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FIERCE EASTERN STORM

IT RAISES HAVOC THROUGHOUT PENNSYLVANIA AND OHIO.

Pittsburg's Hottest May Day in Many Years—The Storm of Wind, Rain, Hail and Lighting that Followed—Much Damage Done and Several Lives Lost.

PITTSBURG, May 10.—This was the hottest day of the season, and the hottest 10th of May for many years, the mercury touching 90 degrees above at 3 o'clock. A heavy thunderstorm accompanied by immense hailstones passed over this section this evening, cooling the atmosphere very materially.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 10.—The heaviest rain storm since the memorable cloud burst of 1874, when nearly two hundred people lost their lives in the Saw Mill Run districts, passed over this city about 11 o'clock, to-night, and the rain fell in torrents, and in a few minutes the streets were converted into small rivers. Cellars were flooded in all parts of the city. Land slides are reported on nearly all the railroads leading into the city, but as far as known there are no fatalities. The low lands along the river are badly flooded, and numerous farms are completely washed out. The storm was accompanied by a

REMARKABLE ELECTRICAL DISPLAY,

and several houses were struck by lightning on Mount Washington. Dispatches from surrounding towns in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia report great damage from the storm, which appears to have been general in this section. It is impossible to estimate the damage to-night, but it is safe to say it will reach far into the thousands of dollars.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., May 11.—A terrific wind, hail and thunder storm passed over this city this afternoon, breaking window panes and blowing down shade trees. During the storm the residence of ex-County Treasurer Reynolds was struck by lightning, and Reynolds and his daughter were stunned by the shock.

PARTICULARS OF THE DISASTER.

PITTSBURG, May 11.—The reports of damage by last night's terrible storm are coming in from all parts of Allegheny county and from nearly every place in eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania. The loss cannot be approximated. Farmers are washed out, houses, fences, trees along the banks of streams swept away, and landslides occurred on nearly every road leading out of Pittsburg.

So far, but two deaths from drowning are reported. Two children of Conrad Schaefer, aged three and seven, of Spring Garden borrough, north of Allegheny, were swept away by the flood. Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer narrowly escaped the same fate. Mrs. Schaefer is so prostrated it is believed

SHE CANNOT RECOVER.

This morning East street and Madison avenue, in the Butchers run district, is a complete wreck, while numberless cross streets are completely filled with debris. Cars are lying on the tracks completely hemmed in by planking and rubbish.

A large number of the butchers are heavily damaged. Slaughter houses are ruined and stocks of meat destroyed. Louis Zoller's case was but one of many. This morning they are splashing around knee-deep in mud and water, trying to save some of their meats.

The same tale of terror and destruction comes from Saw Mill run, Woods run, Chartiers valley, West End, South Side, Pleasant valley and Lawrenceville districts.

Lightning played havoc all night long. Barns and stock were destroyed, telephone and telegraph wires damaged throughout a large section of the country were damaged. Three inches of rain fell, and the Ohio river rose three feet in as many hours.

MORE BODIES FOUND.

The bodies of two men, victims of last night's flood, were found, this morning, making four deaths so far reported. Their names are John Dougherty and John Cachnert.

The loss in this vicinity will be at least half a million.

A GREAT DEAL OF DAMAGE

was done in Pleasant Valley, Allegheny county. The rain poured down the hillsides, converting the streets into channels for turbulent rivers, varying from a few inches to several feet in depth, and reaching from wall to wall. Earth and debris was dumped on the street by the wagon loak. A number of street cars were unable to get to the stables on account of the immense amount of earth dumped on the tracks.

Passengers returning from theaters and elsewhere, in order to keep out of the drenching rain, had gone beyond their accustomed stopping places, expecting to return in other cars. Where the cars were blockaded the water was nearly two feet deep, and poured in through the doorways and over the floors. The unfortunate passengers took refuge from the invading waters by standing on the seats. The drivers and other employes of the road were wading about in water above their knees, while they were being soaked above by the drenching rain.

At McKeesport the storm did thousands of dollars worth of damage.

In the Crooked run district

FIFTY HOUSES WERE MOVED

from their foundations, and several were toppled over and demolished. People had to seek the hillsides to escape drowning, while a large number of horses and cattle were drowned, and many children were taken out of their beds, which were floating in the second stories of the houses. Twenty-five car loads of debris is lodged at Aron bridge, blockading Fifth avenue. It consists of lumber, wagons and household goods. No lives were lost, but there were many narrow escapes.

On the Pittsburg, McKeesport & Youghiogheny railroad, a freight train was wrecked by running into a land slide and a brakeman was killed. This makes five deaths directly attributed to the storm.

DAMAGES BY LIGHTNING AND HAIL.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, May 11.—During the stormlast night, lightning struck the residence of Eber Powell, at Hazelton, badly damaging the dwelling. The family escaped injury. A large barn belonging to Robert Hunter, two miles south, was fired by lightning and destroyed. The business house owned by Rice Bros., at Strother's, was struck and burned to the ground. Hail damaged growing crops considerably.

DIXON, Ill., May 11.—An electric storm of great violence passed through this place, last night, doing damage to property in this city. Several houses were struck by lightning, and telephone and telegraph wires were torn down. Windmills and chimneys without number were blown down. Old residents say it was the worst storm in thirty years.

THE NEWS FROM EASTERN ASIA.

A Missing American Steamer—How a Corean was Put to Death.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—The steamship City of New York arrived to-day from Hong Hong and Yokahoma, bringing advices to April 24. The Japanese papers of April 20 state fears are expressed at Chee Foo, China, for the safety of the United States steamer Palos, which wintered at Tienstin, and when the port opened in the spring left for Chee Foo. Though long overdue, nothing has been seen of the Palos by any of the vessels that made the trip between the two ports up to the 20th ult.

A correspondent writing to the Japan Mail states that at Yeko Kooea on the 18th ult, 400 constables surrounded a house occupied by one Boku and dragged him out, beating him to death. The Koorean government had imposed a tax on the townspeople, which they were unable to pay, and Boku paid the entire levy, selling some of his property to do so. This act of charity aroused the suspicions of the authorities, who thought Boku sought to make himself popular in the district. They accordingly had him put to death in the manner described. The enraged townspeople thereupon arose en masse and attacked the constables, killing many and wounding most of the survivors. The military were dispatched to the scene and quelled the riot.

ON THE SIOUX RESERVATION.

A Reported Raid in Dakota—The Government will Drive out Settlers.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Secretary Noble was shown a dispatch from Pierre, Dakota, to-day, in which it is said that many settlers had entered the Sioux reservation and staked out claims in anticipation of the favorable results of the pending negotiations with the Indians for the cession of a large part of their territory, and that permission to enter the reservation and to let claims had been granted by officials of the interior department at Washington, provided it was done peaceably.

When asked if permission had been given, as stated, the secretary said no such authority had been given, and if the settlers had entered the territory they would be driven out immediately.

A public survey of one of the boundary lines of the reservation, he said, had been suspended temporarily, pending the negotiations, for fear of creating alarm or distrust among the Indians.

He expressed a hope that the report of settlers entering Indian lands would prove to be unfounded, as it might seriously embarrass the commissioners in their negotiations, but if found to be true, the action of the department would be prompt and effective.

FROM BEYOND THE BIG WATERS.

The Strike Troubles in Germany and France—A Compromise Made.

ROME, May 11.—The pope is suffering from the effects of a sirocco, which has been prevailing some days.

PARIS, May 11.—Ten thousand weavers in the cotton factories at Thizy have struck. Fears are entertained that the strike will extend to Lyons.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., May 11.—Dillon, Davy and Esmond, the Irish home rule advocates, have arrived here. They met with an enthusiastic reception.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 11.—Durnavo, director of charities, will succeed the late Count Tolstoi as minister of the interior.

LONDON, May 11.—In an interview Boulanger said that if the French government intended to prolong the sitting of the Chamber of Deputies until next year, its action would be equivalent to a coup d'etat against universal suffrage, and it would be the duty of every citizen to rise in opposition. He declared he would not be the last man to rise in case such action is taken.

BERLIN, May 11.—In connection with the great strike in the coal mine regions, the government advises employers to consider all justifiable complaints, and warns strikers that any riotous demonstrations will be vigorously suppressed. The government decided not to proclaim the mining districts in a state of siege. Mine owners at a meeting at Eisen resolved to negotiate with the strikers.

LONDON, May 11.—The Allan and Anchor lines yielded to the demands of their striking employes. The other steamship companies are expected to follow suit.

INDIAN HORSE THIEVES.

Roving Piegans Committing Depredations in Northern Montana.

BIG SANDY, Mont., May 10, special to the Helena Journal: There is a band of eleven Indians supposed to be Northern Piegans on this side of the Canadian line who are engaged in horse stealing. A few days ago the post commander at Fort Assiniboine was wired by the Canadian authorities to look out for a band of Indians that have left the northern reserve bound for the United States with that intent. The post commander in turn wired the Indian agent at Belknap, but the news of their expected arrival did not reach Box Elder until a few nights ago when they arrived in person and caused some surprise and excitement among the stockmen and ranchers of that vicinity.

But a few nights ago the Indians entered the corral of Clem Sailors, a stockman of Box Elder, where twenty-five head of horses were corraled. The bars of the corral were let down and the horses driven five miles away. The band of horses happened to be an unbroke lot of bronchos that had been gathered from different ranches, and were so wild, wooly and stubborn that the noble reds could do nothing with them, and were forced to drop them on the prairie, where they were found next morning by the owner.

The Indians next visited the ranch of R. W. Mack, located on Duck creek, three miles west of Box Elder, and took from that gentleman five head of fine brood mares and one gelding. Among the number was a suckling colt which was too young to follow its mother. This they left lying on the prairie with its four feet securely tied together.

From Duck Creek the Indians struck south across the mountains and at Eagle Creek were seen by Paul Hawley, of Fort Benton. Mr. Hawley was engaged in freighting, and had uncoupled his lead wagon and drawn it up the hill. Upon his return for the trail wagon he found it occupied by the Indians who had taken possession of his property and were in the act of departing with his blankets when he appeared upon the scene, and with an expression so familiar to western freighters, ordered them to "Drop them blankets." This they did and made good their escape. In their hurried flight southward they dropped one of the horses stolen from Mr. Mack.

It is the general impression here that the Indians are making their annual horse stealing raid on the unfortunate Crows and that upon their return to the north they will leave nothing they can get off with.

Heavy Siezure of Opium at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—One of the largest seizures of opium made at this port took place after the arrival of the Pacific mail steamer City of New York, yesterday afternoon. The deputy surveyor seized five large trunks filled with opium, labeled "Ah King, Panama." Ah King's name could not be found on the passenger list and the trunks were accordingly taken ashore. They contained nearly 1,000 pounds of the drug which, with the duty, bring the value up to $16,000.

Fire Damp Kills Four Hungarians.

PITTSBURG, May 11.—An explosion of fire damp occurred in the Tom's Run coal mines, this morning, killing four Hungarians. They had not been worked for some time, and gas accumulated in the deserted parts. This morning four miners entered a pit to get tools. They carried lamps, and had hardly gotten well into the mine when the explosion followed. The miners were horribly mangled. The damage to the mine was very heavy.

Maryland's Earthquake.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 11.—A shock, supposed to be an earthquake, was felt at Annapolis this morning at 3:45. The trembling was accompanied by loud sounds as though something heavy had fallen on the floors of houses.

Debating Agnosticism and Christianity.

CHICAGO, May 11.—Rev. Dr. Driver of Portland, Oregon, and Charles Watts, editor of the "Secular Thought," are engaged in a series of interesting discussions in this city. Dr. Driver is championing the cause of christianity, Watts that of agnosticism.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

The Base Ball Games Played Yesterday, Horse Races, and so Forth.

CLEVELAND, May 11.—An exciting game was played here to-day. Sutcliffe's muff of a thrown ball and a couple of singles and a double in the ninth inning allowed the visitors to score the only runs of the game. Score: Cleveland 4, Indianapolis 2. Batteries: Cleveland—Beatin and Sutcliffe; Indianapolis—Getzein and Daily.

BOSTON, May 11.—The Bostons were unable to do anything with Hatfield, today, who surprised everybody by his effective pitching. The Bostons, however, won the game in the eighth inning. A wild throw and a muffed fly allowed them a score of three runs. Score: Boston 4, New York 2. Batteries: Boston—Clarkson and Bennett; New York—Hatfield and Murphy.

CHICAGO, May 11.—A sick pitcher and afterwards a weak substitute for a time allowed the Chicagos to bat out another game to-day. The game was called at the seventh innings on account of rain. Score: Chicago, 11; Pittsburg, 7. Batteries: Chicago—Hutchinson and Farrell; Pittsburg—Morris, Maul and Carroll.

PHILADELPHIA, May 11.—The visitors played poorly this afternoon and the Philadelphia team had an easy time in winning the game. Score: Philadelphia, 14; Washington, 1. Batteries: Philadelphia—Buffinton and Clements; Washington—O'Day and Mack. Umpire, Banning.

St. Louis—St. Louis 20, Baltimore 4.

Kansas City—Kansas City 6, Columbus 12.

Louisville—Athletics 1, Louisville 5.

Cincinnati—No game; rain.

Boston—Boston 4, New York 3. Batteries: Boston—Clarkson, Bennett; New York—Hatfield and Murphy.

Cincinnati—Cincinnati 3, Brooklyn 2. Batteries: Cincinnati—Viad and Earle; Brooklyn—Terry and Clark. Called at the end of second; rain.

THE UMPIRE OVERRULED.

CINCINNATI, May 11.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the American association, this afternoon, it was decided, after hearing the evidence, that in the game played in Ridgewood, N. Y., last Sunday, between the Athletics and Brooklyns, the umpire erred in deciding the game a draw, and the board reversed his decision and gave the game to the Athletics by a score of 9 to 0.

THE LOUISVILLE RACES.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 11.—Weather pleasant; attendance large; track very dusty.

Mile—Marchan won; Brown Princess second, Unlucky third. Time, 1:44.

One and one-sixteenth mile, three-year-olds—Strideaway won; Libretto second, Stockton third. Time, 1:51½.

Six furlongs—The Dude won; Clamor second, Jakie Tom third. Time, 1:15½

Two-year-olds, five furlongs—Lord Payton won; Mount Lebannon second, Joe Nevins third. Time, 1:01¾.

Three-year-olds and upwards—J. C. Mandoline won; Pat Donovan second, Irish Dan third. Time, 1:32.

THE NEW YORK WALKING MATCH.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The walking match ended this evening, the record not having been broken. Those who made 500 miles, sharing gate receipts, were: Herty, 550; Cartwright, 532; Noremac, 526; Hegelman, 520; Hughes, 515; Smith, 500; Golden, 505.

SCORE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO WALKERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11, 9 o'clock.—Albert 183 miles, Guerrerro 159, Haworth 145, Peterson 138, Klatt 138, Campani 135.

MONDAY'S SPORTING NEWS.

PHILADELPHIA, May 13.—It took Philadelphia eleven innings to defeat Chicago in their first game this afternoon. The game was closely contested throughout. Philadelphia 4, Chicago 3. Batteries: Philadelphia—Buffinton and Clements; Chicago—Demeyer and Farrell.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The Indianapolis club was defeated through their very bad fielding by the Washingtons this afternoon. Both teams batted very hard. Score: Washington, 13; Indianapolis, 11. Batteries: Washington—Healy and Mack; Indianapolis—Whitney and Daly.

BOSTON, May 13.—The home team made six runs this afternoon before Pittsburg had secured one, and then came near losing the game through the errors of Quinn and Kelly. Score: Boston 7, Pittsburg 5. Batteries: Boston—Clarkson and Bennett; Pittsburg—Staley and Miller.

NEW YORK, May 13.—The Giants returned to the home grounds to-day and played the first game with the Clevelands this afternoon. Both clubs made plenty of errors, but the New Yorkers made theirs at a critical time which counted heavily against them. Score: New York, 7; Cleveland, 8. Batteries: New York—Hatfield and Ewing; Cleveland—Blakely and Snyder.

THE LOUISVILLE RACES.

LOUISVILLE, May 13.—Track muddy.

All ages, one and one-sixteenth miles—Badge won; Lucky second, Stony Montgomery third. Time 1:56½.

Two-year-old colts, five furlongs—Penn won; Uncle Bob second, Starter Cardwell third. Time 1:04.

All ages, one and one-eighth miles—Fannie won; Mandoline 2d, Recluse third. Time 2:05½.

All ages, mile—Brookful won; Chandler second. Time 1:54½.

Seven furlongs, three-year-olds—Bruno won; Castaway second, Bright Light third. Time 1:30

THE FIGHT AGAINST BOOKMAKERS.

LOUISVILLE, May 13.—President Clark, of the Louisville Jockey club, to-day telegraphed to President Palmer of the Bookmakers' association to appear here to-morrow and show cause why the association should not be ruled off for endeavoring to prevent the bookmakers from going on at the track, and for other causes. This is understood to mean that Colonel Clark finds himself in sufficiently strong position to force fighting, and bring the bookmakers to terms. If the association is ruled off here it will, of couse, be driven from all the tracks under control of the surf congress.

J. W. Guests' bay colt, Heron, sustained a probably permanent injury while en route to Louisville, last night. He broke loose in a car and kicked himself in a frightful manner. Before leaving Nashville Guests refused $12,000 for the colt.

DEATH OF A VALUABLE ANIMAL.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, May 13.—Czar, the remarkable three-year-old running colt, owned by Theodore Winters of California, and valued at $25,000, died of pneumonia at Union park, in this city, this morning. He was the winner of the California derby.

SCORE IN THE SAN FRANCISCO WALKING MATCH

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13, 1 a. m.—Vint, 270 miles; Haworth, 288; Gus Guerrero, 291; Albert, 328; Old Sport Campana, 240; Peterson, 275; Klatt, 267; Crozier, 259.

8 o'clock a. m., score—Albert, 450 miles; Guerro, 312; Howarth, 308; Peterson, 300; Klatt, 294; Campana, 256.

The American Live Stock Commission Co.

KANSAS CITY, May 13.—The American Live Stock Commission Comdany, an association composed of many of the leading stock raisers of the west, for the purpose of selling their cattle at a minimum rate of commission, has begun business. Offices have been opened at Chicago and Kansas City, and branches in other cities will soon be established. The organization is the result of an idea which has long prevailed among cattle men, that they can handle their stock more economically than the commission who have no particular interest in the prices they obtain as long as they get their commission.

Was Cronin at Toronto?

TORONTO, May 13.—The authorities are satisfied Cronin is not here and has not been here.

DID HE KILL HIS UNCLE?

COLORADO HAS A MYSTERIOUS MURDER CASE ON HAND.

A Lone New England Ranchman Found With His Skull Crushed—He Had Previously Been Visited by His Nephew. What Could Have Been the Latter's Motive in Killing the Old Man?

DENVER, Colo., May 11.—A special from Burlington, a small hamlet in the eastern part of the state, says: The preliminary examination in one of the most sensational murder cases in the state, is being conducted at this place.

Some months ago, Henry Hatch, a prominent citizen of New England, came to Colorado, and filed a pre-emption claim near Burlington. He lived alone, and had made considerable improvements upon his ranch. On the evening of April 25, C. W. Hatch, of Boston, who had been to California, arrived at Denver, and stopped at a leading hotel and Friday he left for Burlington to visit his uncle, Henry Hatch. While there he

GAVE THE OLD GENTLEMAN $50,

and after concluding his visit, he returned to Denver Sunday morning. Monday he left for Omaha, thence to Chicago and Goshen, Ind., and Birmingham, Mich.

Sunday morning, the day young Hatch returned to Denver, the body of his uncle was found in his cabin by a couple of children of a neighboring ranchman, with his brains knocked out and his skull beaten to a jelly. As no one was known to have visited the old gentleman except his nephew, suspicion pointed to him, and he was arrested at Birmingham and returned to Burlington, yesterday morning, charged with the

MURDER OF HIS UNCLE.

The preliminary examination began yesterday and will probably last several days. The defense is being conducted by the Hon. C. S. Thomas of this city, A. J. Poppleton of Omaha, and other prominent attorneys.

The coroner's jury, late last night, found a verdict that Henry Hatch came to his death by being pounded over the head with a blunt instrument by a party supposed to be C. W. Hatch. The accused is about 30 years of age, and agent of the Travelers Insurance company of Hartford, Conn., for the New England states, and is reported to have an annual income of $25,000, and is a nephew by marriage of Major Poppleton of Omaha.

SPORTING AND DRAMATIC.

News of a Week In the World of Sport and Amusement.

So much has been said and heard of George Kessler, the champion middle weight of the Northwest, that the following biographical sketch of him, and also a brief outline of his record as a pugilist, is published. Unlike most men of his profession he has never taken a drink of whisky in his life, neither has he ever smoked a cigar. This is a feature that few sporting men can boast of.

George Kessler was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1865, and is therefore but twenty-four years of age. His father was Scotch and his mother of Irish extraction, thus combining good fighting blood. His first fight was in Melbourne, Australia, in 1877, with Tom Page whom he turned over in nine rounds. He afterwards whipped Dan Hiller in five rounds at Portland, Ore. Jack Harper, at the same place, fell before him in four rounds. A gigantic Hibernian known as "Big Riley," challenged Kessler at Portland during the Dempsey exhibition, and George defeated him in three rounds. Al Stuart was his next victim. A gentleman known as "Jim" Skinner was whipped in an exciting 36 round contest at Salem, Ore., by the young Napoleon of the northwest. Al Jackson only lasted three rounds at Tacoma before him. He tried it again later for a $250 purse, and this time lasted seventeen rounds. Kessler went to Vancouver's Island and fought a battle with Jack Fields. Fields lasted only two minutes.

Returning to Tacoma, he fought Red McKinzie a ten round draw. They met again, and after twenty rounds of desperate fighting, it was declared a draw. He then fought Jerry Slattery a twenty round draw at Butte, bested Tally Owen in ten rounds at Phillipsburg, defeated Jack Ryan in four rounds at Butte, and also bested Young Dempsey in six rounds, although the latter was declared a draw amid protests from the audience.

Kessler stands 5 feet 7 inches in heighth and weighs 158 pounds. By occupation he is a bridge carpenter. His numerous victories and stone-wall endurance have earned him the title of the "Little Giant of the Rockies," and he no doubt deserves the sobriquet.

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Butte is beyond doubt the sporting town of the northwest and while the firmament of pugilism contains many big planets, there are countless stars of amateur boxers that twinkle with the brilliancy that surpasses that of the proverbial "twinkler" that Twilight used in pinning her curtain with.

Prominent among the young men who are acquiring a thorough knowledge of the "manly art," are two local sports who each demonstrated clever ability in the use of the gloves. Friends of both parties, in their enthusiasm to settle the dispute of supremacy, arranged a private match in a well-known Main street resort and a select few were invited to attend. The principals entered into their work with zeal and became so thoroughly in earnest that they adopted the John McCullough style of acting and forgot that "'twas but in jest." One of the principals in his desire to draw first blood, displayed cannibalistic tendencies and bit his opponent on the arm and ear. The match was a draw, and the wiseacres are now endeavoring to solve the problem whether or not first blood from a bite, is permissable according to Marquis of go-as-you-please rules.

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This year the queen of May wears an ulster and red ear flaps. Hence the inclemency of the Siberian weather has made it necessary to again postpone the inaugural fetes at the Columbia gardens.

Notwithstanding the fact that the popular Gilbert Durand and all the boys have been sighing for winter to quit lingering such an unreasonable period in the lap of spring, the weather clerk evidently refuses to gratify their gentle pleadings. No doubt the snow-storm programme at the Comique brought on all the snow of the past week.

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Be it said with credit to the stage manager of the Comique and his estimable wife, they are catering to public approval in presenting a refined entertainment, such as should be. However, two large, inflexible muzzles are sadly needed to fit the jaws of a couple of song and dance men who step over the lines frequently and cause even the picture of the dark-skinned Othello on the drop curtain to blush at their ribald "witticisms."

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John Maguire, our local Abbey, went to the Pacific coast last week on a brief business trip. Louis Villemaire looks after the interests of the opera house during his absence.

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The snow has dampened base ball enthusiasm somewhat. It the first game of the season the Parrots defeated the Buttes by the electoral commission score of 8 to 7. It is a well known fact that flies never linger on the Parrots. REFEREE.

The Bank President Released.

AUBURN, N. Y., May 11.—James D. Fish, ex-president of the Marine bank, was released from prison, this morning, and started for New York.

Saturday Morning's Thermal Conditions.

CHICAGO, May 11.—New York 70, Chicago 48, St. Paul 56, Winnipeg 44, New Orleans 68.

THE COPPER SITUATION.

Return of the Americans Who Went to France to Deal with the Syndicate.

NEW YORK, May 13.—At the steamship dock, to-day, many prominent copper operators from this city and Boston were impatiently waiting the arrival of the Cunarde Servia, for definite intelligence of the result of the European conference between the American mine representatives and the defunct French syndicate people.

Mr. Haggin, who is the sole owner of the Anaconda mine, looked decidedly savage when questioned about the result of his journey abroad. He said, with emphasis, that the trip had been productive of no good. "We were unable to came to any agreement and have come back to throw our metal on the market for what it will bring." He positively declined to say anything further.

Col. Livermore, who accompanied Mr. Haggin and other American mine representatives abroad, was inclined to be more communicative. "The report," Livermore said, "that the Americans found the Frenchmen reluctant to meet the Americans halfway in settling the difficulty, was entirely without foundation. The Frenchmen seemed always ready and willing to enter into any agreement to prevent a panic. The French banks which held the copper, even now, have entire confidence in the metal as security."

Colonel Livermore gave an outline of the terms offered by the Americans. The proposition was that the bank should take a number of years in which to market the copper. The number of years mentioned occasioned no dispute.

That the mines should reduce the production of last year (which, it was deemed, was far in excess of the world's wants) to a certain per cent. until the banks' metal could be disposed of. That there should be a minimum price. About forty-five pounds per ton, an equivalent of 13 cents per pound for Lake copper, was agreed upon for metal to be sold by the banks and mines. These figures are thought to be low enough to meet consumption and not so low as to ruin the mines.

"After our terms were gone over in a general way (and they seemed to meet favorable views of foreign representatives present), they were laid before a lawyer representing the bank of directors and foreigners interested.

"The representatives of the Rio Tinto mine, I neglected to say, was not exactly satisfied with the proposition. He demanded that the American mine owners should agree to restrict the export of copper. Of course, we refused to entertain such ideas. We insisted upon equal terms. Our terms were as I have stated them. We did not ask for an immediate reply. We were in no hurry and came away without coming to a definite conclusion.

"It would seem, from what Haggin has said, that at his mine at least they will begin to throw its product on the market for whatever it will bring," said the reporter.

"Well," the colonel replied, "we may all have to come home prepared to do it, but I don't think we will. I won't deny that since our return home some modifications have been made in our original proposition, and just now a settlement is not a hopeless question."

During the afternoon Col. Livermore's rooms at the Brunswick were filled with representatives of the copper-dealers and a lengthy conference was held, at which, it is said, several cablegrams which reached New York soon after the Servia left Liverpool were carefully considered.

HELD FOR CONTEMPT.

A Boulder Man in Trouble for Disobeying an Order of Court.

BOULDER, Mont., May 13.—[Correspondence of the Miner.]—T. H. Hammer was arrested to-day, charged with contempt of court in violating an injunction issued by Judge McConnell, at Deer Lodge, March 28, restraining Hammer from erecting a building extending four feet further front than other buildings on the west side of Main street. The injunction was confirmed and made perpetual by Chief Justice Blake of Helena, shortly after assuming the robes of office, and an appeal was taken to the territorial supreme court, pending which an agreement was reached between the parties to the suit, whereby Hammer was allowed to complete his building, except the four feet front, which was to remain in statu quo until final decision.

Yesterday, however, on some technical point as to title, deeds and service of papers, contractor Smid of Helena was directed to proceed with the completion of the disputed four feet, and to-day's arrest followed.

Mr. Hammer gave bonds in $1,000, and was released. Warrants are also out for the contractor and workmen. It is understood that John T. Murphy, wholesale grocer of Helena, is backing Mr. Hammer in the contest, while Messrs. Bach, Cory & Co., and Edward Ryan of Boulder valley, are chiefly interested on the other side.

RAILROAD NOTES.

Important Changes In Train Service on the Montana Union.

The changes of time in the Montana Union and Utah & Northern schedule of passenger trains which went into effect Sunday, has resulted in the addition of another through passenger run between Butte and Anaconda making three through trains between the two towns in place of two as heretofore.

The three trains leave terminals as follows: Anaconda 8 a. m., 3:10 p. m., and 6:10 p. m., and arrive at Butte at 8:50 a. m., 4 p. m., and 7 p. m. Leave Butte at 9:30 a. m., 4:30 p. m., and 7:40 p. m.

The train for Garrison to connect with the Northern Pacific for Helena and Missoula will leave at 8 a. m. The regular train to connect at Garrison with the Northern Pacific east and west bound trains will leave Butte at 3 p. m., and arrive at Garrison at 4:40. No. 4, the Helena and Missoula accommodation, will arrive at 12:01 a. m., and the through train, Northern Pacific connection, will arrive at 9 p. m., the old time.

Utah & Northern now arrives at 12:20 p. m., and departs at 7:50 p. m.

By reference to the arrival of the Anaconda straight runs it will be noticed that the running time has been reduced to 50 minutes, 20 minutes less than under the old schedule. In addition to these trains, the Garrison trains will connect at Stuart for Anaconda the same as before, making five trains between Butte and Anaconda.

Stockholders' Meeting.

A meeting of the stockholders of North Pacific Placer company was held in this city last Friday. It was voted to thoroughly prospect the ground owned by the company, in Missoula county, and which is believed to be exceedingly rich. About $600 worth of preliminary work was done on the claims last fall.

A large block of the treasury stock was taken up by the stockholders at the meeting mentioned, and the proceeds turned in for development purposes. A number of miners will leave for the diggings this week and will be under the superintendency of E. M. Rising, a veteran placer miner. S. Marcheseau, the retired merchant, is president and J. Chauvin, secretary of the company.

Happily Married.

A very pleasant party of friends and neighbors gathered last evening to witness the marriage of John N. Hosking and Miss Mary McCleod, both of Centerville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. J. Groeneveld, of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Hosking take immediate possession of a neatly furnished residence, and begin wedded life with the best wishes of all who know them.

THE SCOTT ACT IS VALID.

TEST OF THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE EXCLUSION OF CHINESE.

The Appeal from the Action of the Collector of the Port in San Francisco—Return Certificates to Chinamen not Good—Other Washington News of General Interest

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The supreme court to-day rendered an opinion in the case of Chae Chang Ping, appellant, versus the collector of the port of San Francisco. This is a suit brought to test the constitutionality of the Scott law. Shortly after the exclusion Scott act went into effect Ping returned to the United States from China and endeavored to secure entrance at the port of San Francisco. He left this country armed with a certificate entitling him to return, but the certificate was declared invalid by the Scott act. The collector refused him admittance and a suit was then brought in the United States court for the district of California to test the constitutionality of the Scott act, in accordance with the provisions of which the collector acted.

The California courts upheld the constitutionality of the act, and from this decision the case comes here on appeal. This court affirms that judgment. It holds that Congress has the power to abrogate a treaty and in support of that view cites authorities of courts on the subject, holding that the property of such action is not a matter for judicial cognizance, but that it is a matter for the political department. Congress, it says, has the power to exclude aliens whose presence is deemed inimical to our interest.

OTHER WASHINGTON TOPICS.

Theodore Roosevelt, the recently appointed civil service commissioner, took the oath of office, this morning. The board is now full. Commissioner Lyman was chosen by the President.

Judge Matthews who succeeds Judge Durham as first comptroller of the treasury, and Huston who succeeds Hyatt as treasurer of the United States, entered upon the discharge of their new duties this morning.

The court of claims, to-day, dismissed the case of Kinkaid & Gussman against the United States, being a claim for rent of property in Alaska.

ASKED BY JEFFERSON DAVIS.

In Reply to an Article in the "North American Review" Criticising the Former.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 13.—The American yesterday published a long letter from Jefferson Davis in reply to a request made by the editor for a statement of General Wolsley's article in the North American Review for May, criticising Davis' course as president of the confederacy. Mr. Davis refers to his reply to Wolsley's article of a year ago, in which Davis exposed historial errors. Mr. Davis says in part:

"In the article to which you now call my attention, the adjutant general of the British army, Viscount Wolsley, with increased venom renews his attack upon me, and opens it with the mean cover of a hypocritical pretension of sincerity. His arrogance heretofore exhibited was so extreme as to be harmless and merely provoked contempt. Now having learned that facts are needful to sustain the allegations, he follows his deprecatory remarks concerning me by a libelous statement. Where, when, or how did I ever express an opinion that ten thousand Enfield rifles would suffice for the Confederacy? Where, when, or how, did I then refuse to receive 366,000 men offered for confederate service? When, where, or how was the East Indian fleet ever offered to me? What means were rejected by me when proposed by others for placing the finances of the confederacy on a sound basis?"

Mr. Davis then refers to statements in several books published on the subject of the confederacy and the reports of confederate officials as a refutation of Wolsley's statement.

THE PAYMASTER WAS ROBBED.

Another Interesting Affair Down in Arizona—The Robbers Escape.

TUCSON, Ariz., May 11.—Major Wham, paymaster of the United States army, with Clerk Gibbon and an escort of eleven soldiers, were on their way, this afternoon, from Wilcox to pay the post at Fort Thomas, and when in a narrow gorge a few miles north of Cedar Springs, they were attacked by a party of ambushed men. A constant fire was kept up for nearly half an hour when eight of the escort were wounded, five dangerously.

The robbers succeeded in securing $25,000 and escaped into the mountains. Maj. Wham was uninjured, but Gibbons had his clothing torn by a shot. Troops of cavalry have been sent out from Fort Grant to watch the mountain passes to see that the highwaymen may not escape. The number of the latter is not known, but is believed to be seven or eight.

TUCSON, May 13.—After securing the booty on Saturday the robbers, who attacked Paymaster Wham's party, made their escape, going south. One troop of cavalry went from Fort Grant, Saturday night, and one was sent from Fort Thomas, Sunday morning, also a posse of thirty trained Indian scouts. Three of the wounded troops couldn't be moved from the scene of action, their wounds being so serious. It is thought five at least of the wounded will die. Large parties from all parts of the territory adjacent to Wilcox have gone in pursuit of the robbers.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Arrested Earls and Lords—The King of Holland Returns to His Home.

LONDON, May 13.—The persons arrested yesterday in the raids on the Field and Adelphi clubs, were arraigned this morning. The Earl of Dudley and Lord Lurgan were among the prisoners. The police admitted the peers were not members of the Field club but stated that they resorted there for the purpose of gambling. The case will be continued.

THE HAGUE, May 12.—Last night the socialists hauled down the royal standard and hoisted the socialist flag in its place.

Many congratulatory telegrams were received by the king from foreign rulers and other notables on the occasion of his resumption of government. The streets were decorated, and thanksgiving services were held and the city illuminated.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 13.—The Shah of Persian left Theban for St. Petersburg.

LITTLETON, N. Z., May 13.—The steamer Ionic, hence May 2d for London, has returned with a crank-shaft broken. Mails have been forwarded by way of San Francisco.

The Woman's Mother Knew Best.

MEMPHIS, May 13.—George Ward, aged 28, employed as an engineer at the Memphis works, this afternoon, shot and killed his young wife, aged 18, and then kiled himself. Cause, jealousy. The murdered woman was the first cousin to her husband, and the murderer, Ward, courted his wife for six years, but never could gain the mother's consent to their union, which resulted four months ago in a runaway match.

Order of Railway Conductors.

DENVER, Col., May 13.—Three special trains of Pullman coaches arrived here this morning, from the east over the Burlington, bearing nearly 1,000 delegates to the international convention of the Order of Railway Conductors, which convenes here to-morrow. Delegates have been arriving for several days, and there are now nearly 1,500 in the city representing every part of the union. Considerable preparation has been made for the entertainment of visitors while in Denver.

DEATH OF A PIONEER.

An Old Settler of Montana Gone to His Long Home.

Yesterday noon the thinning ranks of Montana's pioneers were further decimated by the death of Philip E. Evans, residing about two miles from Deer Lodge.

Mr. Evans came to Montana from Missouri in 1863, and continued to make the territory his home until his death. He was about 58 years old and leaves a wife and nine chilren, all grown. Unlike most of the old settlers, he never was interested in mining, but engaged in ranching and stock raising and at the time of his demise had accumulated quite a fortune, which he left to his family.

Mrs. Henry McMurphy of this city is a daughter of deceased and both she and her husband were present when he died, having been apprised of his dangerous illness Friday and immediately left for his bedside.

Colonel Pemberton is a relative of deceased's wife and was informed by telegraph of Mr. Evans' death.

Date of the funeral is not known.

DIED IN CALIFORNIA.

A Former Well Known Resident of Butte No More.

A letter was received yesterday by L. A. Bickell from San Louis Obispo, Cal., informing him of the death of his brother F. G. Bickell, a former resident of this city and for a long time in the employ of the Bonner Mercantile Co.

Mr. Bickell