

Iron County Register

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NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

PRINCESS BEATRICE

will reside with Queen Victoria after her marriage to Prince Henry of Battenberg.

THE PROHIBITION NATIONAL COMMITTEE

met at New York on the 7th, and a conference of the leaders will follow.

THE MILWAUKEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

decided to wage war on the railroads of the State through the next Legislature.

GENERAL WOLSELEY

has received a piece of paper with General Gordon's genuine seal on the back, dated December 14th.

ACCORDING TO THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE'S

canvass, 100 members of the Illinois Legislature are for Logan for Senator, as first choice.

IT IS REPORTED THAT QUEEN VICTORIA

has announced to the Privy Council the betrothal of Princess Beatrice to Prince Henry of Battenberg.

THE MILWAUKEE MILLS

turned out 1,177,678 barrels of flour during 1884, against 875,882 during the previous year, an increase of 31,784 barrels.

THE VALUE OF EXPORTS, EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIES

from the port of New York for the week ended the 30th, was \$9,322,000, against \$8,421,000 for the previous week.

MINNEAPOLIS (MINN.)

millers are selling flour in Canada for less than the price of Canadian wheat, and this has caused the large mills at Winnipeg to shut down.

MR. MAHDI

recently threatened to march against the British in the Sudan, but a letter told his chiefs that the Mahdi was a saint, against whom it was useless to fight.

JACOB GREENE, OF ELMIRA, N. Y.

claims that he holds the patent on soda pianos, and declares he will hold all manufacturers responsible for any infringement.

IN 1881

Sheffield, Eng., exported to the United States \$6,000,000 worth of her manufactures. In the year just closed half the amount will have more than her same trade.

THE WICKLIFFE QUINCENTENARY

was celebrated in England on the 29th. Addresses were delivered in which the principles of Wicklife and Knox were applauded and prayer denounced.

BISMARCK

denies that he has any personal enmity toward Gladstone. However, he could have relied more upon Gladstone's confidence to keep England in accord with the rest of Europe.

THE THERMOMETER

registered 36 degrees below zero at St. Paul on the 2d, 50 at Stillwater, 45 at Bismarck, 55 at Winnipeg and 35 at Helena. At some points the weather was colder than ever known.

ONE OF THE HEAVY IRON MANUFACTURERS

of Pittsburgh, Pa., thinks the industrial depression has reached the lowest point, and that within a short time all the manufacturing establishments will be in operation.

THE STEAMER INDIA

having on board the body of Joel Hart, of Kentucky, the sculptor, reached New York on the 29th. The remains were forwarded to Kentucky for interment in the State Cemetery at Frankfort.

THE CONTEST OVER THE UNITED STATES SENATORSHIP

at Albany is said to be assuming national importance, and developing a fight as between the partisans of Mr. Tilden on the one side and President Arthur on the other.

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY

reports that the deposits since January 1st, 1884, of National Bank notes outstanding is \$21,104,250, and that the increase in the deposit of legal tender notes since January 1st, 1884, is \$3,851,785.

THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE PARIS

Academy of Science to inquire into the utility of quarantine measures will report against their continuance for the reason that they damage commerce and afford no protection during epidemics.

THE ENGAGEMENT

is announced of the Duke of Buckingham, a widower sixty-one years old, to Miss Alice, youngest daughter of Sir Graham Montgomery, long a member of the British Parliament and for a short time a Lord of the Treasury.

MR. BLAND

having recovered from his illness, is now in Washington. He says he will vigorously oppose the Buckner bill to stop the coinage of silver. He believes in the measure providing for the free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold.

BREADSTREETS

reports the number of failures in New York City for 1884 to have been 328, the largest number for six years past, as against 417 in 1883; 369 in 1882; 261 in 1881; 417 in 1880, and 468 in 1879. The total liabilities were \$71,343,000, and assets \$38,615,000.

THE WASHINGTON STAR

says the feeling of antagonism between the Senate and the House has greatly increased. Representatives think the Senators are disposed to usurp all the powers belonging to the House. The Senators think the House arbitrary and dictatorial.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

has amended his order respecting work in the Navy yards after the expiration of existing appropriations. As revised, the order provides that operations shall only be carried out where their discontinuance would involve the loss of life, or destruction of property.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR

has recommended to the Chief Signal Officer the charges preferred against Sergeant Holtzorth of the Signal Service of conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman, in having tampered with the private mail of Lieutenant Greely, with instructions to detail a court-martial for his trial.

THE NATIONAL IRISH LEAGUE

demonstration at Belfast on the 29th was presided over by a Catholic priest. The resolutions adopted were in favor of an Irish Parliamentary party and the leadership of Parnell, and made a firm resolve to support the party; also, that had paroled out of hiring pensioners as a reward for acts of cruelty must be restored to the cultivators.

GENERAL HAREN, Chief Signal Officer,

has submitted to the Secretary of War the charges against Assistant Adjutant-General McKee for having made derogatory remarks concerning the management of the recent Arctic expedition. The charges relate entirely to General McKee's alleged comments on the course pursued by Lieutenant Greely, and no reference is made in them to what General McKee is alleged to have said of the Chief Signal Officer.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

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GRAND LODGE OF SORROW.

IMPENDING MASONIC MEMORIAL SERVICES

in New York—A Ceremony to be Remembered by All Who Participated or Were Permitted to Witness—Scenes of Oriental Ceremony Re-Enacted.

NEW YORK, December 30.

The Grand Lodge of Sorrow, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, was held in the Academy of Music Sunday evening. The auditorium was nearly every prominent Mason in the city being present. The lodge held funeral services in memory of members ranging from the fourteenth to the thirty-third degree of Masonry, who have died within the last six years. The ceremony was not inappropriately termed a grand Masonic requiem mass for the repose of the souls of Sidney P. Nichols, H. Gardner, Charles Blackie, George W. Boone, James M. Martin, Gustavus A. Fuller and sixty-two other lamented citizens who have died in Masonic honors.

THE SERVICES

were opened with a full lodge in session on the stage. Its members wore rich regalia. In set Masonic terms, the Lodge of Sorrow was opened, the venerable Master saying that they had met to honor the dead and sympathize with friends and relatives in their affliction. A candlestick, with seven burning candles, stood near the Prompter's box.

IT WAS FLANKED

by tall candelabras and Masonic emblems. The auditorium was filled with mourners, and the solemn strains of Mendelssohn's "SONG WITHOUT WORDS" arose from the orchestra as an army of neophytes in black gowns with triangular aprons of a violet hue, and cabalistic caps inscribed with the wings of the stage, marched and counter-marched around the catafalque, and were finally ranged in solid columns on the right and on the left. A chorus of forty voices, with an organ accompaniment, intoned the

INTERLUDE

and nineteen girls dressed in white with silver sashes and bearing baskets of flowers, moved around the tier scattering roses at its base. A flaxen-haired little one, as beautiful as an angel, took her place in front of the catafalque, when her sisters ranged themselves at its side. When the baskets were emptied, the little ones melted within the wings, and the orchestra played Beethoven's funeral march. A file of acolytes, clothed in hooded white gowns, entered from the left of the stage, and another file, arrayed in hooded black gowns, came in from the right. Both files wore triangular aprons, red in color. Their brows were crowned with fillets of silver. They marched and counter-marched around the catafalque, and then stepped to the front and dirged, and drew up in front of the neophytes, the white gowns on the left and black ones on the right.

THE GENERAL J. H. HOBART WARD

re-splendent in the robes of a Jewish high priest, descended from a platform at the back of the stage. Walter M. Fleming and John P. Collins, the assistant priests, stepped to the front of the stage, and were bare. Both he and Collins wore rich robes, and might have been easily mistaken, in view of their surroundings, for priests of Isis and Osiris.

THE THREE PRIESTS

mounted a dais overlooking the catafalque. Seven men clad in black gowns with white surplices, bearing broad red crosses on the breast and black staves, stepped to the front and halted near the seven-cornered candlestick. The first uttered an aphorism on life and death, and said in a solemn tone of voice:

"TO THE MEMORY OF CHAS. S. ARTHUR,

Charles Blackie, Gustavus A. Fuller, Gregory Satterlee, Sidney P. Nichols, Hugh Gardner, Isaac H. Brown, and Lewis E. Hoppel."

HE THEN STEPPED TO THE BRAZEN

candlestick, and turned out one of the seven lights. Then one of his companions uttered another aphorism, named several more of the dead, and turned out another of the seven lights.

THIS WAS CONTINUED

until similar honor had been paid to all of the dead, and the lights of the brazen seven armed candlesticks had been totally extinguished. The Seven Knights of the Cross then retired to the back of the stage, and Miss Jennie Little, Frederick Harvey and Carl Herz passed around the catafalque and sang Rossini's

PRAYER FROM "MOSES."

The high priest then delivered a short invocation, and the acolytes raised their staves and again marched around the funeral pile. After another chorus the marching and counter-marching was resumed. A black-robed figure alternated with a white-robed figure, and in this order the file stood on the right and left of the catafalque. Miss Christine Rossini sang the solo:

"I WILL EXTOL THEE,"

in a pure tone of voice; after which the priest intoned the "Gloria in Excelsis." High Priest Ward delivered short funeral orations.

THE PANS OF FIRE

at the corners of the catafalque, burned out during the funeral addresses.

OF THE THREE SPEECHES

Mr. Fleming's was much the best. In the language of an intelligent Mason, Fleming "was in the main anxious for the occasion."

AFTER THE ADDRESSES

and appropriate music, the curtain fell.

IN THE THIRD PART

of the funeral ceremonies the scenery had been changed. It appeared as though a crypt under some old Egyptian temple. The stage was darkened, and the black and white figures reappeared with dimmed torches, with a lurid light on their silver fillets. They marched and counter-marched, forming triangles, squares and crosses, and various other Masonic emblems.

WHEN THE SOMBRE, DRAPED FIGURES

again ranged on each wing of the stage, the bier and coffin, with a heavy pall, were brought in, the red crossed figures acting as pall-bearers.

CHOPIN'S FUNERAL MARCH

was played, after which there were more aphorisms on life and death, and the coffin was raised and borne to an imaginary tomb in the wing of the stage.

A BENEDICTION

was next announced and the curtain fell.

IN THE LAST SCENE

the lodge was again in session. Jerome Buck made the peroration, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form, the whole ceremony ending with

HALLUCINAR CHORUS.

It was long after midnight before the Lodge of Sorrow was closed. While impressive, the ceremony could hardly be called instructive to any but Royal Arch Masons. But for the scriptural allusions and quotations, those who were not Masons, and even members of the blue lodge, might have taken it for some pagan rite of the time of Ptolemy rather than a funeral ceremony of the Nineteenth century.

OUR ALASKAN POSSESSIONS.

GOVERNOR KINKADEE OF ALASKA

Desires Further Legislation for His Territory—Bears the Purchase Not Such a Terrific White Elephant—After All.

BOSTON, MASS., January 3.

A Washington special says: John H. Kinkadee, Governor of Alaska, is in the city. In conversation yesterday morning Kinkadee said that his mission here is to lay before the President and Congress proofs of the necessity for further legislation in regard to the District of Alaska. He said:

"THERE IS A GREAT DEAL

of legislation necessary to make the organic law of the district effective. The act of Congress providing a civil government for Alaska is very crude, and further enactments are necessary to open up the territory and develop its varied resources. The Territory comprises an area as large as all the States east of the Mississippi. At present the only mode of Home Missions is by water, and it is impossible to properly carry on the civil government unless some provision is made for the transportation of the officers of the government of the Territory."

THE GOVERNOR

expressed his confidence that if proper facilities were afforded to the civil government, Alaska, through its rich mines, seal fisheries and timberlands, would soon prove to be worth to the United States many hundred times the paltry sum paid for it.

MR. KINKADEE

will have an interview with the President and Secretary of the Interior soon, and will lay before them the needs of the Territory. He will ask that a mail route be established, giving semi-monthly communication with Portland, Townsend, and that a monthly mail service be established between Sitka, the seat of government, and Umanak, a settlement 300 miles east of Sitka, which was made a judicial district with a resident Commissioner and Deputy Marshal. It at present has no direct communication with the seat of government. He will also ask that a provision be made for the purpose of transporting the officers of the civil government from one point to another throughout the Territory.

THE GOVERNOR

will submit his first annual report to the President in a few days. It will give much valuable information regarding the Territory and its resources and requirements.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

will also soon be forthcoming. This report will give details of the work of educating and Christianizing begun by the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions.

THE GOVERNOR

complains of the neglect of the Attorney-General to comply with the provisions of the organic act requiring him to compile and publish a code of the general laws of the Territory with as applicable to their duties.

CHEAP TELEGRAPHY.

THE BALTIMORE & OHIO LINE

Make Substantial Reductions in Telegraph Rates—Service Brought Within the Reach of All Classes.

NEW YORK, January 1.

The Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph Company has announced a unitary rate of ten cents for ten words is established between New York and Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington in place of the existing 15-cent rate; Boston, Providence, Hartford and Waterbury in place of the existing 25-cent rate; Fall River, Newport, New Bedford, etc., in lieu of the existing 30-cent rate, and Gloucester in lieu of the existing 35-cent rate; the rate between New York and Boston, New York and Philadelphia, New York and Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus, from 40 cents to 20 cents, and between New York and Indianapolis, St. Louis, St. Paul, Chicago, St. Paul, St. Louis, etc., from 50 to 20 cents.

BETWEEN ALL THE NEW ENGLAND

points, south and west of Baltimore and New York city, the 25 and 30-cent rates are reduced to 10 cents; to Philadelphia, from 35 to 20 cents; to Baltimore, New York and Washington from 35 to 20 cents; to Buffalo and Pittsburgh from 35 to 40 cents respectively; to Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Chicago, St. Paul, St. Louis and other prominent Western points from 50 to 25 cents. Between New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington the rate for 10 words is reduced to 10 cents; and between Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Columbus, New York, Fall River, Hartford, Waterbury, New Bedford and other principal points, the present rates, ranging from 30 to 50 cents, are reduced to a uniform rate of 25 cents, between New York and Cincinnati the 35-cent rate heretofore prevailing is reduced to 16 cents; between Chicago and St. Louis, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Cleveland, Columbus, Indianapolis, St. Paul, etc., the old rates ranging from 35 to 50 cents are reduced to 20 cents, and between Chicago and Boston, Providence, Newport, Fall River, Hartford, Waterbury, New Bedford, etc., they are reduced from 60 cents and 75 cents to 25 cents.

THE RESTRICTION

of a minimum rate of twenty-five cents a night message, hitherto prevailing with all the rival telegraph companies is removed and the night rate is fixed at fifteen cents for fifteen words, a new word being counted as two in the United States reached by the Baltimore & Ohio telegraph system. Ten cents is prescribed as the rate for ten words between the city offices of all cities.

THEY "PLAY THE DEVIL."

GENERAL GORDON

says he is a little recently received here, that he has two plans, one on the roof of each of the palaces, with which he "plays the devil" with the rebels when they attack the works. As a rule, however, the rebels only venture to approach at night to inspect the fortifications, while in the day-time Gordon has little else to do than to watch through his telescope the movements in the Army camp.

DOES NOT FEAR INVESTIGATION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 3.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior Josias says the investigation by the Senate Indian Affairs Committee into the leasing of Indian lands for grazing purposes can not develop anything not already known, because nothing has been concealed. He says the Interior Department did not make the leases, but simply authorized the Indians to make them if they deemed it best for their interests. Secretary Josias added that he regarded this plan of leasing the lands for grazing purposes as advantageous to the Indians.

WHO SHALL BE FIRST LADY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 3.

The unsettled question as to whether as to who should be considered first lady of the Republic when the President is widower or a bachelor, was somewhat emphasized by the facts that Mrs. Caroline Scherwin was invited to the reception, and that Mrs. Edmunds, wife of the President of the Senate and ex-officio Vice President, though first on the list of invitees, declined to attend. It is five under way and then was plainly attired in mourning. She was invited to the post of honor at the right of the President.

TWICE WIDOWED.

A REMARKABLE DEED ON HORSEBACK

with a Flock—The Wife of One of the Victims a Second Time Bereaved by Violence—The Result of an Old Feud.