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Delays in the United States Mails.

CITY OF MEXICO, Mex., via El Paso, Tex., April 24.—Recently the mails from the United States have been reaching this city with the greatest irregularity. An explanation of the annoying state of affairs has been asked of Postmaster Nava, of this city. This morning that gentleman said the Mexican Post Office Department had been using the International Railway as far as has been practicable ever since the 1st of March, but upon inquiry of the postmaster at Eagle Pass it was found the United States Post Office Department had taken no measures for making use of the shorter route furnished by the International road, and that the Eagle Pass Post Office force was not sufficient to handle the American mail and the European mail sent from Mexico by rail. Hence the Mexican postal authorities were only able to use the short route to a limited extent, and though the force in Piedras Negras office had been somewhat increased it was found necessary to retain a considerable force at the Paso del Norte Post Office, since all the mail from the United States and a part of that to that country still continued to pass through that office; but when Mr. Bell, Superintendent of the Foreign Mail service, announced, on the 30th of last month, that orders had been issued for all the mails bound to Mexico from the greater part of the United States, and that passing through the country from Europe, to be sent via Eagle Pass and the International Railway, the force at the Paso del Norte office was very much diminished in order that the service at Piedras Negras might be made thoroughly efficient. In other words the principal part of the force at Paso del Norte was transferred to Piedras Negras. Supt. Bell's orders have not been obeyed, and nine-tenths of the mails which should come through Eagle Pass and Piedras Negras continue to cross the Rio Grande at El Paso.

Mr. Nava says some little mail comes by the short route through Eagle Pass and Piedras Negras offices, but that fully as much is sent into Mexico at Laredo, which is not yet connected with this city and the principal points of the republic by rail. In consequence of the Mexican postal authorities acting on the supposition that Supt. Bell's orders would be carried out, and weakening the force at Piedras Negras, it is now found that the clerks in the last named office have nothing to do, while those at Paso del Norte can not handle the heavy mails which continue to pass through that office, apparently in violation of the orders of the postal authorities of the United States.

The Americans of Mexico are not only annoyed at the delay of their mail, but they are notified the whole trouble is with the postal authorities of the United States, who will not avail themselves of the new route by which from one to two days' time is gained, and this the Superintendent of Foreign Mails of the United States had announced with a flourish of trumpets that orders had been issued for the immediate use of the new route. The most patriotic and enthusiastic Americans are compelled to admit on this occasion that the postal authorities of Mexico have shown themselves more enterprising and business like than those of the United States.

Well Up in the Drill.

FAIRBURY, Neb., April 24.—Fairbury's crack military company, Company D, of the Second regiment, gave their first state full dress drill today in the presence of half the population of Fairbury. They opened the day with a grand flag pole raising, on which was hoisted a company streamer and an elegant thirty-foot American flag, and then the drill which lasted some four hours. Our company will be a prominent competitor for the state cup at the next encampment, and judging by their fine drilling today, which was almost perfect in every detail, they will be hard to beat. The company is under the command of Captain C. J. Bills, of the Bills & Kenyon banking company; first lieutenant, George E. Jenkins, president of the board of trade; second lieutenant, John Heasey, of Humbel & Heasey, our leading attorneys.

Both Blaine and Sherman Cheered.

FORT WORTH, Tex., April 24.—The Texas state republican convention assembled here today and, after organization, adjourned till evening. Vociferous applause followed the mention of the names of Blaine and Sherman in the speeches. The night session was devoted to the discussion of the report of the committee on credentials. The delegation from Galveston is headed by Culy, a member of the national committee and an ardent Blaine man. The convention adjourned until tomorrow.

Cuba Terrified.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 23.—The latest intelligence from Cuba is alarming, owing to the fact that Captain-General Martin, is allowing himself to be guided by a party claiming to be great Spanish patriots. The entire liberal press of the island has been suppressed and constitutional rights denied them. They henceforth will not be allowed to publish any acts of kidnapping, murder, arson or any other act committed on the island. The two official organs of the government will continue as heretofore. Martin now wants to make it appear to the eyes of the world, especially to the Madrid government, that these kidnapers and other bandits are being incited by Cuban leaders in order to again begin a war to give Cuba her liberty. This is by no means correct. The fact is the bandits are doing as they please. Last week fires destroyed six or eight plantations. This week there were two or three more, including one in the city of Sagua, in which fifty houses were burned down. The people now living in Cuba are terrified, not knowing at what moment they may be murdered in cold blood by bandits or government troops, who make many mistakes and many innocent people are killed by their stupidity.

Brutal Murder of a Negro.

HOUSTON, Tex., April 22.—A cold-blooded murder was committed yesterday evening at Glidden, in Color County. A white man named Lewis Bumgarner, who has been superintending work at the coal bin on the Southern Pacific road, had a negro named J. B. Williams at work under him. Bumgarner has been in the habit of cursing and abusing the negro, which the negro had heretofore submissively borne, but on yesterday he exhibited more manhood than usual and gave Bumgarner some of the same talk, which angered Bumgarner and aroused his murderous propensities. Bumgarner departed, and soon returned with a double-barreled shotgun, the contents of which he discharged into the breast of the negro, killing him instantly. When the negro saw Bumgarner approaching with the gun he threw up his hands and pleaded piteously for his life, but his plea was unavailing to check the murderous intents of the determined Bumgarner. After committing the murder Bumgarner fled, and has not yet been arrested.

A Chinaman Baptized.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 23.—Laundryman Chun Sing, seventeen months from China, was baptized this evening by the Rev. Dr. Lorimer, in Inman Baptist church, before a large number of worshippers. Chun Sing has been a devout member of the Wabash Avenue Mission. When he was led into the big marble baptistry his body from his shoulders down was enveloped in a black gown. After the baptism Chun emerged from the water with his teeth chattering from the cold. The congregation sang "All hail the power of Jesus' name" as the white curtain fell over the baptistry.

Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Confirmations: Lieutenant Colonel Comstock, to be colonel; Major J. A. Smith, to be lieutenant colonel; Brigadier General George Crook, to be major general; Colonel J. R. Brooke, to be brigadier general; J. H. Hubble, postmaster at Jefferson, Neb. It has been practically decided at the war department to assign Major General Crook to command of the division of the Missouri, with headquarters at Chicago.

Hung Himself at Both Ends.

HOFFMAN, Tex., April 25.—Emil Leinboert, a German butcher, committed suicide over despondency, as Lena Haufnagle did not reciprocate his affections. He fastened his head with a halter, hitched it to a rafter overhead, and then placed his feet in another halter, and then dropped his body down, his head and feet meeting. When found he resembled the letter V. He left a farewell note in his pocket.

Talmage Will Stay Dry.

TALMAGE, Neb., April 25.—The new council met last night and adjourned until tonight. Hopes were for license until noon today, but this afternoon everything was lost and all hopes are gone. Joseph Kirk can get a license if he gets signers. The prohibitionists won't trouble him, but he can't get enough signers. It has been a hot fight here ever since election.

May Die From the Wounds.

ARGENTINE, Kan., April 25.—S. B. Warren, secretary of the Law and Order league, was assaulted by James Wiley, a late saloon keeper, and terrible beaten. His head was laid open with a revolver. His injuries may prove fatal.

They Do Not Drink.

OAKLAND, Neb., April 22.—Decatur, in the northeast part of Burt county voted this spring in favor of license and thirty freeholders who favor saloons can not be found in the town to sign the saloon men's petition, so Decatur goes dry for another year, despite the majority of voters.

Tekamah voted in favor of license by thirty-seven majority and will also go dry, as the city "dads" are on a tie and the mayor cannot vote.

Oakland has two saloons in full blast, both paying down \$1,000 and will be the only town in the county having saloons, but it is thought, by the assistance of West Point and Hooper, that she will be able to satisfy all in Burt county who crave the stuff.

You can get any kind of saddle at bed rock prices at W. G. Keefer's harness store.

Another Assault on a Scab.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 22.—Another murderous assault was made on a scab freeman here last night named Frank Shea. He was employed in the "Q" yards at East Nebraska City. He was ordered off the streets a number of times by brotherhood sympathizers, and refusing was assaulted, and would undoubtedly have been killed but for the timely interference of a citizen, who was passing. Shea's head and body was a mass of bruises. Later, Paul Martin, a discharged policeman, was arrested for participating, but released by Chief of Police Wintona and Shea, the victim, arrested. He is now in jail to shield him from mob violence. Other arrests will probably follow.

Go to W. G. Keefer's Harness Store for everything usually kept in a first-class place, at prices to suit the times. 63

Verdict in a Noted Murder Trial.

WICHITA, Kan., April 23.—Private information from Anthony, Harper county, says the jury in the case of the state against Walter Treadwell, accused of murder, this morning brought in a verdict of not guilty. Treadwell is the Harper county cattle king who last fall shot and killed G. Clarke, the seducer of his wife, in a hotel in Anthony. The case has been on trial about a week, and the verdict meets with general approval, as the act was considered justifiable under the circumstance. Clarke and Treadwell were partners in business and close friends.

Prairie Fires in Dakota.

RAPID CITY, Dak., April 23.—The timber fire which has been burning for three days past, is burning up fierce tonight, fanned by a strong west wind. The fire is about twelve or fifteen miles from here in the mountains off any road, so no definite information as to the extent and area burned over can be obtained. Much valuable timber has already been destroyed and unless rain comes soon much more will go. Several small prairie fires have been seen here lately. No damage to any extent has been done by them.

W. G. Keefer keeps the largest line of Harness ever kept in Cass County, at rock bottom prices. 63

Washing Away the Banks.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 25.—The river at this point is falling rapidly, but is doing considerable damage by cutting the west bank. Some sixty feet of it has fallen into the river at the foot of Perry street since yesterday, and several houses had to be removed.

Another Boom.

The Cass County Driving Park association have purchased thirty-two acres immediately south of the city at the junction of Chicago and Lincoln avenues, and have leased the same to the Cass County Agricultural society for a term of ten years, at the nominal sum of \$1 per year, and the coming fair for 1888 will be held there.

The new grounds are beautifully situated and capable of furnishing a fine half-mile track, perfectly level and upon which speed can be made.

They are exactly one and a half miles from Main street at the mouth of either avenue and of easy access to the public both from the county and city.

The prospect now is, that the street railway will be extended out Lincoln avenue this year if not to the grounds, at least to South Park, which would be a help to the fair in the way of attendance.

A committee from the Driving Park association are now having the grounds cleared off and the weeds all burned; and the coming week, with the assistance of Surveyor Madole, will lay out the track and at once put it in shape for driving purposes.

Valentine Has a Big Fire.

VALENTINE, Neb., April 24.—A severe fire occurred here at 1 o'clock this morning, which burned out the heart of the town. The leading business block was wholly destroyed, with one exception. The fire originated in the wine room of Fischer & Strickland's saloon, and burned rapidly south to Railroad street. The buildings destroyed were Kinn's saloon and dwelling, Gillet's butcher shop, Fischer & Strickland's saloon, Fischer's dwelling, Ling's laundry, the Ray house, Lewis' drug store, Harrigan & Hailey's abstract office, Miss Jasmer's millinery, the Cherry County bank, Spain Bros., general merchandise, and the bank of Valentine. By almost superhuman efforts the red destroyer was finally checked. At one time it looked as if the entire city would go, and this may be attributed to the fortunate absence of wind at the time of the fire. The loss is estimated at from \$20,000 to \$30,000, which was only partly insured. It is impossible to get a list of the insurance at this time.

The Earth Trembled.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—The steamer City of New York, which arrived yesterday from China, brings details of an earthquake in Yunnan, prefect of Liu An, which Chinians of the ship Ping, reported to the governor of Yunnan, that from the second day of the twelfth month of last year there were ten shocks of earthquake, accompanied by a noise like thunder. Yansens, in cities of Shihping Kienshui, were either knocked down or split right down, and the temples likewise. In Shihping more than half of the houses are falling down and large numbers are cracked and bent, 200 people being crushed to death and over three hundred injured. In the town and suburbs over four thousand people are either killed or wounded, eight or nine-tenths of the houses have fallen down and the rest are cracked and leaning over. At Kien Shui in the city seven were killed and many wounded. In the northwest suburb from three to four hundred houses were overturned, and about three hundred people killed and half that number wounded.

Weeping Water Works.

WEeping WATER, Neb., April 24.—S. K. Felton, of Omaha, who has the contract for putting in the system of water works here, began the trenches today and distributed the hydrants. The works are to be completed by July 1, and preparations are being made for a grand celebration on the Fourth.

A company has been organized here to manufacture pressed brick. Mr. Boyd, of Chicago, patentee of a dry brick machine, was in town today. The company intend to put in one of his machines at once, and expect to manufacture 1,000,000 brick this season.

A Sleeper Burned.

HARDY, Neb., April 22.—The sleeper Wauwincat caught fire six miles east of here, at 8:45 a. m., today. All the passengers escaped with their effects. The car was entirely consumed. All the bedding, etc., was lost. No one was injured. Loss, \$10,000.

Destroyed by a Prairie Fire.

OAKLAND, Neb., April 22.—A prairie fire near town this evening destroyed a five-acre tract of black walnuts, catalpas, and some large cottonwood trees, also cordwood belonging to Andrew Morell. The damages are not known but will be great. The fire was set by A. Hegland.

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