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NIGHT DISPATCHES.

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An Interesting Report Upon Cattle Industry.

Blaine on Distribution of Revenue.

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The Cattle Industry.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—J. B. Grinnell, of Iowa, in conformity with the directions of the late meeting of cattle men in Chicago, has prepared a circular showing the capital invested in the cattle industry and losses on exportation consequent upon restrictive regulations and decreased relative consumption of beef He finds there is an investment of $100,800,000 in cattle, representing 4,117,100 animals. Losses on cattle approximate, comparing '82 and '83 with '80 and '81. 155.909 animals, valued at $11,506,000. Grinnell had an interview with President Arthur on the matter, with the view to some remedy. The President was greatly interested, and will treat the question in his next message. The heads of the Treasury and Agricultural Departments he also found anxious to extend some aid, and will do all they can to secure the framing of laws for the consideration of Congress. After consulting with the Commissioner of Agriculture and ex-officio Chairman of the Committee, Grinnell called a meeting to be held at the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, January 10, 1884. He hopes Western people interested in the cattle industry will enlist their Congressional delegations in its behalf.

A Novel Forgery.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—General Passenger Agent Abbott, of the New York, Lake Shore and Western Ry., received to-day from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad a copy of a forged letter purporting to be srom the general supply line, asking for a pass for Captain John Marston. The writer went to the trouble to get letter heads printed and a stamp cut, so as to give the application the appearance of genuineness. Abbott thinks a pretty extensive business was attempted to be done with Western roads. All are warned against honoring such applications.

Cumulative Penalties.

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—The state legislature at its last session passed an habitual criminals act, which provides that if any one commits a crime after conviction for the first offense, he shall be punished to the full extent allotted by law for such offense, and for a crime committed after the second conviction, receive not less than fifteen years. The first conviction under the statute was that of W. Sullivan, who had served terms for shooting and burglary. He was tried for burglary this time and the jury awarded him twenty years.

Kansas City Fire.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 28.—An explosion occurred in the basement of the wholesale drug house of Meyer Bros. Delaware street, near Sixth, about five o'clock this afternoon and immediately the building was in flames. Engines responded promptly but owing to the combustable character of the stock they could do no more than keep the fire within the limits of the walls. The building was gutted and the contents are nearly a total loss. The damage is estimated at over $200,000. A man is reported missing.

The Iowa Pool.

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—The representatives of five roads composing the Iowa pool have been in session here all the forenoon and are considering the proposition put forward by the Milwaukee & St. Paul road for the organization of the pool under which that company will be allowed an increased percentage. It is stated on good authority the five roads directly interested reached an amicable understanding as to the main points at issue and that the continuance of the pool is now assured. Details of the agreement are not given.

Defeated Lynchers.

WATERBURY, Conn., Nov. 27.—Public indignation against Truman D. Smith, the Watertown farmer who assaulted his wife, breaking her leg because the children were all girls, culminated last night in the visit of twenty young men to the house with the intention to tar and feather him. Smith fired into the party and Myron Hand was painfully injured.

Railroad Accident.

WORCESTER, Mass., Nov. 28.—The rear car of the Boston, Barre and Gardner train to-day went down an embankment, just after leaving North Worcester station. Between twenty and thirty passengers were in the car, all of whom were more or less injured, some seriously. A car load of surgeons have gone to North Worcester. The wounded will be brought to this city as soon as possible.

Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The post-office department has advices that all mail matter going west over the Northern Pacific must now be distributed before reaching Portland.

Secretary Folger designated Portland, Oregon, and Port Townsend ports at which imported merchandise will be shipped in bond in transit through the United States from British possessions.

Strikes in England.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Twenty-five hundred operatives in the Titus salt mills, Bradford, are thrown and of employment in consequence of the strike of sixty spinners. Seventy-five thousand cotton operatives in northeast Lancashire are determined to resist the proposal to reduce wages 5 per cent. A great strike is feared.

Uncle Sam's Surplus Revenue.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—The Philadelphia *Press* to-morrow will contain a letter from James G. Blaine to Charles Emory Smith, editor of the *Press*, stating Blaine's objections to the distribution of the surplus revenue of the Federal government among the States, and proposing as a substitute, if the national government no longer needs the tax on spirits that the entire amount it yields be paid to the States. Three fatal objections, in Blaine's opinion, make the Pennsylvania proposition to distribute the Federal surplus unwise: First—The utter uncertainty regarding the amount of revenue; it may be a million or a hundred millions, and unless it be steady, no State tax could be remitted on account of the receipt of this aid, while the sporadic Federal contributions to States would be wasted, as was the last distribution of Federal surplus. Second—The division of this surplus would impose on Senators and Representatives a divided duty; for the sake of their States they would wish the surplus to be as large as possible, which would present a constant temptation to withhold appropriations from objects of a really national character. Third—The assumption of a continuing redundance of the national revenue is opposed to all sound views of administration because it is sure to yield to extravagance, corruption and all manner of schemes for getting rid of the money. The time is rapidly approaching, however, when the national revenue, yielding under the present system of taxation hundreds of millions beyond the amount required for government expenses, must be reduced. A strong movement is already on foot for the repeal of the entire system of internal revenue which receives the support of protection. It is like Judge Kelly and free traders like Cox, of New York. This conjunction of opposing views in support of the abolition of some of the taxes gives a rare opportunity to relieve taxation in the States. Of all our taxes state taxation is the most oppressive. It is direct, it falls on property with crushing force. In a few communities it is less than one per cent. and in most it is over two per cent. Why, therefore, should not the states be permitted to have a tax on spirits for their own benefit if the national government does not need it? Can it be worse to continue the direct tax on property and at the same time command a hurtful luxury like spirits to go free, a luxury whose taxation oppresses no one. The custom revenues by which the national government monopolizes the excise open in theory to both state and national use in taxation, but in practice the national authority alone can levy an excise tax on whiskey. No state can guard its borders against whisky from other states or make an economical collection of such tax within its own revenue. The federal machinery for the collection of this revenue is in full operation and a bill of ten lines could direct the secretary of the treasury to pay the whole of it, less the small expense of collection to the states and territories in proportion to their population and continue it permanently as a part of their regular annual revenue. Such a plan would give the revenue from such a tax wholly to the states and would not depend on any chance surplus or accidental remainder in the national treasury. It would make the tax on spirituous and malt liquors a permanent resource to all states, enabling them thereby to definitely readjust and reduce their own taxation. Each state could most wisely use its surplus according to its own necessities. The total return of taxes on spirituous and malt liquors last year was over $80,000,000. The amount which would tend to increase rather than diminish as each state saw the suppression of illicit distilleries was to its advantage. With this revenue, state taxation could be remitted, state debts paid, or if the aid were divided among the cities and counties their expenses would be proportionately diminished. In a table annexed to his letter Blaine shows the share of larger states in a basis of population would be $8,893,000 for New York; $7,493,000 for Pennsylvania; $5,285,000 for Illinois; $5,590,000 for Ohio, the smaller states receiving in in proportion.

Consideration of Tonquin Matters

PARIS, Nov. 28—Ferry, prime minister of foreign affairs, Gen. Campana, minister of war, and Admiral Peyson, minister of marine, attended a meeting to-day of the committee of deputies on Tonquin credits. Ferry imparted to the committee the text of the Chinese memorandum. The committee unanimously approved the French reply and decided it unnecessary to bring the matter before the chamber of deputies prior to the debate on the Tonquin credits, because, first, there existed no diplomatic rupture, and second, the government had promised the yellow book should contain the memorandum and the reply. The Chinese memorandum stated that France had imposed upon the government of Annam an unjust treaty and had ignored the rights of China. France invaded Annam and invested Bacninh, the key to the Chinese empire China desired, nevertheless, to maintain pacific relations with France but Chinese troops would be compelled to resist any aggression. The French reply declared France had no wish to annex Annam or Tonquin, that the sole object of the Hue treaty was to define the terms of the treaty of 1874; that in order to consolidate the protectorate over Tonquin France considered it expedient to occupy Bacninh and Sontay, but there was nothing to prevent an equitable arrangement of the question on this basis, from which France had never swerved and which were indicated in the treaty of 1874. Ferry explained he had addressed a note to Marquis Tzeng, Ambassador of China, in which he made the suggestion that special powers be entrusted the military chiefs for the purpose of effecting an understanding by which China should surrender Bacninh and Sontay peacefully to Admiral Courbet and that a definite settlement could be negotiated afterwards. The above note was replied to by Marquis Tzeng, drawing attention to the fact that French troops were then present in Tonquin, but without defining their locality. Marquis Tzeng afterwards declined the proposal of Ferry, but the latter believes the Ambassador acted without awaiting instructions from Pekin.

General Campenan stated that measures had been taken to dispatch 6,000 troops forthwith to Tonquin without a recourse even to their partly mobilization.

Admiral Peyton informed the committee he had received a fresh dispatch from Admiral Courbet, whose operations had begun or were on the point of commencing at the date of his last dispatch, Nov. 18th, when he announced he had completed the concentration of his forces for an attack on Bacninh. He believed Admiral Courbet awaited the arrival of the transport Carreze, bearing 600 troops. She is due in Tonquin today.

Admiral Courbet has been given full latitude to act in Tonquin and he (Admiral Peyton) had full confidence in his prudence and energy.

The committee met again this afternoon.

It is believed the committee will recommend the deputies to grant the 9,000,000 francs to be asked to be voted, as the government has declared it would await the reception of further news from Admiral Courbet before asking for any more funds for the Tonquin campaign. The committee elected Raymond Renault reporter.

The vote in the committee granting credits was 9 to 2 in favor, In the chamber of deputies, Clemenceau on behalf of the extreme left, requested Ferry to furnish an explanation concerning the Chinese memorandum relative to the proposed attack on Bacninh. Ferry declined to reply. Clemenceau will repeat the question to-morrow and if an answer is not then given, he will bring the matter forward in the shape of an interpellation. It is stated Ferry requested the committee upon Tonquin credits to postpone three days the presentation of the report to the deputies.

Foreign.

BERLIN, Nov. 27.—The emperor at the reception of the president and vice-president of the lower house of the Prussian diet, expressed confidence that the peace of Europe will be maintained. He referred in that connection to the good relations between Germany and Russia.

ROME, Nov. 27.—The American bishops are preparing an address, thanking the pope for summoning them to Rome and expressing an unchanged devotion to the holy see.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—The *Figaro* asserts that Admiral Courbet has informed the government he cannot make his projected advance upon Sontag without additional reinforcements.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—The decree rescinding the prohibition of the importation of American pork is published in the official gazette.

PARIS, Nov. 27.—Algeria advices are that great agitation exists among tribes, the success of El Mahdi having aroused Musselmen to fanaticism. It is also said that El Mahdi's emissaries are traversing Tunis. The governor general is urging upon the French government the necessity of retaining a strong military force in Algeria.

KINGSTON, Ont., Nov. 28.—The schooner Eureka of Oswego, loaded with coal, was abandoned yesterday near the main docks and sunk shortly afterwards. The crew were saved.

MONTREAL, Nov. 28.—The cigar operatives strike is ended after six months' idleness.

OTTAWA, Nov. 28.—Returns show that the present year exceeds any previous year in the export of cattle and sheep from Canada. Total cattle shipped and for which space has been contracted in steamships to the 31st of December next, 55,674; total sheep, 113,725.

TORONTO, Nov. 28.—A special cable to the *Globe* says. The non-elected directors of the Hudson Bay Company have issued circulars complaining that while most of the shareholders left the meeting without voting under the belief that the re-election of the committee would be unopposed, new directors were elected by the vote of one proprietor, Donald Smith. If the changes meet the wishes of the general body of the proprietors, the old directors express a willingness to bow to the decision, but they consider an explanation necessary.

A French Blaze.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—At Roubaix, Dillies' factory, covering fifteen hundred square metres, was burned this morning. The flames spread to the factory of Matle & Meillason, which is now burning The whole town is in danger and the people in great alarm.

Egyptian Notes.

CAIRO, Nov. 28.—The reported capture of Khartoum is unfounded.

Turkish officers on the Continent are ordered for service in Soudan.

Consent to join the expedition under command of Baker Pasha is given to all non-commissioned English officers in Egypt.

Desire of Japan.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—A Tokio correspondent had an interview with the Japanese minister, who states the Japanese government is most anxious to open the interior of Japan to foreign trade, stipulating only that foreigners availing themselves of the privileges granted shall be under the juri-diction of the Japanese courts. This will involve a revision of the present treaties and the abolition of all foreign legal jurisdiction in open ports.

Miscellaneous.

WATERTOWN, N. Y.: Nov. 28.—A large fire is raging at Cape Vincent. Firemen and engines have gone hence. A special at 3:14 p. m. says the St. Lawrence hotel caught fire and the entire block is destroyed. A high wind prevailed. The total loss is estimated at $75,000.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—The police have made a new departure in the excise question. It has been discovered that by chapter 175 of the laws of 1870 any conviction for violation of the excise law shall forfeit the annual license of the person convicted. For thirteen years the law has been a dead letter. To-day Acting Superintendent Shane issued a general order to the captains directing them to arrest without warrant persons who are found selling liquor who have thus forfeited their licenses. A large number of arrests were made during the afternoon and evening. The prisoners were held on bail until the question can be decided by the courts.

DAY DISPATCHES.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 27.—The motion for a receiver of the St. Joe & Western railway, on a petition of the bondholders, was argued to-day before the United States circuit court. The defendant company and the Union Pacific, which controls a majority of the bonds and stock, and is now operating the road, asks for a decree of foreclosure and order of sale, but resist the appointment of a receiver; while the complainants ask that a receiver be appointed, on the ground that at present the road is subordinated to the interests of the Union Pacific, which has pursued a systematic course which would prevent its sale for the true value while in its hands. The argument will close to-morrow, and a prompt decision is expected.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—The London *Truth* says: A party of Mormon missionaries from Utah have been working actively for the last six months in the western counties, and I regret to hear that they have induced quite a large number of persons in the rural districts to join their egregious body. Many converts have already gone out to Utah and a still more numerous contingent is to be baptised pending the time when they will be ready to start for the promised land. It is lamentable to think that after the reported exposures of the Mormonite creed, there still remain in this country people capable of being ensnared by the outrageous fictions of plausible vagabonds who are regularly despatched to Europe from Utah in search of recruits. In America the humbug of Mormonism has long been so thoroughly exploded that converts are rarely forthcoming, except in the persons of individuals whose room would usually be considered preferable to their company.

OGDEN, Nov. 28.—Jones the colored boy, eighteen years of age, who recently was arrested for outraging a little girl four years of age, was sentenced yesterday to fifteen years imprisonment.

CAIRO, Nov. 27.—A correspondent telegraphs: No news has been received yet from Khartown. This is regarded as giving grounds for the hope that the report of the recent fight between Hicks Pasha and El Madi is exaggerated. The opinion is that if the worst reports are confirmed it will be best to send the troops to Soudan in order to prevent the necessity for landing Turkish troops in Egypt.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—A *Times* special from Washington says: Mr. Jameson, assistant superintendent of the railway mail service, went over the Northern Pacific road to investigate the delays complained of. He made the change of messengers at Spokane Falls, officials having formerly run from Helena to Portland. Hopes are entertained that no further trouble will occur.

DENVER, Nov. 27.—*Republican's* Leadville special says: A fire broke out at 2 o'clock this morning, destroying Sondoner's grocery store, Horsuydner's dry goods store, with several smaller establishments. Total loss $27,000; insurance one half.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—A special to the *Press* says: A correspondent of the New York *Times* has made a careful investigation of the trouble between the whites and blacks on the evening of the recent election and the facts as he gathered them fill over three columns. The story then told does not differ in essential facts from that sent by the press correspondents, nor do we see that its sober statements conflict in any material degree with the rather warmer narrative of Senator Mahone. Whether the shooting was premeditated or inspired by the presence of a somewhat larger number of negroes than usual in an exciting election period was left in some doubt but it is indisputable that the shooting did occur without any adequate provocation, that the whites did the shooting, and that the negroes were the ones shot at.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—The *World* says: A stranger made his appearance at the Fifth Avenue hotel yesterday, when Prior the detective accosted him saying: "What do you want prowling about this hotel?"

"I have a duty to perform," was the reply, and Detective Prior turned the man about and directed him to the stairs. He did not stop until the stairs were reached and then straitening up to his full height and throwing back the hat which covered his forehead the man almost shouted "I am a colonel from Kentucky and I have made this trip east for the express purpose of shooting President Arthur." As he uttered these words he tapped the side pocket of his coat significantly. He did not wait for a further invitation to leave the hotel, but hurrying to the sidewalk called a carriage and was driven away in the direction of Lexington avenue. Detective Prior informed a reporter that he firmly believed that the stranger would have assassinated the president had he seen him.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—The daily *News* Winnepeg, Manitoba, special says: A large portion of the town of Rat Portage, some miles east of here, burned to-day. Ten business houses were destroyed. Buildings were blown up by gunpowder to check the flames. The loss is not ascertained.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 27.—The Manitoba and northwest farmers union organized at Brandon yesterday. A large and influential representation was there, all political stripes being represented. Universal unanimity prevailed for concerted action to secure a redress of the grievances under which the settlers are being crushed. The following extract of one of the speeches contains the substance of the discussion and represents the feeling of the meeting: "We have met together to make a solemn, united and vigorous protest against the high handed policy of the Dominion government toward this province. When Manitoba entered the confederation it was upon condition that she should enjoy equal rights and privileges with every other member of the dominion. Have we enjoyed, are we enjoying those rights and privileges to-day? I answer, no. Every province except Manitoba has control of lands, timbers, and minerals which are worked solely for the benefit of those provinces. This right is denied Manitoba alone. All she receives is a paltry subsidy which is barely sufficient to pay the twentieth part of the cost of administering the affairs of the province. Again, a most grievous burden has been imposed upon us in the shape of increased duty on agricultural implements. If agricultural machinery is wanted in any part of the world, it is urgently wanted here. Our paternal government has taken advantage of our necessity to oppress us with an inquitious imposition. What is the result? The struggling pioneers of this country are already on the verge of bankruptcy, if not utter ruin. Another form of torture which has also been inflicted upon us is the hideous railway monopoly with which to bind us hand and foot for twenty years. The vetoing of the local railway charter was one of the most shameful instances of tyranny ever imposed upon a free people. What is the remedy for this state of things? We must have control of trade relations with foreign powers and no monopoly. We must have justice for Manitoba. It is all very well to talk loyalty to the Dominion. We must be loyal to ourselves and families and I fail to see how we can be loyal to ourselves if we any longer submit to the arbitrary and despotic government by which we are at present controlled. I should be sorry to see Britain despoiled of any part of her provinces, but if the oppressive rule of Ottawa is to continue I fear the secession of this province from the Dominion of Canada will be inevitable."

Resolutions were passed and a platform adopted. The Manitoba Rights League, of this city, has appointed committees to visit meetings throughout the northwest and it is probable that all organizations will be affiliated with the Winnipeg League which will lead to a grand convention and the dominion government will be forced to recognize the rights of Manitoba and the northwest by force of public opinion.

San Francisco Stock Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—The following are the official closing prices of mining stocks:

Alta	1	White Martin	25
Belle Isle	45	Mexican	9¾
Alpha Con	1	Mt. Diablo	2¾
Belcher	50	Mountain White	25
Best & Belcher	2¾	North Belle Isle	5¼
Bodie	85	Northern Bell	2¾
Belle Isle	35	Navajo	3¾
Con. Virginia	3½	Ophir	5¾
California	25	Potosi	60
Crown Point	90	Sierra Nevada	3¼
Chollar	1½	Silver King	10
Eureka Con	40	Savage	35
Hiko Con	20	Scorpion	50
Exchequer	15	Tiptop	45
Gould & Curry	1½	Union Con	2¾
Grand Prize	30	Utah	3¾
Hale & Norcross	1½	Wales Con	40
Independence	30	Yellow Jacket	2¾

Attempt to Wreck a Train.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Eight blocks of stone were placed upon the railway track near Wolverhampton, surmised for the purpose of wrecking the train in which Gladstone was expected to travel.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Nov. 28.—John Richardson and John Landser, miners, were instantly killed to-day near Wyoming by an accident to the bucket.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—The International Arbitration Convention to-day discussed resolutions urging the formation of a code of international laws and establishment of international arbitration. The aid of editors and clergymen was invited.

Arab Gossip.

An Arab is a born gossip, rivalling in his ability to manufacture news on short notice a New England sewing circle. If you ask him what is happening, he looks at you with a scrutinizing glance, makes up his mind what kind of news you want, and then coolly starts to tell you a quantity of stuff which he makes up as he goes along. The Arab is a gifted man in many other respects. He can kiss your feet if you are able to do him a service, and after you have done it he will set fire to your house, or brain you with a piece of your own furniture in sweet forgetfulness that you have been his friend in time of need. He can cheat in trade almost as deftly as a Christian, and exhibit a great many other vices which belong to a high state of civilization. Arabi has himself shown powers of deception of a high order, and if he would only resign and emigrate to America he could become a first-class politician, or a splendid rail road president. or a defaulting cashier of a rich corporation, and it would not be necessary for him to change his nature in the very least. He would here find himself among his equals, one of a class of men who can steal an office and then use its influence for personal gain. Yes, he is a rare man in Egypt, but he would feel entirely at home in this country.

From the Daily of Thursday.

The Skating Carnival.

The carnival on wheels at the Granite street skating pavilion last night was one of the most successful and enjoyable *bal masque* that has ever been given in Butte. About 150 couples *en masque* occupied the floor and glided in graceful evolutions keeping time with the strains of inspiring music by the Alice band, while some 500 spectators enjoyed the scene from the galleries and corridors. The merry maskers held the floor until half past ten, when the gong was sounded for them to unmask. Among the characters represented, the following were noticed:

Cœur d'Alene (all gold), Miss Josie Trowbridge, pronounced by all the finest costume on the floor; Goddess of Liberty, Miss Addie Morier; Dudine, Miss Ollie Wright; Kitchen Maid, Maggie Nobles; Di nah and Jemina, Miss Krull and Mrs. Loeber; Sheet and Pillow Case, Miss Fifer, Miss O'Donnell; Old Maid (peeling potatoes) Johnnie Simpson; Country girl, C. O. Johnson; Nigger Wench, W. Schatzlein; Pages, W. Bishop, M. Orton; Clowns, Frank Gervis, J. C. Smith; King of Hearts, Al. Menary; Athlete, Dan McAuliff; Domino, W. L. Clark; Teuton, James Reynolds; Dutch Artist, D. W. Ross; Black Dominoes, Drs. Bishop and Newton; Miss Heart Breaker, Morg. Thomas.

Many other characters were represented which were worthy of special mention but owing to the fact that no registry was made of the names and characters the reporter was unable to obtain them. The opening Pavilion carnival was a complete success and the participants went home delighted with the evening's amusement.

From the Daily of Thursday.

ON THE BEAT.

A Formerly Prominent Merchant in Montana Charged with Confidence Operations.

Some eight years ago no firm stood higher in this section of Montana than that of Osborne & Dennee, at Deer Lodge. Their business was large and their liabilities promptly met, and when their business was closed up in 1875 they paid dollar for dollar, but an atmosphere of uncertain reputation always pervaded the character of the junior member of the firm, and ugly stories were spread about regarding some of his former transactions, in which it was alleged he did not scruple to take unfair advantages by misrepresentation and sharp practices in his business dealings. Since the disruption of the firm at Deer Lodge, Dennee has operated in various sections of the northwest country and now and then stories have been circulated regarding crooked transactions in which he was charged with being implicated. It seems by the following which appears in the Portland *New West* of Nov. 25th, that he has about run his race and is about to be brought to a full stop on account of crookedness recently perpetrated at Spokane Falls: "Wm. McK. Dennee, who beat several persons in this city out of various sums of money, has been at Spokane, and left debts behind him there.

Mr. Dennee used to be a member of the firm of Osborne & Dennee, of Deer Lodge, Montana, a house that did a very extensive business. Their purchases in San Francisco amounted sometimes to as much as $10,000 in one bill, and their obligations were always met when due. The firm, however, closed out some time since, and very shortly afterwards Dennee got into some swindling difficulty, particulars of which are not necessary at present.

He came here very recently, and pressed his intention to buy property in Seattle, having, so he said, a quantity of effects of value, and quite a sum of money. By these representations and means of a telegraphic dispatch, which it is now supposed he forged, and which said that $2,000 had been sent to him by a bank in Deadwood, he

GAINED THE CONFIDENCE

of several people here. Besides, his appearance was such as would inspire one with faith, he being a well-dressed, business-like, polite and genial man, about 50 or 55 years of age.

Before it was disclosed that he was a confidence operator, he announced to an old friend of his, formerly a merchant on Battery street, in San Francisco, who used to furnish him with goods when he was in business in Montana, that he was going to Spokane for a few days. This friend, who is now a resident of Oregon, doing an extensive business in this city, thereupon gave Dennee a letter of introduction to Charles Sweeney, a Spokane merchant.

Yesterday the Portland friend received a telegraphic dispatch as follows:

"On your letter and draft he gave me on you, advanced him $100 and sold him goods.

CHARLES SWEENEY."

This makes one more victim to this operator's schemes, the others, as far as heard from, being Shoaf & Graham, $40; the Esmond Hotel $15, and a commercial traveler from San Francisco, $20. Undoubtedly there are others who have been victimized but who have not cared to make known their losses.

Dispatches have been sent to Spokane to have him followed and arrested, and he will, doubtless, be speedily brought to justice."

Theatre Comique.

There was a perfect jam at the Comique last evening to witness the performances of the new stars. Miss Lottie Allan fulfilled every expectation and by her artistic songs and dances won the plaudits of all present. Miss Lillie Harrington proved herself a finished singer and actress and Kennedy and McBride kept the house in a perfect roar in their specialties. The Comique has now a troupe that will compare favorably with any similar combination in the West.

Personal.

George Courtney, of Fort Benton, is registered at the Centennial.

Hon. Samuel Word leaves for Helena to-day, to be gone three or four days.

Under Sheriff McTague, of Deer Lodge, came up to the city yesterday and will return home to-day.

Johnny Miller, of Bozeman and Livingston, put in an appearance among his many Silver City friends yesterday.

The devout, will offer thanks at 11 o'clock this morning at the union service in the Congregational church. Everybody and his family will take dinner with the Baptist ladies at 2 p. m. in the chapel under Good Templars' Hall. The pleasure seekers will attend the Robert Emmet Literary Society ball at Renshaw Opera House to-night.

SUICIDE.

A Popular Young Man of Helena Deliberately Takes His Own Life.

Special Dispatch to the MINER.

HELENA, November 28.—Milton Church, a prominent young business man of Helena, killed himself in room 10, International Hotel, yesterday afternoon. At first the tragedy was supposed to be an accident, but it has since been shown it was a deliberate act of suicide. Church had just been talking with Ed. Stone, in whose office until recently he had been acting as bookkeeper, and was accompanied by Stone to the room door. He gave Stone a letter to post, saying he might sleep too late himself; had lost sleep the night before. Then he shut the door and locked it inside. As Stone walked back along the hall he heard Church unlock the door and a moment after heard a pistol shot. Accompanied by Max Sklower, Stone hurried to the room and found Church lying across the bed with a bullet hole through his head from which the brains were oozing. He died in a few moments. The coroner's jury gave a verdict of death by his own hand. Fragments of a letter Church commenced to write but did not finish, show it was an intentional suicide. The letter was presumably to Dr. W. C. Morris of this city, Church's brother-in-law. It said:

"DEAR DOCTOR: I am dressed for the burying all except my overcoat, if the bullet fails to do its work—"

And there it ended. Church was dressed in his best dress suit. No cause is assigned for the act.

The Helena Independent.

HELENA, Nov. 28.

Special Dispatch to the MINER.

This morning's *Independent* contained a denial, signed by all the employes of the office, that there had been any attempted reduction of wages by the proprietors or any threatened strike on the part of the men. They stated that they received their wages regularly every week, and they denounced the rumors of trouble in the office as an "unmitigated falsehood throughout."

Local News.

From the Daily of Thursday.

Those pork tenderloins, pork sausage, and spare ribs, imported from the States, are going like hot cakes at the Eureka market.

Forty-three steam hoists are actively engaged raising the precious metals from the bowels of the earth in Summit Valley District.

Dr. De Freye and family arrived in the city yesterday afternoon. The Doctor, who is well and favorably known in Butte and vicinity, proposes to locate permanently here.

Treasurer Welch will be in his office all day to-day to receive and receipt for taxes. On the first prox. ten per cent. will be added to all unpaid county taxes.

The Emma Bell and Adolphus mines, in Boulder District, owned by Butte parties, have been bonded to Charles Moore, in the interest of Eastern capital, for $60,000.

The Virginia Chop House will spread an elegant dinner to-day. Turkey, chicken and tame duck, besides other delicacies will constitute a portion of the bill of fare.

The solidity of banking interests in Montana is shown by the Governor's report to the secretary of the interior which shows the assets of Montana national banks to be $7,280,253.35.

In obedience to the time-honored custom of their forefathers the compositors of the MINER office will spend to-day in sampling turkey and returning thanks for past blessings. Consequently no paper will be issued from this office to-morrow morning.

A commercial traveler in the clothing line yesterday stated that of all the bankrupt clothing sales in New York during the past sixty days the bulk of the stocks had been purchased for Montana dealers. That accounts for our being so well dressed this winter!

Rev. E. J. Stanley will preach at the school house near Stuart next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. The following Sunday he will preach at Willow Glen school house at 11 o'clock a. m., and at Lost Creek school house at 3 o'clock p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The ladies of the Baptist Society open their doors for the Thanksgiving dinner at two o'clock this afternoon and keep them open until 9 p. m. For the information of families who desire to avoid the trouble of a dinner at home, the ladies desire us to announce that only half price will be charged for children under twelve years of age.

Nothing speaks so well for a store as a tastefully arranged show window, especially when the display consists of as handsome and rich goods as are to be seen in the elegant show windows of E. L. Bonner & Co's new store. The arrangement shows the artistic effect which could only be produced by an artists hand and the goods shown are of the finest fabric and richest material.

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