

The horse-clippers of New York City have formed a union. If they are wise they will drop the horse-clipping profession and learn how to keep motorcycles and electric engines in trim.

A disgruntled London paper calls Thomas A. Edison the Barnum of science. Persons who were acquainted with the late Mr. Barnum testify that he generally succeeded in whatever he undertook.

Buffalo claims to have Niagara's water-power exactly where it wants it now, and invites unlimited immigration on the strength of its new business boom. Buffalo surely would not deceive the people and obtain their money on false pretenses.

Japan has ordered the largest battleship in the world, and it will soon be launched in England. It will be paid for with Chinese money, which illustrates the fact that a nation without warships must build them for some other country.

If Queen Victoria has written an autograph letter to the Sultan, giving the latter a piece of her mind about Armenia, it is to be presumed that she has grown tired of the spectacles of seeing her misdoers trying to reform the Turk with rosewater. If ever there was a case for the application of Prince Bismarck's prescription of blood and iron, Turkey presents it.

A monument to Edgar Allan Poe is proposed in Baltimore, where he is buried. One suggestion is a stone canopy, under which the poet will be seen in marble, seated in an armchair, with an antique lamp overhead, and "voluminous forgotten lore" leaning against the chair. Near at hand, with the poet's dreamy gaze fixed upon it, will be the raven perched on a bust of Pallas. The citizens have been invited to form an art commission to carry out the striking idea.

In the first public sale of bonds, that of \$50,000,000 in February, 1894, the offers reached \$60,000,000, and in the second public sale, which was for the same amount in November of that year, the offers reached \$150,000,000. Probably the bids for the \$100,000,000 bonds which are to be sold next month will amount to \$150,000,000 or \$175,000,000. When that fact comes out in the publication of the amount of the bids the country will realize that the Government is in no danger of going into bankruptcy, despite the revenue shortages and the raids on the gold reserve.

His lordship, Windham-Thomas Wyndham-Quin, earl of Dunraven and Mount-Earl, Viscount Mount-Earl of County Limerick, Viscount Adare, also Baron Adare, also Baron Kenry, knight of St. Patrick, baronet of Great Britain, etc., etc., etc., evidently did well to leave the country early. It is understood that some of his lordship's numerous friends abroad are now chivalrously scoring the investigating committee and asserting that it was guilty of prejudice in its consideration of the evidence. Considering the general character of the investigating committee this reproach will fall flat. If the committee has found that his lordship's charges of cheating were untrue it was because the evidence made it impossible for the committee to do anything else. There is a very vivid impression that the earl of Dunraven and Mount-Earl, Viscount Adare, baron of Kenry, etc., has not comforted himself in this matter quite as well as would an ordinary American "all-around sport."

The national association of milk, butter and cheese dealers, comprising what is known as the National Dairy Union, represents an army of pure food champions which is conducting a relentless war against the adulteration of dairy products. It is a work that merits the unqualified support of all citizens who appreciate the close relationship that exists between pure food and public health. Pure morals and pure food are the sine qua non of sound bodies and healthy minds. Of all food adulterations those substitutes for milk, butter and cheese that modern chemistry has made possible are the most deleterious, therefore the most reprehensible. It is doubtful if their manufacture can be fairly defended by any considerations of public need. The fact that there is a big market for imitation dairy products does not justify their sale. While the laws in many States are framed so as to compel the manufacturers of butter substitutes to label them as such, it is an undisputed fact that the people in thousands of instances are imposed upon by the adulterations. Against the work of the association is arrayed the solid influence of the manufacturers of imitation butter and filled cheese, backed by a capital of \$16,000,000, which is capable of wielding great power in State legislatures. The union has secured the passage of laws to protect honest dairy products in Nebraska, Kansas, Michigan, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Missouri, California, Washington and Colorado. Attempts to secure this kind of legislation from the last Legislatures in Illinois and Indiana failed, but the union is composed of such plucky fighters as ex-Governor Hoar, of Wisconsin, and James Hewes, of Baltimore, and it is only a question of a short time when Illinois, one of the greatest dairy States in the West, will have protective legislation of this character.

One hundred and seventy-six Armenian towns have been blotted out, and still the European powers insist on calling their fleets engaged in sying each other a concert.

The case and dexterity with which the German Government got up steam on the Transvaal question would indicate that the first had been banked under the boilers for just such an emergency.

A great many flippant and uncalculated comments have been made concerning the New York man who cut off a toe in order to cure a corn and died of death. It will be noticed that he cured the corn.

An Ohio man who attempted to run a postoffice in opposition to Uncle Sam has been forced out of business and will probably be locked up. Another instance of how grinding monopoly is crushing the liberties of the people.

The great lakes have assumed an importance in traffic and navigation never before known. This condition of industrial revival is almost entirely due to the enormous output of iron ore in the upper lake region and the great grain harvests of the Northwest empires, and the consequent demand upon transportation facilities, together with canal and other improvement work, has combined to stimulate shipbuilding to an unprecedented degree. Twenty-one steel steamers of the 6,000 ton class, six steel schooners of an equal capacity and nine large wooden vessels will be additions to the fleets transacting lake commerce next year. Ten of the big steel steamers are for the ore trade alone. There have been some heavy losses on the lakes, in which forty-three boats, valued at \$778,700 and measuring 29,195 net tons, passed out of existence. The insurance losses were the largest on record.

A prominent merchant of Agra, India is reported to have written to a friend in San Francisco that India may be counted out as a competitor in the world's wheat markets this year. "Every bushel that is raised will be needed to feed the people, so there will be none for export." The cause of the failure is the fact that no rain fell after the first week in September, and the only irrigation possible has been with water drawn by bullocks. The entire country from Peshawar to Calcutta is suffering from drought. Also it now is stated that the Australian wheat shortage amounts to nine million bushels, a considerable part of which has been drawn from our Pacific slope. The universal demand for wheat to go from San Francisco to Australia might be accepted as proof that the wheat crop of India is short, because India is relatively near to Australia, and freights between the two countries ought to be low as compared with those from California to the southern market, besides which wheat is cheap in India to begin with. It is stated that many California farmers have been holding their wheat because not content to sell at the low prices of the recent past, and that they felt it did not pay them to sow wheat. They now may have an opportunity to sell at better figures, and it would be no wonder if the news of the foreign situation is reflected in the price of wheat on this side of the Rocky Mountains.

Beautiful blusters are these rulers of modern Europe, magnificent in verbal action but swift with the sword, quick of temper but slow of action. As Macaulay phrased it in deploring the degeneracy of Rome:

As men wax hot in faction,  
In battle they wax cold,  
Wherefore men fight not as they  
fought

In the brave days of old.

Within three months what was the armed camp of Europe to show for the money and the time of men spent in maintenance of its armies. Problems enough have arisen seemingly demanding settlement by the sword. Yet none has been solved. Quarrels in plenty have darkened the horizon with clouds of war, yet no shot has been fired. The practice of the goose-step and shooting at a target remain the only active warlike endeavors of Europe's costly armament. Tucked away in South Africa the boers, without an army, without a navy, and free from taxation for military purposes, have been playing soldier to more purpose. Not all the armed strength of the so-called "powers" has sufficed to check the atrocities of the Turk in Armenian villages. The treaty of Berlin, so far as it guaranteed reforms in Armenia, is dead. Nothing has come of the loudly proclaimed intention of the Christian nations of Europe to bring the "unspeakable Turk" to his knees save the flat and unprofitable concession of an extra guard boat in the Bosphorus. The guard boat is there, but the massacres of Armenians continue. In a bad case these warlike nations of Europe seem no more ready to fight than in a good one—a remarkable fact seeing that Providence usually co-operates with the heaviest battalions. Out of the Jameson raid, which lately thrilled the world with anticipation of war and swelled the revenues of the cable companies with literary predictions of a European crisis, no international complications seem likely to result. The boers, being menaced, took down their rifles from over the chimney pieces—much as the Yankees at Lexington and Concord did—and shot down the invaders without stopping for diplomacy or the niceties of military strategy. Then they went back to farming, leaving potatoes with armies costing hundreds of millions and navies of even greater cost to wrangle over the next step. So far as now appears President Krueger, without an army, has attained all the martial glory Queen Victoria and Emperor William are only contestants for victory in a joint debate.

EMPLOYMENT CAME TOO LATE

A Family Tragedy in Which all Were Killed by the Father.

CHEMIST EXPERIMENTS WITH RESULTS

Almost Blow up his Establishment and Injured the Occupants Rather Severely While Trying to Money With Powder.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—An entire family, consisting of seven persons, was found dead yesterday morning, the result of the murderous work and suicide Tuesday night of Richard Kloetke, a carpenter, residing at 207 Berceau avenue. The dead are:

Richard Kloetke, his wife,  
John Kloetke, his father, aged seventy-three.

Mina Kloetke, his mother, aged seventy-one.  
Mina Kloetke, daughter, aged nine.  
Anna Kloetke, daughter, aged eight.  
Emma Kloetke, daughter, aged seven.

The discovery was made at 7:30 yesterday morning by a neighbor who called at the Kloetke residence to get some work done. The victims were all killed by shots from a revolver, which was found by Kloetke's side. Kloetke had been out of work for some time, had no money and no prospect of getting work.

Kloetke had been out of work since Christmas. A pathetic feature of the tragedy is that two neighbors called at the Kloetke cottage yesterday morning, each with the glad news of employment for him.

There was an odor of chloroform in the house, and it is surmised that the murderer had rendered his victims unconscious before firing the fatal shots.

It Went Off.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Persisting in his attempts to solve the secret of flashlight powder manufacture, F. T. Dunning, an employe of the firm of Powell & Laurence, photographers, at Yale and Sixty-third streets, Englewood, succeeded yesterday morning in causing an explosion which wrecked the building in which the studio is located, severely injuring himself and Mrs. Laurence, Mr. Laurence is the inventor of the powder and has confided to no one the secret of its composition.

He employed Denning merely to mix and pack the material. He was working with two and a half ounces of the powder, when it ignited and exploded over two pounds of the stuff in thirty-six boxes near by, ready for shipment. The room is in the second story, and the explosion tore a door from another apartment, hurled it through a hall and struck Mrs. Laurence in the head, through an open doorway. Dunning was found unconscious, covered with debris and bleeding from a dozen gashes. Mr. Laurence was in the gallery on the first floor when the falling debris almost buried him. The lives of all the occupants were saved by the walls not collapsing. This is the third explosion in the gallery caused by the flashlight powder, the second being Tuesday. When the first one occurred, some weeks ago, Mr. Laurence was forced to jump from the second story window and was seriously injured. Many windows in the vicinity were shattered by the last explosion.

Cut Uncle Sam's Timber.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Feb. 6.—Federal district and circuit court convened yesterday, with Judge Thomas of the North Dakota district presiding. Among the important cases on the docket is one against the Homestake Mining company for \$750,000 damages for unlawfully cutting timber on government land and against the railroad company owned by the mining company for transporting the timber. There are also a number of indictments against woodchoppers and sawmill men and against the B. & M. Railroad company for exporting timber from the state that was cut on government land. A suit is pending against the Cady Lumber company of Omaha, which has shipped several million feet of lumber out of the state.

On the criminal side of the docket are twenty-seven rape cases from Pine Ridge Indian agency. Plans for a new passenger depot for the Elkhorn Railroad company were laid yesterday. It will be built of native stone and will be the finest in the west.

Cartalling Pay Roll.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 6.—Notice was received by the heads of departments in the Santa Fe shops at Argentine notifying them of a cut of 10 per cent in their salaries. No employes were laid off, but a number of foremen were reduced and the men under them consolidated with others, thus reducing expenses considerably. At Topeka last night 300 men employed in the shops. For some months since the Kansas corn crop was assured, an extra force has been employed in the repair department, getting the rolling stock in order for expected shipments. Little corn is moving, however, and repairs are no longer urgent.

Strong for McKinley.

CARTHAGE, Mo., Feb. 6.—A McKinley club of 800 members was formed in this city Tuesday night. The question came up and it was urged that he is a true bimetalist. Some of those who joined the club did so with the understanding that they were to withdraw if McKinley proves to be opposed to silver. The club has invited Mayor Walbridge of St. Louis and Major Warner of Kansas City to speak here about February 22.

An Attempt to Evict on Poles.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 7.—The stars and stripes still wave over Jones island and the Jones islanders came off victorious in a battle yesterday morning with nearly for officers of the law.

Ever since the last attempt at eviction on Jones island the islanders have been keeping close watch on the Illinois Steel company and they have friends and spies in the very employ of the company who keep them fully informed as to the plans of the corporations. Therefore, when the company went among its men and asked them to serve as deputies to assist in evicting the fishermen the Jones islanders were speedily told of the fact and even knew of the date fixed for the raid yesterday morning.

Constable Paulson, accompanied by twenty-three and forty "deputy constables," were greeted by four hundred strong. The women were there with stove-wood and stove-wood, and one woman waved a meat-axe and swore to kill the first man who tried to evict any of her neighbors. Paulson is no coward, but although he had a police captain from the south side and six stout copper with him he hesitated to do anything which should commence hostilities. Hoots and yells, taunts and curses along with an occasional stone or club, were hurled at the now frightened deputies, while the islanders pressed ever closer to them and grew more threatening.

At last Paulson said he would go alone to the house, and the police escorted him to the house of the baker, Detloff, for whom the eviction papers were made out. He was escorted thither by a mob of infuriated women, among them the woman with the axe. Detloff met him at the door and assured him that there was a sick girl in the house. In view of this fact, which Paulson ascertained by personal observation, he concluded to postpone the eviction till another day.

When he returned to where he had left his posse guarded by the moon, all but fifteen had vanished, scared into retreat by the demonstrations. It was afterward learned that the supposed sick girl was hale and hearty and her sickness was only a ruse.

It is said that the steel company is planning to swear in a big force of constables and take the whole island by force of arms, but the islanders swear they cannot do it.

A Bloody Affray.

WHITING, Ind., Feb. 7.—Whiting was the scene of a bloody riot yesterday and as a result three men are dead and another is lying at the point of death.

The trouble began in the saloon of Joseph Maovitik, on the corner of Adams street and Whiting road. For some years had blood had existed between the Hungarians and the Poles and about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon a crowd of Hungarians entered his saloon with the avowed purpose of cleaning out the place. They began by directing insulting remarks to the saloon-keeper and his wife, who was also in the saloon at the time. Several of Maovitik's friends were present and one of them struck a Hungarian, knocking him senseless. The Hungarians became enraged at this, and drawing revolvers, opened up a promiscuous shooting. Maovitik and his wife fled upstairs, leaving the Hungarians in possession of the saloon. Several of them rushed outside and with clubs began breaking the large plate glass windows of the saloon. Maovitik, from an upper window, fired a volley at the men below. His shots told, and when the smoke cleared away Skango and Matcha lay dead in the street. In the meantime Mrs. Maovitik stood at the head of the stairs and fired into a crowd attempting to mount the stairs. Thomas fell, it is thought, mortally wounded.

There was talk among the Poles last night that may signify trouble today.

Indians are Hostile.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Feb. 7.—As stated in these dispatches a few days ago there will be a council of Ogallala Sioux Indians held at Wounded Knee on the 10th to select delegates to send to Washington to confer with the "great father" upon matters relative to the manner of dealing with the Indians.

There is no serious cause for discontent among the Indians at this time and no fear of any hostile demonstrations, only that they have a vague, undefined feeling that there are a few minor grievances to be corrected, the principal one of which is that they want their annuities in cash. They cannot formulate any cogent reason of argument in favor of the change, but they want it and will ask for it. The system of issuing blankets, clothing, etc., is very unsatisfactory, as they are given out regardless of the needs, size or fit. It is thought that old Red Cloud will head the delegation, as he has expressed a desire to shake hands with the "great father" again and then return to the agency and die. The council will conclude with a feast, at which 186 dogs will be served.

Germany Welcomes Uhl.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Baron von Thielman, the German ambassador, called on Secretary Olney at the state department yesterday morning and gave the official assurances from the German government that Assistant Secretary Uhl would be perfectly acceptable as the United States ambassador at Berlin. Baron von Thielman also visited Mr. Uhl and tendered him his congratulations on the selection for the post.

Nebraska Notes

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Calendar table for February 1896 with days of the week and numbers 1-29.

Sutton republicans have organized a McKinley club.

Fire at Crete destroyed a residence occupied by J. H. Gtowers Sunday.

The western Nebraska fair will probably be held the latter part of August. The B. & M. railroad paid taxes in Furnas county this year aggregating \$10,483.

Rod C. Smith, the Kearney poet, has been appointed deputy county judge of Buffalo county.

Mrs. G. B. Meisinger of Plattsmouth passed from earth last Sunday at the advanced age of eighty-one.

Never, says a valued exchange, judge a man by the clothes he wears; it is his breath that tells the story.

Frank Tikota of Dode and Miss Mary Marek of West Point were married at the latter place Sunday.

An epidemic of influenza is making the people of South Sioux City very weary. One case resulted fatally.

Thomas Casey, an aged resident of Waterbury, was thrown from his wagon by a runaway and instantly killed.

Rev. E. V. Gadtner has succeeded S. W. Maynard as superintendent of the Syracuse Congregational Sunday school.

George Brooks of Knox county is willing to put his feet in Joe Bartley's shoes when Joe is through with them.

The United Brethren and Christian churches each begin revival services at Nehawka, with assistance from abroad.

Rev. Peter Matthews, better known as "Indian Pete, the Evangelist," is conducting an enthusiastic revival at Syracuse.

The last issue of the Battle Creek Enterprise was a whopper. It contained a complete write-up of the town.

A temperance drama, entitled "The turn of the Tide" was rendered at North Loup Saturday evening by local talent.

Rev. James Lisle of North Loup is delivering an interesting series of lectures on "The Sabbath in the Old Testament."

The moderate weather of the last few days has taken most of frost out of the ground, and some farmers at Nehawka are plowing.

The plans for the new Methodist church at Norfolk have been completed and work on the structure will be at once resumed.

Nemaha county gets 5 per cent interest on its county funds. This is probably the highest rate received by any county in the state.

A large number of Albion citizens meet at the court room on Friday evening to consider the advisability of building a court house.

The Columbus chess player in the game of Saturday night closed the contest of three games with St. Edward by winning the first and third.

John Maibland of Burwell grew too enthusiastic in feeding a corn sheller and half the fingers of one hand fell upon the altar of his ambition.

The Dunbar Junior Endeavor society celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of the orders foundation in America Sunday with appropriate exercises.

A son of Mrs. John Kapp of Plattsmouth, aged five years, fell backward down a short flight of stairs, and the shoulder blade was fractured by the fall.

A son of Frank Decker of Alexandria monkeyed with a buzz saw, and it will hurry the attending physician to make the injured hand as useful as the well one.

Mr. George Saintsbury has been appointed professor rhetoric and English literature in the university of Edinburgh in place of David Mason, who recently retired.

While cooking feed for stock a son of Charles Starmer, living near Glencoe, fell into the mass and was so badly scalded it is feared his left leg will have to be amputated.

A rebounding hammer, carelessly handled by Albert Safford, in the Havelock shops, struck him in the forehead and knocked him senseless. He suffered no serious injuries.

PARALYSIS.

From the Press, New York City.

Morris Preslaner, of No. 1 Pitt street, New York, who is a real estate agent and collector of rents, caught a severe cold early last spring, which settled on his kidneys. Soon he began to suffer severe pains in his backbones, sides and chest. His symptoms grew rapidly more alarming, until at last he was as helpless as a child and could scarcely move as he lay on his bed. As Mr. Preslaner is well-known in the part of town where he resides, he had many sympathizers, who did all they could to help him.

Though a native of Berlin, Mr. Preslaner has lived in this country for forty years, having served the country of his adoption by three years' hard service in the civil war. He enlisted with the Nineteenth Illinois Infantry, taking part in many battles and marching with Gen. Sherman to the sea. While in Georgia he was promoted to sergeant. Mr. Preslaner was promoted to first sergeant for bravery on the field of action. He is a member of Klotz Post, G. A. R., and a very popular man in the Post.

Mr. Preslaner told a reporter the story of his dreadful illness and wonderful recovery. The reporter met him first sitting on a bench in the park, and, saying that he had heard of his wonderful cure, asked him to tell the story. When Mr. Preslaner was comfortably seated in his pleasant parlor, he told the following story, which he said he hoped every one who was suffering as he had suffered would read. His words were as follows: "To begin with, I was taken sick just a year and a month ago, having taken a severe cold which settled on my kidneys. I was returning from a long walk, and, saying that he had heard of his wonderful cure, asked him to tell the story. When Mr. Preslaner was comfortably seated in his pleasant parlor, he told the following story, which he said he hoped every one who was suffering as he had suffered would read. His words were as follows: "To begin with, I was taken sick just a year and a month ago, having taken a severe cold which settled on my kidneys. 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