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Mountains Are Moving.
"The mountains are constantly moving," was the remark of an officer of the Denver & Rio Grande road recently, in speaking of the great landslides in the canyon above Glenwood Springs, Col. We find from actual experience in maintaining tunnels, bridges and tracks in the mountains that the mountains are moving. It costs a railway passing through the mountains a great deal of money in the course of ten years to keep the tracks in line, and maintenance of tunnels is even more expensive. Drive a stake on the side of a mountain, take the location with the greatest care, and return after a few months. The stake is not in the same location. The whole side of the mountain has moved. This experiment has often been tried, and in all cases the result proves that the mountains are moving. The mountains are gradually seeking the level of the sea."

Clerical Anti-Celibacy Movement.
A clerical anti-celibacy movement is developing in Italy, especially in the southern provinces, and attracts the attention of the Vatican. Energetic papal measures are imminent to crush the movement. Such a movement is not new in the church. It exists more or less latently in all South America, and several countries of Europe, especially Hungary. An ex-nuncio says the Vatican is obliged to take no notice of the irregular conduct of the Hungarian clergy to avoid a possible schism, and several eminent Catholics are now convinced that the marriage of priests is preferable to the present state of things. It is not likely, however, that the Vatican will at present give way, although the church recognizes the marriage of priests among the 6,000,000 Catholics of Oriental rites.

King Who Resesses Himself.
For all he is a royal ruler, King Christian of Denmark is exceedingly democratic in manner and habit. This octogenarian monarch begins his day's work regularly at 8 o'clock, having already breakfasted on coffee and a roll. Never by any chance does he allow a valet to help dress him. Not long ago he said quaintly to his body servant: "When I have grown old you may help me, but, thank heaven, I can dress myself yet." On horseback his majesty presents a fine, soldierly appearance.

A New Honor for Balzac.
A Parish searcher after facts has made the discovery that Balzac belongs the honor of having invented the wood block pavement for streets. The first reference to it is found in that author's comedy, "Mercadet," which was played at the Francais, in which Mercadet dilates on the advantage of such pavement, since with wooden blocks in the streets barricades are impossible.

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A New Olive Story.
The latest olive story comes from New York. An Irishman who had recently acquired considerable wealth desired to dine at Delmonico's for the first time. As he sat down his attention was attracted by a man at the next table who was reading a newspaper and eating a dish of olives. When three or four had disappeared the newcomer turned to the waiter and said: "What's them he's eating?" "Olives, sir." "Bring me two dozen." When they came the Irishman slipped two of them in his mouth and began to chew. Suddenly he spat them out, stones and all. He looked at the man who was calmly eating away. Then he went over, touched him on the shoulder, and said: "Excuse me, sir, but do you like them things?" "Yes, sir." "You're a liar."

Singular Classmates.
In this land of innovation the sight of a father and son earnestly seeking an education at the same institution of learning can hardly be regarded as unusual. The University of Pennsylvania has on its rolls two such students. Bernet Medoff, the father, is 44 years of age, and Joseph Medoff, the son, is 25. Both will be graduated in the same year. The father is taking a three-year course in architecture, and the son is taking the arts and science course.

THE BLOOD.
The blood is life. We derive from the blood life, power, beauty and reason, as the doctors have been saying from time immemorial. A healthy body, a fresh appearance, and generally all the abilities we possess depend on that source of life. It is therefore the duty of every sensible man to keep the blood as pure and normal as possible. Nature, in its infinite wisdom, has given us a thermometer indicating the state of the blood, which appeals to our reason by giving notice of its impurity. Small eruptions of the skin, to which we scarcely pay any attention, headache, ringing noises in the ears, lassitude, sleeplessness, are generally a sign that the blood is not in its normal state, but is filled with noxious substances. These symptoms deserve our full attention. If more attention were paid to those symptoms, and steps taken to remove them, then many illnesses from which we suffer would become unknown and the human body would become stronger and healthier. Attention therefore should be paid to those warning signs, and the blood can be purified and poisonous substances removed from it by the use of Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Drops, discovered more than 60 years ago.

It is when one man asks for justice and the other demands the lion's share that the road to honest and honorable adjustment is blocked.

RATES SHOVED UP

FREIGHT AGENTS DECIDE COUNTRY CAN STAND RAISE.

FORMER RATES GO INTO EFFECT

Reduced Tariffs Filed Since Injunctions Are All to Be Withdrawn—Increased Revenue Will Amount to a Large Sum.

CHICAGO.—A meeting was held Thursday of the general freight agents of all western roads with a view to restoring the rates which were in effect January 1, 1902. Instructions to restore all such rates as could possibly be restored were issued by the executive officials and it is stated that they will be carried out to the letter.

Independent of this meeting the Colorado lines met and began the work of restoring conditions to Colorado common points.
The plan is to go on the old basis of rates the first of the year, which will necessitate the withdrawal of all the reduced tariffs placed in effect since January 1, 1902.

Since the issuing of the instructions by the United States courts fully 1,200 reduced tariffs have been filed with the interstate commerce commission at Washington and are now in effect. If it is found possible to take out the majority of these tariffs, the western roads will enjoy an increased revenue next year amounting to several million dollars. Whether the rate raising will go beyond the restoration of the old tariff remains to be seen.

Several reasons are assigned by railroad officials for a readjustment of freight schedules, the most important being the increased cost of material which is used in railroad construction. Another is the general raise in wages. Most railroad officials cannot see why the cost of every other commodity which is for sale is increased and freight rates stay down. It is expected that so long as the present plethora of freight traffic keeps up the railroads will be able to maintain higher tariffs without serious rate cutting.

PITTSBURG.—Railroad executives of the districts of the central freight and trunk line associations have decided that a freight rate advance of 2 per cent must go into effect on the bulk of the mill furnace tonnage on or before January 1.

The application and the division of the advances on the rates from Pittsburgh to the east and west are matters of detail to be worked out in the tariff committees and associations.
In the cheaper grain traffic an advance of 15 per cent is to be made. This will go into effect December 8.

CHAFFEE GOES TO NEW YORK.

Will Then Proceed to Washington to Make Report.

CHICAGO, Ill.—General Chaffee and his two staff officers, Lieutenant Harper and Captain Lindsay, left Chicago Wednesday for New York, where the general will be located permanently.

After being duly installed in his quarters in New York, General Chaffee will visit Washington and present a report which is said to cover 8,000 typewritten pages. General Chaffee, while refusing to discuss matters to be presented to the government in his official capacity, intimates that some radical changes may be expected in the affairs of the Philippine islands as a consequence of his reports.

Reading Answers Hears.

WASHINGTON.—The answer of the Reading Railway company to the complaint of William R. Hearst of New York, against the anthracite coal carrying roads, was filed with the interstate commerce commission Tuesday. It enters a general and specific denial to all the charges, statements and inferences that the Reading is in any way violating the interstate commerce law and denies as false and untrue all the allegations of unlawful combination, confederation, or agreement.

Smith Leaves the State.

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Nothing seems to stop John W. Gates, as like a wonderful giant, he steps from peak to peak in his journey through the mountains of fame.

COURTS POWERLESS TO ACT.

Friar's Death by Water Cure Cannot Be Legally Avenged.

WASHINGTON.—The secretary of war on Friday sent to the attorney general papers in the case of Father Augustine, who died from the effects of the "water cure" administered by soldiers of a Vermont regiment, while serving in the Philippines.

The case has been thoroughly investigated by the judge advocate general of the army upon the charges brought by Charles Francis Adams, Herbert Welsh and others of what was known to the Lake George conference.

It is said the guilt has not been brought home to any person now serving in the army. It is expected, therefore, that the attorney general will declare that neither the courts in this country nor those in the Philippines have any jurisdiction over the men or officers who have been discharged from the army.

Looks Like Cannon.

CHICAGO.—Action by the republican congressional delegations of Ohio and Michigan is believed to clinch the election of Congressman Cannon as the next speaker of the lower house of congress and as the successor of David B. Henderson of Iowa. The nominee will require 104 votes to control the caucus. According to Congressman Mann, chairman of his campaign committee, Mr. Cannon now has a total of 120 members pledged him in state caucuses and by personal letters.

DEATH REAPS RICH HARVEST.

Frightful Work of Volcano of Santa Maria in Guatemala.

PANAMA, Colombia.—Passengers from Central America who arrived here Monday report the complete destruction of the territory surrounding the volcano of Santa Maria, province of Quezaltenango, Guatemala, in consequence of the recent eruption. The adjacent villages, the rich coffee plantations, with over \$300,000 worth of coffee stored in bags and hundreds of lives were lost. Refugees were arriving at the port of Champerico. Over 300 fugitives sailed for San Jose de Guatemala on the Pacific mail steamer.

The strict censorship which has been established in Guatemala makes it impossible to get exact news regarding the situation there. The port of Huevero Barris is reported to have been closed. No mail has arrived here from Guatemala.

IOWA TRAIN HELD UP.

Fifteen Masked Men Dynamite Safe in Express Car.

DAVENPORT, Ia.—Fifteen masked bandits derailed the fast westbound express train on the Rock Island road three miles west of here Friday morning, detached the engine and express car and two miles further west drove the United States Express company's messenger from the car, dynamited the safe, securing all its contents, and escaped after making one of the richest hauls on record in this section of the country.

The detonation from the discharge of the bomb could be distinctly heard in Davenport, five miles distant.

One car is off the track and the express car is a mass of ruins.
So far as known none of the passengers were molested, but it is feared that harm befell the express messenger.

To Confer About Laying Cable.

WASHINGTON.—Representatives of the Pacific Cable company have asked the attorney general for a conference upon the questions at issue between the government and the company regarding the laying of the proposed cable, and Friday has been decided upon for the meeting. Up to this time the company has not indicated its acceptance of the conditions imposed by the attorney general under which the government would consent to the use of the maps of the soundings of the proposed route across the Pacific.

Files Answer to Hearst.

WASHINGTON.—The Central Railway of New Jersey on Thursday filed with the interstate commerce commission its answer to the complaint of William R. Hearst of New York against the anthracite coal carrying railroads. It makes a brief general denial of the allegations and says the company has no knowledge of any injury caused to the complainant by reason of the matters complained of.

Cuba Elecis Anti-American.

HAVANA.—The house of representatives has elected Senor Portuondo president of the Chamber. Senor Garcia, first vice president, Senor Cardenal, second vice president, and Senors Perez and Acosta secretaries of the chamber. Senor Portuondo is a nationalist and an anti-American, Senor Garcia is a pronounced radical, while Senors Cardenal and Acosta are members of the republican party, and Senor Perez is a nationalist.

NEBRASKA IN GENERAL

MAKES WESTON HIGH MAN.

Official Vote Gives Him Plurality of 17,478.

Auditor Charles Weston, the only old member of the state board of equalization, who was a candidate on the republican state ticket this fall, appears to have received the highest vote of any candidate on the ticket and his majority is greater than that of any other candidate. This was ascertained when the officials returns in the office of secretary of state were compared and verified. The unverified tabulation on the previous day gave Mr. Mortensen the lead, but errors were found when the work was compared. Mr. Weston's total vote is 101,447, giving him a plurality of 17,487 over Charles Q. De France, the fusion candidate for auditor.

As regards pluralities the republican candidates now stand in the following order: Auditor Weston, Superintendent Fowler, Land Commissioner Foller, Secretary Marsh, Attorney General Prout, Treasurer-elect Mortensen, Lieutenant Governor-elect McGilton, Governor-elect Mickey.

The official totals are as follows:

Mickey, R.	96,471	
Thompson, F.	81,116	
Mickey's plurality	15,355	
Darby, P.	3,297	
Bigelow, S.	3,157	
McGilton, R.	58,239	
Gilbert, F.	57,099	
McGilton's plurality	1,140	11,311
Hawner, P.	4,129	
Peugh, S.	3,484	
Marsh, R.	50,128	
Powers, F.	50,044	
Marsh's plurality	84	13,084
Norton	4,689	
Roe	3,553	
Mortensen	59,441	
Lyman	58,196	
Mortensen's plurality	1,245	11,778
Maddox, P.	4,139	
Stolley, S.	3,579	
Weston, R.	101,447	
DeFrance, F.	83,960	
Weston's plurality	17,487	17,487
Dale, P.	4,578	
Lippincott, S.	3,735	
Prout, R.	96,251	
Broadly, F.	85,012	
Prout's plurality	11,239	19,029
Clarke, P.	4,294	
Burleigh, S.	3,968	
Follmer, R.	59,288	
Brennan, F.	58,188	
Follmer's plurality	1,100	16,299
Dillworth, P.	4,294	
Adams, S.	3,257	
Fowler, R.	59,541	
Smith, F.	58,979	
Fowler's plurality	562	16,272
Howard, P.	4,228	
Spencer, R.	3,759	
Total vote	1,198,574	

KNOCKS OUT HOME COMPANY.

Supreme Court Says It Cannot Legally Transact Business in Nebraska.

In an extended opinion written by Justice Sedgwick the supreme court put the Nebraska Home company out of business in this state by declaring that it is a lottery and that its promoters promise impossible things. The court finds that the numbering of certificates in the order in which applications therefor are received gives to the enterprise the element of chance, which makes it a lottery. It also finds that while the first twenty-two applicants out of 1,000 may receive the benefits promised by the company inside of the twenty-month period after the filing of the applications the 1,000th applicant has little to hope for in the way of benefit in this world, as it will take him seventy years to realize, and that the company does not profess to do anything for him in the next world.

The suit is in the nature of a quo warranto proceeding and was instituted by Attorney General Prout on behalf of the state to prevent the company from doing business in Nebraska.

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Found Dead in Barnyard.

The dead body of John Krapp, a prominent German farmer residing three miles southeast of Cortland, was found in the barnyard of his farm. The coroner was notified and upon examination pronounced the man's death due to apoplexy. No inquest was held. Deceased was a bachelor, 67 years of age, and had resided in that locality for thirty-five years.

G. W. Ware, living near Mullen, has 7,000 head of cattle.

Farmers generally are paying corn huskers three cents a bushel.

Governor-elect Mickey is making a visit to all of the state institutions.

Recent rains are said to have put winter wheat in excellent condition.

A Gage county farm sold the other day for \$40,000, being over \$92 per acre.

Burglars at Waverly made an unsuccessful attempt to enter a number of business places.

Two brother-in-law engaged in a fight at St. Paul. One of the received an ugly cut in the side.

Mrs. Anna Keppel is seeking to recover \$2,500 damages from Plattsmouth for injuries sustained from a defective sidewalk.

The remains of Joseph Fisher, who died at Clinton, Ia., November 15, arrived in Wahoo and the funeral services were held from the Catholic church. Deceased was eighty years old.

The Scott livery barn at Ord burned. Three horses were killed and all the harness and feed destroyed. Loss on barn and contents about \$2,000. McMIndes & Anderson owned the contents.

S. P. Van Dyke of Gage county, has returned from a six years' residence in the Klondike country. During his absence he suffered many hardships, and returns poorer than when he went away.

The business men of York are agitating the building of a Burlington depot. They urge that the present structure is a disgrace and that York should have a depot that is a credit and in keeping with the city.

When D. C. Donaldson, a farmer living about three miles southwest of Pawnee City came home from the field to dinner he found his wife sitting in a chair dead. The indications were that she had died of heart disease.

Mrs. D. M. Ross, wife of a prominent farmer living south of Ord, was thrown from a load of brick and run over and almost instantly killed, a few miles from town. She had dropped a line and fell in trying to get it.

Edwin Moody has brought to Red Cloud from his home in the north-eastern part of the county, suffering from an advanced stage of insanity. This is the third time he has been in custody. He was taken to the asylum at Lincoln.

A bank has been organized at Nickerson with a capital of \$25,000, or which \$7,50 is paid up. H. J. Sidner of Nickerson is the cashier and will manage the business. The other officers are W. J. Courtright and L. M. Keene of Fremont, president and vice president.

The preliminary hearing of Daniel O'Brien and James Hall, the two men suspected of the attempted bank robbery at Clatonia last week, was held at Beatrice before Judge Walker, which resulted in the defendants being bound over to the district court in the sum of \$1,000 each.

The new library in York was formally opened to the public and a large crowd was present to enjoy the musical and literary program. This is the building which was constructed and furnished from the \$10,000 which Mrs. Woods bequeathed to the city of York for that purpose.

A reindeer five years old was captured in a pasture four miles east of Beatrice. The animal fiercely fought the four men who captured it, and partly stripped the clothing off one of them. It is supposed that it had escaped from some show.

Through efforts of Postmaster Spelts, Wood River has secured one of the best rural delivery routes in the state. The route as laid out covers 175 miles and deliver mail at every house within a radius of seven miles of Wood River. Five wagons will be used to make the delivery.

Will C. Sullivan, the only Sterling boy who served in the Spanish-American war and who lost a leg at Manila, received word last week from the war department and also from Congressman Burkett that his claim had been allowed and that he would receive \$36 per month, with back pay from March 22, 1902.

Treasurer Stuefer estimates that in the course of the next five years the board of school lands and funds will be called upon to invest \$12,000,000. From now on the returns on maturing land contracts and leases will keep the fund uninvested in a state of depletion that will tax the capacity of the members to find investment.

Under a ruling of the supreme court the state treasurer is required to complete the contract made by the board of educational lands and funds whereby \$300,000 of school funds are to be invested in 3 1/2 per cent gold bonds of the state of Massachusetts. The application of the attorney general for a writ of mandamus against the treasurer in the test case was allowed.