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HILL SUED FOR MILLIONS.

Geologist Pearson's Claims Against the Railroad Magnate.

DULUTH, Minn., Jan. 30.—Papers have been filed here in a suit that is of the utmost moment, both as to the amount of money claimed, the character of the defendant and the principle involved. The suit is brought by Prof. H. W. Pearson, of Duluth, against J. J. Hill and the Great Northern Railroad.

The amount involved is a trifle over \$100,000 and the total sum in the proceedings is not less than \$14,000,000, which is alleged to be the value of property held by Mr. Hill and his road and taken by him after its discovery by Pearson under a contract with Hill by which Pearson was to have a share in the profits.

It is as elucidating a new geological theory and the overturning of a large extent previous and present accepted theories that the suit is of chief importance. Pearson has for nearly twenty years made a study of geological conditions and has established the "flood wood theory" of the deposition of vegetation sufficient to make coal beds.

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REVISION OF THE TARIFF.

Present High Duties Causing a Falling Off in Customs.

Government officials are alarmed by the recent statistics bearing on the income for customs duties. They fear that the maximum has been reached, and under the present duties, many of which are prohibitive, the revenue of the country will speedily decline.

Secretary Gage thinks many of the duties are too high. He believes a revision of the tariff is to be desired, but he does not agree with the members of the Senate Finance Committee that this revision should be undertaken by Congress at the next session.

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The Administration will seek to stave off the question of a big slump in customs receipts, which they expect to retain the internal war revenue taxes. No concealment is made in official circles of the fact that the Government desires to remain permanent anyhow. It was said in the Treasury Department today that it would be many years before the duties would be reduced.

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SNOW FALLING HEAVILY

Whole Country as Far West as Ohio Covered With It.

Likely to Continue Until Tomorrow Night—Slightly Colder Temperature Also Predicted—No Interruption on Local Street Railways.

Snow began to fall in this city about 5:30 o'clock this morning, and without intermission the flakes continued to pour from a leaden sky with varying degrees of intensity all day. Before many hours a mantle of white covered the streets, and it was not long before the tinkling of sleigh bells was heard on Pennsylvania Avenue.

The population of Washington rather enjoys a fall of snow so long as it does not assume the proportions of a blizzard, and hence there did not seem to be a perceptible diminution in the usual number of "choppers."

All the forenoon there was no interruption in the street railway traffic. Snowploughs were brought into requisition on all the lines and managed to keep tracks measurably clean. The managers state that they do not apprehend very material interruption unless the fall of snow becomes very much heavier, and continues for several days.

Chief Moore, of the Weather Bureau, said this morning: "The weather came as we predicted. The prospects are that we will have a big blanket of snow covering a big area. Before night the snowfall will reach a depth of one to two inches, and taking in all parts of the country as far west as Ohio. The prospects are that we will have a heavy snowfall tomorrow, which will be followed by slightly cooler weather. Snow will be light over the Atlantic coast north of North Carolina, probably heavy in southern New England and the northern portion of the Middle Atlantic States, and light over the Ohio region and upper Ohio Valley, with decided colder weather tonight in the Gulf States, Tennessee, Ohio Valley, and lower lake region, and with a heavy snowfall. Severe frosts and freezing weather are indicated for the Southern States tonight. Fresh to brisk easterly winds, shifting to brisk and powerful westerly winds, are indicated on the New England and Middle Atlantic coasts, and easterly winds, shifting to brisk northwesterly, on the South Atlantic coast."

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THE CREEK NATION TROUBLES

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PLANS FOR INAUGURATION

Legislative Work Completed and Execution Begun.

All Committees Ready to Proceed With Their Work—The Fremont Association, of Iowa, Applies for a Place in the Parade—Dummy of the Official Programme Prepared.

The legislative work of the Inaugural Committee was completed with approval of the final plans for the inauguration ceremonies, at last night's meeting, and the final allotment of appropriations to the various sub-committees. The attention of the Inaugural Committee will now be entirely devoted to the execution of the plans which have been formulated.

Several of the plans for the celebration have been held in abeyance, pending Congressional action upon the bill to appropriate a sum for the illumination of the public buildings at the inauguration. With the failure of favorable action, the committees have made their final reports and are prepared to proceed. All preliminary discussion of the character of the ceremonial has therefore been completed and the committee will hurry forward the plans agreed upon.

Chairman Jenkins, of the Floor and Promenade Committee, has returned from a hunting trip, and is busily engaged upon the selection of the members of his committee. The complete list, he expects, will be ready for publication tomorrow. The Fremont, Iowa, Association of Des Moines, has communicated with the Committee on Civic Organizations, signifying its intention of participating in the parade. The delegation will be composed of probably 100 men, under the command of Gilbert Palanshee, and will wear a golden badge on the left breast. The Iowa association comprises about 900 members of the organization, which has branches all over the country, and was organized in 1892.

The First Company, Governor's Foot Guard, of Hartford, Conn., which had expected to be present at the inauguration, has been notified that it has decided that it will not attend. The members of the Guard are all old men and feel that they will be unable to walk over the parade ground. It has been arranged for the inaugural parade. The Hunzlerford and Darrell Advertising Bureau is rapidly filling up the pages of the official programme with desirable advertising. Already the firm has received and turned into the Committee on Printing half of the amount of the price which the publisher has agreed to pay. Under the direction of the Printing Committee the historical matter which will form part of the programme was completed yesterday, and will be put at once into type. The programme prepared by the publishers for the solicitation of advertising, is a most attractive affair, bound in cloth cover, and bearing a seal metallic representation of the Inaugural programme, and have received two offers to take the entire publication of their kind, which they are considering.

A most elaborate display of half-toned likenesses of prominent men will be scattered through the book. Former President Andrade said to be the leader.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Jan. 30.—A statement that the formidable filibustering expedition is soon to leave San Juan, Cuba, for Venezuela, was made yesterday by the Venezuelan Consul here. He declares it will be led in person by Ignacio Andrade, ex-President of Venezuela, who was overthrown by General Castro in the last revolution. General Andrade, who came to San Juan soon after the beginning of the present trouble, and has remained quiet since, sailed yesterday for Cuba. He traveled inconspicuously.

The Venezuelan Consul has received advice that the expedition is practically ready to sail and awaits only the coming of the General Andrade. A German steamer, he says, is to convey the filibusters to their destination, which is expected to be some place on the delta of the Orinoco, where rebels have already gathered in force.

The consul admits that a serious revolutionary movement in his country is inevitable, and that the pending expedition will spur the rebellious elements. He declares, however, that President Castro is prepared to cope successfully with his foes. The policy of the Washington Government has greatly strengthened Castro.

OTIS REPLIES TO TOWNE. He Takes Exception to Assertions Regarding the Philippines.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Major Gen. Ellwell S. Otis, former Military Governor of the Philippines, at present in charge of the Department of the Lakes, takes exception to the statements made by Charles A. Towne, who spoke on the Administration's policy in the islands before the Senate on Monday. He said: "To my mind the great problem is, 'How can we get rid of the islands?' I believe after a series of years it will be possible for this country to plan some stable form of government for them and then to turn them over to the natives and let them have practical home rule. The failure of the rebellion was broken before I left Manila."

"I notice Mr. Towne says that 50 per cent of the inhabitants of the Philippines can read and write. This is absolutely untrue and everybody who has been there will readily understand the absurdity of the statement. In and about Manila there are many of the natives who are able to read and write, but when you go inland you will find a large majority of the people illiterate. From my own experience with the people, covering a period of two years, I am firmly convinced that it will be years before they will be fit to govern themselves."

THE ANTI-OLEO BILL. Grant Measure Referred to Committee in New York's Legislature.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 30.—When the Assembly concurrent resolution asking New York State Representatives in Congress to support the Grant Anti-Oleomargarine bill was received for concurrence in the Senate yesterday, it was referred to the Committee on Agriculture upon Senator Ellsworth's statement that the Senate heretofore has refused to instruct New York State Congressmen regarding their duty.

AGED BUSINESS MAN'S SUICIDE.

Edward Connell, of Philadelphia, Hangs Himself in His Room.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.—Dependent upon financial difficulties, which it is said, would soon have been desirably adjusted, seventy-eight-year-old Edward D. Connell committed suicide last night at the residence of his son, William Connell, at 468 West Rittenhouse Street, Germantown. Mr. Connell, who was once one of the best-known hat manufacturers in the country, had been depressed for some time, but no thought of suicide was entertained by the family.

Shortly before dinner, last night, he appeared unusually cheerful, and went to his room to dress. After repeated calls to answer had not been answered, his son went to his room and found the door closed. On entering he found the door locked, and upon trying to enter he found the door locked and barred.

Bursting open the door, the son started to enter the dark room, but at the threshold he bumped against his father's body, which was suspended from the transom. A rope was fastened to the door and was around the old man's neck.

The dead man was a New Yorker, and after learning the hat trade, formed a partnership with John W. Scherer, and a hat factory was established by them at Orange, N. J. At the formation of the partnership Mr. Connell separated from the firm and moved to Philadelphia, where he became president of that organization. He afterward established a hat factory in Frankford, then at Twenty-second and Chestnut streets, and from there he removed to Hartford, Conn. Mr. Connell returned to this city a year ago. He is said to have lost heavily recently in stocks, but would have been in some difficulties had he lived a few weeks longer.

DISINHHERITED HIS FATHER. Youth Left \$20,000 to a Servant Twice His Age.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Henry Ludlow Ritter was only nineteen years old when on August 29 last he died. He and his father, Henry T. Ritter, had quarreled because of a woman, and young Ritter ignored his father in his will and left all his estate to Martina Van Orden. His mother, who was dying, was surprised to find that her son had left her \$20,000 from a fortune of \$100,000. Martina Van Orden was a servant in the family and was forty years old. Young Ritter left his father's home and went to live with her.

The elder Ritter contested the probate of the will on the ground of undue influence, but Surrogate Thomas admitted it to be valid.

HOCKEY ON THE ICE. Thousands Witness the Carnival on the Skating Rink.

SARASOTA, Fla., N. Y., Jan. 30.—Three thousand persons thronged the grand parade of decorated sleighs and floats in the carnival parade yesterday. More artistic skill and ingenuity were displayed in the construction and decoration of floats than in the fanciful drees of harnesses, horses, and drivers. The principal sleighs and floats were those of the "Carnival of the World," fully depicted by the "Carnival of the World" sleigh was drawn by four black horses with white plumes, several pages of the King of Carnival, with pages, drawn by a bay team, drawn with royal blue and white, by footmen in livery. The hockey match resulted in favor of the home team by a score of 12 to 1. Malons were the victors in the hockey match. A NEW RITUALISTIC ORGAN. "The Church Review" to Be Published in This Country.

INJURIES VERY SERIOUS.

Plasterer Smith Unable to Work for Some Time.

F. L. Smith, the plasterer who received severe internal injuries by being thrown from a scaffold at the Navy Yard yesterday, was said to be somewhat better this morning. The physicians at Providence Hospital say that his condition is still critical, and that it will be a long time before he will be able to leave the institution.

His fellow-workman, John Fitzgerald, did not sustain serious injuries, and he will be able to return to work in a few days.

MRS. WELCH IMPROVING. Victim of John Gaines' Knife, However, Not Out of Danger.

Mrs. Elizabeth Welch, who was murdered yesterday morning by John W. Gaines, at her home, 2544 M Street northwest, continues to improve, but the physicians at the Emergency Hospital are disinclined to venture a prediction as to the result of her injuries. The puncturing of the lung by the knife makes an unfavorable turn in her condition likely at any time.

CHURCH DINNERS DISAPPROVED. Denounced by a New York Pastor as Extravagant and Undemocratic.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The Rev. Charles Edwards, pastor of the Franklin Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, publicly denounces as "extravagant" and "undemocratic" the dinner which is given annually in Brooklyn by the Presbyterian Union for Church Extension. The dinner is to be given at the Pough Gallary, Tuesday evening, February 26, at the cost of \$175 a plate. The Rev. Dr. Charles Dwight Hill is one of the guests of honor.

At the stated meeting of the Brooklyn Presbytery on Monday afternoon the Rev. Roland S. Dawson, who has the arrangements for the dinner in hand, described them and incidentally said that the dinners had great effect in spreading interest in church extension.

Then rose up the Rev. Charles Edwards and said, with emphasis: "Mr. Dawson challenges my opinion and that of the Presbytery in regard to the annual dinner of the Presbytery, and I propose to state my opinion in a frank and open manner. I am not here to support the dinner, but to state my opinion for which it is stated to be given."

"It is an unwarranted piece of extravagance. It is undemocratic, because it excludes the very people whom it is intended to reach."

MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR DEAF. Semi-Annual Meeting of the Board of Visitors.

FREDERICK, Md., Jan. 30.—The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Visitors of the Maryland School for the Deaf was held at the institution in Frederick yesterday. The members present were William G. Baker, of Buckeystown; Henry Williams and Charles W. Ross, of Frederick; John Black, Henry Clay Nail, and Dr. Bernard C. Steiner, of Baltimore; F. Snowden Hill, Prince Georges county, and W. T. L. Turpin, Queen Anne's county. Dr. Fairfax Schley, of Frederick, was elected president, to succeed William B. Barry, deceased, and John Black, of Baltimore, was elected vice president in place of Dr. Schley. Owing to indisposition Dr. Schley was unable to be present at the meeting.

The report of Charles W. Ross, treasurer, showed that the finances of the institution were in good condition, by reason of the fact that \$3,000 had been taken out of private bequests which had been bearing good interest. It further showed that unless the next State appropriation is increased these private funds will soon become exhausted. For several years the Legislature has been appealed to to increase the appropriation from \$25,000 to \$25,000 or \$30,000 to meet the increasing demands on the institution, but without avail. Prof. Charles W. Ely, Superintendent, in his report, shows there are 166 pupils in attendance, 59 boys and 46 girls, and that the health of the school has been excellent, there having been not one case of serious illness during the year.

Reduced Prices Continue All Week.

MERTZ and MERTZ 906 and 908 F Street.

SAFE OPEN, BUT EMPTY.

Burglars Invited to Help Themselves in a Store.

FRANKLINVILLE, N. J., Jan. 26.—But for a clever device and a little piece of originality the firm of Nute & Son, of this place, would have had their safe blown open Monday night. A year ago the store was visited by burglars and the safe was wrecked, but little money was lost. When the safe was replaced a card, giving the combination very plainly, was placed at the knob with the request: "Please open, but do not blow it up!"

Monday night the place was invaded, but the burglars were baffled, as there was very little money in the safe. Quite a number of articles were taken, however.

Paramount Proof. To support our argument that McCrean, Senate, and Lager are the purest and most honest men in the United States we respectfully submit the analysis made by the Government chemist of the fact that \$3,000 had been taken out of private bequests which had been bearing good interest. It further showed that unless the next State appropriation is increased these private funds will soon become exhausted. For several years the Legislature has been appealed to to increase the appropriation from \$25,000 to \$25,000 or \$30,000 to meet the increasing demands on the institution, but without avail.

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810-812-814 Seventh Street and 715 Market Space.

Greatest Bargains in Automobile Coats Yet!

\$15.00 Automobile Coats for \$7.50.

28 inches long and made of finest kersey, and in such shades as black, blue, very camel, and very black. The finish is: tastefully tailor-stitched and finished with strap seams; have stylish flare cuffs and high collars or notch collars; lined with Romaine silk and finished with mother-of-pearl buttons. Same garments as those advertised by another large department store at \$12.50. Choice for \$7.50.

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\$10 Taffeta Silk Waists, \$3.50.

Proceedings in Bankruptcy. Action of a New York Firm Against Michael Schuster.

Proceedings in bankruptcy were today instituted in the Supreme Court of the District by Adolph Rosenthal, Isaac W. Friedman, and Eliasoff Bros. & Co., wholesale jewelers of New York City, through their attorneys, Wolf & Rosenberg, asking the court to declare Michael Schuster, a jeweler of this city, a bankrupt, and that a receiver be appointed to take charge of all the goods, effects, and properties of the said Michael Schuster.

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