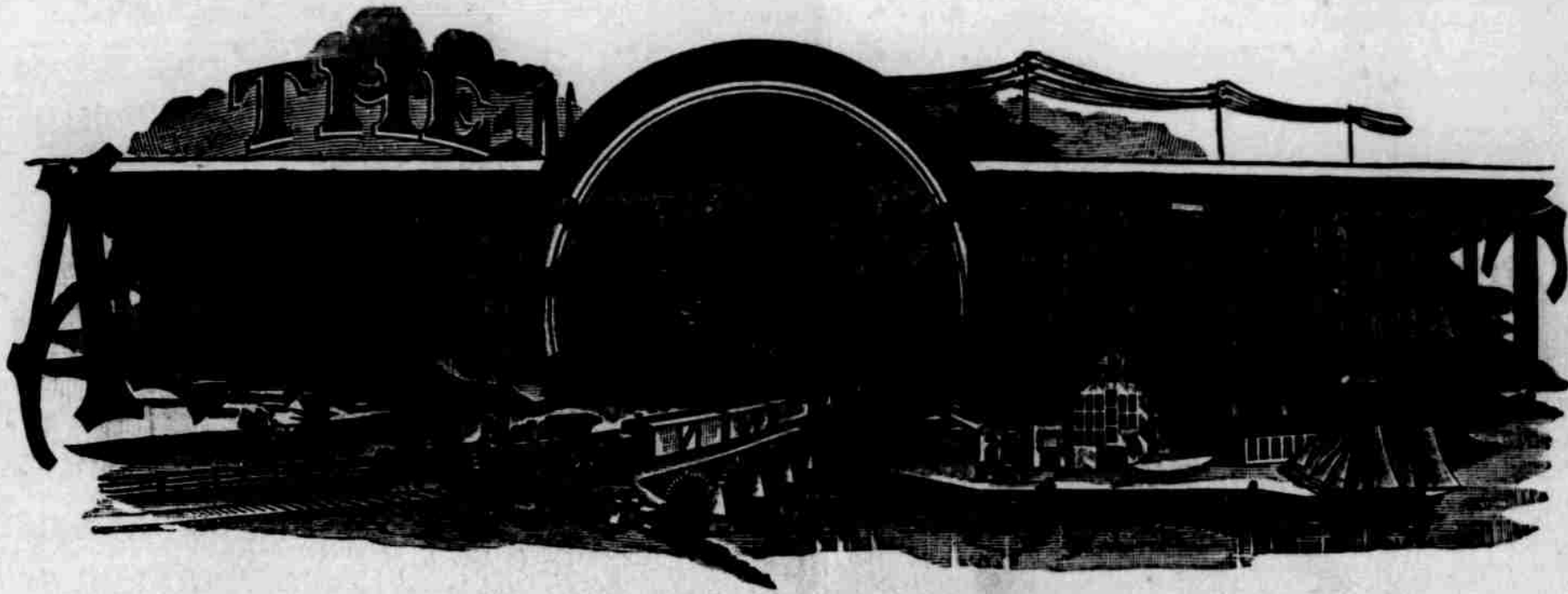


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ZEKE BILKINS IN SACKCLOTH AND ASHES.

A Big Row Results From a Discussion of the Tariff Question. B.—"Hello! Mr. Editor." R.—"Good morning Major. Hope you are well." B.—"I'm not feelin' enny tu gude. I've bin in sackcloth an' ashes ever since I got disappointed about the revenue perstition. Betsy she laffed at me an' wanted ter know if I hadn't better wear mournin'. That made me as mad as blazes an' I gin Betsy sum strate talk."

now, too. She wanted ter know what gude it would do ter call it a tariff fer revenue only, when the McKinley bill an' all other revenues will lack \$50,000,000 of bringin' in' enuff money to pay the government expenses this year. She 'lowed there might not be as much protection in it, but wanted ter know what gude it would do people to pay the same tax, pay the same fer goods, even though the duties on some articles were slightly changed. I tell you that wuz a stunner. I'll have ter git President Sherman or Secretary Smith ter explain that, fer I can't. Without a reduction of expenses, an' nothin' is sed about that, Betsy's logle holds gude, an' there can be no beneficial reduction in the tariff as long as the government is short ov money, even under the McKinley bill. I believe Betsy is an anarchist, or she couldn't ask questions that nobody can answer. Good bye."—Progressive (N. C.) Farmer.

We are extra filled up with matter this week, and some interesting communications are held over till our next issue. We take pleasure in calling attention to the card of the Woodman Linsced Oil Works of Omaha, which appears in this issue. This concern is known all over the West, its operations extending to the Pacific Coast, and it is not stating too much to say that most of the large feeders in this state are using their Ground Oil Cake, which meets with favor wherever fed. If you have never tried this article, procure some and test its merits for yourself.

Adjutant General Gage went to Omaha Monday to be present at the mustering in of a new militia company which has heretofore been known as the Thurston rifles. The company comprises fifty-five men, commanded by Captain Arthur H. Sharp. John Foy is the first lieutenant and J. Harrison Johnson second lieutenant. The adjutant general was accompanied by Inspector-General Hotchkiss and Surgeon-General Giffen of this city; Colonels J. P. Pratt of Bennett, C. J. Hills of Fairbury, C. G. Adams of Superior, S. P. Shumway of Wakefield and J. J. Pershing of Lincoln. Governor Crouse could not go, as he had arranged to attend the irrigation convention at North Platte.

WANTS A CANAL.

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Home Mandamus Case. The Home for the Friendless at Lincoln is plaintiff in a case versus the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings. Plaintiff wishes the court to compel the board to audit and approve vouchers for the home.

Valuable Collection of Woods. Ex-Governor Furnas was in Lincoln Monday to superintend the unpacking and setting up of his celebrated collection of woods which was exhibited at the world's fair.

Pleaded Guilty. OMAHA, Dec. 19.—F. Lucchesi was in court yesterday morning and pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzling \$900 from the Omaha News company and was remanded to the district court and bail fixed at \$1,500.

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Arrested Two Suspects. HOLDREGE, Neb., Dec. 19.—On the night of November 27 the station agent at Bertrand was knocked down and robbed of a money express package containing \$1,000 intended for the bank at that place.

Chicago Board of Trade. CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The following table shows the range of prices for active futures on board of trade to-day:

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KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 19.—Cattle—Receipts since Saturday, 3,900 calves, 502 sheep and lambs, 4,015. The market generally was unchanged, steers were very dull, cows were fairly active, feeders, bulls and calves were very quiet.

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A HIGHWAYMAN SHOT.

Thomas B. Barnett Laid Low by a Bullet at Kansas City. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 19.—An unknown highwayman was twice shot and mortally wounded by Jacob Barner, night manager for the Home telegraph company, at the corner of Sixth and Wyandotte streets about 12:45 o'clock this morning.

Fearful Voyage of a Bark. MELBOURNE, Dec. 19.—The bark Trafalgar arrived here yesterday from Batavia after a fearful voyage lasting forty-eight days. During the passage the captain of the Trafalgar two officers and three seamen died of fever.

Fell Into an Open Grave. CARLISLE, Pa., Dec. 19.—At the funeral of Margaretta McLure, the only child of the late Chief Justice Gibson yesterday afternoon, as the body was being lowered into the grave in the presence of a large gathering of people, the undertaker Alex E. Wing slipped and fell head foremost upon the casket. He was lifted out of the grave in an unconscious condition and it is feared he will die.

A Striker shot. APOLLO, Pa., Dec. 19.—Last night the ball blood that has developed between the strikers and the non-union men at the Apollo Union iron mills resulted in a collision that will end in murder. It appears that a party of strikers got after a man named Mason and beat him. To protect himself Mason fired into the group of his assailants and shot William Kelly, a striker, who was active in the attack on him. Kelly's death is only a question of a few hours.

St. Louis "Zoo" Mortgaged. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 19.—The St. Louis Agricultural and Mechanical association was to-day forced to mortgage its personal property including the zoological collections to raise \$6,000 to apply on overdue salaries. The real estate consisting of some 500 acres of ground, was already covered by a mortgage, and the personal effects had to respond to this last call.

Letter Carrier Found Drowned. CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 19.—Henry McMillan, a letter carrier of this city, was found drowned in the Ohio river here yesterday. An interesting feature of this casualty was the revelation that McMillan leaves an unincumbered estate of \$100,000, comprising a wooden mill in Indiana, several farms and a number of houses in Cincinnati, Newport and Covington. He lived in Newport.

Chief Harris Impeached. TAHLEQUAH, Ind. Ter., Dec. 19.—The lower house by a vote of 22 to 10, passed articles of impeachment charging Chief Harris with misdemeanor and malfeasance in office for refusing to issue credentials to the agents charged with the sale of the Cherokee strip bonds. The matter now goes to the senate.

Herd of Buffalo Found. DENVER, Col., Dec. 19.—A state deputy game warden has found another small herd of buffalo, larger than the one found in Lost Park last summer, in N. R. park, Routt county, a region more isolated than any other part of Colorado. The herd is said to consist of two dozen of the rare animals.

A Famous Inventor Dead. PLAINFIELD, N. J., Dec. 19.—George H. Babcock, the inventor of the famous Babcock fire extinguisher, died yesterday, aged 62 years. He was the first inventor of a chromatic printing press, and during the war invented the Shrapnell shell. He amassed a large fortune.

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New Trans-Continental. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The Call is authority for the statement that ground will be broken inside of sixty days, and work begun on a competing trans-continental railway out of San Francisco. The company is said to be the San Francisco and Atlantic.

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THREE MEN ARE KILLED IN A FREIGHT WRECK. One Hundred Head of Cattle and as Many Hogs Slaughtered—One Man Fatally Injured and Three Others Slightly Hurt—Chesapeake, Ohio and Southern Road, the Disastrous Scene.

FOURTEEN LOADED CARS SMASHED. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 19.—Section J of No. 14 freight train of the Chesapeake, Ohio and Southwestern road, north-bound, was wrecked at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and fourteen cars, ten stock and four loaded coal flats, with the engine, were thrown down a steep embankment between West Point and Muldraugh, Ky., twenty-four miles south of here.

A RARE DOCUMENT. Professor Thomas, of Philadelphia Has the Original Constitution of Hawaii. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—It is probable that the only copy of the original constitution of Hawaii is that in the possession of Professor W. H. B. Thomas, of Philadelphia. Professor Thomas has for years been collecting rare documents of a public and private character, and many of the liberarians of the country have tried to secure some of them, but Professor Thomas will not part with them.

MRS. MAYBRICK'S MOTHER. Present Baroness Von Rogues Divorced From an Italian Count in Indiana. COLUMBUS, Ind., Dec. 19.—A letter has just been received here inquiring about a divorce for the present Baroness Von Rogues, mother of Mrs. Maybrick, now in prison for life in London for poisoning her husband. The divorce was granted here in the name of Mrs. Caroline Dubarry in the common pleas court in 1868.

FLOATING LUNATIC ASYLUM. Two Manics Die on Board the Pacific Mail Steamer Rio de Janeiro. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The Pacific mail steamer Rio de Janeiro, which arrived yesterday from China, was a floating lunatic asylum during the voyage. It brought the corpse of American Consul General Alfred D. Jones of Shanghai, who died seven days after leaving port a raving maniac, and it also brought Parser J. H. Mahar, late of the steamer Peru, who was also violently insane.

COAL MINE ON FIRE. One Operated by the Union Pacific at Evanston, Wyoming, Burning. EVANSTON, Wyo., Dec. 19.—About 11 o'clock Saturday evening No. 7 coal mine, owned and operated by the Union Pacific railway, situated seven miles north of this place, was discovered on fire. Up to last evening all efforts to quench the flames had been unsuccessful. No one seems to know how the fire started, at least if so they won't tell.

Boiled to Death. INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Dec. 19.—Charles Winner, an employe at the Frisco round house at Weir City, met with a serious accident, which cost him his life. He was under the engine at work when in some way an escape pipe became opened and a stream of boiling water and steam struck him in the chest and shoulder. He managed to crawl from under the engine and go to his room, but it was some time before medical aid reached him, and before the doctors arrived he died.