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FREIGHT RATES.

The visit of Gen. Pope, of Mankato, and Mr. Burlingame, of Owatonna, was both timely and profitable. They were on their way to Omaha to lay before the Inter-State Commission some of the grievances of a large part of Minnesota, and to urge again the adoption of the principle for which they are contending, viz: that roads shall not at any time charge a higher rate per ton per mile for the longer than the shorter haul.

Gen. Pope is President of the "Business Men's Association of Minnesota," and Mr. Burlingame is Secretary. The object of the Association is "to secure equal and reasonable rates of transportation of persons and property in accordance with State and National legislation, and the advancement of common interests."

The need of this Association is shown by some of the figures presented at the meeting of the Board of Trade. Thus, while Mankato was having a 20c rate on first class freight by the Northwestern, Marshall was paying 96c per 100, Watertown 66c, and Lake Benton and Tracy 52c.

Dr. Barber stated that he had some seeds shipped to Worthington over the Northwestern. They should have been shipped via Alton, the shorter route, at the 11c rate, whereas they were shipped via Kasota at the 45c rate. Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Kindlund had some wall paper shipped by the Northwestern which should have come via Alton at the 20c rate, whereas it was shipped via Kasota at the 85c rate.

This was said to be a common trick of the roads. The Commission has decided that roads must base their charges on the shorter route, even when sent by the longer.

Worthington's Board of Trade is now a member of this Association, and if the Association succeeds in regulating these inequalities and discriminations, it will be thousands of dollars in the pockets of our business men.

SIMPLY A QUESTION OF LIBERTY.

The ADVANCE receives, and has received during the past few years, hundreds of letters and subscriptions similar to the following:

REDDICK, Ill., March 13th, '88.

MR. A. P. MILLER—Sir:—Inclosed you will find one dollar for the ADVANCE for six months. Send to Reddick, Ill. I think you are a Freethinker like myself. I judge so by reading your paper, as I brought one home with me. I read your letter to Congressman Lind which is good. We have to watch our liberties or we will soon lose them. I am an Agnostic. Yours truly,

HENRY PALMER.

Mr. Palmer is right. We are a Freethinker and an Agnostic. But we are also a Christian, a Spiritualist, a Communist, a Socialist, and, if you please, an Anarchist. They are all right in part. To sum it up in one word, we are an Eclectic.

But in this matter of Comstockism (on which the Lind letter was published) we are simply an American. And every American ought to be with us, and would be if they were not blind with bigotry or indifference. The Comstock Postal Law, and the most infamous Vice Society organized to enforce it, with Comstock for spy, ferrit, blood-hound, bull-dog, and tempter, all in one, is the greatest blow ever struck at American liberty. It is amazing that sensible men and women cannot see it. Lant, Bennett, Heywood, Slenker, and nearly every one who has been jailed or imprisoned under this accursed law, and by the accursed Comstock inquistion, were spotted, arrested, persecuted and imprisoned, simply and purely because they were Freethinkers and writers, and not because of any obscene writing or any obscenity whatever.

A prominent jurist recently said, in answer to some question about the Constitution, that practically we had no Constitution. As a matter of rhetoric in Fourth of July orations, we have, but as a matter of fact, no attention is paid to it any longer. Courts are governed and awed by church, society, monopoly, and organized or associated prejudice. Decisions are now simply so much precipitated popular clamor, or so much precipitated popular prejudice.

WILL MARRY AN INDIAN.

A despatch from Pierre, Dak., March 17th, says: Miss Cora Belle Fellows has postponed the wedding to Chaska until the 24th. This was done at the request of Dr. Sutherland and her father. Great pressure has been brought on the young lady to cancel the engagement, but she refuses to do so.

Miss Fellows, we learn, is a cousin to Guy Fellows of this county.

Monday next is set down as another storm date. The storm for the 19th got here, but was about 149 parts wind, as Lincoln said. There was not enough snow left to fill the air. For snow, go East, young man.

THE GREAT EASTERN BLIZZARD.

The worst ever known.

The ADVANCE last week gave a pretty full general account of the terrific blizzard which struck the Atlantic States Sunday evening and paralized everything. It continued about the usual three days of the Northwestern blizzard and was in one respect worse than any ever known in the Northwest, viz: in the overwhelming masses of snow which fell. The loss of life has been much greater than by the great Western blizzard of last winter, while the suffering, inconvenience and loss to business, is as much greater as the population is greater. In fact, in these latter respects, New York and the East can multiply our blizzard by a million or two to get at the correct comparison.

Below are still further details of this great blizzard, the greatest ever known on the continent:

DROWNED AND FROZEN.

Capt. Burn's brig Starke returned from Capes to-day and says: "I believe that all the schooners that passed the Capes since the beginning of the storm are lost.

Mrs. Sophia Garber aged sixty six, was found frozen to death in her home near Pottstown, Pa., last night.

It is estimated that at least 1,000 poles are down between New York and Washington, and the forces of the company are being concentrated between the two points for the purpose of constructing a temporary line.

FEARFUL LOSS OF LIFE.

New York—Reports from island points and along the coast bring a fearful story of the loss of life. From almost every village there come reports of freezing. Old vesselmen say there has not been such a storm on the waters in their memory, and that several vessels have been lost with all on board.

Roscoe Conkling said that he had a fair constitution and had been in some pretty tight places in his life, but that he had never found himself as far gone physically as on Monday night in Union Square. Long Island City streets are blocked. Twenty funerals en route to Calvary cemetery are stuck in snow drifts on Borden avenue. The corpses had to be taken into houses near by over night. Some of the mourners, drivers and horses had to be dug out nearly frozen to death. In Pennsylvania freight yard a car load of sheep perished.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

There was a milk famine in N. York and Philadelphia and almost a coal famine. 50c a quart for milk and $15 a ton for coal.

Two thousand business men from Mott Haven were snowed in near Pelhamville, a suburb of New York, since Monday morning. An afternoon paper estimates the business loss, contingent loss and actual pecuniary outlay, which the storm will occasion in New York city, at no less than $7,000,000, and loss to the state involved $20,000,000. Of the twenty-nine staunch boats that compose the harbor fleet of New York, twelve are safely in port, having outridden the storm, nine were wrecked Monday and eighteen, which were out on the open sea, remain utterly unheard of. In Brooklyn fifty eight people enquired at police headquarters last night for missing friends. None of the missing ones could be found in the station house and it is feared that many have been lost. Among these reported missing are several school children. James W. Fitzgerald, a farmer living three miles from Lorrain, went there Monday to buy groceries and left for home at 8 o'clock in the evening. Yesterday morning his horse was found in a field half frozen. Fitzgerald is undoubtedly buried under the snow. At Camdem, N. J., the wind has blown nearly all the water out of the Delaware river, and the city's water supply is exhausted. Should a fire break out it would have a clean sweep. Public offices are closed and private business is almost suspended. People are melting snow for drinking water and all the factories have been shut down.

SUFFERING ON TRAINS.

A Reading (Pa.) dispatch says: Some terible stories of suffering are told by men who were engaged yesterday in opening the railroad. The wind blew with great velocity, the temperature ranging from 6 deg. below zero to 10 deg. above. Many persons engaged in opening the roads were overcome by the cold. The dead bodies of three men are reported to have been found between the city and Pottstown. Cattle have perished from cold and teams had to be abandoned on the roads. Barns were unroofed, fences blown down and mighty forest trees leveled by the storm. Passengers on a train on the East Pennsylvania railroad, after having been snow bound twenty four hours, were rescued, half-starved and nearly frozen to death. Among them were three ladies. The gentlemen, after effecting their escape from the train, procured two sleighs and returning placed the ladies in them. They dragged the sleighs through snow drifts to Morristown, about a mile, reaching that place thoroughly exhausted.

GREAT WRECK OF VESSELS.

LEWES, Del., March 14—Additional advices were received here to-day from Delaware Brakewater fully corroborating the terrible tale of exposure, loss of life and damage of shipping which prevailed on Sunday night during the heavy storm. It is stated that twenty-two persons were drowned or frozen to death. A number of vessels of all descriptions were sunk, several were so badly damaged that they are now practically valueless, while many were aranded so far upon the beach that it still very likely require weeks to float them. The privations of the crew are extremely pitiful. During the night twenty-eight barks and schooners were driven ashore and forced above high water mark on the shore. The total loss of shipping is estimated at between $400,000 and $500,000. Only two bodies have been recovered. The harbor is choked with fragments.

MANY LIVES LOST.

New York, March 15.—It is impossible to estimate the extent of the loss of life. A great many people are missing and the snow will have to be cleared away before the missing ones can be accounted for. Almost hourly reports are coming in from the surrounding country of fatalities resulting from the storm. It is feared that over twenty lives have been lost in Essex county, N. J., alone.

A train was snowed up several days between Trenton and New York for several days.

The experiences of the travelers were fearful. During two nights they were obliged to walk up and down through the cars to keep from freezing. Fires were kept burning in the stoves, but the wind blew so fiercely that they did not warm the cars. Several of them attempted to walk to Princeton Junction, half a mile and nearly perished in the drifts. They returned to the train with great difficulty. Many of them when brought to Trenton had their ears and feet badly frozen. While on the train they had no provisions until Tuesday morning when some farmer brought sandwiches to the cars and asked fifty cents for them.

SUFFERING AND LOSS OF LIFE.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 15.—The steamer Elm City brings word of terrible suffering and loss of life on the sound. Reports come of terrible suffering throughout the state, and especially on the coast. Many lives have been lost by accident and exposure to the storm.

WORST OF THE CENTURY.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., March 15.—The snow storm now prevailing here is the worst of the century. One passenger train is stalled twelve miles east of here with seventy-two passengers on board, who are suffering extremely from want of food and fuel.

COMPLETE PROSTRATION.

Boston, March 15.—The storm has now raged for two days all over New England as for as scanty communications could reach. Every railroad out of the city is blockaded completely and the only telegraphic communication is by the Commercial Cable company's line to Rockport, Me., and thence by cable to London. Never before was there such a complete prostration of business, and the damage of property is enormous.

800 DEAD BODIES.

One of the most distressing circumstances connected with the blizzard was the inability to bury the dead, with the pitiful heartrendings of hundreds of the near and dear ones caused by horrible delays. It is estimated that at least 800 bodies are at present lying in the hands of the undertakers of this city, who despite their hardest efforts, are entirely unable to convey them to their last resting places.

ALONG THE CHESAPEAKE.

It is imposible now to estimate the full damage of the storm on the Chesapeake, as it will be a week before the returns can be gathered. From the data at hand, between 100 and 200 vessels were either cast ashore, capsized or sunk, from thirty to forty were wrecked and twelve to thirty people were drowned.

TERRIBLE SCENES.

Thousands of guests were turned away from the hotels. Many of them begged pitifully for cots in the corridors. They were visitors to the city, who could not get away. Even women were turned out into the pitiless gale.

In fact, it was a day and a night that shall always be memorable as long as the present generation lives. Nothing even approaching it was ever known.

WORST EVER KNOWN.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 13.—Trainmen pronounced it the worst storm ever known in these regions. Business on the Pennsylvania railroad between this city and Philadelphia is completely paralized. Never before in the history of the railroads has there been such a blockade.

FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

The Alliance met last Saturday, with an unusually full house. A great amount of interest was manifested and a good many new members were admitted. Mr. Bond reported a growing interest in the Alliance among farmers, and good prospects for organizing additional Alliances.

The following members were appointed by the president as committee on resolutions: C. S. Bond, Edward Mott, M. Doane.

The matter of taxation and duties of assessors was brought up by Mr. James, and after considerable discussion the following resolution was offered by Mr. Mott and adopted by the Alliance:

WHEREAS, As it has been a custom among assessors to place animals on the assessment roll that are from one to three months under one year old because they were apparently of equal value with others that were fully one year old, and as this has given dissatisfaction among farmers, and as the only pre-ent way of settling the question to the satisfaction of farmers, is to adhere strictly to the letter of the law, be it

RESOLVED, That no stock be assessed hereafter that is not fully one year old.

Mr. Bond then gave a short address on the interests of the farmers and laborers in general and of Nobles county in particular, and closed by offering the following preamble and resolutions, which were fully and unanimously adopted by the Alliance:

WHEREAS, Every principal of true political economy demands that the productive industries of the communities and states receive the fostering care of government, to the end that national wealth and prosperity may be increased and assured, and

WHEREAS, the productions of agriculture are the foremost and essential source of our national wealth and greatness, especially so of Nobles Co. and this senatorial district, and

WHEREAS, There is a large class of enactments upon the statute books of the state of Minnesota which are unfriendly to the interests of agriculture, and others that are positively detrimental, and it long continued will prove destructive to those interests, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the farmers of Nobles Co., do distinctly declare that in the exercise of our right of suffrage, so far as the choice of legislative representatives is concerned, we will not hold ourselves bound by party fealty, but hold ourselves at liberty to cast our votes for such candidates for legislative positions as shall be in sympathy with and approve of the resolutions adopted by the State Farmer's Alliance at their annual meeting held at St. Paul, Minnesota, Feb. 4th and 5th, 1887, and if elected, use their best exertions in obtaining the passage of such laws as will remedy the evils complained of in the resolutions adopted at that meeting.

Mr. Mott then gave a very able address on monopoly in general and the tricks and traps of monopolists in particular, which was well applauded by the house.

It was then decided that the next meeting be held in one week, and as there is considerable work to be done before seeding commences, necessitating a lengthy session, the meeting will begin at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and continue, with intermission for dinner, until the business is finished. Remember the time, Saturday, the 24th, 10 a. m. Let everyone be on hand as early as possible and aid in pushing the work toward the goal of our intentions, before the iron grip of monopoly tightens around us so as to render us unable to work.

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THE LUNATICS.

The readiness and glibness with which the "satanic press" and the "satans" who conduct it, apply the term "lunatic" to the editor of the ADVANCE, afford excellent opportunities to make a public defence and to express thoughts in favor of human progress.

The ADVANCE has often said that the lunatics of one age are the leaders of the next. In fact, history records that nearly every great leader of thought and great discoverer, as well as their immediate followers, were regarded at the time as lunatics. We are proud to be one of these *followers* and to be accounted worthy of this lunacy, for it is, rightly viewed, the tribute and compliment which ignorance pays to intelligence, which slavery pays to freedom, which bigotry pays to progress.

Isaiah says, "He that departeth from iniquity is accounted mad." Let any man oppose or denounce the follies and the established systems of his age, and he will see the truth of the inspired utterance.

Paul told the story of his conversion, and proclaimed in burning words the fact of spirit manifestation, and Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad."

Giordano Bruno, the student, the mystic, the seer, the Spiritualist, in whose works are found the germs of the philosophies of Hegel, Leibnitz and Spinoza, of the inductive method of Bacon and of all modern science, and also of the teachings of Darwin and Spencer as to evolution and the life of species,—this devoted man was called before the besotted and imbruted Pope of Rome and was assured that he "was mad," for, said the inspired ignoramus and head of the church, "don't you see that if the earth turns over, the water will spill out of the sea at night?"

Emanual Swedenborg is called "crazy" to this day; Sir Isaac Newton was called crazy in his day; Morse was called crazy when he was begging Congress for an appropriation to erect the first telegraph line between Washington and Baltimore.

And last but not least, (for the last shall be first,) the man Jesus, whom the millions of Christendom "ignorantly worship," as Paul said to the Athenians, was himself accounted mad. According to the record, members of his own family laid hold of him and endeavored to restrain him, saying "he is beside himself."

And we might go further and show that not only was he a lunatic, according to the testimony of his neighbors, but that, according to the testimony of the church people of his day, he was much worse. He was called a "wine bibber and a glutton," what in our day would be called a "whiskey man" and a "convivialist." He was called an "associate of publicans and harlots," what in our day would be an associate of the most obnoxious people and a frequenter of houses of ill-fame. And he died under a charge of being an "anarchist," of attempting to overthrow "society" and the "law." He was one of those maligned and misunderstood "socialists" and "communists" and inspired the organization of the first communistic society, for his immediate followers brought all they had and threw it into a common fund "and they had all things in common."

Perhaps this article will all be lost, but it does seem good to us to occasionally turn on the human swine that rend us daily, and make an earnest and serious reply.

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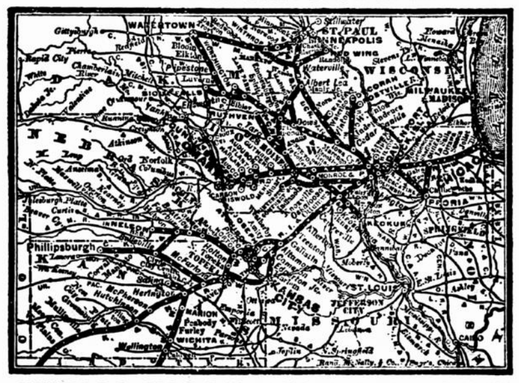

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