outlaws and fugitives from justice, destroyed and threw into the river the News and Press office, of Oimarron, N. M., recently.

The only son of Senator Harlan, of Iowa, died recently in California.

Daniel H. Jerome, of Saginaw, Michigan, has been appointed a member of the Board of Indian Commissioners.

WASHINGTON.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Wm. Bickel, of St. Peter, has been appointed Revenue Collector in the second district of Minnesota by Irving Todd.

The public debt was decreased half a million dollars last month.

APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.
The senate has confirmed the appointment of C. W. Darling, Indian Agent at Ft. Berthold.

THE RIO GRANDE.
Gen. Sherman says a loan of regiments now in the Rio Grande, if Congress would authorize the companies to be filled to the maximum, could protect the borders. The only cavalry regiment which could be sent there this winter is the 3d which is needed to protect the Union Pacific.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR.
The Secretary of War replies to inquiries home saying that Gen. Meigs was sent to Europe by the President to inspect and report upon staff organizations in the European armies, especially the quartermaster departments. He will remain absent about eighteen months, to be allowed full pay and allowances of a Brigadier General; also actual expenses of travel and hotel life, and be accompanied by a side-de camp on full pay and allowances and quartermaster clerk at two hundred dollars per month and incidental expenses.

SETTLERS.
The bill passed by the Senate for the protection of settlers in good faith on railroad lands has been retained by the clerk at the request of some of the senators who intend having it reconsidered.

OMAHA. Feb. 2.—The Central and Union Pacific railroads are heavily blocked by snow.

ST. LOUIS. Feb. 2.—Judge Dillon overruled the motion on the part of the Western Union Telegraph company to set aside the subpoena requiring it to produce copies of the dispatches ever signed by a signature which passed between Babcock, McDonald and Joyce. Maguire ex-collector, pleads guilty of neglect of duty and dereliction; government attorney entering nolle prosequi on charge of conspiracy. It is understood that Maguire will be a witness in other cases.

INDIANAPOLIS. Feb. 2.—Sentences pronounced on whisky rings here give the officers two years in the penitentiary; distillers and rectifiers a shorter term in jail and all fined. John W. Bingham's sentence was deferred in consideration of his brother's recent death which undoubtedly was caused from remorse; also on his being critically ill.

LOUISVILLE. Feb. 22.—The thermometer fell forty degrees in twenty four hours. A terrible snow storm and heavy gale followed working considerable damage on the river.

WASHINGTON. Feb. 3.—The House rejected the constitutional amendment for one presidential term by two majority.

NEW YORK. Feb. 3.—A terrific storm prevailed yesterday on the Atlantic coast from Newfoundland to Florida. Snow fell from Quebec to Lake Michigan over a foot deep followed by extreme cold weather.

WADSWORTH. Feb. 3.—The state treasurer acknowledges having received, besides a liberal salary, in the last two years \$28,000 from indirect or state funds. The State Secretary also had four thousand.

LONDON. Feb. 3.—The Portuguese Chamber of Peers has voted the abolishment of slavery in St. Thomas and Guiana.

SAN FRANCISCO. Feb. 3.—The jury in the first and test whisky case here have not agreed. The impression prevails that the jury is so constituted that the Government could not in any event gain a verdict.

WASHINGTON. Feb. 4.—The House has adopted a resolution requesting the President to detail army officers for investigation, at Red Cloud and other Sioux Agencies, as to the cause of deficiency of supplies.

REDUCTION.
The amended bill reported to the House, regulating the pay and allowances of army officers, reduces Generals and Lt. Generals to three thousand dollars each per year. Major Generals, unchanged; Brigadiers and Chaplains reduced five hundred dollars per year. All others remain now as fixed by the statute.

BISMARCK DELEGATION

Hold a Long Consultation With the Railroad Officials.

President Wright Authorizes The Opening of the Road.

Superintendent Towne Authorizes the Tribune to Speak.

Great Excitement Along the Line.

The following dispatch was received from Col. Loonsberry to Bismarck:

BISMARCK, Feb. 4.—The Bismarck delegation arrived here this evening, and had a long consultation with the railroad authorities. President Wright has authorized the opening of the road. Supt. Towne authorizes the Tribune to say that all supplies needed for Black Hills parties will be landed at Bismarck, by rail, as early as possible and sent in for them, certainly by the 1st of March. Gen. Custer telegraphs that he will leave for Bismarck, on an important public business, next week.

At Detroit, Moorhead and other points on the road great interest is felt in the Black Hills matter, and large parties are forming to go through on the first train.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 7.—Col. Loonsberry, Mayor McLean and J. W. Watson arrived here Saturday night. The two former will visit Washington before they return. On the railroads leading east from here much interest is felt in their mission.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 8.—A memorial to Congress passed the Minnesota Legislature this morning, under suspension of rules, for opening the Black Hills by treaty with the Indians. Great interest is felt on every hand. Parties consisting of Col. Robertson, Banning and others leave for the Hills in a few days; Col. Shaw leaves on Thursday.

Mayor McLean and Col. Loonsberry leave for Washington and New York next Thursday, and will be gone about ten days.

Have interviewed military men, and am satisfied no military interference need be feared. There will be music with Sitting Bull, however, about the first of March.

An eastern exchange says: "Bad health and an accusing conscience have chased P. P. Wintermute, the murderer of General Edwin McCook at Yankton, D. T., down into Florida, where he expects soon to die."

A disastrous fire broke out in Soochow, China, destroying one thousand houses.

The immense heppodrome building in New York has been leased, for three months, for the use of Moody and Senkely, to hold revival meetings in.

The liabilities of two firms which failed recently at Riga, Russia, are \$1,720,000 and \$1,627,000 respectively.

Heavy snows proving disastrous in damaging buildings, are reported in Nevada.

The Wright County Times has right idea of "cheap advertising" rates. It says: "Let the Minnesota publishers unite upon a fair advertising rate and stick to it. We can, just as well as not, get a living price from patent medicine and other 'foreign' advertisers if we but unite upon a uniformity of rates and strangle out the '\$20-a-year per column' frauds."

D. C. Porter, cashier of the first National bank of Davenport, Iowa, is a defaulter in the sum of \$15,000.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

They Adopt Resolutions to Work for the Bismarck Route

Thousands of Minnesotians GOING TO THE BLACK HILLS.

They Have got the Gold Fever Bad.

The Richest Diggings Found in The Big Horn Region.

A letter from Custer City.

Babcock Pleads Not Guilty.

Other Interesting Miscellaneous News.

Resolutions.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 8.—The Chamber of Commerce yesterday having heard Mayor McLean and Col. Loonsberry adopted the following:

Resolved. That the committee on transportation and improvements are instructed to confer with transportation lines from St. Paul to the Black Hills, via Bismarck, with a view to opening communication and inviting travel by the Northern Pacific railroad, as the most eligible route to the mines;

Resolved. That the committee on legislation act in concert with the delegation from Bismarck in taking measures deemed expedient to secure Government permit for miners to occupy the Black Hills, and for establishing mail line communication from Bismarck to the Hills.

BLACK HILLS NEWS.
A letter from Custer City, dated Jan. 20th, was received at Omaha, yesterday, saying forty houses have been built and sixty more building. Water has been found at twenty feet from the surface. A steam saw-mill will be in operation in eight days. Miners from the north report this side of the Big Horn, discoveries far surpassing any yet made; thirty men left to prospect there.

GOT THE FEVER BAD.
ST. CLOUD, MINN., Feb. 8.—A party of thirty men are preparing to go to the Black Hills via Bismarck. Hundreds here have got the fever bad. Thousands will go from this state before summer.

PLEADED NOT GUILTY.
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8.—Gen. Babcock yesterday appeared in court and pleaded not guilty. The day was occupied in waiting for jurors, mostly made up from the country, and all not arrived. Babcock said to a reporter, he was informed that the Government had nothing against him except the dispatches heretofore published and which he would explain to every candid person. The chief fear is in relation to the jury. He had heard it charged that Missouri juries were under rebel influences, and dared not acquit one connected with the administration. If he could secure fearless and impartial jurors, he was not afraid of the consequences. He acknowledged that he had been indiscreet in his St. Louis associations, but thought merely socially intimate, with persons who were afterwards found to be Revenue robbers, and thought it should not be laid upon him as a crime.

HARD ON BEECHER.
NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Friday evening a meeting of the Plymouth church exam-

ining Beecher, appointed Tuesday, convened for hearing the proof of assertions made by Henry C. Bowen in reply to accusations preferred against him by Deacon White. In Bowen's reply he defends his course with regard to church scandals, bitterly condemns the conduct of Beecher and his friends with regard to the Titton case, and speaks of knowing years before the present scandal, that Beecher had betrayed several of their names. Finally, he says: "I solemnly give my unswerving opinion that Henry W. Beecher, without a shadow of a doubt in my mind, is guilty of the awful crimes of adultery, perjury and hypocrisy."

STOKES RELEASED.
NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Before Justice Dickman, White Plains, on Saturday, Edward Stokes, Fish's murderer, moved for his release on the grounds that he had been imprisoned ten months before his sentence was pronounced. The motion, however, was denied, and Stokes was remanded to serve the remainder of his sentence in Sing Sing.

TRIBLE PANIC.
CINCINNATI, Feb. 7.—During a performance on Saturday afternoon, at Robinson's Opera House, by the school children, the house being packed full with mostly women and children, a terrible panic resulted from the cry of fire, it being raised by some boy on seeing a brilliant colored fire lighted behind the scene for tableaux. In the rush for the doors, four women and seven children were instantly killed, and a number of others were seriously injured.

NOT GUILTY.
BABCOCK'S TRIAL. Feb. 7.—The jury in the case of Landis, charged with the murder of Coruth, in Vine and, Saturday morning, returned a verdict of not guilty on the grounds of insanity.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 7.—The motion for a new trial in Mr. Ke's case failed, Saturday. Babcock's trial opens to-day. Several witnesses for defense, others for prosecution, arrived on Saturday. The outside opinion is general that his conviction is sure.

NOT A CANDIDATE.
COLUMBUS, Feb. 4.—Representative Dolewell received a letter from Gen. Sherman, replying to inquiries, which says he never has, is not, or never will be, a candidate for the Presidency. His wife and family are Catholics, but he is not; but that is nobody's business. He believes in common schools, but they are extravagantly conducted, which may be corrected without political agitation. He would always prefer union men, through the late war, for President. Among many such willing and capable men he notes Gov. Hayes, of Ohio, but does not presume to advise as to choice.

GONE TO PRISON.
LOUISVILLE, Feb. 4.—The Evansville revenue officials, convicted of whisky frauds, were delivered to the Jeffersonville prison on Wednesday morning. They are nine in number, and were among the most prominent and respected citizens. Within an hour after their arrival they were cropped, shaved and clad in zebra, but will not at once be put at hard labor, all the prisoners being idle at this time.

A ROMANCE.
LARAMIE CITY, WY., Feb. 4.—The Centennial mine spur lode continues to yield twenty-five hundred ounces of gold to the ton.

The Secretary of War has made a report concerning the relief furnished by the army to grubbing sufferers. The whole amount furnished was \$188,000, of which \$5,112.31 was returned to the Treasury. The amount furnished the Department of Dakota was \$27,000; returned, \$2,738.08. The amount expended for the purchase of stores in this department was \$19,689.53; amount expended in issuing the same, \$4,625.40.

Colonel John Mosby says: "est-Lord if we can forgive Davis or werg he did against us, can't you, and give him? He burnt down our place and beat us all he could. I don't think added Mosby, "that shaking the blood rag will win another time."