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LATE NEWS.

FROM MINNEAPOLIS.

DIVIDEND DECLARED.

BOSTON, June 10.—The Bell Telephone company today declared a regular quarterly dividend of three per cent, payable June 15.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 10.—At 9:33 Whitelaw Reid, of New York, was by acclamation nominated as the convention's candidate for vice president.

BILL REFERRED.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—In the senate, the house bill for the admission of New Mexico and Arizona as states was referred to the committee on appropriations.

CHARGED TO NEW MEXICO.

DES MOINES, June 10.—The state board of health has received notice of seven cases of smallpox in Danbury, Woodbury county, the disease being brought here by a stranger from New Mexico.

DEATH OF PRESIDENT POLK.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Col. L. L. Polk, of North Carolina, president of the National Farmers' Alliance, who has been dangerously ill for the past 10 days, at his residence in this city, suffering from hemorrhage of the bladder, caused probably by a tumor, died tonight.

A COLORADO COAL COMBINE.

TRINIDAD, June 10.—The Colorado Coal & Iron company and the Colorado Fuel company are two of the largest concerns of the kind in the country, and an agreement has been reached whereby the two will consolidate. All arrangements have been made and the plans agreed upon, and as soon as the appraisement of the various properties is made the combination will be completed.

Something of the enormity of this combine may be learned when it is stated that the Colorado Coal & Iron company is stocked at $15,000,000 and the Colorado Fuel company at $10,000,000.

It will be the largest coal combine evet known west of Pennsylvania, and will be equal to the great Reading combine, the aggregate stock of the two companies running up to $25,000,000.

SUMMER AND FALL OUTLOOK.

In case the statehood enabling act passes the senate, which now seems probable, Santa Feans generally are counting on lively times this summer and fall, for there will be an election or two, the state constitutional convention, the legislature and the land court in session here, and these will attract a great many visitors to the capital city, to say nothing of the natural impetus statehood prospects will give all business interests. Local hotel men in particular are counting upon good times.—New Mexican.

IRRIGATION SECURITIES.

A Santa Fe man recently in Chicago quotes Lyman P. Gage, a noted Chicago capitalist and of high rank among investors, as saying that financial authorites all over the country are beginning to realize the value of irrigation securities. Mr. Gage said he considered investments in irrigation enterprises as the safest the west has to offer, not excepting railroad bonds, and it is his opinion that within the coming year this class of investments will command the greatest attention.

Such opinions as this are worth much in leading financial circles, and they ought to encourage the development of very many first class irrigation projects now lying dormant in New Mexico for the lack of the proper kind of a hustler to take hold of them.

SABBATH MUSINGS.

A new article of religion is suggested by Mr. W. O. Atwater in an essay in the last Forum. He thinks Americans eat too much, and that the prevalent duty of the Christian is to diet. Good for Mr. Atwater and good for the new dogma. We shall come one of these days to a true comprehension of what good old Paul meant when he reasoned before Felix of righteousness, temperance and other things.

Although it didn't give the women all that they asked for, no general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church has ever more pronouncedly recognized woman's beneficent and far-reaching influence in the church than the one which has been in session in Omaha. Cheer up, Methodist women of America. You have already morally gained the great points you have been striving for—the actual realization will dawn upon you sooner than now anticipated by you or the world.

The newer and higher and broader definition of religion which embraces the idea that man has something besides a soul to save—that he has a body to free from the inherited shackles of infirmity and disease, a mind to lift up and enlighten, and a social condition to ameliorate and elevate—this definition, gaining with every day a wider acceptation, is the most promising development of religious progress in this our day and generation.

T. L. Zimmerman, a plasterer, whose home is in northern Indiana, but who at present has no address, was charged before Judge Wooster with stealing a pistol, a dime bank, two gold watches and a diamond ring from a writing desk, during the fire day before yesterday. L. C. Fort prosecuted and Mrs. Dr. Pettijohn defended the prisoner. It was proven that the pistol and savings bank were found upon his person to the satisfaction of the court, and after an able address by the prosecuting attorney and a reply by Mrs. Pettijohn, the judge bound him over in $300 to appear before the grand jury in November. The court was crowded during the hearing of this case.

Tomas Esquibel, of La Union, was caught for the second time stealing goods from I. D. Romero's store, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest by Judge Wooster. The first time Mr. Romero did not prosecute on account of his relationship to several very prominent citizens. It is thought that many other articles have been taken by him at other times. The trial will come off Monday at Judge Wooster's.

The Eastern Star had a very enjoyable time last night, and no wonder, considering the strawberry and cream part of the program.

The New Mexico delegation voted for Harrison, as we thought they would, though they were credited to Blaine all the time.

RELIGIOUS.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Norman S. Skinner will preach both morning and evening.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. Mr. Githens will preach again at the Episcopal church tomorrow at 11 a. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sabbath school, 9:45 a. m.; sermon to the children, 11 a. m.; children's day exercises, 8 p. m. Everybody invited.

A. A. LAYTON, pastor.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

Services will be held tomorrow at the First M. E. church, D. V., as follows: Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; At 11 a. m. the pastor will preach to the old children and the young a sermon on "The Best Plan of Life." Text, Ecclesiastics xii., 1, etc. In the afternoon the funeral of Mr. J. N. Strausner will take place, conducted by the Odd Fellows. At 8 o'clock p. m. the children's day exercises will take place. The program prepared by the board of education is called the League of Honor. It consists of beautiful songs, recitations, an exercise by the primary class, and is interesting throughout. The program opens with a processional. All invited. A. HOFFMAN, Pastor.

MEMBERS OF THE LAS VEGAS ROD AND GUN CLUB.

You are especially requested to meet at the rooms of T. Crispell, Sunday at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of a member of our club, Jno. A. Strausner.

THERON CRISPELL, President.

A. R. QUINLY, Secretary.

There will be general regret throughout New Mexico at the calamity by fire that has come upon Las Vegas. There isn't a better community anywhere in the west, and while its loss is serious, it is not of the magnitude, it is not of the kind, to make the people sit down in discouragement and inactivity. Out of the burning of frame structures come brick houses, and our prediction is that from the flames, phoenix-like, will arise a better Las Vegas than we ever knew before.—Albuquerque Democrat.

Tammany is getting ready to take water. The story now is that if the national convention admits the Cleveland instead of the Hill delegates the latter will throw their votes to Governor Flower. That is to say, if they can't make the game go their way they'll not play. Even the contemplation of such an event as this will make Colorado Democrats feel sick. They are in the same boat with Tammany, or at least a similar boat, and if they have to vote for Mr. Cleveland it will be a blue day.

J. W. Stailey, staff correspondent of the Kansas City Times, says: "I regard New Mexico as possessing greater and more varied resources than any other western state or territory." Mr. Stailey thinks New Mexico will become a state within a year, and that such a step will bring unbounded prosperity with it.

The struggle is over, and while some of the boys will be sore for a few weeks they will take hold before long and work as hard as if Harrison had been their first choice. Harrison and Reid will be a strong team and can not be beaten.