

AS TO LAND ENTRIES.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMISSIONER LAMEROUX.

Statistics Given in Regard to Business and Recommendations Made—The Decline Before Noted Continues—Entries Appear to Have Fallen Off 19,095—Total Cash Receipts \$2,033,454.

Land Office Report.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—S. W. Lamereaux, commissioner of the general land office, in his annual report to the secretary of the interior, declares that the decline of land office business noted in the last report still continues.

The commissioner recommends that appropriations for the survey of public lands be made continuous instead of annual, as under the rules of the treasury department it has been found that a contract an extension operates as a new contract and must be paid for out of the appropriations for the year for which it was made.

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The interior department has approved the findings of the land office regarding the land grant adjustments in eleven cases, and ten other cases for final adjustments have been submitted to the department.

Discussing the act of the last congress, granting lands to states for irrigation purposes, the commissioner says that he believes the necessity will arise in the near future for the creation of a national commission whose function it shall be to regulate the distribution of these waters which have their source in a superadjacent state, and which have heretofore been used in common by the people of that and the sub-adjacent states.

The commissioner recommends a law to compel the attendance of witnesses at land offices in contest cases; an appropriation of \$50,000 annually for making examinations necessary for the establishment of forest reservations and for the protection of reservations already existing.

SHOT AT COL. CROFTON.

Dementia Causes Lieutenant Pague to Commit a Rash Act.

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—Colonel R. E. Crofton, commander of the Fifteenth infantry at Fort Sheridan, narrowly escaped death or at least a severe wound at the hands of Lieutenant S. S. Pague of Company F, Fifteenth infantry, yesterday afternoon.

One passed through the fold of his overcoat just over the right groin and the second and third passed close to the body. Pague's few moments before had escaped from the hospital, where he had been undergoing treatment for mental trouble, occasioned, it is said, by over-indulgence in liquor.

At the fort it was stated that the lieutenant was not responsible for his act, and that his meeting with Crofton was a chance meeting.

Mixed Marriages Forbidden.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 5.—The constitutional convention, by an overwhelming majority, has adopted a clause forbidding the intermarriage of a white person with any person with any negro blood whatever.

A Dead Man's Shortage.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 5.—An afternoon paper says the late Joseph H. Tiernan, for many years prior to his death, on September 1 last, one of the best known and most prominent realty men on the street, has been discovered to be short in his accounts with the Security Building and Loan association No. 2, of which he was secretary since its organization.

LOST IN DARKEST AFRICA.

Anxiety About Dr. Donaldson Smith's Expedition.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—Considerable anxiety is beginning to be felt in scientific circles regarding Dr. Donaldson Smith's African expedition, news of which is long overdue.

According to the latest advices Dr. Smith had been stopped by the Abyssinian army, and it is feared that he has had to retrace his steps and go in a southerly direction. He may thus have got behind the district where the British are now fighting, at Mweil, on the British East African coast, and have been caught by the natives.

Dr. Smith, who is a resident of Philadelphia, started from England in the latter part of May, 1894, for the Somali coast, with the object of reaching lakes Rudolph and Stefanie in the northeast.

The last advices received from him were dated December 14, 1894, at the Shibeii river and Russa Gallas. These were written by himself in pencil while in the brush, and were addressed to the press.

HEALTH AND LIQUOR.

Suggestions Made by the Sanitary Committee of the American Association.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 5.—The American Public Health association to-day elected officers as follows: President, Dr. Eduardo Licego of the City of Mexico; vice-presidents, Colonel A. A. Woodhull, United States army, and Dr. Henry Sewall of Denver; secretary, Dr. Irving A. Watson of Concord, N. H.; treasurer, Dr. Henry Holton of Brattleboro, Vt.

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A FAMINE IN CUBA.

Great Distress Predicted in Case the War Continues.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—A local paper prints extracts from a private letter from Cuba which predicts a famine if the war continues.

"The troops in the interior part of the island are suffering unheard of hardships. They are famished, clothless, shoeless, and without medical attendance. The very officers confess the total demoralization of the army and pronounce the difficulty insurmountable. The departments of Santiago Puerto Principe, Santa Clara and Matanzas—that is to say, nearly all the island—are being devastated. Everywhere small parties of rebels patrol the country with perfect impunity, robbing and firing property."

WILL WED THE PRIEST.

Mrs. Steidel Relents and Her Daughter Will Marry Father Wagner.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 5.—The mother of Maude Steidel has relented in her prosecution of Father Dominic Wagner and some time to-day or tomorrow there will be a wedding at the jail and Maude Steidel will become the priest's bride.

Episcopal Missions.

Report on the Embezzlement of Henry Oakley and Rev. William Newbold.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 5.—In the Episcopal house of bishops one of the principal reports presented to the board of missions was the report of the executive committee of the American Church Missionary Society, read Secretary J. Thompson Cole.

Violated Treaties.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—William F. Cody was at the Indian office with a large delegation of Indians connected with his Wild West show.

DAYS OF DEPRESSION.

HOW THEY ARE FELT BY THE RAILROADS.

Commissioner Hampton Makes His Report of the Pacific Lines—He Thinks the Thurman Act Will Be Found to Justify the Expectation of Its Framers if Several Amendments, Which He Suggests, Are Made—Railroad Legislation Reviewed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Wade Hampton, commissioner of railroads, has made his annual report to the secretary of the interior. He says that during the hard times the gross receipts of the Union Pacific system was reduced \$1,000,000 a month below the normal.

He also says that a cast-iron rule as to payments cannot be observed, and thinks there should be a flexible adjustment of annual payments to correspond with diminished earnings.

First—To embrace within its provisions all Pacific roads which have received from the United States a loan of its bonds in aid of construction.

Second—To provide that 50 per cent instead of 25 per cent of the net earnings be retained.

Third—To extend the debt bill it shall have been discharged as provided.

Fourth—To further provide that if any of the companies abandon any portion of the subsidized lines or divert their business from a subsidized to an unsubsidized road, the company shall, in such cases, be required to transfer the line and condition which attached to the old or subsidized line to the new and unsubsidized line, in order that the rights and interests of the United States may be protected.

The commissioner believes that such legislation will hasten the payment of the companies' indebtedness, as they are anxious to be freed from governmental supervision.

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The commissioner further recommends the order of the treasury department which directs that compensation services rendered the government by the non-aided and leased lines of the Union Pacific company be paid to the receivers of that company and not retained in the treasury as formerly.

The commissioner refers to the fact that there has been great improvement in conditions since his last annual report, and that there is an increase of earnings of roads under his supervision.

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Used the Horse Whip.

Mrs. Gustave Pabst, Formerly Margaret Mather, Lashes Her Husband.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 4.—Mrs. Gustave Pabst, formerly Margaret Mather, the actress, created a sensation near Twenty-ninth and Cedar streets yesterday afternoon by striking her husband, a son of the wealthy brewer, several times with a horse-whip.

Insurance Tax Money.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 4.—State Auditor Seibert apportioned the \$107,608.84 county foreign insurance tax moneys for 1895, now in the state treasury, to the various counties and the city of St. Louis upon the basis of 11.3928 cents per capita of school children.

PUGILISM KNOCKED OUT.

There Will Be No Corbett-Fitzsimmons Fight in Texas.

AUSTIN, Texas, Oct. 4.—There will be no prize fight at Dallas October 31 between Corbett and Fitzsimmons. This fact was settled yesterday afternoon by the Texas legislature in exactly three hours by the vote.

After hearing the gentlemen upon the bill, the two committees adjourned. When the two houses met at 3 o'clock, both committees were ready to report and the senate bill was very promptly considered.

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WAGNER'S CONFESSION.

The Fallen Priest of St. Joseph Makes a Clean Breast.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 4.—The Father Wagner scandal is still the reigning sensation in this town. The priest has made a clean breast of the whole matter.

He admitted that he had been intimate with Miss Steidel and stated that the intimacy had extended over a period of eighteen months. He claimed that it was his intention to resign from the priesthood and as soon as that was accomplished he had intended to marry the girl and get out of the country.

He said that he had several thousand dollars of his own which had been left to him as a legacy, his possession of which was not known to the public, and with this money he had intended to take care of his wife and engage in business.

Maude Steidel said her relations with the priest began about a year ago. She is willing to marry him, and says in the event of a wedding they will go to Chicago to reside.

Mrs. Cummings Acquiesces.

MILAN, Mo., Oct. 4.—Mrs. C. G. Cummings of Linneus, who was arrested on July 4 last on a charge of poisoning her husband in order to collect a \$2,000 life insurance policy, was acquitted by a Linn county jury.

A Ship Burned at Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4.—Private advices received here from London, England, state that the British ship Europe, bound from Leith to San Francisco, has been burned at sea. The crew of the Europe was rescued by the Oscar II, which brought the news of the disaster and landed them at Liverpool.

AFFAIRS IN OKLAHOMA.

Governor Renfrow Presents His Annual Report to Secretary Smith.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Governor Renfrow of Oklahoma, in his annual report takes a strong position in favor of opening to settlement the Wichita, Kiowa, Comanche and Apache reservations. He scores the press of the country for publishing things about Oklahoma, and also takes to task the Home Missionary society for making representations about destitution prevailing in certain parts of Oklahoma.

"The press of the nation has often depicted the suffering in Oklahoma, which may have led many to a misconception of the true condition of the people of this territory. So, too, have been the statements of many persons who have taken upon themselves the task of calling aid for Oklahoma, and even the agents for some of the Home Missionary societies have depicted a condition which, if it really existed, ought to cause their supporters to withdraw from so barren a field."

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RIOT IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

Armenians and Turks Come in Conflict—Many Killed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Secretary Olney received the following cablegram from United States Minister Torrell at Constantinople, Monday several hundred Armenians marched on the porte, to ask redress of grievances.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 3.—Five hundred arrests have been made in connection with the recent rioting of Armenians here. The government is greatly alarmed and the garrison is kept under arms.

The Turkish government, in its efforts to calm the apprehension experienced on all sides, has sent a quieting circular to the envoys of the different foreign countries here.

At the palace the utmost consternation is said to prevail and every precaution has been taken to suppress further outbreaks upon the part of the dissatisfied Armenians.

The City Takes Possession.

WELLINGTON, Kan., Oct. 4.—The Wellington Water Works company yesterday morning shut down its pumping plant according to previous notice, the city having refused to pay any more hydrant rentals.

Summary Action Taken.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 4.—Judge Hanford refused to accept the resignation of the receivers of the Northern Pacific and removed them because of failure to comply with his order directing them to give an accounting for their past acts, and to answer the charges of Brayton Ives. Andrew F. Burleigh was appointed as receiver for the lines in Washington.

Woman's Temper Has Always Been Spectacular.

The Cable Car System Put in Operation in New York City.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—The Third Avenue Railroad Postoffice, as the cable car system on that line will hereafter be known, was put in operation yesterday morning.

Wheat-No. 2, spring, 59 1/2 @ 61; Corn-Per bu., 18 @ 19; Eggs-Fresh, 15 @ 16; Honey-California, per lb., 4 @ 5; Hens-Live, per lb., 8 1/2 @ 9; Spring Chickens, per lb., 9 @ 10; Lemons-Choice Messinas, 8 @ 10 @ 10; Apples-per bbl., 1 7/8 @ 2 00; Sweet Potatoes-Good per bbl., 3 @ 3 50; Potatoes-per bu., 25 @ 30; Beans-Navy hand-picked, bu., 2 @ 2 15; Hay-Upland, per ton, 16 @ 17; Onions-Per bu., 25 @ 30; Cheese-Neib & Ia., full cream, 10 @ 11; Hogs-Mixed packing, 3 1/2 @ 4 1/2; Hogs-Heavy weights, 4 @ 4 1/2; Beaves-Stockers and feeders, 2 3/4 @ 3 1/2; Beef Steers, 1 7/8 @ 2 1/2; Slags, 2 @ 2 1/2; Cows, 2 @ 2 00; Helves, 1 00 @ 1 10; Westerns, 2 1/2 @ 2 75; Sheep-Lamb, 3 25 @ 4 75; Sheep-Choice natives, 2 85 @ 3 10.

SARCASTIC "TRUTH."

Suggests a Way for American Girls to Get Titles Without Marrying Noblemen.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—Truth said yesterday, commenting upon the engagement between the duke of Marlborough and Miss Vanderbilt: "British mammas and their daughters will soon be clamoring for protection if all the prizes in the marriage market are to fall to the American damsels."

The public treasury would thus be filled with dollars and the girl would remain at home. But there would still be the difficulty of finding husbands in the home market, for the Americans are as strongly opposed to becoming rich through their ladies as the British noblemen are in favor of this mode of enrichment."

DEEP WATER CONFERENCE.

Senator Vest Made Permanent Presiding Officer.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 3.—Representative hall was comfortably filled at 11 o'clock this morning when the temporary chairman, Congressman Burton of Missouri, called the deep water conference to order.

Ex-Governor Hubbard of Texas spoke from 11 o'clock to 12:30. His speech was full of statistics covering the deep water agitation and its results and prospects.

QUAY AGAINST CARTER.

The Pennsylvania and Platt of New York in a Combine.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—This is a movement among the anti-McKinley and anti-Harrison forces to combine at the November meeting of the Republican national committee and elect Senator Quay of Pennsylvania national chairman in place of Senator Carter of Montana.

Senator Quay is believed to be in earnest in his advocacy of Pittsburg as the place for holding the national convention, and it is claimed that ex-Senator Platt has received a communication from him asking for his cooperation.

CANNIBALISM IN CHINA.

Seven Men Captured in Fights Between Rival Villages Killed and Eaten.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3.—According to mail advices from China, the people of Lang Cheng, a large village in the Canton province, China, cut the sea embankment and let in the water so as to destroy a large part of the rice of the people of Pien Cheng, which was then almost ready for cutting.

A Life Sentence for "Pea Ridge."

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Oct. 3.—George Hayes, better known as "Pea Ridge," pleaded guilty of murder in the second degree in the criminal court to-day on a charge of murdering Deputy Sheriff J. H. Keller, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Quotations from New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Elsewhere.

CHICAGO. Butter-Creamery separator, 18 @ 19; Butter-Fair to good country, 14 @ 15; Eggs-Fresh, 15 @ 16; Honey-California, per lb., 4 @ 5; Hens-Live, per lb., 8 1/2 @ 9; Spring Chickens, per lb., 9 @ 10; Lemons-Choice Messinas, 8 @ 10 @ 10; Apples-per bbl., 1 7/8 @ 2 00; Sweet Potatoes-Good per bbl., 3 @ 3 50; Potatoes-per bu., 25 @ 30; Beans-Navy hand-picked, bu., 2 @ 2 15; Hay-Upland, per ton, 16 @ 17; Onions-Per bu., 25 @ 30; Cheese-Neib & Ia., full cream, 10 @ 11; Hogs-Mixed packing, 3 1/2 @ 4 1/2; Hogs-Heavy weights, 4 @ 4 1/2; Beaves-Stockers and feeders, 2 3/4 @ 3 1/2; Beef Steers, 1 7/8 @ 2 1/2; Slags, 2 @ 2 1/2; Cows, 2 @ 2 00; Helves, 1 00 @ 1 10; Westerns, 2 1/2 @ 2 75; Sheep-Lamb, 3 25 @ 4 75; Sheep-Choice natives, 2 85 @ 3 10.

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