

THE RED CLOUD CHIEF

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NEBRASKA.

CURRENT COMMENT.

THREE successive snow slides occurred at Aspen, Col., the other day. Several persons were supposed to have been buried.

A BERLIN correspondent says that a proposition has been made that the Samoan Government be divided between the United States, Germany and England, and it is greatly favored in commercial circles.

M. DeLesseps stated at a meeting in Paris of the promoters of a North African inland sea that Captain Landas had gone to survey the Tunisian oasis. On M. DeLesseps' return to Paris from Panama in April next a company will be formed to carry out the project of creating the sea.

THE Pan Electric Telephone Company put their telephone system in operation at St. Louis the other day and gave an exhibition of its workings. It differs in several respects from other telephones and includes a plan by which communication may be had by anybody by paying a toll of a nickel.

THE ceremony of blessing the Neva River was performed at St. Petersburg on the 18th of January with all the gorgeous display of former years. The Czar and Czarina participated and showed their confidence in the people by appearing amid the great crowd without special military escort.

A PARTY of hunters who were recently in the Rocky Mountains have returned to Bismarck, D. T. They report that in many of the valleys the snow is over twenty-five feet deep, and trappers and hunters predict heavy floods in the spring, and an immense June rise in the Missouri when the snow melts.

MR. SHOENOF, American Consul at the English Potteries, in an interview recently expressed his belief that the decrease in the British exports of pottery was due to the depression in the pottery trade in America as much as to the high tariff. He added that the pottery market in America was gutted by purchasers from England in 1883, previous to the raising of the tariff.

ADVICES from Washington state that the Interior Department has rendered a decision that hot-water privileges for bath houses outside of the Hot Springs (Ark.) reservation can not be granted. The decision, it was reported, would be a disappointment to a large number at Hot Springs. There was an almost general desire for the establishment of bathing establishments in different parts of the city outside of the Government reservation, upon which most of the bath houses are now located. The Superintendent of the reservation, General C. W. Field, in his report to the Secretary of the Interior, recommended granting water privileges to two bath houses south of the reservation.

SOME notable amendments to the penal code have been introduced in the New York Legislature. They make it a misdemeanor to receive, as well as to take, a child under sixteen for immoral purposes. They prevent such practices as were alleged against Ramsar a few years ago by forbidding the keeping of indigent or homeless children in unlicensed, unincorporated institutions, and increases the strictness of the laws governing legitimate institutions of the sort. They forbid the training, as well as use and employment of children under sixteen as rope-walkers, dancers, gymnasts, wrestlers, contortionists, etc., adding bicycle riding, rag and bone picking, cigar-stump collecting and market-refuse gathering to the interdicted occupations. The amendments aim a severe blow at the dime museums, forbidding the exhibition of insane, idiotic or deformed children.

THE following strange story is told by Henry J. Tolbert, an electrician of Reading, Pa.: The City of Reading is furnished a portion of its light by a company which produces the electric current by means of the Brush machines. Mr. Tolbert says that he visited the plant of the Reading Company, and while looking at the brushes gathering the sparks of the fluid a rat came running over the floor. To escape its human enemies it jumped directly to the floor on to one of the brushes and was thrown back to the ground. It lay motionless, apparently dead and certainly dead, but without even a hair torn. One of the employees was sent with a shovel to gather it up, but as soon as the shovel touched it the rat fell to dust, with a little cloud of particles rising from the place where its body had seemingly lain. There was no vestige of hair, flesh or bones remaining.

THE River Commission report says the amount of money available after completing the work now in progress on the Missouri River is not larger than should be retained to meet emergencies, which may occur at any time, and that a general resumption of work is therefore impossible until Congress makes additional appropriations. In this connection, it says that no more than six months' work can be done on the Missouri River in each year, and that work should be begun by April 1. As the appropriation for the current fiscal year would not be available until July 1, it is recommended that fifty per cent. of the amount asked for the coming fiscal year be appropriated and made immediately available. The total amount asked for the next fiscal year is \$1,825,000. The amount available on November 30, 1883, for continuing the improvement of the Missouri River was \$175,762.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate on the 19th Mr. Morrill, Secretary of the Interior, reported a resolution extending the custom house investigation ordered for the port of New York to such other ports as the committee might deem proper. Mr. Morrill also reported a resolution, which was agreed to, calling on the Secretary of the Interior to report on the purchase of silver bullion. Judge Moody, of Dakota, was admitted to the floor. Mr. Morrill then addressed the Senate on the silver question favoring bimetallism. Adjourned.

In the House Mr. Briggs, of Wisconsin, reported a bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter and it was placed on the calendar. Mr. Watson, of Indiana, from the committee on the petition of the widows and dependent relatives of soldiers, reported a bill to increase the pensions of widows and dependent relatives of soldiers. The House passed the bill on the 21st. Mr. Watson, of Indiana, reported a bill to increase the pensions of widows and dependent relatives of soldiers. The House passed the bill on the 21st.

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THE Queen's speech, at the opening of Parliament on the 21st, took a very decided position against the home-rule demands of the Irish party. Repressive measures dealing with alleged lawlessness in Ireland were also indicated.

GENERAL SHERMAN appeared recently before the special Senate Committee which is considering the proposal to consolidate certain scientific bureaus of the Government, and expressed the opinion that the Weather Bureau should be taken from the control of the War Department and placed under civil law and duties.

CONGRESSMAN BAXTER, of Wisconsin, died at Washington of Bright's disease, on the 21st. He was born in New Jersey in 1833.

A CORRESPONDENT writing from Jacksonville, Fla., respecting the severe weather, says: "On the morning of the 13th of January the thermometer registered 13.6 degrees, the lowest temperature ever recorded, except in January, 1853, the mercury fell to 11 deg. The injury to the present crop of oranges can not yet be estimated, but the probability is that it will be between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000."

THE pretended Alompra Prince of Burmah and his adherents have been tried and found guilty of rebellion and shot.

THE striking Hungarians at Mount Pleasant in Pennsylvania had a conflict with the police on the 20th. One Hungarian was thought to be killed. Several other fights occurred and some non-strikers were said to be injured. The situation was serious and troops were ordered to hold themselves in readiness.

THE Edgar Thompson steel works at Pittsburgh, which resumed recently, have again closed down, the helpers and fillers refusing to accept the terms offered. Affairs are more complicated than ever and it is impossible to say what the outcome will be.

A DISPATCH from the 21st from San Antonio, Tex., says: Intelligence reached here last evening from Hidalgo County that a band consisting of eight robbers crossed over from Mexico a few days ago and raided the Palms ranch. Carlos Schunor, the proprietor, and a clerk were both shot and the proprietor was fatally wounded. His clerk lies in a very critical condition. The robbers got \$2,500 and a number of horses.

FIREMEN who arrived at Aspen, Col., on the 21st state that twenty-seven snow slides have occurred in the neighborhood of Maroon Pass during the past three days. A party of men and eighteen mules were thought to have perished.

DISCOUNT was weak in London during the week ended January 23 at 1 1/2 for three months and 1/2 for short. On the Stock Exchange business was inanimate and drooping. The Irish question, had made prospects and the war outlook in the East, led to a general depression. American railway securities were depressed throughout, closing at the lowest prices of the week under the reports of snow storms stopping traffic.

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THE San Joaquin river rose so high recently that disastrous results were threatened. Robert's island suffered \$30,000 damage. The time of the Senate, on the 26th, was devoted to eulogies of the late Vice President Hendricks. The House discussed the bill to retire naval officers.

A PARTY of Spanish rebels made an attempt to destroy the railroad crossing the mountains in the province of Murcia the other day. They were dispersed. CHARGES were preferred in the State Department against Consul Greenbaum at Samoa.

JUDGE BREWER, at Denver on the 25th, decided the Maxwell land grant case in favor of the defendants. The suit was brought by the Government and involved 1,200,000 acres, which, it was claimed, had been obtained by fraud. The other morning the Grasshopper mill, situated in Smoky Hollow near Youngstown, Ga., and valued at \$50,000, was burned to the ground. Total loss on building, machinery, stock, etc., \$75,000; insurance, \$30,000.

On the night of January 11 there was a fall of ash at Guayaquil. The phenomena was at first attributed to an eruption of Cotopaxi, but intelligence has been received from the interior to the effect that there had been a terrible eruption of the Tungurahua volcano. No particulars had been received and nothing was known as to the extent of the damage.

THE PRESIDENT ON LABOR.

A FERRIBLE CONFESSION.

WASHINGTON, January 28.—At a recent meeting of the Committee on Labor of the House of Representatives statements were made that the spirit of the eight-hour law was being openly violated, ignored or evaded in certain of the Government departments, and Chairman O'Neill was empowered to present to the House a resolution of inquiry directed to the various Secretaries, asking in direct terms whether the law was being enforced by them. Pending the introduction of the resolution Mr. O'Neill sought an audience with the President, which was granted Saturday afternoon and lasted for over an hour.

In the matter of the eight-hour law the President said: "I believe that the law is a sound and a good one, and that it should be enforced to the letter. I have no information regarding instances of its violation or evasion, but if such instances are presented to me I will see that the abuse is remedied and the full spirit of the law enforced, which I understand to be by law every workman in the Government employ for a full day's work. The Government can not afford to set the example of non-enforcement of and observance of its own enactments. The President further said: "I appreciate the effect upon the mechanics of the country of this constantly increasing use of labor-saving machinery, and I can think of no more practical relief for the unemployed surplus labor than the occupation of the public lands. I do not hesitate to say that I am heartily in favor of any feasible plan for the encouragement and assistance of prospective American settlers upon the public domain by the general Government. In this connection the President expressed some very strong views upon the subject of the occupation of vast tracts of public lands by foreign capitalists. The President seemed extremely impressed upon Mr. O'Neill his willingness to cooperate with Congress in any efforts it may make to elevate the working class and improve the social condition of the broad masses."

THE VIRGINIA HORROR.

The Work of Recovering the Victims of the Newburg Disaster.

Newburg, W. Va., January 25.—A local relief committee has been formed with Mayor Ellis as treasurer, assisted by prominent citizens and clergymen. The Newburg has been raised the town. The families are all poor and needy, all the men having been in debt. The coal company is issuing provisions from its store, and will bury the dead. Two families entirely without support will probably be sent back to England. Eleven more bodies have been found and were identified as follows: Adolph Wein, John Lambert, John Edwards, George Rogers, Thomas Gray, John Conroy, Charles H. H. of Genessee, Ill., and others are here to push the case. Haaf declares that if convicted he will carry the case to the highest courts.

DOUBLED THE COMMISSION.

A German Farmer's Unusual Way of Getting a Wife.

CARLE, ILL., January 25.—Quite a romantic marriage occurred here a few days since. John Feuchel is a German farmer living in this vicinity who by energy and economy has managed to purchase quite a nice farm and dwelling. All that was lacking was a suitable wife to make his happiness complete. So Mr. Feuchel, who speaks English very brokenly, called on a German friend residing in this city and stated the case, informing him that what he most desired was a wife and that as an inducement he would give him \$100 if he succeeded in finding some susceptible damsel who was willing to entrust her future with him. The offer was accepted and the marriage contractor at once began to search for a suitable girl. Mr. Feuchel's efforts were not fruitless. Upon naming the subject to Miss Julia Kenehot, a young lady aged twenty-three, and after fully describing the situation, she consented to do