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FIGHTING MAIL TUBES.

Senator Wolcott Attacks Prop- osition for Appropriation.

FREE HOMES BILL IS NOW A LAW.

President McKinley Signs Flynn Measure in the Presence of Interested Delegation—House Passes Emergency River and Harbor Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The postoffice appropriation bill was considered in the senate yesterday. The committee amendment for the extension of the pneumatic tube service created some debate and was under discussion when the measure was laid aside for the day. Wolcott, chairman of the committee on postoffices and postroads, vigorously attacked the committee's proposition to appropriate \$750,000 for pneumatic tube service, declaring the extension of the service was unnecessary and the appropriation a waste of public money.

Mason (Ill.) quite as vigorously supported the proposition. An amendment of Butler (N. C.) to reduce by 10 per cent the amount to be paid the railroads for the transportation of mail was rejected—yeas, 11; nays, 41.

President Signs Free Homes Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—President McKinley signed the free homes bill today. There were present Delegate Flynn of Oklahoma and Representative Gamble of South Dakota, both of whom made brief speeches in support of the measure. The president said his best reply to the representations made could be put in writing at the foot of the bill and he then affixed his signature.

House Passes River and Harbor Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The house yesterday passed a special river and harbor bill, carrying \$400,000 for surveys and emergency work and devoted the remainder of the day to the Alaskan code bill. Four of the 617 pages of the bill were disposed of before adjournment.

DICKEY IS MODERATOR.

Presbyterian General Assembly Begins Its Labors at St. Louis.

St. Louis, May 18.—The Presbyterian general assembly, the lawmaking body of that church, began its one hundred and twelfth annual meeting today at the Washington and Compton Avenue Presbyterian church. Nearly 1,000 commissioners and delegates representing all the northern and western states and territories and many of those in the south, with the synods of Catawba, central and south China, north China and India, are in attendance.

The election of a moderator to succeed Rev. Robert F. Sample, D. D., LL. D., after a spirited contest, resulted in the choosing of Rev. Charles Dickey, D. D., of Philadelphia, president of the Presbyterian hospital.

Nebraska Debaters Win.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 18.—Nebraska was given the unanimous decision of the judges in the debate last night between representatives of the State University of this state and Kansas University on the question, "Resolved, that the growth of the great corporations is a menace to the life of the democracy." The Nebraska representatives, who had the affirmative of the question, were A. L. Deal, Miss Austin and G. D. Talbot; Kansas, J. A. Anderson, T. J. Lyons and James Vandall. The judges were: A. W. Field and F. S. Allen of Lincoln and Carey Weedlin of Omaha.

Opera House and City Hall Burn.

WELLSTON, O., May 18.—Fire yesterday destroyed the opera house and city hall building and three business houses. The fire was of incendiary nature and was the seventh within a week. The loss is \$50,000, covered by insurance.

THOMPSON OUT ON BAIL

Amount Reduced From \$10,000 to \$1,000, Which Is Given.

NEED A LAW TO FIT NEELY CASE.

Congress to Be Asked to Enact a New Statute—Story from Muncie That Greatest Steal Is in Printing of Counterfeit Stamps for Distribution in Cuba.

HAVANA, May 18.—The principal charge against the Havana postmaster, who, with W. H. Reeves, deputy auditor of the island, and Edward Moya and Jorge Mascaro, Cuban clerks in the stamp department, was arrested yesterday, will be that he entered into a conspiracy with Corydon Rich, the clerk who has confessed to a knowledge of many of the transactions and will give evidence for the government, to shield C. F. W. Neely, the arrested financial agent of posts.

Thompson's bail was ultimately reduced from \$10,000 to \$1,000, which was deposited in cash by the Danish consul, Herr Calmet, a wealthy merchant.

POSTPONE THE NEELY CASE

Put Over for One Week by Agreement of Counsel for Both Sides.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The examination of the charges against Charles F. W. Neely, accused of embezzling \$36,000 of the Cuban postal funds, which was set down for to-day, has been postponed for one week by United States Commissioner Shields. The postponement was agreed upon by United States District Attorney Burnette and Mr. Lindsay, counsel for Neely.

Need a Law to Fit Neely Case.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The Post says Congress must come to the aid of the administration in bringing C. F. W. Neely, the Cuban defaulter, to justice. A new law must be enacted and enacted at once which will tighten the government's hold upon him. Every loophole of escape must be closed.

Attorney General Griggs has already made his appeal to congress. Yesterday he forwarded to Senator Hoar, chairman of the senate committee on the judiciary, and to Congressman Ray, chairman of the similar committee of the house, a copy of a bill drawn especially to meet the present situation. He accompanied the bill with a strong letter pointing out the necessity for its prompt passage. He expresses the hope that the measure may be passed without delay.

The bill is in two sections. The first provides that the statutes of the United States relative to extradition between the United States and countries with which the United States has treaties of extradition shall apply to the extradition of fugitives from justice from Cuba, while the government of that island is exercised under the authority of the United States. This section is directed to the Neely case. The second section is to guard against future troubles in the possessions over which the United States has unquestioned control. It provides that the domestic extradition now in force between the various states shall be extended to the Philippines, Guam, Hawaii and Porto Rico.

Charges of Counterfeiting.

MUNCIE, Ind., May 18.—One of the government detectives who has been here working the Muncie end of the Cuban postoffice case made the statement that the real steal has been the sale of counterfeit stamps, which it is alleged, have been printed in the office of a printing company in this city. Thousands of dollars' worth of bogus stamps are said to have been issued and distributed to Cuban postmasters, a number of whom it is alleged shared in the profits with the chief culprits. The printing office is said to have been searched from garret to cellar for the material used.

Wholesale Murder on Shipboard.

COPENHAGEN, May 18.—A telegram from Koping, Sweden, reports that as the steamer Koping last night was passing the Prins Karl a man sprang upon the deck of the latter vessel and shouted: "If any one comes near I will shoot." At the same moment a woman was seen hanging over the ship's side, shrieking for help. The man escaped in a boat. When the Prins Karl was boarded it was found that 12 men on board had been shot, six of whom, including the captain, were dead. The rest were found locked in their quarters.

Des Moines Strike Ending.

DES MOINES, May 18.—From present indications the plumbers' strike will end tomorrow. A meeting of committees from each side was held and an agreement was all but reached. Each side showed a willingness to make concessions.

Colombian Rebels Badly Defeated.

COLON, Colombia, May 18.—News has been received here of a victory by the government troops over the insurgents in a battle in the Vetas district, which began May 11 and lasted 70 hours. Generals Leal and Herrera were among the killed, who are said to have been very numerous, the slaughter being described as "horrible butchery." Twelve hundred insurgents were taken prisoners and the government troops captured a large quantity of guns and rifles.

WITH ONE PURPOSE.

The Business Men of Denison Unite for Common Benefit

AN EARNEST MEETING.

Representative Business Men Hold an Earnest Consultation—New Railroad Discussed.

Pursuant to a quiet call a number of the business men of Denison gathered at Mr. Bullock's office on Wednesday evening. Mr. L. Cornwell was chosen chairman of the meeting and Mr. J. P. Conner explained the object of the call. This was to lay before the business men the proposition of the St. Louis, Iowa & Dakota Railroad Company as outlined in Tuesday's Review.

After Mr. Conner had explained the proposition it was thoroughly discussed by those present. The sentiment was that Denison has no money to waste on speculations but that if a new road is to come through Crawford county no effort would be spared to get it to Denison. It was felt by all present that Denison wants all the railroads it can get from whatever direction they may come. The meeting may result in a great deal of good in the line of organized effort to secure other roads. A committee consisting of J. P. Conner, Chas. Tabor and J. P. Romans was appointed to investigate thoroughly the proposition as made by President Gere of the proposed new road, and to report to the business men as soon as possible. After this matter was disposed of, it was thought to be an opportune time for a consultation as to the formation of a business men's association.

All present seemed to favor the idea but in order that no mistakes might be made and that every one might be included, a committee was appointed to canvass the city and report to a meeting to be held on Friday evening, May 25. This committee consisted of Messrs. Conner, Lally, Kuehne, Naeye, J. B. Romans, S. McHenry and Eugene Gulick. Mr. H. A. Cook acted as secretary of the meeting. Our business men should talk freely with the members of the committee and if action is taken it should be vigorous and harmonious.

STILL NO CHOICE FOR BISHOP

Spellmeyer and Berry Stated—Dr. Kelly Withdraws From the Race.

CHICAGO, May 18.—Dr. William W. Kelly of the East New York conference, a leading candidate for bishop, withdrew from the race yesterday. His withdrawal gave rise to a report of a combination between Dr. Spellmeyer and Dr. Berry. According to the story told the plan is to elect the former as the eastern representative and the latter from the west. It is said the Kelly vote will go to Spellmeyer, together with a sufficient number of Dr. Berry's friends to elect the minister from New Jersey. After this is accomplished the Spellmeyer, Kelly and Berry forces will unite to elect the latter.

In the interest of economy the committee on book concern at its meeting yesterday decided to recommend to the general conference the consolidation of three church papers and the removal of the book depository now located at St. Louis to Kansas City. The publications to be united under one management are the Central Advocate, St. Louis; the Omaha Advocate, Omaha, and the Rocky Mountain Advocate, Denver. These periodicals will be consolidated under the name of the Central Advocate and published at Kansas City if the general conference concurs in the committee's recommendation.

Twenty Years for Gregory.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, May 18.—J. A. Gregory, the ofttime convicted horse thief and desperado, was sentenced by Judge Smith to 20 years at hard labor in the penitentiary at Fort Madison. Within half an hour after learning his fate, Gregory was on his way to the penitentiary to commence serving his sentence. Gregory, in addition to being convicted of stealing a mule, the property of E. D. Laughlin, a farmer near Ashland, Neb., and bringing the stolen property into this state, was also found guilty of being an habitual criminal. His conviction under the habitual criminal act is the first since the enactment of this law.

ADVANCE MURDER THEORY.

Sensation Develops in Investigation of Death of Henry Thrapp of Okaloosa.

GRINNELL, Ia., May 16.—Sensational developments in the death by shooting of Henry Thrapp of Okaloosa point to murder as the cause. Thrapp was found with a bullet in his brain and a smoking revolver beside him. Suicide was the first thought, but later developments point to the theory of murder. Constable Charles Carr, returning to Okaloosa about 1 a. m., the supposed time of Thrapp's death, met a man whose face was battered to a pulp. The man refused to give any account of himself and acted very suspiciously. The coroner's inquest has been postponed pending further investigation.

ARE ON THE WARPATH

Utes and Knights Will Play Ball for Woodmen's Benefit.

KELLY WILL BE UMPIRE.

Monday, May 28th, the Day. — A Kindly Evidence of Fraternity.— Proceeds for Log-Rolling.

On Monday week Denison will have more fun than a barrel of monkeys. The Utes of the Red Men order and the doughty Pythian Knights will cross bats on the bloody diamond.

The Utes have sworn to take the scalps of the aforesaid Knights and have them dangling at their belts when the war is over. The Knights have pledged their troth that by their halldoms and the bonny eyes of their lady loves there shall not so much as a red blanket remain of the dastard varnints after they have swept the field with lance and spear.

The foregoing means that the Ute camp of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Dowdall Lodge. Knights of Pythias are going to play ball. The engagement will begin at 4 p. m. and last for nine rounds or until a knockout. With true fraternal spirit the lodges have agreed that the spoils of the fray shall go to the Woodmen's Log-Rolling Fund and the Woodmen are duly grateful to them for their kind offer. The admission will be twenty-five cents—a quarter of a dollar. Season tickets will be sold. The tickets will be good all through the game, which will be played every day until the nine innings are finished if it takes all summer.

Tom Kelly has taken out some extra accident insurance and will umpire the game. If he escapes alive he is to have a pension for life. If he is not so fortunate the Woodmen have agreed to insert a card of thanks providing the papers will print it free. Watson Wheeler will be manager of the Knights' team. The Redmen are still unmanageable but it has been arranged to have a man hold a piece of raw beef-stick over the bases in order to incite them to do their best. The players will be selected from the following lists:

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| RED MEN | KNIGHTS |
| Chas. Young | Chas. Kemming |
| Henry Paul | Howard Wilson |
| Mark Wright | Fred Branaka |
| Chester Lyman | Wm. McLennan |
| Alfred Larson | Geo. Sprecher |
| H. F. Hodges | James M. Luney |
| Paul Montgomery | Homor Partridge |
| Arthur Green | W. McAbren |
| Ira Blixler | J. H. Holmes |
| Will Seemann | C. F. Kuehnie |
| Harry Carpenter | A. D. Smith |
| Will Marshall | B. F. Philbrook |

Remember the ghost dance will begin promptly at 4 p. m. on Monday, May 28th.

Doctors Name Officers.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 18.—At the annual meeting of the Iowa State Medical society here yesterday the election of officers, over which there has been quite a contest, resulted as follows: President, E. R. Conniff, Sioux City; first vice-president, J. M. Eistine, Cedar Rapids; second vice-president, Frank Porterfield, Atlantic; secretary, J. W. Cokenower, Des Moines; treasurer, George R. Skinner, Cedar Rapids. There was a contest between Davenport, Council Bluffs and Sioux City for the next meeting and Davenport won.

Cite Bee Editor on Contempt.

LINCOLN, May 18.—Before the supreme court adjourned Wednesday an order was issued citing Edward Rosewater of the Omaha Bee to appear before the court June 5 to answer for contempt, based on the publication in The Bee of four articles relating to the connection of Governor Poynter and Judge Holcomb with the pending fire and police commission case.

Shooting at Gayville.

SIoux CITY, May 18.—A. O. Burtness was shot in the head by Ed Snyder at Gayville last night. The men had been quarreling all day. At night Snyder drove home, but soon returned and drove in front of a saloon and shot through the window at Burtness. The bullet struck Burtness over the temple. Burtness is still alive and Snyder is under arrest.

Countess Wants Divorce.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Divorce proceedings were begun by Ella, Countess Festetics, against Rudolph, Count Festetics. In her petition the countess alleges desertion, failure to provide and cruel treatment. The countess, who is a daughter of Louis D. Haggin of New York, petitions that she be allowed to resume her maiden name.

Van Wyck Welcomes Boer Delegates.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The principal event in connection with the visit to this city of the Boer delegates, Messrs. Wessels, Woolmarans and Fischer, occurred yesterday, when they were received at the city hall by Mayor Van Wyck and in accordance with the resolution passed by the municipal assembly officially welcomed to the city.

ALL EYES ON MAFEEKING

British Eager for News From Besieged Garrison.

RELIEF COLUMN IS ADVANCING.

Reports From Pretoria Tell of Latest Exploit of the Garrison—Kruger's Grandson Caught in British Trap—Buller Is Pressing Forward Without Opposition.

LONDON, May 18.—England still waits with intense and almost breathless interest for news of the relief of Mafeking. A crowd remarkable for the number of men in evening dress and including many ladies were around the war office, even after midnight, hoping for some announcement. Only reluctantly did the people disperse when the lobbies of the war office were finally cleared with the word that nothing had been received. One thing seems clear. The town still holds out. Were it not so the Boer wires laid to the camps of the beleaguered would have passed the news.

Reports that leaked out from the Pretoria war office show that the Boer stormers Saturday fell into a trap. Colonel Baden-Powell permitted them to seize one fort and he then surrounded and overbore them before the large forces near at hand perceived the stratagem. It was thus that Sarel Eloff, President Kruger's grandson, and part of his command, were taken and 50 killed.

The Canadian force with the Rhodesia force is now reported to have reached Bulawayo May 2. The distance from Bulawayo to Mafeking is 490 miles. As the railway is open all the way to Pitsoani, 28 miles from Mafeking, where Colonel Plumer is, the Canadians may yet take part in the relief.

General French, scouting northward, found the Boers in strong force at Rhoenoster Spruit, 30 miles from Kroonstad. Generals Botha, Delarey and Olivier with artillery were holding the position.

President Steyn, according to one dispatch, has gone to Pretoria. Another says he is a fugitive at Lindley. The Free Staters are surrendering on all sides.

General Buller is pressing straight ahead without opposition. He has only lost five wounded during the movement. Apparently he is aiming at Laing's Nek, which is the direct road to the Transvaal, although he may diverge to Botha's pass.

General Hunter's movements in the western Transvaal are rather puzzling. He has returned to Fourteen Streams with one brigade, leaving another, General Barton's, at Christiana. Lord Methuen is said to be advancing along the south bank of the Vaal. Colonel Kekewich is with him. The bridge across the Vaal is fast nearing completion. The probability is that General Hunter took back a brigade to Fourteen Streams owing to the scarcity of transport. General Rundle has captured 10,000 bags of corn. He is marching slowly through a district which is described as "literally teeming with cattle, sheep and horses."

Michael Davitt, according to a dispatch from Lourenzo Marquez, is said to have advised the Boers while he was in Pretoria that if they could hold out until the presidential election in the United States they might "feel pretty sure of intervention."

At Johannesburg the women are forming a police corps so as to release every man for fighting purposes at the front. Dr. Archer, who was at Dundee during the Boer occupation, asserts that there are several hundred Englishmen serving in the Boer forces who would desert if assured of pardon from the British.

Durban reports the receipt of a telegram from Lourenzo Marquez saying that the Boer plot to blow up the British cruiser Forte was discovered and that in consequence the warship steamed out seven miles nightly. The Standard says: "From pro-Boer sources we learn that the first great stand by the Federals will be on the ridges near Johannesburg. This position has been strongly entrenched and the burghers believe they can hold it for some time. If driven from that point, part of the Boer force will be thrown into Pretoria to withstand a siege, while the main body will retreat to the Leydenburg district with the intention of keeping up a guerrilla warfare from the mountainous region. They believe they can indefinitely postpone a pacification of the country."

This is partly supported by a dispatch to the Times from Lourenzo Marquez, which says: "There is general talk in Pretoria of President Kruger contemplating an immediate departure from the capital. There seems no longer any doubt of the intention of the Transvaal to transfer the seat of government to the Leydenburg district and to endeavor to make a final stand there. The road is reported to have endorsed the proposal."

The Times also says that a number of Transvaal officials are preparing for flight, and that State Secretary Reitz has selected South America as his future home.

It is unofficially asserted that Lord Kitchener is in command of the Mafeking relief

IOWA HAPPENINGS.

Saloon Men Leave Town.

ST. LOUIS, Ia., May 17.—All the saloons of Osceola county are closed. Several of the saloon keepers have removed to Minnesota and Nebraska.

Iowa Girl Kills Herself.

LOGAN, Ia., May 15.—Helen Berry, only daughter of John A. Berry, killed herself last night by taking strychnine. The cause of the deed is unknown. She was a bright and pretty girl and would have graduated in June from the high school here.

Boy Mangled by Freight Train.

GRINNELL, Ia., May 15.—A frightful accident on the Rock Island at Givin, near Okaloosa, last evening, resulted in the death of Harry Williams, a 14-year-old boy of Beacon, Ia., while trying to board a freight train. The wheels passed over him and the body was fearfully mangled.

Keenan Finding Sustained.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., May 16.—A decision has been handed down in the appealed case of the state of Iowa against Attorney C. S. Keenan, charged and convicted of criminal libel. The attorney carried the case to the supreme court and there the finding was affirmed. The sentence of the court was that Keenan pay a fine of \$50 and the costs of the case.

Davenport Sends Greeting to Boers.

DAVENPORT, Ia., May 16.—A mass meeting of prominent citizens of Davenport last night sent greetings to the Boer envoys, promising that the visit here of Messrs. Fischer, Woolmarans and Wessels will be made the occasion of a big demonstration, in which many Iowa and Illinois towns will join. Davenport has already contributed \$1,600 to the national Boer fund.

Wreck at Victor, Ia.

VICTOR, Ia., May 17.—A disastrous wreck occurred here last night, resulting in the destruction of several thousand dollars' worth of property and stock. A westbound Rock Island freight train was derailed when it was struck by an eastbound freight which was running on passenger time. Fortunately none of the train crews were hurt, although all had to jump for their lives. The eastbound train contained four carloads of cattle. One hundred and fifty of these were instantly killed and the rest had to be shot.

Officers for Health Board.

DES MOINES, May 17.—Election of officers of both the State Board of Health and Board of Medical Examiners was held yesterday. Dr. J. C. Shrader of Iowa City was elected president. Dr. Walton Bancroft of Keokuk was elected president of the State Board of Medical Examiners. Prof. S. R. Macy of Highland Park college is re-elected state chemist and Dr. Eli Grimes of Des Moines bacteriologist. J. F. Kennedy was re-appointed secretary of the State Board of Health and will act as secretary of the examining board.

New Strike in Des Moines.

DES MOINES, May 16.—The plumbers and gas and steamfitters of Des Moines went on a strike yesterday. The main trouble seems to be about the wages of the steamfitters. They want 25 cents a day more than they have been getting, or \$3 per day instead of \$2.75. The plumbers are in sympathy with the gas and steamfitters and every shop in the city was closed yesterday. The strike means that the completion of a six-story hotel and several large business blocks, as well as many residences, will be delayed until the trouble ends.

LEAVES ROBBERS BEHIND.

Engineer Pulls Throttle Wide Open and Escapes From Being Held Up.

LONGVIEW, Tex., May 18.—About midnight, while the through eastbound passenger on the Texas and Pacific railway was taking water at Glade creek, near here, an attempt was made to rob the train by two men. Fireman Dobbs was covered by a pistol in the hands of a man who ordered him to get off the engine. Engineer Jaquish, taking in the situation, opened wide the throttle and dropped to the floor. Neither of the robbers was able to catch up with the train, but the fireman caught the last car and all reached here safely.

South Dakota Town Burning.

WEBSTER, S. D., May 18.—A dangerous conflagration is raging here, with a high east wind to fan the flames. The Standard Oil sheds and tank on the east and in line with the seven grain elevators are burning and the latter seem doomed. The grain in them is being run out on the ground to save it. Extensive lumber yards are in danger. The fire continues to spread and the Strong elevator is now ablaze. The fire threatens the entire town. Neighboring towns have been wired for help. The Milwaukee company's station is to be abandoned.

CHATTAHOOGA, Tenn., May 18.—Dr.

H. Baird of Uniontown, Pa., was elected moderator yesterday by the Cumberland Presbyterian general assembly, to preside during the ensuing year. Dr. Ira Landreth of Nashville, was nominated by the southern representatives and Dr. John R. Walker by the west. General Bird was elected by a narrow margin.

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