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Brown—You don't look very happy, Rob-
tson.
Robtson—No, I left off my fannels this
morning and caught cold.
Brown—That's bad.
Robtson—Oh, I don't care anything about
the cold, but my wife told me I was leaving
home of too soon.—J.P.

FOREIGN NEWS.

German Government Reduces the
Tariff for Inland Telegrams.

Experiments Made at Lake Como With
Submarine Cannon—King Otto
Approaching Death.

The tithes bill has passed to its second
reading in the British House of Lords.
Vienna is to have a 150-mile electric
road that will make eighty miles an hour.
The sewerage system is attracting con-
siderable attention in London and Berlin.
The plot to put Celnan in power in the
Argentine has been nipped in the bud.

The Paris police have removed the
statue of Marat from the park in which it
stood.

An outbreak of malignant fever has
caused a terrible mortality among the
European population on the west coast of
Africa.

The French tactician, General Bois-
deffre, says Emperor William avowed to
him that the French had the finest army in
Europe.

The proposed visit of the young King
Alexander of Servia to the Czar will
probably take place in the course of the
present year.

Mrs. Jameson claims to have found
evidence in Zanzibar, throwing entirely
new light on the quarrel between Jame-
son and Stanley.

Lord Randolph Churchill is going on
a nine months' shooting and prospecting
tour of South Africa. This is taken to
show that a general election is not im-
minent.

The German government has reduced
the tariff for inland telegrams from 1 cent
and 4 mills per word to 1 cent and
2 mills, with a minimum charge of 16
cents.

General Da Fonseca, who was chosen
Provisional President of Brazil at the
time of the overthrow of the empire, has
been formally elected President of the
Republic.

James Fitz-James Stephen, the Eng-
lish judge before whom Mrs. Maybrick
was tried, has hanged down. It has been
evident for some time that his mind was
giving away.

Emperor William is greatly displeased
with the recent speech made by the Sec-
retary of the Committee on Naval Esti-
mates. It is said his resignation has
been asked for.

The Conservatives and National Lib-
erals of Dresden are urging Herr Hül-
rich to resign his seat in the Reichstag
so as to permit of Prince Bismarck being
elected to his place.

The municipal authorities of Berlin
have decided that no more concessions
shall be granted for elevated electric
street railways or for electric railways
requiring overhead conductors.

The Pope contemplates making a large
allocation to the Cardinalate early in the
coming summer. The death of Cardinal
Cristofori leaves thirty-two Italian Car-
dinals and twenty-eight foreign Car-
dinals.

The threatening state of affairs in the
Charleroi district, Belgium, caused by
the workmen's demand for the passage
of a universal suffrage law, has neces-
sitated the holding of troops in readiness
by the government.

M. de Freycinet, French Minister of
War, is contemplating a scheme for the
most extensive army maneuvers ever
undertaken in time of peace. He will
send four army corps in the Department
of Haute Marne.

If Parnell decides to send delegates to
America, they will represent his personal
policy, and the funds they collect will be
subject to his control in furtherance
thereof. He is being strongly urged by
friends to send such delegations.

A dispatch from Massowah says a body
of Italian frontiers under Captain Pin-
nelli in revenge for a raid on the Italian
frontier surprised and attacked 600 Sou-
danese near Buri, and routed them in
two battles, killing 200, including the
leading chiefs.

There is reason to believe that, with
the completion of the railroad line from
Jaffa to Jerusalem, and with the con-
struction of other new lines, Palestine
will attract far greater multitudes of pil-
grims than have been seen there since
the time of the Crusades.

An official dispatch to the Chilean
legation at London states that the revolu-
tion in Chili is confined to the rebel
squadron and the troops at Tarapaca.
The greater part of the country is quiet,
and the regular troops and the national
guard are supporting the government.

Experiments were made two weeks
ago at Lake Como with a submarine
cannon. The gun can be lowered to any
depth desired and remain quite invisible
when in the water. Its projectiles may
be discharged at will with most destruc-
tive results without the use of electricity.
The gun is destined for the defense of
ports, bays and gulfs.

Liebreich's new method of treating
tuberculosis was described by the dis-
coverer the other day. The substance
used is cantharidate of potash, which is
administered in solution by systematic
injections under the skin. Clinical ex-
periments seem to prove it is remedial
in tuberculosis and other diseases. Lie-
breich says he is still carrying on inves-
tigations, and the announcement is made
preliminarily.

EASTERN ITEMS.

Sureties of Arkansas' Treasurer
Make Good His Shortage.

Wages of the Illinois Steel Company's
Workmen to be Governed by
Price of Steel Rails.

Alabama is building 500 miles of new
railway.
Boston unions oppose biennial State
elections.

The population of St. Louis is officially
placed at 451,770.
A Fourth Judicial district for Utah is
proposed in Congress.

Illinois proposes to compel fire insur-
ance policies to be paid in full.
Grand Master Workman Powderly de-
nies the rumor that he has resigned.

In the Indiana Senate the World's
Fair bill passed with the appropriation cut
down to \$2,000,000.
The revised official count of the census
returns from Kentucky makes the popula-
tion of the State 1,858,634.

New York will elect a Governor this
year; so will Iowa, Ohio, New Jersey,
Massachusetts and a few other States.

Kearney and the adjoining counties of
Nebraska are now able to care for their
destitute residents without outside as-
sistance.

Secretary Mohler of the Kansas Board
of Agriculture, reports that winter wheat
looks much better now than it has at
any season for several years.

The Postoffice Department is anxious
for bids from responsible parties for
transporting mails from San Francisco
to Sitka, Alaska, and way ports.

Koch's lymph did not kill J. B. Ellis,
a Kansas City consumptive, who had been
inoculated. An autopsy showed no bad
results from the use of lymph.

Sir John Macdonald thinks he has un-
covered a conspiracy to force Canada
into annexation with the United States.
He is making a strong fight in this cam-
paign.

The Arkansas State Treasurer has re-
ported to the Legislature that ex-Treasur-
er Woodruff's sureties have paid him
\$163,740, the full amount of Woodruff's
shortage.

James Dougherty, the insane lover of
Mary Anderson, who shot and killed Dr.
Lloyd of the Flatbush Insane Asylum,
has been sentenced to Sing Sing State
Prison for life.

Agents have already been sent to Japan,
China, Algiers, South America, Mexico,
and to different countries in the
Orient to arrange for exhibits at the
World's Fair.

The Northern Pacific Directors have
declared a regular quarterly dividend of
1 per cent, and have decided to resume
work on all projected extensions and
push them to completion.

The statement issued by the Census
Department for Alabama's population
gives the total as 1,613,917; of this num-
ber 859,796 are white, 681,421 are colored,
759 are Indians and 40 are Chinese.

The following confutations have been
made: Lieutenant-Colonel A. K. Arnold is
of Colonel of cavalry; George Stone-
man, Lieutenant-Colonel (retired), was
Colonel of infantry; Edmund Wells,
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court
of Arizona.

The wages of the workmen of the Illi-
nois Steel Company at Chicago will be
governed by the price of steel rails.
When the price goes up the wages of the
men will be increased, and when the
price goes down the wages will be de-
creased correspondingly.

The census bureau has announced that
there are 1057 irrigated farms in Arizona,
having a total area of 65,721 acres. The
average cost of the land, including pur-
chase price, fencing, plowing and water
right, is \$16.92 an acre, of which \$7.05
represents the cost of water right, and
the average valuation placed upon the
land by owners is \$48.68 per acre. This
includes the buildings. The average an-
nual cost of water is \$1.55 per acre, and
the average annual value of the products
is \$13.92 per acre, ranging from \$9.26 in
Maricopa to \$31 in Yavapai county.

The acreage now under irrigation ap-
proaches the maximum possible with
the present water supply, and the meth-
ods of utilization, but conversion of flood
waters that now annually run to waste
would largely increase the area suscep-
tible of successful cultivation.

The opponents of the Pacific cable sub-
sidy scheme have a new weapon to use
in their fight against the subsidy act.
Another company has appeared which
proposes to build a longer cable without
a subsidy. The Pacific Cable Company
asks the government to give them \$5,
000,000 to aid in laying the cable to Hon-
olulu, a distance of 2,000 miles; the other
company proposes to build to St. night,
9,500 miles, and asks for nothing but a
revival of the charter granted to it by
Congress, August 15, 1874, and which
expired in 1879, no cable having been
laid. This old company was formed by
Celso Castor Marino, and in it were Sen-
ator Leland Stanford, J. C. Flood and
several other California millionaires.
They were promised a subsidy of \$1,000,
000 by the Hawaiian government as
soon as the cable was laid. The capital-
ists did not see a sufficient and speedy
return for their money, the scheme fell
through and the charter lapsed. Marino
now represents to Congress that the
company is ready to go ahead without
a subsidy if the charter is revived.
Opposition to the subsidy idea is very
strong, and to defeat it an extension of
the old company's charter will be urged.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Woman Suffrage Bill Introduced in
the Nevada Legislature.

A Pot-Pourri of Occidental Happenings,
Reaching From Alaska to the
Mexican Frontier.

A bill is to be introduced in Nevada's
Legislature licensing bare-knuckle fights
to that state.

The Montana Senate has passed the
House bill repealing the conspiracy law
against organized labor.

Assemblyman Groves has introduced
a measure in the Nevada Legislature
providing for woman suffrage in that
state.

It is said that the Oregon Pacific Com-
pany is asking for bids for a contract to
furnish 50,000 more ties, to be used on
the route this summer.

Works for the refining of crude petro-
leum are about to be constructed at Ven-
tura, Cal. They have a capacity of
from thirty to forty tons a day.

The first of the long-threatened rail-
road condemnation suits against ob-
solete land owners in San Luis Obispo
county, Cal., was filed one day last week,
and other suits will immediately follow.

The Duke of Westminster, the wealth-
iest of the English noblemen, is engaged
in a squabble in the courts with a sur-
geon named Sorell over the cost of em-
balming the Duke's son, Lord Robert
Grosvenor, who died at Constantinople.

In the suit of Mrs. Jane Clark against
the Southern Pacific Company for \$21,
000 damages for injuries alleged to have
been received in the railroad accident at
Lake Labish last November a Salem jury
awarded the plaintiff \$2,000.

The commission of fifteen members
created by the act of the late Oregon
Legislature to make and maintain a per-
manent channel of twenty-five feet depth
from Portland to the sea held its first
meeting in Portland one day last week.

Plans are being drawn for a sanitarium
to be erected by the sisters of the Good
Shepherd at Ballard, Wash. The build-
ing will cost about \$100,000 and will ac-
commodate 400 pupils besides quarters for
the Sisters. Work will be commenced
early in the spring.

The police of Port Townsend are look-
ing for a man who sold Max Nathanson
a check for \$100. He signed his name
"E. A. Johnson," and the check, which
was drawn on the Griffith banking house
of Seattle, proves to be a fraudulent one.
Johnson has no funds there.

The erection of an olive mill at Pal-
ermo, Cal., in the near future is an as-
sured fact. There will be enough trees
in that vicinity to bear bearing next
season to keep a factory at work during
the season, and in a few years the olive
industry will be one of the greatest of
the place.

A regular exodus of Mormons from
Utah to Mexico is taking place. The
Mormons have a tract of land in Chi-
hualhua, which they are settling up. All
over the territory they are preparing to
go south to "live their religion." The
head of the church is said to be encourag-
ing emigration and putting up funds.
It is estimated that at least 2,000 will
leave this summer.

The palace being constructed on the
Island of Corfu for Empress Elizabeth
of Austria will contain 128 rooms, and there
will be a separate building for the ser-
vants. There will be a park laid out in
Viennese fashion. The palace and the
park will be lighted by electricity, and a
lighthouse with electric lamps will fling
its light over the sea. The establish-
ment will cost \$1,000,000.

The contents of the stomach of Mrs.
Greenwood, the lady who was dragged
and shot by robbers near Napa, Cal.,
have been analyzed and prove to contain
both chloroform and arsenic. The quan-
tity found was sufficient to have killed
her. It was noticed when she was dis-
covered that no blood came from the
bullet-hole in her head, and it is now
evident that she was dead at the time
the men shot her.

Senator Dolph of Oregon has intro-
duced a resolution calling upon the Sec-
retary of War to give all the information
now in his possession relative to the
work at the Cascades, and whether there
is any information to the effect that the
work will cost more than the former es-
timates. The resolution was introduced
on account of the reported statement by
Major Hanbury that the estimates would
have to be increased for this purpose.

At Tacoma Indian Agent Eels has
surrendered a warrant for the arrest of
Robert Allard, proprietor of a rail-
road building house, charged with sell-
ing liquor to Indians. This is a test
case. Since Judge Hanford's decision in
the United States Court, that Indians
might drink in their own houses, similar
cases have been dismissed. Agent Eels
will endeavor to prosecute under the
State law and will carry the case to the
Washington Supreme Court if necessary.

Tacoma lumber men are again devis-
ing measures to maintain uniform rates
and prevent the disastrous cutting in
prices which has been going on for some
time past. At a meeting held at the Ta-
coma Hotel most of the mills in the city
were represented. A plan which seemed
to find favor was to pool the output and
engage a manager to make a fair distri-
bution of orders and sales on the basis
of production. This question, however,
stood in the way of immediate action,
and it was referred to a special commit-
tee to prepare a plan and report.

PORTLAND MARKET.

WHEAT—Firm, with good demand.
Offerings moderate. Quote: Valley,
\$1.36; Walla Walla, \$1.20@1.22 1/2.

FLOUR—Quote: Standard, \$4.00; Walla
Walla, \$3.85 per barrel.
OATS—Quote: 58@60c per bushel.

GRASSES—Quote: Bran, \$18@19;
Shorts, \$19@20; Ground Barley, \$29@
30; Chop Feed, \$25 per ton; Barley,
\$1.25@1.30 per cental.

HAY—Quote: \$16@17 per ton.
VEGETABLES—Quote: Cabbage, \$1.50
@1.75 per cental; Cauliflower, \$1@1.25
per dozen; Celery, 90c per dozen; On-
ions, 3@3 1/2c per pound; Carrots, \$1.00
per sack; Beets, \$1.50 per sack; Turnips,
\$1 per sack; Potatoes, 70@75c per cental;

TOMATOES, \$2.25 per box.
FRUITS—Quote: Los Angeles Oranges,
\$2@2.25; Riverside, \$2.50@2.75; Navels,
\$4.50 per box; Sicily Lemons, \$5.50@6.00;
California, \$4@5 per box; Pears, 1 1/2c
per pound; Apples, \$1@1.50; per box;
Bananas, \$3@4 per bunch; Pineapples,
\$5@8 per dozen.

NUTS—Quote: California Walnuts,
11 1/2c; Hickory, 8 1/2c; Brazil, 22c;
Almonds, 16@17c; Filberts, 15@14c;
Pine Nuts, 17@18c; Pecans, 17@18c;
Coconuts, 8c per pound.

BUTTER—Quote: Oregon fancy cream-
ery, 40@42 1/2c; fancy dairy, 37 1/2c; fair
to good, 27 1/2@30c; common, 20@25c;
California, 30@32c per pound.

CHEESE—Quote: Oregon, 14@15c; Cal-
ifornia, 16@18c per pound.
EGGS—Quote: Oregon, 20@22 1/2c per
dozen.

POULTRY—Quote: Chickens, \$5.00@
6.00; Ducks, \$8@10; Geese, \$9@11 per
dozen; Turkeys, 14@15c per pound.
HORS—Quote: Nominally, 28c per
pound.

WOOL—Quote: Willamette Valley, 16
@20c; Walla Walla, 4 1/2@7c per pound.
HIDES—Quote: Dry Hides, selected,
prime, 8@8 1/2c; 1/2c less for cuts; green,
selected, over 55 pounds, 4c; under 35
pounds, 3c; Sheep Pelts, short wool, 3
@5 1/2c; medium, 6@8 1/2c; long, 8@11 1/2c;
shearings, 10@20c; Tallow, good to
choice, 3@3 1/2c per pound.

The Merchandise Market.
COAL OIL—Quote: \$2.20 per case.
RICE—Quote: \$5.75@6.00 per cental.
PEAS—Quote: \$1.50 @; \$1.31 1/2c.
CRANBERRIES—Quote: Cape Cod, \$11
per barrel.

SALT—Quote: Liverpool, \$17, \$18, \$19,
\$20, \$21@12 per ton in carload lots.
COFFEE—Quote: Costa Rica, 12 1/2c,
Rio, 25c; Arabica's, roasted, 26 1/2c
per pound.

BEANS—The market is firm. Quote:
Small Whites, 3 1/2c; Pink, 3c; Bayos,
4 1/2c; Butter, 4 1/2c; Lima, 5 1/2c
per pound.

SOYBEANS—Quote: Golden C, 4 1/2c; extra
C, 5c; dry granulated, 6 1/2c; extra
entire and powdered, 6 1/2c per pound.

DRIED FRUITS—The market is firm.
Quote: Italian Prunes, 12 1/2c; Pe-
tit and German Prunes, 10c per pound;
Raisins, \$2.25 per box; Pinner-dried
Pears, 10@11c; sun-dried and factory
Plums, 11@12c; evaporated Peaches, 18@
20c; Smyrna Figs, 20c; California Figs,
9c per pound.

CANNED GOODS—Market steady. Quote:
Fable fruits, \$2.00, 2 1/2c; Peaches, \$2.50
Bartlett Pears, \$2.25; Plums, \$1.65
Strawberries, \$2.50; Cherries, 2@2.50;
Blackberries, \$2; Raspberries, 1.25;
Pineapples, \$2.75; Apricots, \$2.00. Pe-
ruit: Assorted, \$1.50 per dozen; Peaches,
\$1.50; Plums, \$1.25; Blackberries, \$1.65
per dozen. Vegetables: Corn, \$1.25
@1.50, according to quality; Tomatoes,
\$1.15@1.50; Sugar Peas, \$1.40@1.60;
String Beans, \$1.10 per dozen. Fish: Sal-
mon, \$1.25@1.50; sardines, 80c@1.60;
lobsters, \$2@3; oysters, \$1.50@3.25 per
dozen. Condensed milk: Eagle brand,
\$8.25; Crown, \$7; Highland, \$6.75;
Champion, 80c per case.

HONEY—Quote: One-pound frames,
17c.
NAILS—Base quotations: Iron, \$3.00,
Steel, \$3.10; Wire, \$3.90 per kg.
SHOT—Quote: \$1.75 per sack.

The Meat Market.
The market is steady.
Beef—Live, 3 1/2@4c; dressed, 7c.
Mutton—Live, 4 1/2@4 1/2c; dressed, 8c.
Hogs—Live, 4 1/2@4 1/2c; dressed, 6c.
Veal—5@8c per pound.

SMOKED MEATS AND LARD.
Quote: Hams, 10c; Breakfast Bacon,
9@11c; Sides, 9@10c; Lard, 9 1/2c per
pound.

Ripe for a Diphtheria.
That there may be no doubt as to the truth-
fulness of Tom Prindle's stories it is well
to state that his brother, the justice, pastes
them as they appear in print, in a scrap
book which he uses to swear witnesses. At
least, so Tom says. Here is the latest story
in the garden of truth:
"I was down in Freedomville last week,"
said the voracious counselor, "visiting Squire
Squag, the mayor of the burg. His son,
James Alexander Squag, had just returned
from Chicago, where he had spent two years
in studying medicine. One evening while I
was there the squire wanted to show off
his son's medical learning, and calling him
to his side the old gentleman asked, 'Now,
James Alexander, what would you do in case
you were in the room with a man and the
man should suddenly take a great dose of
strychnine, cut his throat with a razor and
then shoot himself through the head? What
should I do? Why go through his pockets,
of course.'"—Chicago Herald.

Proper Record for Appearances.
Omaha Child out yesterday for a walk—
Oh mamma there's the sun, it hasn't shone
for so long a week.
Dignified Mamma—Stop looking up at the
sun, the infant. You set as if you'd never
seen it before—people will think you're from
Chicago.—Omaha World.

Sickness in Europe.
Old Mr. Bently (reading the paper)—I see
that the king of Spain is sick.
Old Mrs. Bently—Goodness, Joshua, I hope
he hasn't got a cancer, too!
Old Mr. Bently—No, he's teething.—New
York Sun.

A MATHEMATICAL PRODIGY.

The Remarkable Talent of a Half Witted
Negro Countryman.

Reuben Field, the mathematical pro-
digy of Lexington, who has attracted so
much attention, was born at Warren-
burg, Johnson county, about thirty years
ago, and possesses only slightly better
intellectual faculties than "Blind Tom."
"Reub's" gift is made the more promi-
nent by the barrenness of his mind in
other features. He has no intelligence
aside from his remarkable manipulation
of figures. Give Reuben Field a problem,
no matter whether it be in decimal, com-
pound or vulgar fractions, it makes no
difference whether it is letter suited to
the rules of short than long division; it
is immaterial whether there are ten fig-
ures or 700 in it; whether multiplication
or subtraction; and he will, without the
aid of paper or pencil, give you the
answer before the echoes of your voice
in propounding the question have fully
died away. He cannot read; he cannot
write. He does not know one figure
from another, and yet mentally, by the
gift which he possesses, he can solve any
problem submitted to him. As "Blind
Tom's" talent of repeating pieces of music
played in his presence for the first time by
many of the most brilliant performers in
the country has been tested, and always
with the result of making more wonder-
ful his great gift, so have learned mathe-
maticians tried to trap Field, but with-
out success. To give him a problem
which one himself could not solve
would not determine whether he was
right or wrong, and lest errors might be
made the most difficult "examples" in
the higher arithmetics, as well as others,
originating with their questioner and
simple enough except for their long
array of figures, have been hurled at
him, and quick as a flash would come
his answer, always correct.
Give him the diameter of the wheel of
a locomotive, and the distance between
any two points—it makes no difference
how great—the time spent in traversing
this distance, and you have hardly
ceased speaking and he gives you the
number of revolutions the wheel makes
in covering the distance. Give him the
distance and the time and he will tell
you the diameter of the wheel. Tell him
the dimensions of a