

THE GAY DRUMMERS.

Being Snow Bound at Aberdeen They Get Lots of Fun out of the Situation.

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A Growing Impression That the Dead Des Moines Merchant Was Self-Slain.

The Dakota Legislature--Anarchists at Omaha--An Alderman in Trouble.

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ABERDEEN, Dak., Feb. 14.—Over sixty commercial travelers who have been blocked here by the snow have organized a blizzard club to-day, and Gov. Church being in the city, also blocked, he was given a grand banquet by the club at the Sherman house at 1:20 this afternoon. Over 100 members and invited guests participated in the banquet. The program was as follows: "Dakota," Gov. L. K. Church; "Commercial Travelers," L. G. Johnson; "Dakota Newsletters," John H. Drake; "Our Hundred Guests," Gen. N. H. Harris. This afternoon, incidentally, was given by the club, and a grand ball took place in the evening. This is the pleasant side of Dakota blizzards. The snow-blockade parade of the commercial men, headed by a band, showed over seventy-five travelers present in the roll call of the blocked workers for Dakota's prosperity. Gov. Church leaves during the night over the Milwaukee road for Bismarck.

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The Mystery Surrounding the Death of a Des Moines Merchant Still Unsolved.

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DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 14.—The coroner's jury is still engaged in solving the mystery which surrounds the death of E. S. Todd, whose body was found in the refrigerator of his commission house, and while no verdict has been announced, there is little doubt the conclusion will be death by suicide, indeed, it is supposed, by financial embarrassment. A few days ago one of the mercantile agencies in the city received several inquiries from outside parties asking for information regarding the standing, saying that he had presented heavy accounts and he had asked for an extension of time. A representative of the agency called upon him and he denied having asked an extension, and appeared nervous and undecided. Last week he was talking with the officials of the Iowa Loan and Trust company with the avowed intention of securing a loan. A draft for \$2,500 made to one of the local banks a few days ago, and it is believed he still. The Des Moines National bank holds a draft against him, but refuses to divulge the amount. Several other banks are said to hold drafts, but are very reticent. Todd's life is said to be insured for \$175,000, of which has been placed with the Farmers' Loan and Trust company. Todd was 38 years of age, single, and was a native of Iowa. He was a member of the Knights of Honor, \$2,000; Mutual, Pennsylvania, \$1,000. Chattel mortgages were to-day filed by Mrs. E. S. Todd in favor of the following: Mrs. S. S. S. \$40,473, and Caroline Judd for \$6,000.

DAKOTA LEGISLATURE.

Doing at Yesterday's Session--A Bill to Tax Railroads--The Court Removal War.

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BISMARCK, Dak., Feb. 14.—It was expected that Matthews' division bill, that cut such a figure in the proceedings of the council Saturday, would be put on its passage without argument to-day and put through, but instead it was postponed until next Monday. The committee in anticipation of amending the local option bill that passed the house, so that an election on both questions could be held the same day and the division bill would get the benefit of the temporary adjournment. The bill repealing the election at Sioux Falls passed to-day, and will be sent to Acting Gov. McCormack to-morrow, probably, for his approval. The following bills were introduced:

H. Sheldon, a bill for an act to amend section 375 of chapter 15 of act 3, civil procedure, entitled "Costs and disbursements in civil actions." Mr. McCormack, a bill for an act to amend section 107 of act 3, civil procedure, relating to co-operation. Mr. Lawler, a bill for an act to provide funds for the construction and maintenance of necessary buildings for Dakota reform school at Plankinton, Dak., and for other purposes; the appropriation asked for is \$90,000. A bill repealing the election at Sioux Falls, and the seats that are located away from railway stations to town on railroads by a majority vote. Mr. Cain, a joint resolution relative to the division of the territory and the admission of each half into the union. Mr. Griestry, by request, to amend section 11, chapter 33 of the laws of 1884, relating to the division of the territory, to amend section 14, section 14 of 1879, relating to appeals to supreme court.

It was exceedingly quiet in the house and adjournment was taken.

The vote taken on the bill providing for the office of territorial statistician, taken last week, was reconsidered, and house bill 60, an act providing for the assessment and taxation of the property of the railroad companies, was passed. The bill was introduced by Mr. Hawk and is an important measure. The bill abolishing the office of commissioner of emigration was reported favorably by the committee on territorial affairs. The Elliott bill, a bill which was made a special order for this afternoon at 3 o'clock, was postponed till to-morrow at the same hour, in consequence of the neglect of the printer to furnish amended copies of the bill to the members as ordered. Then, too, Tom wanted McDowell present to vote on the measure. He will be here to-morrow. The following bills were introduced:

Harkins, an act to provide funds for the purchase of an experimental farm. Mr. Fiecher, a bill to amend the charter of the Graton College Institute. Mr. Bedlake, an act to regulate attorney's fees in cases of foreclosure of chattel mortgage by advertisements. Mr. Bedlake, a bill for an act for the establishment of free libraries in the reading rooms in cities, villages and townships in the territory of Dakota. Mr. Aikens, a bill for an act to prevent the spread of infectious diseases among domestic animals.

A RAILROAD BILL.

Berry, of Clark, a representative of the farming element, has introduced a bill in the house that is liable to create considerable argument. It is a bill to amend the act of 1879, which obliges it to be a gauntlet of sharp-edged railroad lobbyists. The bill provides for the taxation of the property of railroad companies on the basis that other property is taxed. Mr. Berry says he is not a crank on the subject, but he thinks railroad companies should pay taxes on property owned by them in the territory as well as farmers and other property holders. The bill is now in the hands of the railroad committee, who have it under consideration, and will probably report it with amendments before the week is finished. The measure has interested the committee so deeply that the opinion of Attorney General Engle on various points of law embodied in it was asked for and yesterday submitted his opinion which was in substance as follows:

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Various Rumors and Reports From the Different Capitals of the Continent.

The Trouble in the Sudan--The Irish Question--American Cardinals at Rome.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—A St. Petersburg dispatch says that China is massing troops in Kashgar and Kuldja, and that 30,000 men are already assembled in these districts.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 14.—The czar is reported to have said: "The Slavist agitation are antagonistic to the great Russian policy, and have assisted in entertaining the Bulgarian confusion. Slavism cannot be identified with the monarchial policy, to which it is opposed in many respects."

PARIS, Feb. 14.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that Gen. von Schweinitz, German Ambassador to Russia, recently sounded the czar as to whether he would remain neutral in the event of war between Germany and France, and that the czar refused to make any engagement respecting the matter. The Journal des Debats has telegrams from Munich saying that numerous German patrols have been stationed along the frontier, for the purpose, it is supposed, of arresting deserters, whose number has rapidly increased since war rumors have been in circulation. The dispatches also say that the French government has issued an order directing that any patrol should be taken of the frontier, and that the matter to be subsequently made the subject of a diplomatic protest.

STRASBURG, Feb. 14.—Police are busy searching for the cause of the explosion of the relations of the French populace of Alsace-Lorraine with the organization known as the "French Patriotic League." A fort erected at Cummersdorf, an exact copy of French construction, was destroyed in forty-eight hours by a new explosion.

MADRID, Feb. 14.—A large number of men are employed in strengthening the fortifications of Cadix.

THE IRISH QUESTION.

A Debate on the Situation in the House of Lords.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—In the house of lords Baron Inchiquin, Conservative, demanded that the government take immediate measures to deal with lawlessness in Ireland. He said the league was carrying terror throughout the country and should be instantly suppressed. The worst feature of the struggle in Kerry was the part taken by the priests. If the league was proclaimed the priests should be debarred from taking part in the meetings. An amendment to the bill is also a necessity in order to secure the administration of justice. Baron Brabourne, Conservative, said he did not wish to ensure the government, but the executive at Dublin had been rather lax in dealing with disorders. The executive should not appoint as sub-sheriffs or commissioners men who approved of the plan of campaign, or who had taken part in agitation. Earl Cadogan, speaking for the government, deprecated

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of the condition of Ireland by members. Such a course was not calculated to strengthen the government or lead to any useful result. If any sheriff or other officials were found violating their oaths or acting illegally they would be decisively dealt with. He reminded members that the number of agricultural offenses had greatly decreased, and added that speakers who urged the instant adoption of severe repressive measures forgot the promises in the queen's speech that special power would be asked only when necessary.

Baron Fitzgerald, Liberal, said before there could be peace or prosperity in Ireland the land question must be settled and industries must be encouraged. He reminded members that since the sixteenth century the number of Irish who had returned to Ireland had greatly decreased, and added that speakers who urged the instant adoption of severe repressive measures forgot the promises in the queen's speech that special power would be asked only when necessary.

ROME, Feb. 14.—The propaganda will give a banquet in honor of Cardinals Gibbons and Taschereau after the consistory. The Armenian patriarch at the pope's reception to-morrow will present his holiness with a diamond ring from the sultan of Turkey. Numerous visitors, lay and ecclesiastic, call on Cardinal Gibbons among them Cardinals Jacobini and Parochi. Cardinal Gibbons this afternoon quietly visited several members of the sacred congregation. Besides receiving visits the cardinal was busily occupied in various matters. Cardinal Taschereau resides at the French seminary at Santa Chiara.

Zanzibar and Portugal.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Advices from Zanzibar state that the sultan has refused to comply with the demands of the Portuguese governor of Mozambique to surrender the territory claimed by Portugal, but recognized in the Anglo-German agreement with the sultan as belonging to Zanzibar, and has referred the matter to the friendly powers. Portugal has, on account of ruptured diplomatic relations with the sultan and has hauled down the Portuguese flag from the consulate at Zanzibar. In addition to this, a number of Portuguese men-of-war have proceeded to Tungi, the bombardment of which is threatened.

Interested in Africans.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—A memorial from the World's Christian Temperance union, addressed to all the governments concerned in the independent state of Congo, has been started by the American secretary, Mrs. Hannah W. Smith, on its way around the world to receive the signatures of the officers of the World's Women's Christian Temperance union. It is to be presented, when signed, to the different governments in succession, and is an urgent entreaty for them to investigate the enormous and heinous trade in alcohol, which is producing such appalling results in the degradation and ruin of the helpless natives of that vast state.

The Sudan War.

ROME, Feb. 14.—A dispatch from Gen. Gene, the Italian commander at Massowah, Feb. 9, says the situation is unchanged. King John of Abyssinia, sending troops to Aggrat. A force commanded by the son of the king fought a sanguinary battle with the Sandanese near Metemeh, which resulted in the victory of the Abyssinians.

Conspiracy Trial Begun.

DUBLIN, Feb. 14.—The trial of Dillon, Redmond, O'Brien and others on the charge of conspiracy, for agitating in favor of the plan of campaign, has opened. Redmond is investigated on the enormous and heinous trade in alcohol, which is producing such appalling results in the degradation and ruin of the helpless natives of that vast state.

Arms Seized.

DUBLIN, Feb. 14.—Fifty men made a raid this evening upon houses in Ballyvourney and Kilmichael, County Cork, and seized a large quantity of arms.

Len Grover in Trouble.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Leonard Grover, the actor, has been adjudged guilty of contempt of court by Judge Andrews. He is charged with neglecting to pay his wife, Ida May, \$250 per week pending her divorce. Grover was committed to jail until the full amount had been paid.

THE MONTREAL CARNIVAL.

Returning Travelers Complain of Lack of Railway Concessions.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Several trains filled with passengers from Montreal arrived at the Grand Central depot yesterday at different hours. They were all tourists who had been attending the carnival. A more disgusted set of people it would have been difficult to have found in a week's journey. They complained bitterly of the way the railroad company had had treated the checked and returned of the trip. A prominent merchant returning with his family did not hesitate to give expression to opinions which his fellow passengers endorsed. He said: "I have traveled many hundreds of miles in this country and in Europe, and can say positively that I have never witnessed such gross mismanagement and disregard of the comfort of the public as was shown on this old last night at Montreal. We were informed that the Delaware & Hudson train left the Grand Central station in Montreal at 12:30 p. m. Passengers for these trains were taken to the depot and baggage piled up waiting for the train to be examined by the custom house officers. Not an official attendant was to be found to point the way to the baggage check. The cars belonging to a train were scattered about the yard on different tracks, and delicate women were sent ferri place to place, hugging bundles and wraps, trying to find their trains. There was neither system nor order, and berths were sold to the highest bidder. There were in the yard sleepers, and the cars were snow-bound Friday trains, the held-back morning trains, the two long specials, the tourists