

NEW GOLD FIELDS.

Men Rushing in from All Adjoining Territory.

AN OLD PROSPECTOR'S VIEW

Some Miners Make as High as \$15 a Day. Lack of Water One Drawback to Placer Mining—Provisions Scarce and Living High.

DENVER, Dec. 30.—C. E. Parsell, an old-time prospector in Colorado and Utah, has arrived in Denver direct from the San Juan river, the scene of the latest gold excitement.

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Humored Secret Conference.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 30.—A secret conference is rumored as having been held between Richard Croker, Edward Murphy Jr. and Senator David B. Hill. The senator who was the only one of the trio to be found in the city was seen just before he left the hotel Kenmore for the theater.

A Strange Murder.

BRINKELEY, Ark., Dec. 30.—One of the strangest murder cases ever brought to light in eastern Arkansas is the one in which John Thomas, a 14-year-old boy, is charged with the murder of his mother on Monday in the dark country neighborhood south of this place.

Two Plans to Consider.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 30.—The meeting of representatives of various railway organizations was resumed in the city. The subject of federation was fully discussed and a statement was given out saying that a committee consisting of one representative from each organization had been instructed to draft a plan to submit to the convention.

Masked Robber's Work.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 30.—Word has reached here of an outrage that occurred at Sheridan, about twenty-five miles south, Monday night. A masked man went into the sleeping room of George W. Deerfield about midnight, placed a revolver at his head and compelled him to give up \$100 in cash.

His Eighty-Third Birthday.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Queen Victoria was among the earliest to congratulate the Rt. Hon. William E. Gladstone on the arrival of his eighty-third birthday. Her telegram was unusually gracious in tone.

Strangled His Wife.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 30.—Peter Sutter, a retired farmer, aged 35, murdered his wife, Teresa, aged 40, at their boarding house. He strangled her with a towel and then brained her with a hammer.

His Son Dead.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Representative Peel of Arkansas, has received a dispatch announcing the death of his son, a promising young lawyer in Arkansas.

Killed His Brother-in-Law.

PORTSMOUTH, Va., Dec. 30.—John Livesay shot and killed his brother-in-law Charles Keyes, at Garysburg station on the Petersburg and Weldon railroad.

BLAINE STILL GAINING.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—As compared with previous mornings, yesterday was the best Mr. Blaine has had since he was ill. The foregoing statement was made by Dr. Johnson at 9 o'clock last night, just after he had returned from a visit to Mr. Blaine.

A Heavy Failure.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The failure of Wayland Trask & Co. has been announced at the New York Stock Exchange. The firm consisted of Wayland Trask, Theodore Baldwin and A. N. Rankin.

A New Venture.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 30.—It has developed in the last forty-eight hours that the Methodists propose something unique in daily journalism. At a convention of the Epworth League of Northern Wisconsin, at Hudson, a resolution was passed recommending that the Methodist church of America commence the publication of a daily Christian advocate at Chicago.

Very Peculiar Actions.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 30.—A short man with a full black beard has created a great sensation in Birmingham by three assaults on as many women in the heart of the city. In the first case he met a young woman with her mother and seizing her began dragging her off.

Opposing Abbott for Senator.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 30.—Twenty-five Democrats from all sections of New Jersey, who are among the recognized adherents of Mr. Cleveland, met at Taylor's hotel this afternoon to discuss the selection of a United States senator at the coming session of the legislature.

Mrs. Cleveland Goes to Buffalo.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Grover Cleveland has left the city for Buffalo where she is to pay a visit to her mother. She was accompanied by Mrs. Lamont, baby Ruth and her maid.

Shot His Father.

NOVI, Mich., Dec. 30.—Sumner Bathrick, a farmer aged 60 years, living near here, was shot by his son, Gay, at 6 o'clock last evening. The boy had gone out hunting in the afternoon against his father's wishes, and when he returned they had some words, which ended in the son shooting his father three times with a rifle.

New Athletic Club.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Arthur T. Lumley, editor of the Illustrated News, is responsible for the information that an athletic club will soon be organized in this city with a capital of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of promoting athletics and especially boxing.

Another Embosser.

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 30.—Robert L. Farr, late a private in the Tenth United States infantry, recently travelling agent for the Mutual Life Insurance company has fled to Mexico leaving numerous unpaid bills and getting away with \$500 due the agency of Wunschman & Co.

BALKED THE GAME.

A Clever Scheme of Wall Street Magnates Nipped.

WANTED NEW BONDS ISSUED.

A Plan to Relieve the Money Market and Stop Gold Exports—Secretary Foster's Trip to New York to Complete Arrangements—Harrison's Negative.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Times states that Secretary of Treasury Foster's trip to this city was not on private business as was given out officially, but was for the purpose of consulting Wall street magnates on a proposition to relieve the money market and check the export of gold by having the government issue from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 of bonds.

The president not only refused to approve the deal, but he went further and expressed himself with unusual force and declared that he could see no excuse for issuing bonds, and what was more, he did not propose any should be issued while he was president.

I want no new bonds issued under my administration. Take no steps. No nothing. BENJAMIN HARRISON.

The Times says that Mr. Foster met the Wall street men at a club house on Fifth avenue and a prolonged conference was held. Some of the notable men in the street are said to have been present and an agreement was formed on the financial policy of the government.

Grand Army of the Republic News.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 30.—Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic A. G. Weissart has issued general order No. 4. He announces the formation of a national association of ex-army and ex-navy chaplains, of which T. H. Haggart is president.

A World's Shooting Tourney.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—At a meeting of the Sportsmen's association of Illinois plans were adopted for a great World's Fair trap shooting tournament. Among the sportsmen present from outside the state were C. W. Budd of Des Moines, Ia., the noted wing shot; Richard Merrill of Milwaukee, and Mr. Tucker of Meriden, Conn.

The Commissioners in Havana.

HAVANA, Dec. 30.—Shortly after landing here the members of the committee appointed by the United States congress to examine into the Cuban quarantine methods and other subjects of similar character, visited the governor general. They were hospitably received and were promised government assistance in their investigations.

A Toledo Failure.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 30.—The failure is announced of D. N. Trowbridge, a manufacturer and dealer in barrel staves, headings, hoops, etc. He has mills in a dozen northeastern Ohio towns and did a big business. The total liabilities are placed at \$90,000 and the assets at about \$50,000.

Dr. Briggs Again.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The New York presbytery met in secret session and continued the discussion of the charges against Dr. Briggs. At 5 o'clock the session was concluded. Moderator Bliss said that the voting had not been reached and that the discussion might extend over Friday.

Rosecrans on the Coast.

ROSENDON, Cal., Dec. 30.—General W. S. Rosecrans, register of the treasury, has arrived here from Chicago. The trip was uneventful. The general stood the journey remarkably well and is looking strong. Rosendon will be the general's home until his return to Washington.

A Boiler Explodes with Fatal Effects.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 30.—A special from Jacksonville, Ga., says the boiler of the saw mill of Duke & Binns exploded, killing three negroes, James Wilbanks, Guffin Phillips and Joseph Smith. No damage was done to the mill.

OUR ST. JOE LETTER.

The Romans Imported A Man to Deny the Confessional.

EDITOR AMERICAN.—

During the past week hundreds of hand bills printed in big black letters and headed "Romanism," have been industriously distributed on the streets of St. Joseph, announcing that Rev. Richard M. Ryan, a Catholic priest, and editor of the Kansas City Western Crusader, would lecture at Turner hall, this city, Thursday evening, Dec. 22, on the "Morality of the Confessional."

The lecture came off last night, and it was the most complete, all around failure that ever visited St. Joseph. It was billed to commence at 8 o'clock, and promptly at that hour a quartette of A. P. A. men took seats in the Turners' big hall to see the show and incidentally to take note of any particularly interesting remarks the good father might make.

The affair had been well advertised, the weather was auspicious, men who had denounced Romanism only a short time before had had crowded houses, Turner hall is a favorite resort, so it was naturally expected that a large crowd would turn out to hear a real, live priest explain the vices of the confessional into virtues and extol what he would call its "moral excellence."

But, lo! By actual count there was but sixty-nine people in the hall! The minutes flew by but the people didn't come. Finally Father Ryan appeared, and was introduced at 8:30 o'clock by a well-known brewer, whose nose is almost as large as one of his beer kegs and as red as the tail of Biela's comet.

Father Ryan began his address to the four A. P. A. men, sixty-nine Romanists and a thousand and twenty-seven empty seats, by saying that thirty-six hours previous he had received a document that had caused him to materially modify his intention of speaking on the "Morality of the Confessional."

After considerable incoherent talk, the A. P. A. men and the empty seats discerned that he was talking about Rev. Dr. Brumbaugh's "Seven Sermons on Romanism," delivered in this city last fall. They also discerned the outlines of thirty-two counties of a certain foreign country and concluded that he was imported goods in a two-fold sense.

The latter he proceeded to do in the most approved Irish style. He quoted several passages from the Doctor's book, and waded into the task before him in a manner that fairly made the empty seats smile. He denied the authenticity of one or two of Mr. Brumbaugh's quotations, questioned the correctness of the translation of one, and savagely announced that the rest of the Doctor's statements and quotations were lies!

Father Ryan devoted the principal part of his address to the question of the confessional, as outlined in "Seven Sermons on Romanism." He asserted that because the confessional could not be traced to human origin, it must be of divine origin! He admitted almost every charge brought against it, but instead of denying the truthfulness of the charges, undertook to explain why and how such enormities are blessings. He admitted that priests ask women the questions alleged, and that a priest may give absolution to a woman with whom he has sustained criminal relations, if no other priest can be secured, and indignantly exclaimed, "Where's the harm in it?"

He spoke of the purity and holiness of Roman Catholics, referred to the people who attended anti-Roman lectures and sermons as "dupes," and declared they attended such meetings because they liked to revel in the filthiness they were always sure to hear. During his entire address Father Ryan made but one assertion—his lecture was made up entirely of assertions and quotations from "Seven Sermons"—that deserves particular attention.

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Referring to the agitation that has been going on, he said: "It has been hurled from pulpit and platform, 'if these things are not true, why don't the priests deny them?' The priests say, 'what good would it do? They don't hurt our Catholic people, and as for the others, they like such things. But,' continued the speaker, 'this thing has gone a little too far, and if it continues, I fear it will be necessary to hold many such meetings as this one.'

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