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THE WORLD'S DOINGS.

A Summary of the Daily News.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

CONGRESS re-assembled on the 7th. In the Senate Mr. Dolph presented a petition from the citizens of Oregon and Washington Territory praying for the forfeiture of the land grant of the Oregon Central Railroad.

CURRENT COMMENT.

THE American Hog is just now receiving a great amount of attention from American Statesmen.

It is stated that about seventy thousand people died from cholera in Egypt during the year just closed.

A LARGE number of the admirers of the late M. Gambetta visited the chamber where he died, on the recent anniversary of his death.

THE House Committee on Post-offices recently instructed its Chairman to report favorably the bill giving the Postmaster General power to establish postal service wherever in his judgment the public welfare required.

CONGRESSMAN MORRISON recently intimated that every member of Congress will have an opportunity to go on record on the tariff issue. It is said to be his intention to put the matter so squarely that there will be little chance for dodging.

THE Sub-Committee appointed to consider the forfeiture of land grants prepared a bill to submit to Congress which provides for the forfeiture of the land grants of seven railroad companies, and covers five million acres. Several Western roads are included in the bill. The Texas Pacific land grants are to receive special consideration.

HENRY VILLARD, the late Northern Pacific Railroad magnate, recently turned over his fine residence on Madison avenue, New York, so it is said, to trustees to secure an indebtedness to the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company. The obligation on account of which it was made amounted to about \$344,000. It was incurred by Mr. Villard by his system of financing between the several companies of which he was the head.

THE Louisiana Sugar Planters' Association recently adopted resolutions to the effect that they look with alarm upon the threatened introduction into the United States, by the proposed Mexican Reciprocity Treaty, of free sugar from Mexico, produced by semi-slave labor, and declared that this is unfair treatment of the free labor sugar-producing States. Senators and Representatives were requested to use their best efforts to avert the threatened evil.

THE constitution of Virginia disqualifies for citizenship or holding office any citizen of the Commonwealth who is engaged directly or indirectly in fighting a duel. The Legislature only having the power to remove such disabilities. Every campaign has been noted for its crop of duels, and the duelists and their seconds always looked confidently to the Legislature to gather them back into the folds of citizenship. The present Legislature, however, has refused to follow the precedent, and consequently many hot-blooded sons of the Old Dominion have been left to cool off in the shades of disfranchisement.

A TRAIN for Louisville was wrecked recently at Charlestown, Ind. The sleeper, which was burned, contained about twenty Yale students who were to give a concert at Louisville, all of whom were more or less injured. Two, Otis Strong, of Auburn, N. Y., and W. W. Crehore, of Cleveland, were the worst sufferers. Young Strong's case is particularly pathetic. He is said to be a bright and handsome young man, with a splendid mind and a sunny disposition. He was a tall, athletic, manly youth, with a splendid bass voice and a great fondness for outdoor games. His right leg had to be amputated, and the left would probably suffer the same fate.

WASHINGTON young bloods consider it just the thing to carry about them the marks of a fierce combat upon the field of honor; and in order to show "honorable scars" many sham duels are said to be gotten up, with the understanding that each duelist is to receive a slight scratch on the face from a sword in the hands of his antagonist, which he can point with pride to. One of these fashionable combats was recently indulged in, in which was more practical than funny. To the horror of all, one of the duels was so expert with the sword that he thrust the point into his antagonist's eye and as a result the young man was laid up for repairs, and will go through life with only one eye.

ARTHUR LEGRAND STAFFORD, who claimed to be a natural son of the Earl of Dunraven, landed in New York in November last, and with several Southern men went up into Maine on a hunting expedition. At Bangor he became acquainted with a Miss Grace, of New York, and the two soon became engaged to be married. The latter part of December Stafford left camp with his rifle for a stroll. Shortly afterward a hard snowstorm set in, and, Stafford not returning, search was made for him. About three miles from camp he was found in the firm embrace of a she bear. Both were frozen stiff. A knife was sticking in the left forehead of the bear. When the news was borne to Miss Grace she lost her reason, and had to be sent to the Asylum at Elmira.

NEAR Smuels' Depot, Ky., the other night an old man named Robert Runner, who lived alone, was burned to death on the hearth in his house. It was not known how he took fire.

A THREE-YEAR-OLD colored child froze to death near Pilot Grove, Mo., recently, and investigation showed it to be a case of willful neglect.

An accommodation train ran into a gang of snow shovelers on the Pennsylvania Railroad, eight miles east of Pittsburgh, the other day, killed three men and seriously injured four others.

The Minister of the Interior of Russia, Chief Public Prosecutor and Public Prosecutor received letters announcing that they had been sentenced to death by Nihilists.

The English moderates almost unanimously approved the decision of Mr. Gladstone to abandon the Sudan, and argued that it is time to put an end to the business of sacrificing the lives of British soldiers in the task of upholding purely barbarian interests, in which England should have no concern.

A SHERIFF'S posse, searching for a desperate negro, named Sandy Robinson, surrounded his cabin on the Bannerman plantation in Taylor County, Tex., the other night, when Joseph Lathrop, one of the posse, opened the door and was shot dead by Robinson, who seized Lathrop's gun and escaped.

FEARS were entertained of a disastrous flood at Pittsburgh, Pa., when the James, of Arkansas, was recently killed in a fight with one of his clan.

Two boys aged fourteen and fifteen years, residing at Schoenck, Pa., recently erected a small boy in an isolated place, and under threats of cutting his throat inflicted with blunt instruments injuries from which he died.

On the plantation of W. G. Taylor, in Lenoir County, N. C., the other night, the house of William Croom, colored, was burned. Croom, his wife and six children perished. The night was unusually cold, and it was supposed they built a large fire and went to sleep.

A BILL has been introduced into Congress to require a Government building to be constructed in every town and city in the Union at which the Postmaster draws a salary of \$1,000 and over. The author of the bill believes this policy will save the Government \$1,000,000 per year.

A MORMON paper of Salt Lake, Utah, recommends "boycotting" the Gentiles. It calls on the Mormon people to quit all dealings with their "demonstrated enemies," and adds: "If this proper policy were strictly adhered to the power of the would-be oppressors would be greatly curtailed. If they could only realize the fact, the people have in this connection a powerful lever for their own protection within their grasp."

UNEXPECTED love caused Miss Johanna Off to shoot herself the other night at Erie, Pa. She was found senseless, and said she wanted to die because her love for Mr. Max Deller was not returned. The girl is an actress of considerable ability recently from Saxony. It was thought she would die.

The Senate has decided to go at once to the consideration of the Mexican Reciprocity Treaty. It had not been settled whether to have the discussion with open or closed doors. A great number of petitions have been received, chiefly urging the ratification of the treaty.

Mrs. CABELL, wife of Colonel Coulton Cabell, a prominent citizen of Richmond, Va., was fatally burned the other morning. While dressing her clothing took fire from a grate, and before assistance arrived she was enveloped in flames. She died in a few hours.

THE Tivoli Theater at Pueblo, Colo., burned the other night.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

THE Senate Committee on Foreign Relations at a recent meeting, took up the bill proposed by the Pacific coast delegations, introduced in the Senate by Senator Miller, of California, amending the Chinese Immigration Act of last Congress. The discussion was a long one, the tone of which gave warrant for the opinion that a measure, having for its purpose the correcting of the present law and prohibition of the importation of Chinese laborers, will be reported by the committee.

THE War Department has been informed that the condition of General McKenzie is considerably improved. The medical officers of the Asylum refrained from the expression of an opinion of his chances of recovery. It is generally believed the present improvement is only temporary and a reaction will follow. His restoration to command is regarded as impossible.

THE Coroner's Jury that investigated the recent burning of the Convent at Bellville, Ill., by which so many lives were lost, returned a verdict that the use of dormitories above the second story in such buildings should be condemned; that there should be legislative enactment on the subject; that the blame must rest upon the management of the institution for not taking precautions which the size and character of the building and number of inmates required.

It is said the Chinese fear the French are entertaining designs upon Canton. The people are very uneasy. It was said Admiral Courbet would advance upon Banchi without awaiting reinforcements.

NEAR Colorado River the other night the St. Angelo (Tex.) stage, south-bound, was halted by four mounted men, who robbed the mail sacks and passengers, then delayed the coach until the arrival of the north-bound stage, which was also plundered. There was a large amount of registered matter south-bound. It was believed the road agents made a heavy haul.

THE Secretary of the Treasury has given notice that the principal and accrued interest of \$10,000,000 three-per-cent bonds, issued under an act approved July 12, 1868, will be paid the 15th of March, 1884. The interest will close that day.

WHEAT recently took a decided tumble at Chicago, which created quite an excitement.

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WHOLESALE POISONING.

Seven Out of a Family of Nine Persons Poisoned—Three Dead and the Others Not Expected to Live—A Neighbor Suspected of Having Placed the Poison in the Water Bucket.

DALLAS, TEX., Jan. 9. The details of a horrible crime come from the neighboring county of Kaufman. A poor, but honest and respectable, family named Byrd have resided several years past near Kaufman, renters of the farm of Dr. Bennett. Last Thursday night one after another of the family, beginning with the father, was attacked with a violent spasmodic sickness until seven out of the nine members were prostrated at the point of death. Medical aid was summoned. Every symptom indicated poisoning, and the treatment was for that specific kind of sickness, emetics and other antidotes being administered, but to no saving purpose. By Sunday evening last the father and two of his little daughters were corpses, and four other members of the family were not expected to live through the night. The theory of the poisoning is that whatever article was used was put in the family water-bucket about Thursday evening, as investigation established the fact that every one of the sick had drunk from the bucket, while the two who were not stricken had not tasted of the water. Who the poisoner is has not been thoroughly established, but a farmer, name not learned, is strongly suspected. The reasons for suspecting him are that a few weeks ago one of the Byrd boys wore a suit of clothes of the accused, without his consent, to attend a circus at Dallas. He had young Byrd tried before a justice of the peace for the fact. Byrd was acquitted, and set free. Ill-feeling has since existed, and the accused is said on several occasions to have threatened to have revenge for what he terms persecution of himself by the Byrds. The dead have all been kept in the house awaiting results of the other sick members, that post-mortem examination may be made on the bodies of all, that the fact of death from poisoning may be fully established and material for criminal prosecution secured. Sheriff Wilson, who arrived in Dallas this afternoon from Kaufman, says that two more of the victims are undoubtedly dead, as they were given up by the physicians at a late hour last night. He says the affair has created great excitement in the community, and the most extreme feeling against the suspected party, against whom strong threats of lynching are freely made. He had not been arrested when Sheriff Wilson left Kaufman this morning, but it was probable that he would be, or surrender to the authorities for safety during the day.

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Four Prisoners Perish in a Burning Jail at Jerseyville, Ill., Jan. 6.

The most horrible event that ever happened in Jerseyville occurred this morning in the burning of the County Court-house and Jail, and the perishing of forty inmates incarcerated and awaiting trial. Last night at about five o'clock, the jailer locked the prisoners in the cells for the night, and left a good warm fire in the stove in the corridor. This was done to warm the cells for the night, the weather being extremely cold. This morning about two o'clock some parties in the neighborhood heard the screaming of the prisoners, but thought nothing about it, as the prisoners often make unmeaning disturbances. About five o'clock this morning Mr. Tpscomb, sexton of the Baptist Church, came up town to start a fire for the church, and thought he smelled something burning, but saw nothing. He staid at the church till about six o'clock, and when coming out saw smoke emanating from the Jail. The alarm was at once given, and when the Jail was reached all was locked and no entrance could be made until January Bly was sent for, who lives about one-half mile away. The building being brick and the timbers hardwood the fire made very slow progress.

At about 6:30 o'clock the janitor arrived and a number of men, with wet sponges in their mouths and lanterns in their hands, forced their way into the damp, smoky cells, and found the dead bodies of Walter Dunsdon, twenty-five years old, incarcerated for the murder of Mrs. Nellie Dodson; James Griggs, aged thirty-one confined for larceny; Emile Koehler, aged twenty-three in jail for stealing a marble from Alex. W. Wonders, near Brighton, Ill.; Augustus Shultz, aged thirty-four, locked up for stealing a coat.

Dunsdon and Shultz were in the same cell and were found lying on the floor with their feet to the cell door, and it is supposed they were awakened, and after making futile efforts to get out fell to the floor and suffocated.

Griggs and Koehler were both found in their bunks well covered up with blankets, and it is thought they were smothered with smoke, not awakening from their natural sleep, no evidence of disturbance appearing. All four were in solid stone cells, and were not burned in the least, suffocation from smoke being the cause of death.

The burning of the building was very slow, commencing about four o'clock this morning, but it was probable that the jail till about ten. There was no insurance. The Jail has been condemned for confining prisoners by both Grand Jury and the Court a number of times, but was not night watchman at the Court-house, and Sheriff Frost says he has not been allowed one only on occasions when desperate characters were in the Jail, and years were entertained there, but they were not till about ten. The loss to the county is estimated at about \$20,000. The cause of the fire is supposed to have been a defective flue.

OVER AN EMBANKMENT.

A Passenger Train Thrown from the Track by a Broken Rail.—Twenty-five Persons Injured, but None Fatally—List of the Wounded.

OMAHA, NEB., Jan. 7. The passenger train leaving Lincoln for Omaha this morning over the Republican Valley Branch of the Union Pacific was derailed about fifty miles southwest of this city by a broken rail. The baggage, mail and two passenger coaches were tumbled down an eight-foot embankment and rolled out on the prairie forty or fifty feet. The engine passed over the weak spot in safety and remained on the rails. The coupling between the tender and the baggage car snapped off. The only evidence of wreck on the track was the missing rail, which was soon supplied. The scene on the prairie, however, where the fragments of the cars were strewn about baffles description. Two wrecking trains have been sent out to the scene. Dr. Morcer, chief surgeon of the Union Pacific, and three assistants went to attend the injured.

The following is a list of the injured: Mrs. Day Miller, of Marshall, Mo., external injuries on left side; head and children with her, one of whom was severely bruised.

Mrs. Mary Bushnell, David City, Neb., bruised about the head.

Wm. J. McCutcheon, traveler for Weber Wagon Company, residence unknown, left arm injured.

Rev. J. F. Osborn, Fremont, Neb., head bruised.

Rev. C. C. Harris, Lincoln, Neb., head and side bruised.

Book-keeper for Nye & Colson, from Fremont, Neb., collar-bone broken.

Miss Ayers, Illinois, bruised about the chest.

Rev. John Miller, David City, Neb., shoulder and back.

R. S. Rood, Lincoln, Neb., head and face mashed.

J. M. Sierley, Stromsburg, Neb., two ribs broken.

J. M. Rogers, train conductor, right shoulder dislocated.

Henry Osborn, brakeman, hand mashed.

J. C. Kimball, Omaha, express messenger, chest and right leg hurt.

Wis., slightly hurt about the hands.

C. D. Kauffman, Des Moines, right shoulder bruised.

John Hommel, Morate, Ia., confusion on left foot.

Mr. Orr, Springfield, Ill., head and back slightly bruised.

Marce Anthony, left hand bruised.

H. Armstrong, Peoria, Ill., cut over right eye.

A. W. Smith, Dakota, thigh broken.

The first seven are pretty badly injured, but it is thought they will recover. The sufferers have been quarantined at Valparaiso, with the exception of those able to travel, who were brought to this city.

Why They Didn't Marry.

LEXINGTON, Mo., Jan. 7. Miss Clara Hughes, who is one of the colored belles of the city, was to have been married to-day to Charles Talbot, an industrious colored man living a few miles from town. She is a Methodist and he is a Baptist. Each wanted a minister of their own denomination to perform the ceremony, and neither would yield when the wedding hour came, so the nuptial knot was not tied, and the twain still remain two people. Guests who had been invited to attend the wedding left greatly disappointed. One of them suggested that two preachers perform the ceremony, but the suggestion was scorned by the principals.

A Desperate Duel.

PORTLAND, ORE., Jan. 7. An old man named Jacob Fisher had a desperate fight to-day near the city, with a young man named Wm. Bloxam, resulting in the instant death of the former. Domestic difficulties caused the deadly row. Fisher's wife and daughter left him some time ago in consequence of his cruelty, the former obtaining a divorce. Bloxam was engaged to marry the girl, and naturally espoused the cause of the women. This led to very bad blood between the men, who met to-day. Both were armed. The fight began with pistols and ended with repeating rifles. Thirty shots were fired. Bloxam escaped without a scratch. Fisher was shot several times. Bloxam surrendered.