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Monument Erected.

CAMDEN, S. C., June 20.—The monument erected by the women of Kershaw county in memory of the Confederate dead was dedicated to-day. There was a grand military demonstration, in which twenty companies participated. Senators Hampton and Butler, Governor Thompson and other distinguished men were present. The ceremonies of unveiling consisted of an artillery salute, a dedicatory prayer, an ode to the ladies, and a memorial oration by Senator Hampton. He paid a tribute to the faith, devotion and patience of Southern women. When the true history of the war is written they would not only occupy the first place in our hearts but first in honor. They would always repel with scorn and indignation the imputation that monuments to the Confederate dead marked the spot where traitors slept. We of the South were neither traitors nor rebels nor was our war in any proper sense a rebellion. It was strictly a civil war growing out of conflicting interests and different constructions of the Constitution by opposing sections of the country. He maintained that perfect union of the States contemplated by the Fathers could never be possible if the citizens of one portion of the Republic are to be kept in that union merely on sufferance—tolerated but suspected; contributing their full share to the support of the government, but not participating in its direction; bearing its burdens, but not sharing its honors, and feeling that in the home of their fathers they are but unwelcome intruders. He congratulated the country that the future was auspicious, that the scars of the war were being obliterated by time, and demanded that our former enemies do justice to the motives that inspired our conduct. He believed that if a settlement of the war issues had been left to old soldiers the country would have been saved the shame and humiliation of reconstruction. He counselled obedience to the laws and to the supremacy of the constitution, and said it requires only mutual forbearance, concession and generosity on the part of the late contending sections to bring about the result, and every statesman, every lover of his country desires to see this end reached, and it can be attained without loss of self respect by any honorable man, north or south, without any unmanly degradation or without the sacrifice of one honest conviction or one cherished principle. The great questions which were at issue between the north and south, and which were left to the arbitrament of war, were decided against us, but the sword never has decided, and never will decide, the question involving the great principle of final judgment as to the motives and actions of man. It rests with a higher tribunal than any on earth, and to that last court of appeal must every question of right and wrong be submitted. For our convictions we are responsible alone to our own consciences and to our God. Hence there is no inconsistency in giving to the constitution and laws under which we live an earnest support, while we hold in tender reverence the memory of the men who died for the cause we held to be just and right. The oration was received with much enthusiasm.

Change of Time.

OGDEN, Utah, June 20.—The Denver & Rio Grande, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and Burlington & Missouri River railroads announce their intention of changing time jointly on the first of July. Close connections will be made with the Central Pacific at this point and the running schedule will be sufficiently reduced to afford practically some through time between San Francisco or Ogden and the Missouri river as will be made under the new schedule of the Union Pacific. It is probable that a second daily passenger train will be placed on these roads east of Ogden as all the roads are in good condition and competition in fast time across the continent seems imminent.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, June 20.—Mining stocks very dull. Horn Silver at 6.50; Sierra Nevada, 5.50; Alice, 2 75; Navajo, 2.15; Sierra Grande, 1.25 and 1 20; Little Chief, 60 and 63; Robinson Con. 63 and 64; Sonora Con. 24 23. Sales for the day, 29,050 shares.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, June 20.—Money market easy, 2½@3; closed 2½. Prime mercantile paper, 4@5½; sterling exchange bankers bills weak 484⅞; sterling exchange demand 488.

Resignation of Rev. Ritchie.

CHICAGO, June 20.—R. W. Arthur Ritchie, rector of the Church of the Ascension, whose extreme ritualism has caused quite a scandal in Episcopal circles, resigned his pastorate to-night. It is said the reasons were his strained relations with the Bishop of the diocese and the fact that under those circumstances his parishioners declined to assume the debt of $20,000 for the erection of a new church. A committee was appointed to confer with him.

TUCSON, A. T., June 20.—Prominent citizens gave a banquet to Crook here to-night.

San Francisco Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20.—The following are the official closing prices of mining stocks:

Alta	.65	Sierra Nevada	4⅜
Alpha Con	2	Tiptop	.35
Belcher	1⅛	Union Con	5⅝
Best & Belcher	4⅝	Wales Con	.25
Bodie	1	Yellow Jacket	4¾
Con. Virginia	.60	Mt. Diablo	3⅛
Crown Point	1⅛	North Belle Isle	.50
Chollar	3⅛	California	.30
Eureka Con	9⅛	Exchequer	.30
Elko Con	20	Northern Bell	6⅞
Gould & Curry	3	Silver King	10⅛
Grand Prize	.25	Navajo	2⅛
Hale & Norcross	7⅝	Belle Isle	.45
Martin White	.25	Savage	2⅛
Mexican	3¼	Mountain White	.05
Ophir	5	Independence	.30
Potosi	1½		

Northern Pacific Railway.

NEW YORK, June 20.—The executive committee of the directors of the Northern Pacific railway to-day passed a resolution calling on the treasurer and general auditor to prepare and submit a statement showing the net earnings due to preferred stock holders at the close of the fiscal year ending the 30th inst. The uncompleted portion of the road is now 118 miles. It will be ready for travel it is thought by the end of August. The formal opening of the road will take place at the western portal of Mullan tunnel, which is just west of Helena, Mont., early in September.

Instructions to Gen. Crook.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—General Ruggles telegraphed General Crook as follows:

WHIPPLE BARRACKS, AR., June 20, 1883.

I am directed by the Secretary of War to advise you that the Secretary of the Interior informs him he cannot consent to receive your Indian prisoners at San Carlos agency. He says he will endeavor to take care of the children but in his opinion the adults should be held prisoners of war and kept from contact with peaceable Indians in Arizona. The Secretary directs that the prisoners be kept apart by you and fed out of the appropriation for subsisting Indian prisoners of war until he shall receive full reports from you with any recommendation you may have to make on the subject upon which the final disposition of these Indians will be determined.

Chicago Notes.

CHICAGO, June 20.—A decree of the court was entered to-day permitting Mrs. Frances Maria Scoville, sister of Charles J. Guiteau and divorced wife of Geo. Scoville, to change her name to Frances Maria Howe.

The second trial of R. S. Munroe, charged with passing upon a bank of this city a false draft for $6,500 on Beckett & Co., of Leeds, England, was begun to-day. Edmund Beckett is here from England to testify.

The Morton Block Fire.

SAN FRANCISCO June 20.—This was the most disastrous fire since the great lumber fire two years ago. It was first noticed at 3:30 this morning by the steward of the Olympic Club. Before he could turn on the alarm the fire had got well under way. When the engines arrived hope ceased of saving the upper portion of the building. The fire patrol immediately turned their attention to save the dry goods of O'Conner & Moffatt. This they succeeded in doing by means of tarpaulins. At four o'clock the rear wall fell out into Morton street, inhabited on the other end by the *demi monde*. The greatest consternation was created among the occupants, who sought refuge in all quarters. At five o'clock the fire department succeeded in overcoming the flames saving two of the lower stories and adjoining buildings, which fortunately were protected by heavy walls of masonry. The first two floors were occupied by the dry goods establishment of O'Connor, Moffat & Co.; the third story by the Acme billiard parlors, owned by the Brunswick and Balke Co., of Chicago; and the upper story by the Olympic Club. The building was erected in 1868, and although it withstood the heavy earthquake of that year it lately has been considered a fire trap by the fire authorities. As proof of this the insurance companies have charged one and a half per cent. premium. The building with improvements was valued at $150,000; insured for $44,000; O'Connor, Moffat & Co. carried a stock of half a million; insurance $245,000. The Royal, Norwich and Union National, $30,000, and the Imperial, London, Northern and Queen for $25,000, being the heaviest insurers. The Olympic club property, valued at $40,000; insured for $10,000, divided among Pacific coast companies. The Acme billiard parlors lost $10,000; insured for $5,000, divided between the Standard and London Insurance Association. Total loss, $500,000; total insurance, $310,000. Several accidents; no loss of life.

New York News Items.

NEW YORK, June 20.—The Board of Aldermen adopted a resolution that from the 15th of June to the 15th of September every year, until otherwise ordered, all mechanics and laborers of the city government quit work at noon Saturdays without abatement of wages.

The Mayor sent the Aldermen a communication from the officers of the Virginia Military Institute, asking the privilege of returning to the city the flag presented to the 164th regiment of New York volunteers, which was captured during the war.

In the suit of Peter D. Marie and others against Commodore Garrison to recover $4,000,000 Missouri Pacific railroad stock, commenced before the referee, Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, the former treasurer of the road, testified the bonds issued by the Missouri Pacific road, and the income and improvement bonds went into the treasury of the Atlantic and Pacific road, to be used as collateral for certain loans made by the Atlantic and Pacific road.

The Rush for Licenses.

CHICAGO, June 20.—The rush for saloon licenses under the new city ordinance in order to make operative the new State high license law continued to-day. When the clerk's office opened this morning the line of expectant dram-sellers extended through the hall-way and half a block along the street. Preparations for speed had been made, however, and by noon the jam was practically over, and for the remainder of the day was easily taken care of. The result of two days' work is the issuance of three thousand licenses. There are about four thousand saloon-keepers in the city. It is alleged that many notaries winked at glaring irregularities in furnishing sureties.

An Alleged Abortionist Arrested.

PHILADELPHIA, June 20.—The police to-day found in the cellar of the dwelling No. 2243 North Fifth street, formerly occupied by Dr. Isaac Hathaway, the alleged abortionist, the bodies of several children and a large number of human bones. Dr. Hathaway was arrested in March '80 with the Rev. Thos. B. Miller for committing criminal malpractice upon Mary Butler, a servant girl, whose child died after the operation. Both were admitted to bail and Hathaway fled. He, however, returned to the city some time ago but has never been rearrested on the charge. Three months ago his wife charged him with assaulting her and threatening her life. She asked to have a warrant issued for his arrest, but subsequently withdrew the charge. She told the officials that her husband has performed several criminal operations upon her, and she knew he had performed hundreds upon others. Up to 4 o'clock this morning twenty-one skulls, or portions of skulls of infants, had been found buried in the cellar of his dwelling. Dr. Hathaway is now in the county prison charged with assaulting a relative. The Coroner has lodged a detainer against him.

Chicago Board of Trade Affairs.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Occurrence for calls for margins will be made where no trades exist. One broker this morning held 250 tierces of lard on which there was a difference of $62 against him. He was called for $1200 margins, but before a check could be sent a change in the market made the deal even.

Nothing new has been learned here in regard to McGeoch except that he remains in his Milwaukee home utterly prostrated. John R. Bensley, receiver for the broker firm of McGeoch & Co., says it will require three months fully to settle the affairs of the firm as trades to the extent of $10,000,000 are scattered all over this country and Europe are involved. At the office of the firm, however, it is said that though the business will not be fully settled a statement of assets and liabilities will be forthcoming within a week.

P. D. Armour says he don't believe there will be another failure on the board; that there was no cause for one failure to-day except a lack of means; that if this firm had called on its friends they would have seen them through; that as it appears now there is no more uncertainty for the future than usual; that the provision trade to-day is immense, never better; that orders for provisions are coming in from all parts of Europe and this country; that property has changed hands, and is now in the possession of merchants who can carry it, and have facilities for distributing it, and that on the whole he believed the flurry would make men more cautious about going beyond their depth.

Mr. Armour showed the following dispatch from his brother, H. O. Armour, in New York: "We are in good shape. The trouble appears local in Chicago. The cyclone will be forgotten in ten days by all except those hit. M. S. Nicholas & Co. are paying all differences as fast as can be checked up, and expect to resume in a few days."

Moses' Reservation—Correspondence Relating Thereto.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Secretary Lincoln transmitted the following telegram to the secretary of the interior from General Miles, with favorable endorsements of its recommendations:

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, W. T., June 15.—*To the Adjutant General, Washington:* The principal chiefs interested in Moses' reservation started from Spokane Falls and are now en route to Washington in charge of Capt. Baldwin. I earnestly request efforts be made to make amicable and permanent settlement with these Indians while in Washington, not only to satisfy them for a portion of their reservation restored to the public domain but also if possible, purchase their relinquishment of the remainder of Moses' reservation. It is a second Black Hills and prospectors are already pressing upon it and will soon give trouble or endeavor to have another portion taken from the Indians. I think it would be better for the government to offer the Indians $150,000 for their benefit and to induce them to take land in severalty on Colville reservation.

The Excited Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, June 20.—A feeling of uneasiness still exists among commission merchants on the Board of Trade, and affairs are very much mixed up, owing to the inability of getting the books straightened up from the confusion into which the past few days' excitement has thrown them. A suggestion has been made that the Board adjourn for a day, as was done a couple of years ago, in order to give time to settle accounts. It is said to be a common occurrence.

A Creditors' Meeting.

PITTSBURG, June 20.—Eighty-five creditors of Graff, Bennett & Co. held a meeting this afternoon and decided to grant the firm an extension of three years. The statement by one of the members of the firm showed the liabilities of Graff, Bennett & Co. to be $1,282,752, and the liabilities of the Grafton Iron Co., for which they are responsible, $330,000. Their personal assets are $1,169,639, besides which they have real estate worth $2,000,000.

Fatal Railroad Accident.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 20.—About 3 p. m. the Chicago express on the Omaha line, when near East Minneapolis, ran over the track owing to a misplaced switch, and the entire train, consisting of an engine, baggage, three passenger cars and a sleeper, were derailed. Engineer Wm. Harrington, of this city, and baggage master Roberts, of Elroy, were instantly killed, and a brakeman named Sanderhart was badly hurt. Roberts has a wife and three children in Elroy. It was the first trip of the engineer over the road. The train was running at a high rate, 40 miles an hour, when the accident occurred. A few passengers were slightly injured.

BERLIN, June 20.—Much damage is being caused by floods in Silesia. Several persons killed.

HAMBURG, June 20.—The schooner Germania sailed to-day for the Polar Sea with provisions and instruments for the German expedition now on its way to the Arctic regions.

An Important Land Suit.

GALVESTON, June 20.—The News' Dallas special says one of the most important land suits ever entered in Texas courts has been filed by Geo. A. Russ, formerly Adjutant General of Indiana, against Count Telferer, of Italy, president of the New York, Texas & Mexican railway company, and son-in-law of Bonanza Mackay. The plaintiff claims he sold the defendant one and one-quarter millions acres grazing lands in El Paso county, at fifty cents an acre, to be paid for November 2, 1882, and that Telferer failed to meet his obligation. Service has been had on the defendant in New York papers returnable at the October term of the Travis county District Court. The purchase was for the purpose of establishing a gigantic stock ranch in which several European capitalists were concerned with the intention of organizing a line of steamers and supplying European markets with Texas meats.

Butler Putting on Style.

BOSTON, June 20.—The Governor has ordered out the National Lancers to escort him to and from the Harvard College commencement to-day.

A Stampede of Texas Steers.

CHICAGO, June 20.—A report has just reached here from the stock yards that fifty head of Texas steers became frightened and stampeded and are now charging through the streets in every direction throughout the southern part of the city all the way from Ashland Avenue to Lake Michigan, a distance of over three miles. They are said to be wild and utterly uncontrollable and citizens are out all through the district with guns and pistols shooting at them and adding to their frenzy. Particulars are not yet obtained but the report says a large number of people have been run over and more or less injured and one person killed.

Indicted For Bribery.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 20.—The *American's* Springfield special says: Judge John E. Garner, of that place, was indicted at the June term of the Robertson County Circuit Court for an attempt to commit perjury and subordination of witnesses in a law suit in which he was leading counsel, being the trial of Birch Hopkins for the killing of Dr. Neuckles, in which Hopkins was acquitted on the grounds of self-defense. It was exciting on account of the prominence of the parties and the manner of the killing, and the verdict of acquittal is productive of much feeling. There are several counts in the indictment, one charging that Judge Garner bribed the witnesses to swear falsely. Ben Boon, Jas. Boon, James Suit and Tom Demombreu were indicted jointly with Judge Garner. Judge Garner is one of the commission of referees of the court created by the last legislature to relieve the Supreme Courts from the overcrowd of work. He is a lawyer of high standing, and has served on the bench and in other positions of honor and trust.

Institute of Homœopathy.

NIAGARA FALLS, June 20.—The second session of American Institute of Homœopathy convened here today. The president appointed Dr. J. H. McClelland, of Pittsburg, chairman of the Bureau of Medical Education for '83 and '84. The first subject for discussion was "Complications of Gestation." J. A. Campbell presented papers on opthamology, atology and larynxology which were generally discussed. Papers were also read on genealogy by Drs. Ludlow, of Chicago, and others. The session opens for discussion to-morrow. A letter from Calcutta, India, was read, showing a homeopathic school was organized at that place Feb. 1, 1880, and which was in a flourishing condition. In the evening, papers from the bureau of surgery were presented. The meeting adjourned until to-morrow at 4 p. m. A banquet will be held in the evening. A large number of additional arrivals are reported to-day.

Miscellaneous.

ST. LOUIS, June 20.—The school board have made an order that after the first of next September corporeal punishment shall be abolished in the public schools of this city.

The water has risen a few inches, but no material damage has yet been wrought.

KANSAS CITY, June 20.—The river is still rising slowly. At 3 p. m. it stood 23 feet 5 inches. The Kaw which was on the stand yesterday is rising slowly to-day. No additional damage of importance is yet reported.

OMAHA, June 20.—In the United States court a verdict was rendered to-day for about $50,000 in favor of A. S. Patrick, of Omaha, against Erwin Davis, of New York, upon a contract on the Flagstaff mine, Utah.

NEW BRUNSWICK, June 20.—The residence of Ezekiel M. Patterson was robbed of $12,000 in bonds and gold during the absence of the family.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Crook in a dispatch to the Adjutant General, opposes keeping the captive Apaches apart from the other Idians.

LITTLE ROCK, June 20.—The four men convicted of robbing the railroad train and killing conductor Cain will be hung Friday at Clarksville.

KANSAS CITY, June 20.—John Harvey, an employe of the electric light company, while repairing the line, was killed by an electrical shock.

TOMBSTONE, A. T., June 20.—A party of eastern capitalists have arrived in a special car, among them Congressmen Ross and Julick, arrived this evening from Sonora. They purchased the Cutler copper mine, price, $350,000.

CONCORD, N. H., June 20.—The officers elected at the joint convention of the Legislature this afternoon are as follows: Secretary of State, A. B. Thompson; State Treasurer, Solomon A. Corner; State Printer, Parson B. Cromwell; Commissary General, Gilman B. Johnson; all of Concord.

CHATTANOOGA, June 20.—Emma Keys, the eldest daughter of ex-Postmaster General Keys, was married to-night to W. B. Thompson, Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service. The wedding was very private.

NEW YORK, June 20.—Charles Backus, minstrel, is dying.

LONDON, June 20.—A. Durant & Co., general merchants, have failed. Liabilities, £100,000.

PHILADELPHIA, June 20.—Archbishop Wood died at ten minutes past eleven to-night.

North Dakota Convention.

HURON, June 20.—The following resolution was adopted by the convention at a late hour last night:

Resolved and enacted by the people of Dakota, through their delegates in convention assembled, that for the purpose of enabling the people in that part of Dakota south of the forty-sixth parallel to organize and form a State government, and to make application for admission into the Union of States, a delegate convention is hereby called to meet Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1883, for the purpose of framing a State constitution, republican in form, and doing and performing all other things essential to a preparation of the Territory for making application to the general government for admission of such part of Dakota into the Union of States.

Mrs. Nickerson Sues for Divorce.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Mrs. Emma C. D. Nickerson filed a petition for divorce from Major A. C. Nickerson. The petition, among other things charges the defendant with adultery with one Miss Carter, the womam to whom Nickerson was married after he obtained his divorced. A bill in equity has been filed asking that conveyances of property by Major Nickerson to Miss Carter be set aside.

Foreign News.

AMSTERDAM, June 20.—There is an extensive fire in the royal dock yard here. The man-of-war Nostenner is considerably damaged. The loss is between three and four millions of florins. The origin of the fire is unknown. A fireman was killed while trying to subdue the flames. Three others were injured.

LONDON, June 20.—In the Commons this afternoon a bill providing for the application of £250,000 of the church surplus fund to aid the Irish sea fisheries, and particularly to provide harbors, passed a second reading.

DURBAN, June 20.—Right Rev. John Wm. Colenso, D. D., Bishop of Natal, is dead.

OTTAWA, June 20.—The question affecting the statutes of British Columbia, the Dominion Supreme Court has decided that the Province legislature has exclusive authority over the procedure in all civil matters in the courts of the Province, and can make rules governing procedure courts.

DUBLIN, June 20.—A dispatch from Redmond, who represents the interests of the Irish National League in Australia, states that he would guarantee to send from that country £1,000 for the Parnell fund.

The Harvard and Columbia Boat Race.

NEW LONDON, June 20.—A four mile, straight away, eight oared race between Harvard and Columbia was rowed this morning, Harvard winning by twelve lengths. The wind freshened considerably before the start, making a bad, choppy sea. Harvard had the west and Columbia the east course. Harvard, though splashing a little, got the best start, and at no time was she headed. At the two mile flag the time was 13:55, with a lead of three lengths. Columbia at this point was twenty seconds behind. Harvard gradually incressed her lead, while Columbia showed visible signs of being used up. At the two and a half mile flag Harvard led by four lengths, pulling 44 strokes to Columbia's 32. At the three mile flag Harvard led five lengths, which was increased at the three and a half mile flag to nine lengths. Here Harvard made a fine spurt and crossed the line, pulling 34 strokes, and winning the race by 12 lengths in 24 min. 45 sec.; Columbia's time, 25:55. Harvard pulled in splendid form from the start to the finish. The attendance outside of the collegians was noticeably small. Before the race bets ranged from 100 to 60 to even money on Columbia.

PROVINCETOWN, MASS., June 19.—Mate Dunham and six or eight of the crew of the whaling schooner Ellen Rizpat, were lost on a whaling voyage. The captain and mate struck a whale at the same time, and the mate's line becoming fouled his boat dragged under and was never seen afterwards.

Race Differences from a Colored Standpoint.

Then Brother Gardner softly observed: "In case de white and de black races should change places, I wonder if de black race would recognize de eternal fitness of things in a proper light? If de white race had been bo'n ignorant, stupid, erratic, an' mo' or less vicious, an' de black race had produced all de philosophers, philanthropists an' humanitarians, I wonder if we would have made de same errors an' mistakes dat de white folks have? De white statesman put de ballot in our hands to elevate our standard, an' yit not mo dan one in ten kin read de names of candidates, an' not one in twenty kin explain why he should vote one ticket in preference to de odder. De long-headed white polytishun gin us de balance of power in this kentry, but forgot to gin us any of de offices. De white man prides hissel' dat de black race has made great progress in de las' dozen years. An' yet he has crowded him out of ebery place whar' he could airn a dollar widout usin' his muscles. De white orator loses no opportunity to remind us dat we have de same civil rights as de President of de United States, an' yit if we sot beside him in the street kyar, de opera house, or de church, he hunts for anoder seat. De white man has wept ober our enslavement an' den coolly seen us go hungry and ragged as free men. He has encouraged us to reach up, an' stood ready wid a club to rap our knuckles. He has opened de doah of eddecashun, but shet de doah of advancement. He has made us his hobby an' his pet, but secured his whitewashin at de werry lowest figgers. He has perverted facks an' falsified statisticks fur our benefit, but charged us big interest fur borrowed money. Gem'len, de color am black. De face ain't purty. De ha'r kinks. De feet must hab room. Jist remember dese facks when de white man cums purrin' around an' predicks dat we have got his race on de run. De black man who turns his back on a lookin' glass am preparin' fur a calamity dat will wrench his heart strings."—*Detroit Free Press.*

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

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CHICAGO, June 20.—Sixteen of the most noted oarsmen of the country have arrived to take part in the regatta at Pullman on Friday and Saturday of this week. They comprise one of the finest fields of rowers ever assembled in the United States for a contest. Hanlon, the world's champion, will contest in both single and double scull races. His companion in the double scull race is Benj. Lee. Hanlan is in fine condition, but it is asserted he will have to row his best to hold the first place, as some of the fifteen are known to be in most excellent shape and are liable to press him. The oarsmen speak of the Lake Calamet course as one of the finest, and with good weather there is a promise of an enormous attendance, as it is really the first great professional race which has ever occurred in the West. The railway companies are preparing to accommodate a large crowd of people who will attend from the city.

Murch's Testimony.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—In the Hill investigation to-day, Murch was sworn and answered the usual questions as to residence, occupation, etc. Witness had been a stone cutter from 1857, and during six years witness worked both as journeyman stone cutter and foreman in dressing granite for the Philadelphia building. During the time he worked there, 35 per cent of the workingmen's time was wasted. The Dix Island Granite Co. men were instructed as to the length of time they should occupy in cutting each stone. The superintendent made estimates, and if a man finished a particular stone in less time he was kept jobbing until the intimated time expired. Witness worked about 140 days upon one stone, and believed he could have done the work in 40 or 50 days.

Witness appeared before the Commission of which Assistant Secretary French and W. Hill were members, and certified to all the facts as just related by him and called Hill's attention to the unfairness of the modified contracts which he (Hill) then proposed making.

Counsel for defense wished to postpone the cross-examination of Murch until to-morrow to which the prosecution assented.

Several letters and other documentary evidence relating to the Philadelphia building were then offered, after which General Steinmentz was recalled and questioned as an expert in relation to certain alterations in the plans of the building committee Adjourned until to-morrow.

A Feverish Market.

CHICAGO, June 19.—This has proved another exciting day on 'Change. The condition of affairs was very much strained, and the bulk of the trading has changed over from provisions to wheat and corn. The failures that have occurred in all lines have caused a suspicion of unsteadiness to attach to many of the heavier firms. The fluctuations in all the markets have been sharp and rapid, and speculators have, in consequence, been calling indiscriminately for margins. One failure was announced during the forenoon, that of George Stewart & Co., reported long on wheat and lard. All the markets up to noon displayed signs of weakness.

The markets all assumed a firmer tone towards the close, although the severe drop in pork was not altogether recovered. Just before the close the firm of Dally & Co., who have been dealing heavily in pork, succumbed, and so notified those with whom they have dealings. Their liabilities are not ascertained. The rumor that Robert Ludloom had failed is not true.

Sherman Starts on His Tour.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Gen. Sherman, accompanied by Tidball of his staff, left here this morning for Buffalo, where he will be joined by Chief Justice Waite and Justice Gray. From there the party will start on their trip across the continent along the northern boundary of the United States for the inspection of all the military posts on the route. Gen. Sherman would have postponed his departure until after the funeral of General Ewing, but one day's delay would have disarranged all his plans throughout the entire trip, which has been carefully mapped out with dates for arrival at certain points and escorts provided to get the party along the route.

The finding of the Wasson Court Martial has been submitted to the Judge Advocate General. The result has not been made known, but it is thought that the sentence is at least dismissal, otherwise the Department Commander would have acted upon it.

The Alice Abroad.

We have had occasion several times to call attention to the Alice mine, of Montana, and although there has not been any brisk advance in the price of the stock, we can assure our readers that our opinions as to the actual value of the mine have not changed. We believe that the Alice will eventually prove to be one of the best dividend payers in the country, and holders of stock only require patience in order to realize handsome profits.—*New York Financial and Mining Review, June 14th.*

Sad Death of a Pioneer.

The *Independent's* Missoula special of June 18th says:

M. S. Halpin, a pioneer of this county and proprietor of the Missoula Ferry for the past twelve years, was drowned at 4 p. m. Saturday, the 16th inst., at his place of business. In attempting to ferry some wagons across, the boat became unmanageable, and by a sudden lurch precipitated him overboard. He was never seen afterwards, and at this writing his body has not been found.

It will be sad news to his numerous friends hereabouts and elsewhere in the Territory. He was honest and upright in all his dealings, and held the highest regard of all.

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

As Narrated by Our Montana Exchanges.

Potatoes are selling for five cents a pound in Missoula.

The spring session of the Missoula District Court opens June 25th.

A postoffice has been established at Townsend, the station at the crossing of the Missouri.

So far this month sixty-three cases have been disposed of in the Police Court of Helena.

There are rumors of a mammoth hotel in Missoula, to be built by the railroad company.

The Beaverhead county jail is said to be no more fitted for holding prisoners than is a sieve for holding water.

George Bell, the bandit of Custer and Yellowstone counties, was convicted of burglary last week at Bozeman.

The *Husbandman* says that it is believed that the crop in the Judith valley will this year be grown without irrigation.

A Wisconsin journalist proposes to start a German newspaper in Helena, which will be the first German newspaper published in the Territory.

Antelope in great numbers are seen at this season along the Northern Pacific for a great part of the distance between Mandan and Livingston.

Reports from the different roundups throughout the Territory indicate that the calf crop this year will prove one of the largest ever known.

A man named Stanley, who amused himself at Miles City by making a man dance to the music of a revolver while the balls were flying in close proximity to his legs, is in jail at that city.

Two bids were received by the Choteau County Commissioners for the construction of the new court house at Benton. One bid was at $64,000 and the other $43,000. The Board took the bids under advisement.

One of the notable events of the coming Fourth of July in Helena, will be the departure of a special train by the Northern Pacific freighted with 1,000,000 pounds of Gregory and Wickes bullion to Newark, N. J.

The Secretary of the Interior has directed a recognition of mining claims of settlers upon the public lands in Montana ceded by the Crow Indians under agreement made June 12, 1880, and ratified by Congress April 12, 1882. The Secretary holds that these lands, being ceded by definite boundaries, become public lands upon the date of the approval of that act of ratification, and from that date the legal rights of settlers and claimants took effect.

A Deliberate Attempt to Murder.

On Friday morning, the 15th inst., near Canton, in the Missouri valley, in Meagher county, a person concealed in a stable near the residence of Dennis Shea, armed with a double barrel shot gun, shot and wounded the wife of Mr. Shea—it is supposed mortally. Dr. McDonald was immediately sent for, and upon examination found that the woman had received seventeen buck shot in different parts of the body, neck and shoulders. It appears that Shea joins farms with a man by the name of John Lynch, and between the two families there has existed a bitter feud of long standing. John Lynch has been arrested on suspicion of committing the deed while concealed in the stable and is now in the hands of Constable W. A. Clarke, assisted by deputies selected from among the neighbors, who stand guard over the prisoner. Lynch was brought before Moses Doggett, a justice of the peace, and Wednesday morning set for the preliminary examination. Mrs. Shea's wounds are thought to be mortal, and in case of her death there is danger of summary justice in the lynching of Lynch.—*Helena Herald* 18.

Railroad Racket.

The N. P. track layers have advanced west of Helena to Seven Mile creek.

Water tanks have advanced along the N. P. railroad line as far as Townsend. Locomotives utilize the syphon in taking water from the streams.

All the material for the permanent iron truss bridge to span the Missouri at Bedford is on the ground, and the erection of the structure will commence at an early day.

An accident happened to the N. P. R. R. last week at Beaver creek, 140 miles east of Spokane, caused by a heavy rain weakening the clay filling by which about 200 feet of trestling and 150 feet of the bridge with the track were precipitated into the chasm below. It was fortunately discovered in time to prevent any accident to trains.

The First Ticket.

The Premium Ticket (first through ticket by the Northern Pacific from Helena) was purchased by the First National Bank. The price paid was $150. The bank officers, in token of the esteem in which they held Assistant Cashier T. H. Kleinschmidt, presented him with the souvenir ticket, which, aside from the friendship in the case, was a very appropriate thing to do, in view of the fact that Mr. Kleinschmidt is Mayor of Helena. We are not informed as to when the recipient designs making use of the ticket.—*Helena Independent* 19.

A Business Term.

The last term of the District Court held in this city was remarkable for the large number of cases disposed of in so short a term. Deputy Clerk Chas. S. Warren has completed a summary of the business disposed of during the term, which shows that the whole number of cases docketed was 242; 71 judgments were rendered; 53 cases were dismissed as settled; 67 cases were continued for the term, and 45 passed until called up. Four prisoners were sentenced to the penitentiary, and fines were imposed upon two. The aggregate of fines was $550, all of which was paid into Court. The Court was in session only sixteen days.

KNIGHTS OF THE ROAD.

The Butte and Helena Stage Raided By Road Agents.

Well-Known Butteites Give Up Their Lucre.

Four Hundred Dollars Reward.

Special Dispatch to the MINER.

HELENA, M. T., June 20.

The Butte coach with eight passengers, five men and three women, was stopped by two road agents this side of the Boulder mountains, about 28 miles from Helena, at four o'clock today. The passengers were searched, but only about $25 were taken. One of the women had $700, which the robbers overlooked. The passengers were covered with revolvers. John B. Reed, city editor of the Butte *Inter Mountain*, was a passenger. He gave up only $1.50, but had $6,000 hidden in an inside pocket which was not discovered. The robbers took the treasure box from the coach, but it is not kuown how much money was in it. A valuable watch was taken from one of the passengers, but returned again.

Mr. Linsley, stage agent at Butte, received the following telegram last evening:

HELENA, M. T., June 20, 1883.

J. H. Linsley, Agent, Butte

The Butte stage was robbed this afternoon on Prickly Pear divide near Beavertown. The Government treasure box was taken and the passengers robbed. Notify the newspapers and officers that we will pay one hundred dollars reward in addition to the three hundred dollars standing reward from the Territory, for the arrest of these men. There were two robbers in the party, both masked. One was supposed to be a middle aged man with striped overalls and one a young man with blue overalls. H. S. HOWELL, Supt.

The reference to the Government treasure box leads to the inference that the robbers have captured a shipment of gold retort from Virginia City to the mint at Helena, which would be transferred to the Helena coach at Boulder. The duplicate way bills show that the treasure box from here contained nothing of great value. The passenger list from Butte yesterday morning was J. B. Read, Gus Lamond and wife, Geo. Kosure and wife, Miss Mattie Devere and John L. Beck. Mrs. A. L. Crossman was booked for a passage but for some reason did not go. Kosure and Lamond and their wives all wore valuable watches and chains and other jewelry, which the dispatches indicate were not taken from them. A lively pursuit of the bandits has been organized from both Helena and Butte. The Sheriff's posse from here, consisting of Agent Linsley, Officer Lytle and John A. Rowan left on horseback about eight o'clock last night. They intended to go through the Park last night, and follow up any trail they might find in the Boulder country to-day.

A Canine Suicide.

A circumstance occurred at the Gagnon mine last Saturday which adds another link connecting the brute with the human species in the operation of the mental faculties to inspire motive and design for the accomplishment of a definite purpose. The terrible death of Charles Miller by falling into the shaft at the Gagnon mine is still fresh in the public mine. Almost every mine has a pet dog or cat which shares with the miners the contents of their lunch baskets, and soon learns to accommodate itself to the habits of the men, changing shift, lunching and sleeping with as much regularity as the men themselves. The pet at the Gagnon was a yellow dog: not the proverbial and despised "yaller dorg," but a sleek, fine haired, intelligent and handsome dog of the shepherd species. He was a great favorite with all the miners, and particularly with the unfortunate Charley Miller, since whose death the dog has been palpably subject to fits of despondency, and with a dejected manner would wander about the shaft house apparently in search of his lost master. Last Saturday afternoon the dog came trotting into the shaft house, and with an air of determination which seemed clearly to indicate deliberate purpose, ran straight to the shaft and plunged headlong into the yawning abyss. As the dog passed the 230 foot station he was heard to give one yelp, thus disproving the theory that life ceases during the first hundred or two hundred feet in a fall from a great height. The bucket was at the 300 foot station, into which the dog fell. His lifeless body was hoisted to the surface and buried near the shaft house. His grave will be pointed out by many a miner as that of the dog which committed suicide.

J. D. Thomas' brick skating rink is progressing toward completion. A gallery is being constructed around the entire room which is 65x120 feet on the floor. The gallery will be provided with a handsome railing and comfortable seats. The appointments of the rink will be arranged with a view to its use for general hall and theatrical purposes.