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Every man is a total abstainer between drinks.

You can't persuade the oldest inhabitant that the good die young.

British advices indicate that the Mad Mullah was dead, but not irrevocably so.

An Englishman recently paid \$1,000 for a hen. They must have a meat trust over there, too.

A Utah girl broke her jaw in debating the merits of Apostle Smoot. How she must have talked!

With the weather bureau costing Uncle Sam \$1,250,000 a year, there ought to be a good prophet in it.

Again our admiration of Dr. Lorenz is increased. He says that he isn't going to write a book about America.

Scientists claim that there is no cure for consumption, but the breakfast food inventors have not yet given it up.

Good-by to the pleasures of solitude and privacy when Marconi gets that wireless pocket telephone perfected.

The professor who can discover a serum that will prevent train disasters can be assured of the public's gratitude.

One of the new babies in New York weighs only two and a quarter pounds, and yet the parents are strangely proud of it.

A high German official has committed suicide to avoid being snubbed. Some people take snubs altogether too seriously.

King Edward should obey his physicians and eat less. A king is a man who, above all others, has no right to do as he pleases.

Dr. Lorenz says American surgeons are progressive. This is true. Some of them even have progressive appendix-cutting parties.

The man who got drunk on three points of patent medicine ought to be able to write a testimonial that will be worth something.

A New Jersey condemned murderer is putting in his last days writing a book. The only way to reform some men is to hang them.

Paris objects to the American cake-walk as "barbarous and disgraceful," therefore it will not displace the chaste and modest can-can in public favor.

The man who taught King Edward to play golf is in this country. He ought to be able to command big prices for tutoring, especially around New York.

Robert Fitzsimmons is writing a play. Judging from the conformation of Bob's braincase the worst that has been said of the modern drama is to be justified.

Dr. Tomlins sees possible poetry in a yawn or a sneeze. We are not sure on this point, but we have a suspicion that a yawn goes well with a good deal of poetry.

J. Pierpont Morgan says his debts far exceed the value of his chattels. There is no immediate necessity, however, for getting up a benefit in Mr. Morgan's behalf.

China certainly feels convinced that it is not always the "commercialized" country where knighthood never was in flower that is the Shylock in making a settlement.

Women are not always devoid of a sense of humor. The late Mrs. Grant used to call herself Penelope, because she accompanied Ulysses on his wanderings around the world.

The Haitian revolutions are an improvement on some of the other revolutions. They are managed with such celerity that the government does not have much chance to get deeply in debt.

The news that the eminent German historian, Prof. Mommsen, in a fit of studious abstraction set fire to his hair points to a boom in Fliegende Blaetter's absent-minded professor jokes.

Two leagues have been started in London by society people, who pledge themselves not to drink wine or other intoxicants between meals. They make no promises, however, as to the number of meals they intend to have.

It has been decided by the Iowa Supreme Court that the owner of a hive of bees is responsible for any damage they may inflict. This may lead to the evolution of the stingless bee.

State prohibition in the matter of flensing will never succeed. It is better to settle questions of that kind by adopting the policy of local option.

New York is converting popular books into popular books. This is a step in the right direction, making popular books.

Resume of the News.

Washington Notes.

A pension of \$72 a month has been granted to Col. William Thomas of Mankato.

Seventeen letter carriers have been suspended from the San Francisco postoffice for alleged political activity during the November campaign.

The postoffice department issued orders establishing free delivery service at Livingston, Mont., and Rockford, Colo., beginning June 1.

It is reported that Hon. Edward Blake has been retained by the Dominion government as counsel before the Alaska boundary commission.

Queen Wilhelmina may be requested to name the umpire who shall pass on the claim of the United States against Venezuela in the event that the persons named cannot agree.

The Indian bill, as it passed the senate, contained the amendment providing for the sale at public auction of the eleven townships on the western side of the Red Lake reservation in Minnesota. No effort was made by the Dakota delegates to incorporate in the bill the Rosebud and Devils Lake treaties.

Casualties.

Eight persons were killed and four injured by an explosion in the Peter & Fox Magazine Cane factory at Fostoria, Ohio.

S. S. Glasscock, a farmer of Cairo, Ill., took off his red lined coat and flagged a passenger train where he found a broken rail. He was badly frozen.

At the Buckeye mine at Bowie, Ariz., William Steel and William O'Donnell were killed and a number of others slightly hurt by an explosion of dynamite.

Fire at Quebec destroyed La France's book bindery, Mercier's printing office, George Belleau's wholesale dry goods store, the rooms of the Canadian Yacht club and the office of the Canadian Express company. Loss, \$100,000.

The Detroit Sulphite fiber works in Delra, Mich., were destroyed by fire. The loss is \$1,000,000 and is covered by insurance. There were several narrow escapes from death among the employes and firemen who were fighting the flames.

Crimes and Criminals.

A thief resembling Grover Cleveland has been robbing boarding houses at Port Chester, N. Y.

Paul Blackmar was granted a divorce without alimony at Chicago because of his wife's adultery with Baron von Answeldt.

Engineer James N. Davis, killed in the Central railroad wreck at Plainfield, N. J., is blamed by the coroner's jury for the accident.

Mary Martin of Springfield, Ill., saved the lives of her fifty pupils by dropping them from the second story of the burning school house.

George d'Asseuer of Chicago was given an indeterminate sentence in the penitentiary for embezzlement. He had been in the county jail for two years.

More than 400 complaints have been filed against the concerns by which Adolph Jacobson of Bayonne, N. J., is said to have conducted a gigantic "merchandizing" swindle.

Helen Z. Robinson of Rochester, N. Y., was fined \$50 for passing Mexican money, although a secret service agent held that she had committed no crime, as she did not pretend that the coin was of United States mintage.

From Other Shores

Part of the navy department building at Buenos Ayres was burned. Loss about \$800,000.

The pope has appointed Cardinal Martinelli to be a member of the Congregation of Rites.

Andrew Carnegie's library donations in England still fall in some cases to be received with gratitude.

Four hundred Americans observed the fifth anniversary of the destruction of the Maine at Havana.

German women, who outnumber the men by 1,500,000, are being strongly urged to emigrate to the United States.

The craze for bridge whist has been the cause of several scandals in British "smart" circles, where some of the players have been caught cheating.

About 1,500 dock laborers employed by one of the contractors of the North German Lloyd company struck work at Bremen, owing to the dismissal of a crewmate.

The negotiations between the United States and Cuba for the lease of the two coaling stations, one at Bahai Honda and the other at Guantanamo, have been completed.

Many churches in the central districts of London, each occupying ground worth \$1,000,000, have congregations on Sunday morning of not more than a dozen persons.

Russian newspapers claim that a man in the hospital at Tomsk is 200 years old. They say this statement is supported by documents. The man has been a widower for 123 years.

A cablegram to the Boston Globe from London says that the prince of Wales is quite likely to come over to America with Lord Roberts and the rest of the delegation from the Honorable Artillery company, in response to the invitation from the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company of Boston.

People Talked About.

Joseph Parry, the musical composer and director of the South Wales school of music, died in London.

Phineas Howe Young, the youngest son of the late Brigham Young, and a prominent business man of Salt Lake, Utah, died suddenly of heart disease.

Rear Admiral Lewis W. Robinson, U. S. N., retired, died at his home in Philadelphia of typhoid pneumonia, after an illness of two days. He was sixty-three years old.

Charles Davenport, who invented the first railroad passenger coach which became serviceable, is dead at the home of his son in East Water-town, Mass. He was ninety years old.

The postoffice department has been officially informed of the death in Berlin of Gustav Adolph Sachs, the former director of posts of Germany, and latterly an imperial privy councillor.

Rev. Horatio Gray, a retired Episcopalian clergyman of distinguished ancestry and with a wide acquaintance, is dead at Boston. He was a Brown alumnus, was ordained to the priesthood in 1853.

Capt. Wiley M. Egan, aged seventy-two, member of the Chicago board of trade and for many years a business man of Chicago, died of heart disease at his residence. He was president of the Chicago board of trade in 1867.

Dr. J. L. Curry is dead at Asheville, N. C. During President Cleveland's first administration Dr. Curry was an envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Spain. He also was general agent of the Peabody fund.

Otherwise.

Seventeen letter carriers of San Francisco have been suspended for alleged political activity.

There have been three more deaths from typhoid at Cornell university. A \$150,000 filtration plant will be put in. The McKinley Memorial association has collected \$500,000, but wants \$100,000 more before work shall commence on the monument.

Five hundred schoolboys at Kokomo, Ind., were found to have 22-caliber revolvers in their pockets when searched by the principals.

Prof. J. W. Jenks of Cornell university has gone to Mexico to confer with the authorities regarding the establishment of a new monetary system.

A Russian boy dropped dead with joy at meeting his parents after a separation of several years, on the arrival of the Graf Waldersee at New York.

The Methodist Book committee has decided that the meeting place of the next quadrennial conference of that body shall be at Los Angeles in May, 1904.

News from Douglas, Ariz., says that great excitement prevails over a rich gold strike made in the Turres mountains, forty miles from the terminus of the Nacochari railway.

Further conferences have been going on in New York looking to the organization of a Southern cotton yarn combination, under the name of the Southern Textile company.

John Henry McCracken, president of Westminster college, Fulton, Mo., has resigned to accept the position of assistant to his father, who is chancellor at the University of New York.

The Massachusetts electric companies controlling all the electric street car lines in Eastern Massachusetts outside of Boston, have granted their employes an increase in wages of 2.18 per cent.

The Pettibone colliery of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western at Wilkesbarre, Pa., has been closed as a result of the refusal of the men to accept the company's price for certain work.

Joseph B. Davy, instructor in botany at the University of California, has been appointed chief agriculturalist and botanist of the Transvaal government at an initial salary of \$5,000 a year and expenses.

Reciprocity with Italy and no restriction of immigration to this country were the keynotes struck by the speakers at the third annual banquet of the Italian chamber of commerce of New York.

The United States circuit court at Boston has settled the controversy between the Union Pacific and the government by giving the latter \$600,000, now in the hands of the American Loan and Trust company of Boston.

The special committee appointed by the New York County Medical association to investigate the office of coroner, recommends such legislation as will abolish the office and distribute the duties to other city and county departments.

With the exception of the chief engineer, a member of the marine engineers' union and a few laborers, all of the employes of the Chicago Ship-building company have gone on strike in support of the machinists. One thousand men are idle.

Steps have been taken to save 10,000 starving elk on the Jeton-Yellowstone reserves in Wyoming. Snow seven feet deep covers their feeding grounds, and temperatures as low as 40 below zero have added to their sufferings.

It is learned at Batavia, N. Y., that findings adverse to the Rev. George N. Howard, charged with receiving compromising love letters from a number of women, have been handed down by a council of Free Baptist ministers.

EXPERIMENT WORK

ANNUAL REPORT OF EXPERIMENT STATION FILED WITH THE GOVERNOR.

RESULTS WERE INSTRUCTIVE

WORK ACCOMPLISHED THE PAST YEAR AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

DEVOTED TO CROP ROTATION

GRAIN DISEASE AND PREVENTION WILL BE MATTERS OF EXPERIMENT.

The annual report of the state experiment station to the governor has been filed. In his report to the board of trustees, President Worst says:

"During the past year the weather conditions have been favorable for experimentation and the results of experiments made and other investigations, as outlined in this report by the heads of the several departments, contain much that is interesting and instructive. As during former years the experiments have been largely devoted to crop rotation, seed breeding and seed selection, methods of cultivation, conservation of moisture and the cultivation of fruits, berries and vegetables. Planting trees for shelter belts and to produce forest conditions and growing hedges for shelter and for ornamental purposes have received considerable attention. The results have been very gratifying. Analysis of foods has largely engaged the attention of the department of chemistry.

"The following bulletins were published during the year:

"No. 51—Corn Culture.

"No. 52—The Length of the Growing Season in North Dakota.

"No. 53—Food Products and Their Adulteration.

"No. 54—Flax and Flaxseed Selection.

"The work planned for the coming year will not differ materially from that of former years, except that more attention will be given to stock feeding and diseases of grain with a view to their eradication—especially flax wilt.

"Since the twelfth annual report was published farmers' institutes were held at Oberon, Carrington, Coopers-town, Wimbledon, Fingal, La Moure, Tower City, Hillsboro, Sheldon, La Moure, Ellendale, Hankinson, Forman, Fessenden, Donnybrook, Jamestown, Rolla, Cando, Towner, Leeds, Lakota Grafton and Finley.

"These institutes were conducted by T. A. Hovstad of the Minnesota sub-experiment station at Crookston, assisted by M. F. Greeley, editor of the Dakota Farmer, published at Aberdeen, S. D., and John Armstrong of De Smet, S. D., and E. G. Scollander of the North Dakota experiment station. At several of the institutes held during the year members of the station staff rendered assistance. Mr. Armstrong, who was a valuable assistant, died during the institute season.

"The demand for farmers' institutes continues and is far beyond the ability of the institute board to fill with the present meagre appropriation for that year should be appropriated by the legislative assembly for farmers' institutes, and a farmers' club or agricultural society should be organized in every county with the assurance of having an institute at least once a year at state expense.

"A very strong sentiment is growing up throughout the Red river valley in favor of diversified farming, and many farmers who formerly devoted all their energies and land to growing wheat have already added live stock and dairying to their farming operations.

"Another condition has lately developed. The immense area of the state lying west of the Red river valley now settled by farmers presents many new problems for investigation by the experiment station staff. The soil and agricultural conditions of this vast territory, now occupied by small farm holdings, differs radically from the soil and the agricultural conditions of the Red river valley, where the experiment station is located, and a line of experiments should be begun at the earliest moment to meet these conditions. I would suggest that the sub-experiment station at Edgeley, La Moure county, be fully equipped and extensively operated for this purpose. The range country also requires attention. From overstocking and other causes the grass is rapidly disappearing from many ranges, and extensive experiments should be made with a view of renewing the grasses or introducing new varieties of hardy grasses and forage crops. I would suggest that a grass trial station be located in the range country, where such experiments may be conducted.

"Improved strains of thoroughbred stock are also badly needed at the experiment station for breeding purposes and for giving instruction in the classes in animal husbandry. An assistant should also be employed in the department of dairying to enable that department to inspect the dairy herds of the state for the purpose of assisting dairymen to weed out unprofitable cows and for substituting dairy stock of proper type and quality to make that industry more profitable.

"I would also call your attention to the fact that every department of the experiment station is in need of additional help to enable them to do more effective work and to meet the demands made upon the station. As the experiment station is a co-operative

institution, receiving \$15,000 annually from the federal government, the time has come when the state should fully co-operate by providing an annual appropriation equal to that of the federal government. The thousands of recent settlers taking up claims in the western portion of the state can only prosper by intelligently adapting their labors to their new conditions—conditions that can only be understood off times after expensive experimentation. These new settlers are entitled to the best aid and advice the experiment station can give them. It becomes a question, therefore, not whether the state can afford to make this appropriation, but can it afford not to make it? "Agriculture is our chief—almost exclusive—source of wealth production, so that whatever fosters and improves it returns to the state many fold what it costs."

THE MARKETS.

Latest Quotations From Grain and Live Stock Centers.

St. Paul, Feb. 21.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 76 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 75 1/2c. Corn—No. 3, 40 1/4c. Rye—No. 2, 48c. Barley—Malting grades, 50@53c. Flax—No. 1, \$1.15. Oats—No. 2 white, 33@33 3/4c.

Minneapolis, Feb. 21.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 78 1/8c; No. 1 Northern, 76 5/8@76 1/8c; No. 2 Northern, 75 5/8@76 1/8c.

Duluth, Feb. 21.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 77 1/8c; No. 1 Northern, 76 1/8c; No. 2 Northern, 74 1/8c; No. 3 spring, 71 5/8c; oats, 35c; rye, 50 1/2c; barley, 35@51c; flax, \$1.14.

Milwaukee, Feb. 21.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 80c; No. 2 Northern, 78@78 1/2c. Rye steady; No. 1, 50 1/2@52c. Barley steady; No. 2, 64c; sample, 46@53c. Oats firm; standard, 36c. Corn—May, 45 3/8c.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 75@76c; No. 3 red, 70@74 1/2c; No. 2 hard winter, 71@75c; No. 3 hard winter, 68@71c; No. 1 Northern spring, 79@80c; No. 2 Northern spring, 77@79c; No. 3 spring, 70@77c. Corn—Cash, No. 2, 43 1/2@44c; No. 3, 41 1/2@42 1/2c. Oats—Cash, No. 2, 34@34 1/2c; No. 3, 33 1/2@34c.

Sioux City, Iowa, Feb. 21.—Cattle—Beeves, \$3.50 @ 5.20; cows, bulls and mixed, \$1.50 @ 4; stockers and feeders, \$2.50@4.25; yearlings and calves, \$2.50@3.85. Hogs, \$6.60@7; bulk, \$6.75@6.80.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$4.40@5.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.25@4.50; cows, \$1.40@4.40; heifers, \$2 @ 4.50; calves, \$3.50 @ 8; Texas-fed steers, \$3.50@4.25. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$6.75@7.15; good to choice heavy, \$7.10 @ 7.30; light, \$6.45@6.70; bulk of sales, \$6.75@7. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, \$4.75 @ 5.35; fair to choice mixed, \$3.50 @ 4.75; Western sheep, \$4.75@5.35; native lambs, \$4.75@6.60; Western lambs, \$4.75@6.50.

South St. Paul, Feb. 21.—Cattle—Good to choice steers, \$4.50 @ 5.50; good to choice cows and heifers, \$3.25 @ 4; veals, \$2.50@5.50; good to choice feeding steers, \$3.75 @ 4.25; good to choice stock steers, \$3 @ 3.25; steer calves, \$2@3; good to choice stock cows and heifers, \$2.25@2.75. Hogs—Price range, \$6.40@7; bulk, \$6.70@6.80; mixed, \$6.65@6.80. Sheep—Good to choice fat lambs, \$5.50@6.25; fair to good, \$4.75@5.25; good to choice yearling wethers, \$4.65@4.85; heavy, \$4@4.50; heavyweights, \$3.40@3.85; culls and stock ewes, \$1.75@2.75.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Burglars Blow Safe at Calmar and Get Money.

Calmar, Iowa, Feb. 21.—The postoffice at this place was robbed. The burglars broke into the office through the rear door. They blew the door of the safe with dynamite and made the office look as though a cyclone had struck it. They secured \$200 in cash and about \$160 worth of stamps. There is no clue to the robbers.

Steamer Rama a Schooner.

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 21.—The steamer Goldsboro, Philadelphia for New York, collided with a four-masted schooner off the Little Egg Harbor life saving station yesterday. The schooner sank in a few minutes. The crew of the wrecked schooner were saved.

Elevator in Ashes.

Stacyville, Iowa, Feb. 21.—The large elevator owned by the Eastern Elevator company caught fire shortly before noon yesterday and was totally destroyed.

Hundreds of Cattle Killed.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 21.—A cattle man who arrived at Weatherford yesterday from Amarillo, Tex., says that many cattle were killed by the recent storm. He says that he counted nearly a hundred head lying along the railway.

Business Houses Burned Out.

Marion, Ill., Feb. 21.—Fire that caused a loss of \$200,000 and threatened the entire business portion of Marion started last night and destroyed fifteen places of business.

Defalcation is Charged.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 21.—A Martineau, the noted motorcycle racer, who is employed as a clerk in the military department, was taken into custody yesterday on the charge of misappropriating departmental funds. When arrested Martineau had in his possession \$15,000. The exact amount of the alleged defalcation is not yet known.

Relief for Starving.

Stockholm, Feb. 21.—The central relief committee has forwarded to the governor of Westerbotten province, to be used for distribution of seed, the sum of \$10,000, of which amount \$5,000 was contributed by Americans.

AT FLOOD'S MERCY

SCORES OF HOMES ARE MADE DESOLATE BY THE FROZEN FLOOD.

FIGHTING HUNGER AND COLD

INDIANA FARMERS IMPRISONED IN UPPER STORIES OF HOUSES.

WHERE AID CANNOT REACH THEM

SWOLLEN RIVERS ADD TO DESTRUCTION IN DESOLATE REGION.

Vincennes, Ind., Feb. 21.—High water, which has turned to ice and the bitter cold has brought intense destitution and much suffering in scores of homes in the Embury bottoms, south of here. Thousands of acres of land which last week were under water, are now covered with ice, and many homes are entirely surrounded by it.

The Wabash river continues to rise and add to the destruction in the desolate district. The farmers are fighting with hunger and cold. Those who have not moved out of the lowlands are prepared to do so on short notice. In some cases people are living in tents which they have pitched on the side of a hill or on top of the levee.

Until yesterday ice had not been thick enough to bear the weight of a person, and for the past three days it has been impossible for many people to leave home. Scores of families are living in the second stories of their homes, the lower floors being filled with ice. It is impossible to get relief into a portion of the district, as the roads are blocked by water and ice.

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 21.—The river is still rising here and at 6 o'clock last night registered 36.6. The danger line of 39 feet will be reached to-day. Farmers have been busy all day removing their effects to the high ground. The water works above the city is surrounded by high water and workmen go to and from the plant in skiffs.

BOTH SIDES SUSPICIOUS.

England Will Not Recognize the Castro Blockade.

New York, Feb. 21.—British naval authorities think there is more trouble ahead with Venezuela, says the Herald's Port of Spain, Trinidad, representative. They say that England is determined not to recognize any Castro blockade, and her war vessels will not hesitate to fire on ships or shore upon any manifestations of interference with British trade with Venezuela. No instructions have yet been received regarding the delivery of warships to Castro. It is believed here that nothing will be done until the terms of the agreement are received from Washington. The German cruiser Falke and the British warships Tribune, Alert, Pantome and Colombine have arrived.

BLOCKING CANAL TREATY.

Morgan and Quay Both Get in the Way.

Washington, Feb. 21.—At the evening session of the senate Mr. Morgan continued his debate on the canal treaty. He was not willing to suspend at 11 o'clock, when the senate took a recess until morning, and said he was quite prepared to continue. Just before the close of the session Senator Culloomb sought unanimous consent to fix a time for a vote next Saturday, but Senator Morgan objected. Senator Quay also said that he would object unless an agreement to vote on the statehood bill also could be obtained.

JUMPED THE TRACK.

Twenty Passengers Injured in an Accident on the Grand Trunk.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 21.—The Montreal express, west-bound on the Grand Trunk, jumped the track at Whitby Junction. All the cars left the rails, the engine alone remaining. The engineer, William Stewart, had his leg broken. Twenty passengers were more or less injured, none, however, very seriously.

Engineer of Famous Monitor.

New York, Feb. 21.—Claude de Loraine, who was chief engineer of the Monitor when that vessel sank the Merrimac during the Civil war, and his son Edward, aged twenty-four, were found dead from asphyxiation yesterday at their home in Brooklyn. Gas escaped through a defective tube connecting a gas stove.

Boiler Lets Go.

Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 21.—By the explosion of a boiler on a Philadelphia & Reading passenger train engine here Barney Rabb, the fireman, was killed, the engineer fatally hurt and several others injured.

Friends Again.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—It is announced officially here that diplomatic relations between Germany and Venezuela have been renewed. The new minister Herr Pellgram, will sail for Caracas immediately.