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NEWS AND NOTES.

—Senator Lamar, though still on crutches, took his seat in the senate Monday.

—The Chicago *Inter Ocean* foolishly files the ticket of Grant and Blaine. As if Blaine would accept such a ticket.

—The New York state convention will be held at Utica next Wednesday to select delegates to the Chicago convention.

—A prominent Irish statistician estimates the loss sustained by the failure of the potato crop last year in Ireland at \$23,000,000.

—Great preparations are being made at Chicago to receive Parnell, the Irishman's friend, on the 23d. Wisconsin legislature offers him the use of Assembly hall.

—The Inter-collegiate Rowing Regatta will take place on Lake George next season. An effort will be made to secure the presence of the Oxford and Cambridge English crews.

—Ex-Indian Commissioner Hayt was convicted on the testimony of his own son who was engaged in buying mines from ex-Indian agents under the name of Edward Knapp.

—A Sherman boom has been inaugurated in New York City by the organization of a Sherman club, but clubs will probably not be trumps in the coming political out-throat game.

—Mr. E. B. Washburne, of Illinois, ex-minister to France, has authorized the Chicago *Inter Ocean* to deny that he is a candidate for the Presidency and that he is for Grant "first and all the time."

—The Bible Society reports 8,000 families without Bibles in the state of Missouri, says the *Globe Democrat*. Moody and Sanky are trying to reduce the state and at present are laboring arduously, the initial point being St. Louis.

—A desperate duel was fought at Hancock, Va., between two females, one armed with a club and the other with a pitchfork. Both were terribly mangled and it is probable neither of the bungled up belligerents will live to snatch baldheaded the man they both loved.

—Herald Irish relief fund \$183,000 up to the 14th inst. It is estimated, says a cable dispatch from Dublin, that over three hundred thousand of Ireland's people are slowly starving and can only be kept alive by the super human efforts of their fellow creatures.

—At a meeting recently held in Syracuse, New York, by the representative men of the Democratic party, it was resolved to drop all personal feeling and prejudice now existing between the different factions throughout the state and unite in one harmonious party. "Anything to beat Grant."

—The word *news* is not derived as commonly supposed from the adjective *new* but from the custom of early periodicals of placing the initial letter of the words *news*, north, east, west and south, over the items from each distinct section of the country, as represented by its letter of direction from the point of publication, from whence sprang the name newspaper.

—Ex-Gov. Joel Parker, of New Jersey, at one time a Democratic aspirant for the Presidency, was admitted to practice in the U. S. supreme court recently. Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, also a practitioner of the court, moved the admission of a thoroughbred negro of the South. The ex-governor and the negro were sworn in at the same time. The presence of the trio under such incongruous circumstances caused the bust of Chief Justice Taney to move in its niche.

—Drexel, Morgan & Co., the famous bankers of New York, London and Paris, have notified Parnell and Dillon that they cannot longer act as treasurers of the Irish Relief Fund. Notwithstanding the efforts of Parnell and Dillon to allay the distress and starvation now extant in very many counties of Ireland, and are raising a large fund to aid suffering humanity, these luxurious bankers, these favored ones in the lottery of life, refuse to become the holders of the fund because it may lose them customers who buy exchange between England and this country. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, etc.

WOLF POINT.

Large Bands of Hostile Sioux South of the Line.

Special Correspondence of the Tribune.

FORT PECK INDIAN AGENCY, Feb. 8.—About twenty lodges of hostiles have come into Poplar Creek, from north of the line. They report the entire hostile camp on this side of the line. The buffalo have been scarce, their horses have many of them, died from exposure and want of food and the Indians have been compelled to subsist on the bodies of the frozen horses. A few hostiles have turned in their guns and ponies to Major Porter in order that they might draw rations.

White Dog, one of the Assinaboines, returned with his party from his war against the Crows; he had three scalps.

Tom Campbell arrived at Wolf Point from Fort Assinaboine this p. m. He has the contract for building T. Powers' new store at this place. Tom reports any number and all kinds of Indians along the Great Bend. He says he saw about two hundred lodges of hostiles strung along the way down Milk River.

Thos. Henderson astonished the residents of our town by his re-appearance among us. He brought with him about fifteen railroad sleds loaded with goods to fit out a store and permission to trade on T. Powers' license. The Indians were delighted to "patiska" (white bread) back and during the past week they have kept Tom lively tearing off calico and pulling robes over the counter. Opposition makes trade lively and the Indians are getting from six to eight dollars for head and tail robes.

ISHTAH SAPPA.

TELEGRAPHIC TWINKLINGS

NEWS GOBBLED FROM EVERY PART OF THE GLOBE.

Important Congressional Proceedings—America's Sympathy for Ireland—Two Tons of Mail Bound for Bismarck.

(Special Dispatches to The Tribune.)

SUNSHINE AT FARGO.

FARGO, D. T. Feb. 20.—The Bismarck *Sun* made its appearance to-day. It is a good-looking paper, gotten out in the *Argus* office. It is full of lively shots at Col. Lounsbury and the boys at Bismarck, and a fair looking paper. Emmons has not yet bought the Back material. It is to be sold at mortgage sale to-day and Emmons expects to bid it in. All the leading men of this city are impressed with Emmons' style and personal bearing and believe him to be the smartest man in Northern Dakota. His chances for delegate are very much increased.

WAITING FOR A TRAIN.

There are fifty passengers and two tons of mail waiting for the first train west, and two hundred freight cars are here westward bound. General Manager Sargent states that the parlor cars will be put on in June.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—The investigation of the proceedings of the committee on elections in the Donnelly-Washburne case has been postponed until tomorrow. Keefer argued before the committee the absurdity of Donnelly's position, suggested by the St. Paul chamber of commerce.

IMPORTANT BILLS.

Yesterday in the senate the joint resolution authorizing the secretary of the navy to employ a naval vessel, or charter a ship for the transportation of supplies to Ireland was adopted. The bill extending the jurisdiction of the United States circuit court was reported adversely and indefinitely postponed. The five per cent military land warrant bill was discussed until the adjournment of the House.

Bland from the committee on coinage reported a bill establishing a mint at St. Louis.

NO SPECIE CURRENCY.

The petition of the New York bullion club for specie currency was reported adversely from the coinage committee.

A GUILTY REPRESENTATIVE.

The committee on foreign affairs presented a report of the results of the investigation of the case of Representative Acklen, of Louisiana, charged with having presented a bogus report from that committee on claims against the government of Nicaragua, he not being a member of that committee. The committee found the charges to have been true but made no recommendation as to what action should be taken by the House, not having been authorized to do so by the resolution under which it had acted. The committee was discharged from further consideration of the case, which was then referred to the judiciary committee to investigate and report what action by the House, if any, is necessary.

RE-CONSIDERED HIS VOTE.

Senator Davis' motion reconsidering the vote on the Nicaragua canal, taken up, and explained the reasons, making a motion which passed by 29 to 25 after some discussion.

LOW RATE OF INTEREST.

The three and a half per cent refundings bill was reported back by the ways and means committee with a resolution making it a special order for the first Tuesday in March; Adopted.

DUTIES ON SUGAR.

A bill was introduced to secure a more uniform collection on duties on imported sugars.

BLAINE AHEAD.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The *Tribune* publishes replies for nearly one-half of the Pennsylvania county and town committee men to questions as to who is their first choice for President. Replies count Blaine 924; Grant, 219, with Blaine as second choice of nearly all; Sherman, 17; Washburne, 10. The balance of the replies are scattered among Windom, Conkling, Edmunds, Garfield, etc.

ONE OF THE FLOCK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Rev. Cowly, of Shepherds Fold, was convicted yesterday, and remanded to the Tombs pending his sentence. He wept profusely on the announcement of the verdict.

OUTLAWS CAPTURED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Gen. Adams telegraphed from Los Pinos that Jack has

come back bringing prisoners—Douglas, Johnson, and Thomas—with him, and they with six others who are not prisoners will go at once to Washington.

RELIEF FOR THE IRISH.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The *Herald's* Irish relief fund had on Monday reached \$200,962.

RAILROAD CONSOLIDATION.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 20.—Rumors which have been rife here for a week, are now made public, of the consolidation of the West Wisconsin and St. Paul and Sioux City railways. The headquarters of the new company will be at St. Paul, where the shops will be located.

DESIGNS ON HIS LIFE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—An attempt was made Tuesday night to blow up the Czar and imperial family by mining under their winter palace. The explosion took place under the guard where part of Fin land regiment were quartered and six soldiers were killed and forty wounded. Congratulatory telegrams are pouring in upon the Czar from all the crowned heads.

Many arrests have been made in the neighborhood of the winter palace at St. Petersburg for complicity. The explosion seems that dynamite had been stored there for some time.

QUAKER ELECTION.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20.—The Philadelphia municipal election resulted in the choice of fifteen Republican, seven regular Democrats and one independent.

RHODE'S PROHIBITIONISTS.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 20.—Albert Howard was nominated for Governor by the Rhode Island Prohibition convention by 25 to 134.

TROUBLE ABROAD.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Martial law has been proclaimed at Constantinople, on account of trouble likely to ensue upon the introducing of military reforms.

TENNESSEE RIVER OVERFLOW.

NASHVILLE, Feb. 20.—The Tennessee river at this city has over-flowed the lowlands, and has 44 feet depth and many families were obliged to abandon their homes.

SALE OF THE ECLIPSE.

She is Bought by Capt. Braithwaite For \$8,525.

The career of the steamer Eclipse last season was an eventful one and disastrously unsuccessful in a financial light. It met with bad luck at every turn and became so heavily encumbered with debt that a sheriff's sale became necessary. The sale was advertised to take place on the 10th, but was postponed from day to day in order that some Pittsburg parties, who were interested and delayed on the trains, might arrive. The train arrived Sunday with Messrs. Jno. D. Bigget, Wm. Braithwaite, and John Barton, the latter an attorney for Pittsburg parties. The sale came off Monday at 2 p. m. L. N. Griffin started the sale with a bid of \$5,000. Capt. Braithwaite went \$500 better and John A. McLean dropped in a voice for \$7,000 when he was raised out by Griffin with a bid of \$8,500, who, in turn, stepped down and out when Braithwaite shouted \$8,525. Deputy U. S. Marshal Ben Ash, held the craft on this figure a moment and finally "knocked it down" to Mr. Braithwaite who buys it as trustee for the Pittsburg firm of Robinson, Ray & Co. The boat is worth at least \$15,000 and therefore went for a low figure. There will still be a deficiency of between \$2,000, and \$3,000 and after the crew and expenses of the sale are settled up the remaining creditors will be in luck to get fifty per cent of their claim. Capt. Braithwaite says he will run the boat this season where he can make the most money regardless of any line or company, and unless he sees money in each trip will not leave the landing. He is an old experienced steamboatman and will undoubtedly make a successful season.

Something of a Scare.

The new fire-bell performed its first duty yesterday. A burning chimney in the residence of Justus Bragg caused an alarm to be turned in from that ward and the engine was on the ground in four minutes and a half from the time the alarm was given by Geo. Wilson. The services of the engine were not required however, but one fact was clearly demonstrated, that is that Bismarck now has a superior and efficient fire company. The resolution adopted by the council was a good one. The first team to hitch on the engine after the toll of the bell receives \$15 and the second, to hitch on the water tank, \$10. Walter Breene was the first one yesterday, and Harry Galloway the second. Had the building been on fire yesterday it would have stood no show in the face of such promptness on the part of the firemen. The wisest move the council ever made in the direction of providing against fire was the purchase of a bell and water-tank, and the employing of a constant watchman to keep everything in readiness for fire.

SUCCESSIVE SNOW STORMS

ONLY THREE TRAINS ARRIVE THIS MONTH.

A Serious Blockade on the Northern Pacific—Mails Being Sent via Deadwood, Omaha and St. Paul to Fargo.

THE EXTENSION WRECK.

Last Monday two engines started out in the grey of the morning with several box cars and flats of material for the front. They had gone only about three miles from Mandan when suddenly both engines jumped the track, and in their frantic efforts to bury themselves in the ditch succeeded in smashing themselves to such an extent that they will have to rest a month or so in the shops at Brainerd, and completely demolishing five box cars. Porter, the brakeman, was uninjured, but Jim Burke, engineer, and James Shannon, fireman, received a few bruises. This

ESCAPE FROM INSTANT DEATH.

is indeed a miracle, as the places from which they were extricated were so small that to all appearances it would seem impossible for a man to be thus compressed. One of them was completely covered up with coal and mud, and but for this covering he would have been scalded to death by the steam exhaust. The cause of the accident was drifted snow and sand in the flange of the rail, which was packed almost as hard as flint. Messrs Bell and Doran were soon at the wreck, and Wednesday engine 66 was brought over, 31 arriving yesterday.

OUT OF LUCK.

The Northern Pacific is having a siege of serious set-backs. One storm after another, with a fair sprinkling of blizzards, has caused the road to be blockaded much of the time since Christmas. These continuous blockades are not only disastrous to the railroad company but the impossibility of getting Black Hills freight through to this point has caused great disgust in Deadwood, and the people of that city are heaping all sorts of epithets upon the heads of a blameless stage company, because of the non-arrival of their goods shipped by this route. There have been but three passenger trains from the east this month, and it is doubtful if another arrives before the last of next week. The train which left Fargo Feb. 10 arrived last Sunday, having been

SIX DAYS ON THE WAY.

The train which left Bismarck on the 8th only reached the 13th siding, where it remained until the train leaving here last Sunday overtook it, and the two went on to Jamestown, arriving there Wednesday. The train which left Fargo last Wednesday is now near Valley City, but will return to Fargo, and no train will leave for the west until the eastern bound trains shall have reached Fargo. As there has been several storms during the week, the cuts are all filled again, and the next train will be more of a curiosity than the last. In some places for eight and ten miles the snow is

PILED UP TO THE CAR WINDOWS.

and in some places as high as the smoke-stack of the locomotive, on both sides of the track. The cause of these immense drifts in some instances is very insignificant. Where the road-bed is low, a bunch of grass or weed is sufficient to begin the drift. The snow lodges against it and a streak of snow flies around it across the track. The snow-plow comes along and piles a little mound of hard snow on each side. This is the beginning. The snow fills the space in between, and the plow again clears the cut, each time piling the snow higher on each side. There is much to be done on this road before it can be counted on as a reliable winter route. The idea of raising the grade is the most practical one yet advanced, although it is clearly evident that better fences and numerous sheds are also wanted. The money which the company has lost by this winter's blockade alone would place the road in good repair.

THE ICE BRIDGE.

is a failure, in that it has not performed the work for which it was especially designed. There is not material enough over the river to build more than twenty miles of track, and the outlook for much more before the ice breaks up is not very encouraging. Walker, Bellows & Co have 175 teams, at the end of the track, waiting for supplies, and everything except work in the Bad Lands is at a standstill.

Deplorable as it may be, still this is the present status of the Northern Pacific road.

Fire Number Two.

An alarm was turned in from the second ward this morning at 1:30, caused by fire being discovered in the unoccupied house, No. 34 N. Fourth street, owned by Capt. French, of the 7th Cavalry. There can be but little doubt of its being the work of an incendiary, although some tired traveler may have found an entrance and sat him down to smoke the "pipe of weary labor," leaving behind sufficient fire to ignite the premises. The engine was promptly on hand again, and the building, though entirely wrapped in flames, was soon extinguished. The workings at this fire still more emphasize the fact that Bismarck has a well organized fire company.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Col. G. G. Pride left on Monday's train.

Robt. Robberis returned from the Hills yesterday.

Wm. Glitschka, the grocer, is quite ill and confined to his room.

Cuyler Adams is in New York, where he will remain during the season.

Joseph Hare returned Sunday from his pleasant family reunion at St. Paul.

Frank Moore leaves for the Little Missouri today. He is making money as post trader.

W. J. Ives, of better fame, left on Monday's Deadwood coach. He will return in about two weeks.

Miss Douglas, the "masher," concluded her engagement at Whitney's and left for the Hills Monday.

E. Boley, of Morton County fame, returned from his extensive eastern tour on Sunday's delayed train.

Joe Pennell returned from the Hills. Sunday. His government contract at Meade was not a paing one.

John A. McLean returned from St. Paul this week. John seems to be a successful bidder for government contracts.

Col. Lounsbury, of THE TRIBUNE, left for the Hills Monday on business connected with the mammoth illustrated edition.

Billy Jones and Tommy Levard, "theatrical stars of unknown magnitude, bid good-bye to Bismarck Monday and went east.

P. J. Panly, Jr., and Chas. Wandt, having completed the contract for building the new court house, left for St. Louis Monday.

One of the brilliant rays of the *Sun* in the person of Arthur Linn, arrived Sunday, much fatigued by the long delay on the road.

Capt. Braithwaite, one of the best steamboat men in the country, arrived Sunday. He went the Eclipse and his wish was gratified.

Gerin and wife (Blanche Granger) and Joe Hayden left on Monday's train for St. Paul. They are a good trio of theatrical lights.

E. L. Strauss, the jeweler, one of the earliest settlers and a leading business man of this city, left Monday for a month's visit with his wife east.

Frank Perkins, the Deadwood newspaper-actor, bound for Minneapolis, spent a few days pleasantly in this city and left on Monday's train.

W. C. Narmoye left on Monday's coach for the Hills. He has sold the Lincoln House and will shortly leave for Colorado. He has the Leadville fever.

F. J. Call, of this city, left for Chicago Monday morning on business connected with THE TRIBUNE's large edition. He will be absent about a month.

P. H. Seims was a passenger on Sunday's train from the east. He is much disgusted on account of the snow blockades which result disastrously to the stage line.

Indian Bill, the terror of the Bad Lands, went east Sunday. He has a bad eye and carries a good sized persuader on his hip. He goes east for a "little time."

"Stephens," representing the extensive firm of N. B. Harwood & Co., of Minneapolis, dealers in miners' and freighters' goods, is stopping in the city for a few days.

Lieut. Geo. B. Walker, who has in charge the mistaken post bound for the government insane asylum at Washington, left on Monday's train. He will be absent about a month.

S. K. Stringham and J. W. Cushing, of Chicago, and E. Cahn and Chas. Diether, of St. Paul, all jolly commercial tourists, were passengers on Monday's train. They think Bismarck is a favorite winter resort.

G. A. Hays, the efficient manager of the Clark farm, was a passenger on the train which arrived Sunday. He left the train, however, when within fifteen miles of his farm and walked in, getting there four hours ahead of the train.

J. M. Carnahan, the popular lightning manipulator, in other words the manager of the Northwestern telegraph office, this city, will spend a couple of months in the Bad Lands soon. That is, the Bad Lands on the Little Missouri.

Ward Bill, of Jamestown, was the only passenger out on the train which left on the 8th and remained stuck in the snow until last Saturday, when the western bound train brought him back to this city. He left again Monday morning, fully impressed with the truth of the old maxim, "the more haste the less speed." The railroad boys say that he is the only man they could trust with a snow-bucking outfit.

J. B. Hubbell, of the extensive firm of Eros-water, Hubbell & Co., Miles City, arrived by back-bound express yesterday. He is on his way to St. Paul, and probably will go by way of Deadwood, or by team to Fargo. Several other gentlemen also are in a hurry to reach that city on contract business. Mr. Hubbell says he has been on the plains nearly all his life, and never before saw so much stormy weather at one time as there has been throughout the northwest this winter.

Wanted to Know How it Worked.

On Sunday's train were four well-to-do Canadians, bound for Deadwood, to start in business. One of them was very much delighted in the *modus operandi* of the snow-plow and therefore putting on a large pair of snow-shoes went ahead of the train about half a mile to see the sight. The plow came around a short curve at the rate of thirty miles an hour, clearing a cut of about ten feet of snow. The young Britisher did not see the perilous position he was in until too late to escape. A moment more and up he went fifty feet in the air in a cloud of snow alighting in a huge snow bank about forty feet from the track, more fully than ever, convinced of the grandeur of the scene and the efficiency of the grandeur of the steam plow. Aside from a bruised heel, he escaped unharmed and can now boast of a more thorough knowledge of the practical workings of a snow-plow than any other man, though he be of foreign birth.