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LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

Weather Indications.

For Nebraska: Colder, generally fair weather, with cold wave, fresh to brisk northerly winds.

Snowed In.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The roof of the ordinance building fell in this morning, it being unable to support the heavy weight of snow upon it. The damage is estimated at \$30,000.

A Dakota Bank Goes Under.

DEADWOOD, Dak., Feb. 14.—The Central City Bank, of Central City, closed its doors to-day. Liabilities, \$30,000; assets, \$50,000. No banks in this city are affected by the failure.

Postal Changes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—New post-offices have been established at Graham, Benson county, D. T., and Graceville, Guthrie county, Iowa.

The star service between Castleville to Aurora, Ia., after Feb. 15 will be reduced to two trips a week, omitting Aurora and beginning at Independent, increasing the distance three miles.

Rapid Transit.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 14.—A company was incorporated in this city yesterday which proposes to send merchandise and mail by electro-automatic power over elevated railway cars which cannot run off, and to make the line of transit from Baltimore to Washington in ten minutes. Some very prominent business men and capitalists have engaged in the enterprise.

Ogallala gets a Court House.

OGALLALA, Neb., Feb. 14.—The Keith county court house bonds carried yesterday by a good majority. The bonds are for \$18,000 instead of \$1,800 as reported. There is a ratification meeting to-night and the citizens are jubilant. The board of trade will appropriate \$500 to a fertilizer the town and county. With the only mill between North Platte and Greeley, Colo., a new court house and numerous other improvements Ogallala booms.

Trying a New Plan.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—The 300 or 3000 dismissed army officers who have had bills before past congresses for re-instatement are trying a new route. The supreme court has decided that the dismissal of an army officer who has been court-martialed must bear the signature of the president. The practice has been for the secretary of war or the adjutant general to sign these dismissals. This decision restored Maj. Rankle to the retired list and gave him a large amount of back pay. At least 200 officers are now trying to take advantage of the decision. Some of them were dismissed from the active list and some from the retired list. All claim that the president did not sign the orders of dismissal in their cases. The retired-list officers have the best prospect of succeeding. It is difficult to see how an officer dismissed from the active list can get reinstated, for his place has been filled by promotion and the senate has confirmed his successor. There can be only a certain number of each grade on the active list.

A Railroad Grading Machine.

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 14.—Mr. M. E. Pugh, of this city, has received letters patent on a machine for doing railroad grading which promises to entirely do away with the old methods. The machine is known as the "steam cable grader" and consists of two consolidated engines of 100-horse power each, which are placed side by side, and both at the same time working directly upon an upright shaft containing two large sheave wheels, one 16 feet and the other 12 feet in diameter. On the shaft directly over each other there are arranged two similar wheels placed at any required distance out on the line of grade. There are two endless cables passing around the sheave wheels to those on beyond. These cables run between five and seven miles an hour. Ordinary scrapers are used and plows are attached to the cables every 20 feet, moving each from one-half to one yard of earth. The machinery will remove blasted rock, using hooks. The grader moves from point to point by the power of its own engines and over the ground not using any track. Civil engineers on a railway contractors estimate, using one-half mile cables, that the machine will move from 12 to 18 yards of earth in ten hours, costing not to exceed 4c per yard and 10c for rock for any haul under 2,000 feet. The St. Joseph, St. Louis and San Francisco Railway is one of the first to adopt it. The total weight of the machine is twelve tons complete.

French Legislators.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—In the chamber of deputies the under secretary for the colonies state the actual expenses of the Indo-Chinese account would not exceed 79,000,000 francs. The troops have been reduced 10,000 men. After a debate Premier Tirard called upon the chamber for a credit of 19,000,000 francs, 20,000 less than originally asked. The credit was adopted.

The Poll Book Thief.

GRANT, Neb., Feb. 14.—The detectives who were put to work on the poll book robbery reported Sunday, hit upon a clue yesterday. Nearly enough evidence is accumulated now to warrant the arrest of the party suspected.

Under the Wheels.

CRESTON, Iowa, Feb. 14.—William McMonagle, an old man of 70, was run over by a switch engine and killed in the railroad yards yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The Bucket Shops Reopen.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The bucket shops raided by the police last Saturday were all open again yesterday morning conducting business as usual.

Still Buried.

VIENNA, Feb. 14.—Two thousand men are still continuing the effort to rescue the passengers on the mail train on the Arburg railway, buried by the avalanche.

TALK ABOUT PEOPLE.

Personal Paragraphs and Bits of Gossip Clipped from the Newspapers.

Oscar Wilde is of the opinion that the Twentieth century will see intellectual development all in the hands of women. "Extra Billy" Smith's daughter has been given the right by the Virginia legislature of placing the state seal on the monument over her father's grave. Professor Van Benschoten of Wesleyan university owns one of the rarest gems of Greek pottery in existence. It is an Athenian vase which was made 1,000 B. C.

The present queen regent of Spain, Christina of Spain, has never been able to endure the faint and bloody spectacle of the bull fights, but attends the earlier scenes of the brutal show. Queen Victoria dislikes the electric light and refuses to have it in her palaces. She has at length permitted one of the royal yachts to be fitted with electric lamps, except her sleeping cabin and salon.

Mme. Genster, whose recent failure in opera created a sensation in musical circles, is now living with her brother, Dr. Genster, in New York, where she is undergoing treatment in the hope of recovering her voice.

John Brown, of New York, has been the tailor of every president since Andrew Johnson's time, and still his shears go marching on. He recently spent three hours with President Cleveland and took orders for seven suits.

Henry Fielding Dickens, son of the late Charles Dickens, the novelist, is a lawyer who has a high reputation for wit and eloquence in the London courts. He is clever in cross examinations and epigrammatic in his oratory.

The queen of Portugal is an accomplished potter. When staying at the seaside last year she constantly visited an important factory close by and was so interested that she took lessons in the whole process of manufacture.

Probably the richest woman in New England is Mrs. William Gamwell, of Providence, whose fortune is estimated at from \$12,000,000 to \$20,000,000. The foundation of this wealth was laid in the days when Boston's East India trade was in its glory.

Charley Hawkins of America, Ga., has recently been experimenting in rat raising, and by caging the common black rat with a number of white ones, has produced an entirely new breed of rodents. From the center of the body back they are perfectly white, while the head and shoulders are black, like the common rat. They are very gentle and run about at will all over the town.

Dr. O. W. Holmes is one of the familiar figures on the Boston thoroughfares. His genial face and roly-poly form are recognized by most of those he meets, and even though they may never have been formally presented to him, they recognize him with a bow as he passes by. It may not be generally known that Dr. Holmes' amiable wife is still his faithful comrade and friend. She is not in the best of health, so she did not accompany him to England last year, but she is far from being an invalid. Mrs. Holmes is one of the dearest of old ladies, and she is always on hand in the Beacon street home to welcome the many visitors who come to pay their respects to her distinguished and popular husband.

Skim Milk for Horses.

Skim milk has been used for horses on a few farms in Denmark and Sweden, thus saving grain. One man sends his oats in four to six pounds of milk for each horse, and claims that they thrive exceedingly well, but adds, "always boil the milk first."—Chicago Times.

There is one great trouble among the young men of the present day—they are ashamed to take off their coats and get down to hard work. They want to be genteel; they want to get rich right away. The crowning glory of manhood is labor.—Francis Murray.

THE PROMPTER'S WORK.

FALLING GREATNESS OF THE AUTOGRAT OF THE STAGE.

The Wonderful Pages of the "Prompter Book"—Cause for Everything and Every-body—American Actors Have Almost Put the Prompter Away.

When the heavy villain chokes his nostrils even more savagely than his words, or the leading lady looks magnificently into the wings as though in search of the lover who is behind her, and presently there floats out over the footlights a ghastly whisper which seems to say: "By heaven, this man he shall not escape!" or "His comes to 5, he comes to 5," which exclamations are instantly repeated by the first-mentioned heavy villain or leading lady—then the prompter is at his work. Supposing the prompter had fallen asleep, or was down below the stage playing "blind law" with the irate parent, or had gone across the alley to buy a cigar, or suppose he had suddenly died, for the whereabouts of his body would be unknown. What a catastrophe! The prompter would be missed, and the manager would come out and announce the sudden independence of the star and crave the indulgence of the audience for a few moments until she recovered. If it were discovered that the prompter's elimination could not be concealed, and that arbitration were out of a question, then the fulfillment of the star would prove momentous. Her part would be taken by the manager, and the audience would be furnished with the information that the price of the tickets would be refunded at the last office.

AUTOCRAT OF THE STAGE.

Such is the prompter—autocrat of the stage. There never yet was an actor or actress who did not owe their success to him. He has his right in the prompter is ready to supply it. His advice is not to be despised. He is the part of the prompter is on hand to do just what a good actor or actress should do when to scold his own or her head. No person on the stage is as thoroughly familiar with the play being presented as the prompter is. If the actor has been presented many times he has every speech and every detail of the action in his head. In the prompter's hand is a volume which he consults at any moment, and which he consults with the director in the case of a doubtful passage. He is the one who is called upon to decide a single page of his script. He is the one who is called upon to decide a single page of his script. He is the one who is called upon to decide a single page of his script.

Of later years the prompter is not so essential to a production as formerly and even less so required of him in America than in Europe. Every attendant at the grand opera is familiar with the contrivances placed behind the footlights immediately in front of the director of the orchestra, which resembles a much magnified quarter-section of a walnut shell, above and either side of which is occasionally seen a hand holding a baton or a portion of an open book, and everybody knows that behind this structure with the lower half of his body extending through a trap in the stage the prompter sits, invisible to the audience but in plain view to every one on the stage.

LOSING HIS EMPLOYMENT.

In Germany and France, and until quite recently in England, the prompter occupies this position at every performance, whether the production is opera, play or spectacle. The position is very advantageous to both prompter and actors, though quite the reverse to the audience, as the best over his hand obstructs their view to a certain extent. But the box is a valuable addition to the prompter's outfit, as it enables him to be where he can best direct the action of the play and, secondly, because it serves as a kind of sounding board, throwing the prompter's voice back toward the stage and preventing his own voice from being heard by the audience. On this account the device retains its popularity in France and Germany, where exceptional actors frequently appear at an hour's notice without having committed to memory a single speech in their part. A person occupying a seat near the stage in a German theatre will sometimes hear every line in the play repeated twice, first by the prompter and then by the actor or actress whose turn it is to speak.

The American stage has the habit of imitating the device of the prompter's office, though even in this country it still remains an indispensable factor in every grandly dramatic presentation. But he has been displaced from his conspicuous position in the center of the stage, and relegated to a corner in the wings near the gas man. The gas man and the complicated mechanism upon which he operates being always located at the right side of the stage, which is not the case with the prompter. There has come into use a new bit of relative apparatus which is plain to any young actor, however "rattled" he may be. If the prompter desires him to enter from the side on which he sits the prompter is not, he whispers hoarsely, "O. P. side." The "O. P." signifies "Opposite prompter," and a direction that no "jay" could fail to understand, though a long way past the point where he knew his right hand from his left. Good prompters cultivate a distinct, unobtrusive whisper that can be heard all over the stage without penetrating beyond the orchestra. This being the case, the advantage of having the prompter out of sight of the audience is gradually appealing to stage managers in other countries. Bernhardt, when on her first visit to this country, was much impressed with the system and is understood to have introduced it where she appears in Paris.—Chicago News.

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