

## The Grange Advance

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REDWING. MINNESOTA

### TIMELY TOPICS.

Investigations, investigators and investigations are about "played out."

Nevada had a total of 389 inches of snow, last winter, and still folks out there can't help throwing mud at our mild winters and light snow-falls.

The Supreme Court of Iowa has decided that the State university cannot be sued, as it is not a corporation and exists only by the will of the legislature.

Miss Susan Anthony says she admired knee breeches when last in fashion, but she asserts that the effeminate men of to-day would not look well in them. How does she know?

The fight at Matamoros, the other day, was the bloodiest in the whole history of modern Mexican warfare, the list of casualties being nearly as long as that of an ordinary St. Paul saloon row.

The "code of honor" was satisfied a few days since by two representatives of Virginia's first families. A beautiful woman was the cause, and to-day two promising young men sleep beneath the sod as the result.

The Boston school directors have prohibited corporal punishment in the girl's grammar school. It has been supposed "out west" that Boston girls were so exceedingly proper in deportment that no cause for punishment could arise.

Why does not Queen Victoria take the title of Empress of India, if she wants it? The time was when a Queen took whatever she wanted, if it cost the lives of a hundred thousand men. And what is the use of being an Empress if one can't be a Queen?

San Francisco has inaugurated proceedings on the Chinese problem, and there is much excitement there. Telegrams have been sent from leading Chinamen to the mother country that all immigration must stop for the present, as there is danger of the lives of those already there.

It is to be hoped that the European visitors to our Centennial will not turn to us and say they have made us what we are, gratuitously. For have we not given them tobacco, corn, the sunflower, potatoes, tomatoes, cotton, petroleum, and a hundred other things, not to mention the delicious jalap, soothing red pepper or palate-tickling quinine.

A party of hunters near Augusta, Ky., recently discovered a cave in a hill-side, where they found the skeleton of a man over eight feet high, near which lay a sword roughly made of copper, a helmet also made of copper, and a stone ax. The bones and implements were taken to a hotel where large numbers of people flocked to see them.

Pharmacists are making a stir about the common adulteration of essential oils. Oil of turpentine is hard to find in a pure state. Oil of almonds and wax are also badly adulterated, but it is the gentle ester oil that interests the rising generation, its mildness being destroyed by copious additions of lard and croton oil.

It must be that England's seamen are losing the skill accredited to them when it was acknowledged that Britannia ruled the wave. From the report of the last year it would seem as though one half the shipmasters find it beyond their power to keep out of the way of the other half, as wrecks caused by collisions are the most frequent of all the casualties we hear of from that direction.

The "Black Swan," alias Miss Elizabeth Taylor Greenfield, whose death was recently announced, was a sort of female "Blind Tom" without the blindness. She sang without training, and was liberated from slavery on account of her peculiar talent, after which she sang before the crowned heads of Europe and dead-heads of America for several years, with good financial success—to her manager.

The New York Graphic says American women have the most beautiful feet to be found on the globe, and refers to a lady who wears a number one shoe and number thirteen slipper. It is well enough for those whose feet will not go into a number one shoe to remember that all models of beautiful women which have been sculptured by the great masters are given feet in no way stinted as to length or breadth.

## SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

### Crimes, Criminals and Casualties.

Sanford Green, a well-known cattle dealer in Chicago, was run over by the cars in the stock yards in that city and instantly killed.

It has been ascertained that Donahue, the bankrupt proprietor of the Boston Pilot, was a precious knave and swindler. Thousands of dollars which had been entrusted to his care by Irish benevolent societies and individuals, was put into his business and lost. Much suffering must result from it.

It is understood the owners of the steamer Clathmore, the British emigrant ship which was lost in the South Pacific, have decided to suitably acknowledge the humane and generous conduct of the captain of the American whaler Young Phoenix, who rescued and treated with great kindness the surviving passengers and crew.

A distressing accident from exploding gas occurred in one of the main sewers of St. Paul, last week. Two men who went down to measure the sewer climbed up a "man hole" to make entries in their field books, when an explosion of gas occurred, burning all the hair and beard from the men and fearfully disfiguring their faces. They had to make their way over four hundred feet in the dark, foul sewer to the place of entrance, when they were drawn up and taken home.

### Personal, Impersonal and Political.

New Orleans was the theatre of considerable bloodshed at the recent political meeting there.

Parliament has at last passed the royal titles bill and Victoria is almost certain of being an Empress.

It now turns out that the lawyer Wm. Barrett dishonestly obtained all the property of Miss Halpine, (Miss O'Reilly's daughter), and squandered it with his own.

Rev. Robert Davidson, of the Presbyterian church, is dead. For twenty-five years he has been a member of the board of foreign missions, and for ten years a director of Princeton College.

A Chicago wheat operator, having made a bad move in a gambling operation, has absconded with the little money he had in the bank, leaving his fellow gamblers many thousands short.

An investigation has been made in the St. Louis post office respecting political assessments among clerks and other employees. It was ascertained that it has been the custom of the clerks to make voluntary contributions to campaign funds, which was entirely optional to the contributor.

The elections in Rhode Island resulted in the choice of the Republican candidate for secretary of state, but there was no choice of governor and lieutenant governor. Providence, which last year gave a majority of 1,428 against Lippett this year gives a majority of about 500 for him, and his election by the legislature is assured.

### News From the National Capital.

The President has nominated Chas. McMillan, of New York, to be consul general at Rome.

Official notice has been given to the re-establishment of army headquarters at Washington.

The Senate has rejected the nomination of Richard H. Dana to be minister to England. The vote stood about 17 to 36.

Quartermaster general Meigs is charged with a crooked proposition to the proprietor of a patent vermin exterminator.

A half million dollars in silver coin has been received at the U. S. Treasury to carry out the silver resumption act, and more is ordered.

Before Clymer's committee, on the 5th, Secretary Chandler gave the man Bell, who claimed such intimacy with the President and the Babcock case, a character anything but white.

The House committee on military affairs has adopted General Banning's report for the reduction of the army. The report was not signed by the Republican members of the committee.

The detective Bell was pretty thoroughly shown up before the Clymer committee on the 5th and 6th, as a dead beat and rascal; but what induced so many respectable men to countenance him is still a debatable question.

Gen. Henderson, in his testimony before the whisky trials committee, said that attorney general Pierpont told him that the information the President had of the evidence in the Babcock case came from a member of the St. Louis grand jury.

The committee on foreign affairs having intimated that no further testimony was needed in the Emma Mine investigation, Gen. Schenck demanded a most full research, and renewed his assertion that he was innocent of fraud, and that the mine is now immensely valuable.

In the river and harbor bill reported in the House of Congress on the 3d inst., Minnesota comes in for \$200,000, as follows: For the improvement of the upper Mississippi, \$20,000; Minnesota river, \$10,000; Duluth, \$15,000; St. Anthony Falls, \$125,000; Mississippi, above the falls, \$20,000; Red River of the North, \$10,000.

In his testimony before Clymer's committee, on the 3d, Gen. Custer was asked why he had not before given information concerning the abuses so well known by him on the frontier. He replied by reading an order from Secretary Belknap, dated March, 1873, which forbade communicating with Congressmen regarding military affairs, and directed all communications of such character to be sent through the general of the army and secretary of war for inspection and approval.

### Miscellaneous News Items.

The post trader at Fort Concho, Texas, paid \$13,900 for his appointment.

The heaviest rain-storm ever known in Alabama occurred in that state the first of the month.

Paris has fixed on the Champs de Mars as the site for the proposed universal exposition in 1878.

New England States had the worst snow storm of the season on the 5th. Twenty inches of snow fell.

The Turkish budget of the 7th inst. indicates rapidly increasing complications in the Herzegovina rebellion.

The world will be glad to learn that the Bismarck election passed off quietly and that John A. McLean was re-elected mayor.

A ferry boat being drawn across the river Dee, in Scotland, on the 5th, was capsized by the current and thirty persons drowned.

Reports from the city of Mexico state that a hundred people were killed by the police of that city for rejoicing over the revolution.

The coal operators of Cleveland, Ohio, are preparing to resume work, displacing the old workmen with green hands, and serious trouble is anticipated.

A large sale of short-horn cattle took place at Liberty, Iowa, on the 6th, bringing an average price of \$630 per head. The number sold was one hundred and sixty.

Orders were received at New York and Boston to cut off the water, light, and fuel supply of the government offices because the appropriation for the same was exhausted.

A supply train which returned from the Black Hills to Bismarck on the 3d, brings more favorable reports from the mines. Of the two hundred Bismarckers there "not one is dissatisfied," they say.

The revolution goes bravely on in Mexico. Matamoros was captured on the 3d, after a sharp fight of thirty minutes. The revolutionists captured 530 men, 17 pieces of artillery and 712 stand of small arms. The casualties were 3 killed and 12 wounded.

Dispatches from London represents a bad state of affairs in Turkey. The insurrectionists are increasing in number, and the inactivity of the government is almost sure to precipitate a general revolution, unless other powers take more decided steps to prevent.

The appropriation for water, fuel and lights for public buildings having been exhausted, Secretary Bristow ordered all lights and water turned off and fires put out in all the government buildings of the country. The matter had frequently been brought to the notice of the proper committee, which took no action. There is a fine of \$2,000 for over-drawing the appropriation in every case.

### The National Campaign.

The Democratic State Convention for Missouri has been called to meet at Jefferson City May, 31st.

The Ohio mass convention to appoint delegates to the Indianapolis greenback convention, was attended by about twenty-five persons.

A large vote was polled at the Connecticut election, resulting in the election of Ingersoll, the Democratic candidate for Governor, and Waite, Republican, for congressman.

The colored national convention at Nashville was well attended. Speeches were made by Pinchback and other prominent colored men, most of whom advocated a new departure by cutting loose from the Republican party and hereafter voting for the best men regardless of party lines.

The National colored convention at Nashville did not make the new departure expected of it but passed resolutions of the strongest confidence in the Republican party, and of Grant and Morton. Dishonesty, however, they condemn, and deplore the action of the U. S. Senate in relation to Pinchback's seat.

### CONNECTICUT FOR BRISTOW.

Hartford letter to N. Y. Times.

The position of at least one of the uncertain states at the opening of the struggle at Cincinnati seems to be now settled, for it is declared that Connecticut will not only vote for Bristow from the first, but will work heartily and honestly for him as long as there is any chance for his nomination. Gen. Hawley freely and publicly announces that his purpose in going to Cincinnati is to do all in his power to secure the nomination of Bristow, and that his information leads him to believe that all, or at least very nearly all, the other delegates agree with him in that matter. The delegation is not, however, pledged or trammelled in any way, and there may be a small minority who will vote for some one else; but the Connecticut influence, whatever it will amount to, will be for Bristow from the start, for the state has entirely gone out of the favorite son business.

### PROFIT AND LOSS.

Washington letter to Inter Ocean.

The United States Treasuryship is a big elephant. A great many men want it, but they can't afford to take it. Under the law, the Treasurer is responsible for every mistake made and every theft that results in a loss to the government. Treasurer New has already spent more than his salary in adjusting balances on account of such losses, and since Bristow's administration the precedent which allowed the Treasurer to make all of his appointments has been disregarded, and all the appointments are made by order of the Secretary, as in other bureaus. This increases the liability of the Treasurer very much. Mr. New is anxious to retire at once, but no one can be found to take his place. The position has been offered to three men, but neither of them could procure the bond of \$1,000,000 required for the reasons stated above.

### CHINESE CHEAP LABOR.

In consequence of the rapidly increasing ill feeling against the Chinese in San Francisco, the Chinese company has sent the following dispatch: To Ning Wah hospital, Hong Kong: Chinese immigration must stop. Excitement increases every day against our people. (Signed) Wung Yung Co.

## CONGRESS.

The Senate on the 3d had a busy session. Mr. Morton introduced an amendment to the act to enforce the rights of citizens to vote, so as to bring it within the late decision of the Supreme Court. Mr. Thurman said that on Wednesday he should move to reconsider the vote by which Morton's Mississippi bill was passed. Mr. Thurman introduced a bill for a uniform system of bankruptcy, and the rules were suspended and the bill passed. The Senate, by a vote of 24 to 31 refused to reconsider the reduction of the President's salary.

A bill was introduced in the House to incorporate the Sioux City, Black Hills & Pacific railroad. A resolution was adopted requesting the President to inform the House if, since March 4, 1869, any executive acts or duties have been performed at a distance from the capital, and if so for what reason. The articles of impeachment of Belknap were unanimously adopted. A board of managers of impeachment was elected with Mr. Lord as chairman.

The impeachment managers of the House appeared before the Senate, on the 4th, and presented the articles of impeachment against ex-Secretary Belknap. She president of the Senate announced that the Senate would take order on the subject, and the managers retired. A veto was received from the President of a certain bill appropriating money to refund money claimed to be wrongfully collected from W. T. Cheatam, a whisky distiller.

A bill was presented in the House to provide for the better protection of the Texas frontier. An interesting debate occurred between Randall and Hoar upon the item of general appropriation bill reducing the President's salary, but the item was left as proposed—fixing the salary at \$25,000.

The Senate organized as a high court of impeachment, on the 6th, and ordered that W. W. Belknap, ex-secretary of war, appear on Monday the 17th. The court of impeachment then adjourned to that date, and the Senate took up the postage bill. Mr. Hamlin made an explanation of the features of the bill, and endeavored to shift the responsibility of increasing the postage on transient papers to ex-Senator Ramsey. No vote was taken.

The House had up the question of transferring the Indian bureau to the war department, and Cox made a characteristic speech against the proposition, arraigning the war department as immeasurably corrupt, and Sheridan's treatment of the Indians as barbarous. The franking privilege was also discussed, but no vote taken.

The House on the 6th inst. indefinitely postponed the bill to abolish capital punishment. The postage bill was discussed at considerable length, and an amendment offered by Mr. Harvey to place the rate on transient matter of the third class at the old figure—one cent for two ounces, up to four pounds. Senator Windom spoke in favor of the bill as it was, charging according to distance.

The House finally passed the bill reducing the President's salary, without discussion. A bill to make 6 per cent. the legal interest throughout the United States was laid on the table. An attack was made on the committee on appropriations by Messrs. Joyce, Williams and Dunnell, and repelled by Randall and others of the committee.

### A Duel in the Dark.

The first time that Napoleon III. saw Rossi on the stage he sent Dr. Conneau off with orders to bring the "mighty tragedian" to him at once, and said to him:

"Monsieur, I am not easily affected, but I own that in the last scene you singularly moved me. You must have made Desdemona suffer horribly when you buried your nails in her throat; her cries of agony were too natural."

"Sir," replied Rossi, the artists who act with me are accustomed to sacrifice everything to their roles. It is possible that I bear a little heavily on Desdemona's throat, but no one who has played her part has dared to tell me so."

Rossi is in the plenitude of force and talent, and singularly enough for an Italian attributes his remarkable preservation to his cold, morning bath, which no severity of season ever interferes with. Perhaps the very sober life he leads has as much to do with it as the cold bath. If his proposed visit to America comes to pass, I doubt if he be prevailed upon to take one single drink at the inevitable bar. At Cassale during a farewell representation, the court society chatted so loudly as to interfere with the representation. Rossi, who was playing Hamlet, came to a full stop in the middle of a sentence, and turning toward a front box from which the greatest noise proceeded, he bowed, and said, very tranquilly:

"I shall hush as long as you do not hush."

The public applauded, the interruption ceased, and the play went on, but afterward Rossi was met at the door by one of the young gentlemen, who felt called upon to ask satisfaction. Rossi made a long face, for he was expected on the morrow at Milan. So he explained to his bloodthirsty adversary, and begged that, in order to get through with their little affair as soon as possible they should go to his (Rossi's) rooms at the hotel and quietly shoot at one another there.

The proposition having been acceded to, they went to Rossi's rooms, and had just placed themselves at either end of the salon in order to exchange three shots, when the inn-keeper, over-anxious as to his guest's health and hours, knocked at the door (which he found locked), and asked, in an anxious voice, if monsieur was ill, as his light burned so unusually late.

"No," replied Rossi, "I am going to bed; thanks; good night!"

"You are deceiving me," persisted

his anxious keeper, perhaps enlightened as to the scene in the theater. You are certainly ill."

"Go to bed," replied Rossi; "I am putting out my light; and in a lower tone he added to his antagonist, "This is the only way out of it; blow out the candles."

"What! are we to fight with pistols in the dark?"

"Not quite; we will each smoke a cigarette, and that will serve to guide our aim."

"All right."

And so the famous duel was fought, in which Rossi had the good luck to wound his adversary slightly. Rossi is a man who sleeps as little as human nature can bear. He smokes constantly, and always horrid Tuscany cigars, which, as he says "bear something of his country to his lips." He has only one old servant he has ever been able to retain, his irritable temper and capricious orders putting all others out of temper. This faithful Sancio Panza only succeeds by assuring his master that the hundred orders given in as many minutes are all executed, and Rossi, having forgotten all save the last, is satisfied. Like most geniuses, he fancies he has a greater than his own, and never fails to affirm that, had he to begin life anew, he would be a tenor, and therefore disposed to entertain his visitors with any amount of bad music, thinking to give them a better entertainment than by reciting any of his wonderful parts.

### TERRIBLE SUFFERING AT SEA.

From the New York Mercury.

The survivors of the crew of the ship Great Britain, who recently reached Liverpool, tell a terrible story of suffering. The vessel was bound from Dolroy, N. S., for Liverpool. About 600 miles from the Irish coast, the vessel was struck by a tremendous storm. She had before this shown symptoms of becoming water-logged, and on the day previously the captain had put all hands to the pumps, and she was to a great extent freed; but this did not avail, and before the masts could be cut away, she capsized. The captain had previously ordered the men aft on the poop, so that in the event of disaster occurring they could escape into the mizen rigging, and fourteen of them managed to do so, but the captain and the remainder were thrown into the sea. The captain, after a severe battle with the elements, was also fortunate enough to reach the rigging, and the fifteen remained in that position nearly an hour, when the maintopmast and the mizenmast giving way, the hulk righted itself. Those who had escaped drowning clambered upon about twenty feet of the poop deck which was left, and there they were doomed to remain for over eight days.

The Captain, upon perceiving the chance of the vessel being waterlogged, thoughtfully directed that a quantity of provisions should be stored in the bosby-hatch, and this was being done when the ship capsized. The second mate, Absalom Chilcott, and the steward, James Barbour, were indeed down in the cabin at the time for the purpose of bringing up an additional quantity of bread; and were never seen afterwards. The provisions which had been stored in the hatch were thrown into the sea by the upsetting of the vessel, and neither food nor drink remained for the sustentation of the survivors. Saturated with water and covered by every wave, they were thus left in mid ocean incapable of attempting escape beyond the hoisting of a piece of sail upon a spar, with the chance of attracting the notice of any passing craft. They were reduced by hunger and starvation to such a pitch that they were at length compelled to drink each other's refuse, and when the cook died, on the seventh day, he was cut open, his liver taken out and divided. One of the ordinary seamen next succumbed; and on the evening before the rescue of those who survived, the Captain's son, Robert, and a young man, Wicklof, died.

The Captain had alternately hugged the two boys to his breast to preserve them from the piercing cold, and his own son died while in his father's arms. Shortly before the cook died a steamer, with black funnel and bulwarks, a brig rigged and not over large—it is believed she can be identified—passed within a comparatively short distance, and was hailed, but she took no notice, and proceeded on her voyage. Up to this time the cook had maintained a hearty spirit and was the most cheerful of the desolate party, but he afterwards drooped, and the Captain thinks, died of a broken heart induced by the presumed heartless conduct of those on the steamer. A bark also was sighted, but she was at too great a distance from the wreck to distinguish it or the signals displayed. At last the ship Greta came upon the wreck, and with great difficulty and much gallantry, took off the surviving eight.

### RETRENCHING.

A Washington correspondent says, "It is a well known fact in Washington circles that President Grant is in financial embarrassment on account of unfortunate real estate transactions. Recently he sold the great bulk of his real estate in Washington. His last sale has been to order the sale of his Long Branch and St. Louis property. He does this, his friends say, because he is resolved to clear off all his indebtedness, and this is the only way possible for him to do so. It shows that he is much more heavily involved than has been generally supposed."

## Minnesota Gossip.

Waseca has a new paper.

Gen. Baker and wife will shortly resume their residence in Mankato.

The Journal says Owatonna made a fizzle of its proposed centennial fourth of July celebration.

Somebody claims to have discovered a silver mine on the ridge between Willow and Camp creeks, in Fillmore county.

In Waseca county they employ twenty men three teams and a ditching machine three days to move a barn, and it only costs \$15.

One of the Journal editors don't admire the nocturnal songs of Owatonna cats. They interrupt his dreams of continued postoffice bliss.

The St. Paul & Sioux City railroad company has just completed a preliminary survey of their proposed branch line from Worthington to Sioux Falls.

A Mantorville woman, in delivering a curtain lecture dislocated her jaw and was unable to obey her husband's command to shut her mouth, until the doctor arrived.

The commissioners of Watonwan county have officially "resolved" against the grasshoppers, so that one county at least, has nothing to fear, if its people take stock at par in their county board.

Glencoe has been visited by the "bunch goods" sharpers, and several thousands of dollars in notes taken. It is strange that people can be found who will persist in being duped by every humbug that comes along.

Russian immigrants who have recently settled about Heron Lake complain of having been deceived by Kansas agents and turned in that direction. The climate of Kansas does not suit them. They want Minnesota.

A railroad laborer on the Winona & St. Peter road, near Janesville, received an ugly wound last week. He was caught between a hand car and the rear end of a freight train, and had a crowbar run entirely through his leg.

Janesville has an honest man. Where's old Diogenes! A citizen of that town lost a pocket book containing some \$600—of other people's money, of course,—and found the same in the hands of said honest man in less than thirty minutes.

A marriage is just announced of an Olmsted county man with one of Spring Valley's sweet daughters, which took place September 4th last. The groom has spent the interim in the East, and now returns to claim his bride and surprise their friends.

The Waseca Radical defends the man Ash who shot the boy in the charivari party near Janesville. It claims that the "boy nuisance" is becoming intolerable, and that this occasion is not the first on which Mr. Ash has suffered from the same rowdyish gang.

At the late election in Minneapolis Mrs. Van Cleve and Mrs. Winchell were elected to the board of school directors, and as they will constitute the respectable minority of one-third, that city will have the satisfaction of soon learning something of the workings of woman suffrage.

An infant was lately born in Winnebago City and taken to Vernon Center, where it was deposited on the doorsteps of the residence of a well-known citizen. It was soon discovered and taken in, but died in a few hours from the effects of exposure. The mother of the child is known, but its father, and the person who carried it away are as yet mysterious somebodies.

### CENTENNIAL TREE PLANTING.

Cleveland (O.) Leader.

The whole process of tree planting is one whose difficulties easily disappear in the face of a little enterprise and determination. Few American citizens are so poor that they have not ground enough to grow a tree or shrub. Town and village corporations have also opportunities which the centennial spirit should develop. Let there be then a general awakening this spring on the subject of tree culture so that when the exposition and all other ephemeral features of centennial rejoicing shall have passed into history the country will have left in groves and shaded streets one permanent and gratifying result of the nation's great anniversary.

Recently an Indiana schoolmistress attempted to whip a big boy after school when he threw his arms about her and kissed her and got off without a licking. Another boy in another town read this item and thought he'd try the same thing. He threw his arms about the schoolma'am and kissed her and then he became aware of an earthquake. She fainted and fainted and then he became aware of an earthquake. This schoolma'am had a grown up beau of her own; that was the difference.

To Mend Chinaware. Take a very thick solution of gum arabic and stir into it plaster of Paris until the mixture is of proper consistency. Apply it with a brush to the fractured edges of the chinaware and stick them together. In a few days it will be impossible to break the article in the same place. The whiteness of the cement renders it doubly valuable.