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HARRISON, - NEBRASKA.

China leads the world. That is, when any part of the world is chasing her.

Fools and hypocrites and humbugs will be taken for no more than they are worth in the long run.

If the Lexow Committee perseveres, New York one of these days may be too good to be true.

Dr. A. Conan Doyle says: "I am quite well pleased with Niagara Falls." Thanks, awfully, old boy. So kind of you.

If Nicholas of Russia can successfully govern one-sixth of the civilized world and his wife he must be a pretty likely boy.

The New York News says that before the end of the century New York will have 6,000,000 residents. Stuff and nonsense.

That New York embezzler was not up to the times or he would not have left the bank directors enough to be able to guarantee the loss.

A Wichita man secured a divorce from his wife in order to marry his mother-in-law. And yet some folks say there is no such thing as hypnotism.

John Elberhardt, of Toledo, went to New York last week and bought \$900 worth of "green goods" experience in one lot. Business in New York is looking up.

The salary of Seelye, who stole \$350,000 from the Shoe and Leather Bank, was only \$1,800 a year, which shows what can be accomplished by small resources improperly directed.

The biggest rascals on the continent have been discovered in Chicago. They have been manufacturing spurious vaccine points containing nothing but some skin irritant like croton.

At last France has put up a statue to Claude Bernard, a far greater man than many hitherto so honored. He explored many unknown regions of human physiology, and made great discoveries therein.

A woman in Springfield, Mo., who fell through a defective sidewalk and broke three ribs, sued the city for \$5,000 and a jury awarded her \$200. The value of a broken rib in Missouri, therefore, is exactly \$96.92 2/3. Call the next case.

At the recent Scotch celebration in New York Andrew Carnegie responded to the toast of "The Scotch Drama." He did not tell his hearers that there was nothing in it to equal the tragedy of Homestead, although few border romances contain more action or a greater variety of light and shade.

The Atlanta Exposition has asked the Government to issue a special postage stamp to commemorate and boom the forthcoming cotton exposition. If this means a repetition of the Columbian stamp monstrosity, we register our protest right here. Liver pads are now so cheap that the only excuse for the gigantic stamp is gone.

The death of the venerable Princess Bismarck will overshadow the later years of the great statesman who was the founder of United Germany, and may be a portent regarding his own lease of life. Prince and Princess Bismarck were an amiable couple, thoroughly devoted to each other, and models of domestic conduct.

"It has been a hard struggle," said General Booth of his work with the Salvation Army, "but the joy I have had from it no tongue can tell. Society is helpless in the presence of the evils which exist, and what we need is an organized system of dealing with the lost and fallen with strong hands and by the grace of God. There must be a way, and the Salvation Army is God's invention for the solution of the problem." It must be with a feeling of triumph, as well as of joy, that the General looks back over his life, for he has forced recognition and appreciation from a world that once held him and his army in the most supreme contempt.

Some newspapers which might be in better business are dilating upon the fact that Seelye, the cheating bank cashier, and Baker, his confederate, were "exemplary men," "church-goers" and "indulgent parents." Suppose they were. They are the exceptions that show the rule to be good. For one thief who goes to church there are fifty who never saw the inside of one. We pray that the wickedness of these two men will not cause young people to lose faith in good works and decency of outward bearing. Most thieves don't go to church. Most thieves are not kind to their wives. Most thieves are not temperate in their habits. But the thief who practices abstemiousness and continence and preserves a righteous front lasts longer and gets away with more than his rakish pals.

Princess Bismarck will be classed with that mighty force in the history of the world—"the unknown wives of great men." Of good but modest birth, she was married to Bismarck when he was an unimportant young man, and she remained his patient and trusting

wife, inconspicuous and unambitious except for him and her sons, throughout his great career. She had no social aspirations or love for anything beyond the threshold of her own home. She was a type of the German housewife, but as such, with her love for her husband and her power to provoke his love for her, she did probably more than a Eugenie would have done to mold his destiny. When his days began to draw in and the court dethroned him he sought her eagerly. In his plight he could say: "You are my true and honorable wife, as dear to me as the ruddy drops that visit my sad heart."

Gen. Booth's experience, like that of Dr. Parkhurst in New York City, demonstrates anew that in practical life reforms are seldom worked out along the lines of commonly approved methods. When Dr. Parkhurst resolved that vice and corruption must be exposed and put down he was openly abused before the public, and had to proceed in the face of disapproval of close friends, who granted that the object aimed at was praiseworthy, but who insisted that the methods of the vigorous preacher could not be sanctioned. Dr. Parkhurst has come out of the conflict one of the most respected men in the nation. One of his happiest moments was when President Seth Low of Columbia College, whose disapproval in the earlier part of the crusade had pained him exceedingly, declared a few days ago that Dr. Parkhurst had been right throughout the struggle. The results have justified Dr. Parkhurst. It has taken a lifetime with Gen. Booth to complete the cycle from contempt and ridicule to recognition, and to demonstrate that the work his organization has accomplished was not to be done by conventional methods. Gen. Booth saw the way to reach the "submerged tenth." Perceiving the value of the military form of organization, the shout and the tambourine in securing influence with this class, he freely made use of them. The grotesqueness of certain features of the Salvation Army yet remains to appeal to the indifferent by their very oddity; but the days of persistent persecution are over. Gen. Booth, like Dr. Parkhurst, stands out as a man to whom honor is due for accomplishing what he attempted, despite all discouraging opposition and hindrances.

HE WAS A REAL MAN.

Why a Bright Summer Girl Mistrusted Her Powers of Conversation.

The Saturday night train had just arrived at the watering place, and the young women at the hotels were sitting on the piazzas in postures the most graceful, each to her own style.

At one of the hotels a man, tall, sturdy, and with a character-seamed face, bearing the burden of perhaps thirty-three years of worldly conflict, alighted. An eager turning of eyes toward him did not disturb his equanimity as he passed in review toward the office.

He was observed two hours later talking energetically to one of the brightest of the girls. Suddenly she left him, and approached a group of elderly ladies.

"What's the matter, my dear?" said one of them. "Did you not find Mr. Mason agreeable?"

"Yes, indeed," was the ready response, "but you see he's a man, and I don't want to make a fool of myself."

"How so?" "Well, it's this way. All the beaux we girls have for six days out of seven are these young college boys, and I feel as though I had been rocking the cradle for some mother's darlings so long that I've forgotten how to talk to a real live man."

By Balloon.

Perhaps the north pole may be reached in a balloon. The question has been mooted and may be carried out in the near future. A balloon with a cubic contents of 50,000 feet and capable of lifting twenty tons, furnished with a number of smaller balloons containing a reserve supply of hydrogen, would certainly seem to give every promise of success. The balloon would carry five men, with baggage, a number of Esquimaux dogs, several boats and a large sledge. It is calculated that from Spitzbergen, where the trip will begin, the air currents which blow steadily from the south will carry them across the Arctic circle and directly over the north pole in a flight of about four days' duration. Thus, instead of assisting to destroy human life, the military balloon may be the means of the discovery of a new continent, proving once more that "the glory of a scientific invention is its utility to mankind."—Boston Herald.

An Infallible Test.

If you want to know whether a man is married or single, examine the contents of his pockets. In those of a bachelor you will find: Half a dozen letters from girls. A tailor's bill. Three or four old checks for theater seats. Bill for supper. Theatrical-looking photograph. A lot of invitations to dances, dinners, and social receptions. A tiny glove, scented with violet. But the married man's pocket will contain: An old bill. A couple of unposted letters which were given him to post a week past. A sample of an impossible shade that he must match. A newspaper clipping telling a sure cure for croup. A shopping list ranging from a box of blacking to three yards of lace. Bills. More bills.

If you want to save money, don't eat anything. This advice is impracticable; so is most good advice.

Don't get playful during work hours. The people won't stand it.

Trying to Detect The Murderer.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Yesterday morning Coroner Bowers, accompanied by Fred S. Marsh, a local scientist, went to the residence of Winslow Shearman, where Mrs. Shearman and Mrs. Davis were murdered by an unknown assassin last Saturday, and made a microscopic examination of the eyes of the dead women. Nothing was revealed in the eyes of Mrs. Davis, but on one of those of Mrs. Shearman the form of a man was distinctly photographed. The microscope used enlarged the object viewed 400 times its real size. The picture as revealed did not show the face of the man who is supposed to be the murderer. The man's position was such, according to those who made the examination, that the body was shown only from the breast down to the feet. After the first surprise of the startling discovery made by Mr. Marsh was over he made a most careful examination, which clearly revealed the man's form. He was apparently a big man, with a long heavy overcoat, unbuttoned and which reached below the knees. The wrinkles in the trousers could be plainly seen, and one foot was behind the other, with the knees bending as if in a stooping posture about to take a step. Dr. Bowers, the coroner, then made an examination and says he saw the picture as distinctly as he could have seen a man standing in front of him. E. G. Partridge, Albert Hazeltine and the Rev. Mr. Stoddard, who were at the house when the examination was made, were called into the room and examined the eye, each one of them verifying the statement as describing the man in similar language. The eyes of Mrs. Sherman were both removed and brought in this city, where a scientific process of photographing them will be used in the hope of securing a photograph of the picture shown in the eye.

Decided Against American Fisherman.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—An important judgment was rendered by Judge MacDougall in the district admiralty court in the action by the crown for the condemnation of the United States fishing tug Grace of Dunkirk, N. Y., for violating the Canadian fisheries act. The tug was seized by the dominion government cruiser Dolphin last April while fishing in British waters in Lake Erie, about eight miles from Port Colborne, without Canadian license, and brought into Port Colborne and tied up. The owners of the vessel denied any violation of the fishery laws. The three-mile limit, which applies to ocean fisheries, was urged to apply to the lakes also. Judge MacDougall delivered an elaborate judgment, declaring that the law of nations recognizes the authority of a state to claim territorial rights in respect to much of all inland lakes as lies within its conventional boundaries, and that the tug Grace was fishing wholly within the Canadian waters. He, therefore, gave judgment for the crown, with all costs of the suit, declaring that the tug, her tackle, rigging cargo and fishing apparatus be converted to the crown.

Shot Down the Mill.

THIEF RIVER FALLS, Minn., Dec. 21.—The first collision between the Meekans and Jones forces in the mill site controversy occurred yesterday morning, when a representative of the Meekans assaulted the agent of Mr. Jones. The men were separated before blood was shed. Both parties now occupy the disputed reservation property and serious trouble is momentarily feared. Chief Monsimah was notified at the agency by messenger of the Meekans' invasion of his property, and it is reported that he is on his way here with a band of braves with the intention of beginning hostilities at once. The chief is a persistent, fearless red and his movement occasions much alarm. The Meekans, from all appearances, fear an attack, as they have armed themselves pacing to and fro on the site night and day, and have shut down their mill in order to have all their employees in readiness to make stubborn resistance.

Earthquake In Hungary.

BUDA PESTH, Dec. 21.—The town of Oravica, about fifty miles southeast of Temesvar, was visited by a violent shock at an early hour last evening, which wrecked a large number of houses. Roofs fell, walls tumbled down and in many cases buildings and entire streets were reduced to debris. The inhabitants fled to the open country. At midnight another shock was felt, but it was less violent than the first. A number of persons were injured, but as yet no fatalities are reported. The earthquake last evening was felt in many districts in southern Hungary. Temesvar was shaken severely, and most of the inhabitants were too much frightened to go to bed. No deaths had been reported at 10 o'clock yesterday evening. The details are meagre.

New N. of P. Order.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 19.—About twenty-five delegates, representing as many lodges of Knights of Pythias, met at the Geneva Hotel and formed a new order to be known as the Improved Order of Knights of Pythias.

Many Employed.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Over 1,000 unemployed workmen crowded around the city hall this morning for the purpose of demanding work, but the mayor being absent from the city nothing practical was done for them. A number of men addressed their comrades, claiming that the men were honest and ought to be given work to support their families. The city is considering what is best to do for the number of unemployed.

Shot an Engineer.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Dec. 21.—Richard K. Newell, chief engineer of the Midland Terminal railroad, was shot and instantly killed at 4:45 p. m. yesterday by a man named Van Houghton. The trouble grew out of a right of way matter which Mr. Newell was investigating. Van Houghton had a cabin located on the line of survey where the railroad is being extended. Van Houghton used a Winchester rifle and Newell was unarmed. There was considerable excitement and much talk about lynching the murderer, but the sheriff succeeded in getting Van Houghton away and he is on the way to the county jail at Colorado Springs. Van Houghton had had trouble over this right of way matter before and quarrelled with another party over it. At that time he made the threat that he would shoot the next man who came to talk to him about it. He is also said to have been connected with the labor troubles at this camp last spring. Newell's body was taken to Colorado Springs, accompanied by his uncle Mr. H. P. Lillibridge, president of the Midland Terminal. The murdered man was a son-in-law of D. E. Harris, a millionaire of Cleveland.

Ordered to Protect the Churches.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Tokio to the Central News says a Japanese cruiser off Wei-Hai-Wei has captured a sailing vessel loaded with arms, ammunition, and provisions consigned to Admiral Ting of the Chinese fleet. The vessel was towed to Tallen Wan. Field Marshal Yamagata will resign the presidency of the council (sumitsum) and will be appointed general of the Japanese army.

The Central News correspondent at Tien Tsin says that on December 10 Mr. Charles Denby, United States minister at Peking, received through the Tsungli Yamen a note from the do-wager empress of China, accompanying valuable presents of silk and satin handkerchiefs, embroidered with crapes, which the note explained were intended for the foreign ladies who had subscribed to the purchase of the do-wager empress on the occasion of her birthday. The emperor has ordered the troops to protect the churches in Peking.

Robbers Got His Gold.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Dec. 20.—Two masked men went to the house of John Collins, near Sloan Tuesday night, and at the point of guns made him give them \$4,400 in gold he had concealed. He had kept the money in the house because his wife, who is suing for divorce and alimony, has attached all his property she could find. The thieves took the money and two horses and escaped. Officers of Woodbury and Monona counties are unable to get trace of them. They abandoned the horses a few miles away from the scene of the robbery.

Officers After the Club House.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The law and order officers of the corporation are engaged in preparing plans for a campaign against the fashionable clubs of the city, where the law against gambling is violated and where a bar is maintained for the use of members and guests without a license being taken out. The disreputable houses where liquor is sold without a license, will also be attended to. The power of the city authorities to take such action has never been tested, but several prominent attorneys are of the opinion that the clubs are amenable to law in this case.

A Frightful Blow.

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 20.—In a brawl yesterday morning Lou Woods was shot and killed and his brother James had several bullets in his body. Sam Kaskall, who did the shooting in self-defence, was struck on the head by a brick which made an ugly gash. His housekeeper, Mrs. Rebecca Teegan had her skull fractured by a missile thrown by one of the Woods boys. They and Henry Ford, all steel workers tried to clean out Kaskall's saloon after drinking and refusing to pay for \$2 worth of beer and whisky.

Bank Closed.

ROME N. Y., Dec. 20.—The further investigation of the defalcation of John E. Bielby, cashier of the Central National bank of Rome, and Samuel Gillette, the teller, discloses a total shortage of nearly \$40,000, of which \$30,000 is traced to the teller. The directors voted to close the bank pending the investigation of its affairs. This also temporarily closes the Oneida county savings bank, of whose effects the Central bank is the custodian.

Secretary Morton Will Come Home.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Secretary Morton will leave here about January 6 for a visit in Nebraska. He is the president of the Nebraska state historical society and at its meeting January 15, will address the society on "Pioneer populists and their finance in the territory of Nebraska in 1855, 1856 and 1857, together with the results; a parallel between past and present fallacies."

Largest Battle Ship Afloat.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A first class bar-bette ship, the largest and designed to be the most magnificent British battleship afloat, was launched at Chatham. The vessel was baptized by Countess Spencer, wife of Earl Spencer, first lord of the admiralty. Lord Roseberry and his daughters and many other distinguished persons were present. The length of the ship over all is 430 feet and her displacement 15,000 tons. The cost of her hull was \$27,500.

Secure a Solid Foundation.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—A step was taken by the trans-continental lines which insures the foundation of one or several big associations for the interests of the trans-continental, trans-Missouri and western passenger lines. This was the settlement of the much-mooted question of Canadian Pacific differentials. The other lines pledged themselves to pay the Canadian Pacific a differential of 20 per cent. This line came into the conference with the determination of forcing the others to pay it a 25 per cent differential, but soon found that the roads were a unit against this proposition and would be a unite against the Canadian Pacific on all questions did that road remain out of the association. It is thought now the immigrant question will be settled amicably and the last bar to forming a big general association will have been removed. It is understood that there will be no differential paid on business from from St. Paul and Duluth to San Francisco.

The western classification committee heard the complaints of dealers in agricultural implements who wish agricultural implements to be again put back into the third class. They are now second class, this making a difference in cost of carriage of about 25 per cent, which the farmers in the present state of crops can ill afford to pay. Messrs. McCormick and Deering were among those who appeared before the committee.

News From Tokio.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A dispatch from Tokio to the Central News says: Lieutenant-General Katsira reports that he attacked and captured Hai-Cheng in the forenoon of December 13. The total numerical strength of the Chinese garrison was 5,000 while the attacking party consisted of only one brigade of 1,500 men, with four guns. The Chinese retreated by two roads toward Liao Yang. The losses were trifling.

A Central News dispatch from Che Foo says that great uneasiness continues among the residents of that place, who fear outrages at the hands of the Chinese soldiers. Four foreign warships are now at Che Foo. A nephew of Colonel Von Hennecken has left Shanghai to take command of the Chinese troops at Tien Tsin. A French engineer is constructing forts at Peking. The remainder of the Chinese transports have been turned over to the protection of the British flag.

The Central News correspondent in Tien Tsin says: Peking is now under military control. Chinese soldiers are guarding the foreign legations and patrolling the streets. There are sixty military tents around the legations. Tao, Tai, Kung and Admiral Ting, the four generals who commanded at Port Arthur, and General Yeh have been ordered to Peking for punishment.

After the Outlaws.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 19.—Last night about 8 o'clock James French, with three confederates, rode into Texada, a small town thirty miles south of Muskogee, and robbed John Pierce's store and his clerks. After the raid on Pierce's store French attempted to raid the town in general, but was given such a warm reception that he and his men were forced to retreat. One of the robbers and a citizen were wounded. The amount taken is not known.

FT. SMITH, Ark., Dec. 19.—Bill Cook and four of his gang had a high time at Ft. Gibson. They road into town about dusk and took supper at Mrs. Brown's the regular stopping place for travellers. Bill Cook, "Cherokee Bill" and Jim French were in the party. They made no effort at disguise and talked freely with the people. They fired off their guns and had a big time. "Cherokee Bill" is rapidly recovering from his wounds and expressed himself anxious for another fight. A strong force was made up at Muskogee and sent after the outlaws.

Killed by an Explosion.

WEST BAY CITY, Mich., Dec. 19.—By the explosion of a boiler in the box factory of Russell Bros. this morning five men were instantly killed and two others mortally injured.

The shock shook the entire city. Low water was the cause of the explosion. The debris caught fire, but was promptly extinguished by the department. More bodies may be in the ruins. All the men leave families in straitened circumstances.

Another body has been taken from the ruins, and a working party has been organized to look for more. The list of dead will probably number seven, as another man is missing. All were terribly mutilated, one man having both legs blown off and his neck broken. One gashly find was that of a headless trunk. The debris of the mill was thrown over five hundred feet and all the windows in the neighborhood were shattered by the shock. The last body recovered was that of George Calcutt, the engineer. It was buried under six feet of brick and so badly mangled as to be unrecognizable.

Refused the Right to Travel.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Central News from Tien Tsin says the foreign sailors and marines who were summoned to Peking to protect the legation of their respective countries were refused the right to travel through Chinese territory by the government authorities. The foreign ministers combined to protest their legations, whereupon the emperor issued an order and appointed officers and soldiers to afford the necessary protection to the legations.

Sneak thieves are operating about Albright.

Mrs. Roscoe Dean, an old settler, died last week.

Crawford will try again this year to secure a state normal school.

The Sterling Eagle has been changed and will hereafter be republished in politics.

A Mr. Barrows of Hansen lost best part of three fingers in a fall for cutting fodder.

The boys of Creighton are going to establish an ice-skating rink for exercise and amusement.

Fire in Omaha destroyed the station building and the First B. church. Loss over \$100,000.

The Wayne Democrat and Reporter are trying the experiment of printing their papers all at home.

Jacob Sletow of Papillion, covering from a very dangerous distinguished attack of appendicitis.

Rev. Remsburg of Beatrice accepted a call to a church in O. He has been in Beatrice seven years.

Matt Wood, living a few miles near Nashville, had twenty-five bushels wheat stolen from his bin last week.

Lynus Knight, a well-known fencer of Beatrice, was severely injured by being kicked by a horse through his leg.

The Shelton Clipper thinks those are unable to help the destitute of least speak kindly to them, and do some help.

On the departure of C. W. Wain and family from Sutton, resolution, esteem and confidence were passed the local G. A. R. and relief corps.

The proposition to pay a bounty on wolf scalps, catamount tails, muskox, coyotes and wildcats carried on by a majority of 23.

Bert Irish of Columbus was five dollars for behaving indecently toward a little girl nine years. He old enough to know better and es too easy.

The next meeting of the north braska teachers' association will be held at Norfolk April 3, 4 and 5. A popular lecturer will be engaged one evening.

The new plow factory at Nel City is assuming shape rapidly. Work of placing the machinery was commenced as soon as the building was under roof.

Omaha decreases the charity greatly by offering work to all who for aid. There are plenty of who don't want any help if they to work for it.

Cattle stealing near Okneah still continues. Ranchers are being robbed most nightly, but two southside ranchers are suspected and depredation probably cease very soon.

Mrs. Oscar Bach, living six miles northeast of Lyons, received a stroke paralysis and in thirteen hours she had been alling for some prior. She was forty-one years of age and leaves a husband and four children.

John Russell is a blacksmith at the past two years he has shed for M. H. Teeters, the Grana so Teeters gave John plenty of work very little money, and now John Judge Langdon's court asking Teeters be forced to contribute a sum due of \$493 75.

Louis Frey, a well-to-do farmer/ranchman residing three miles west of Ogallala, was repairing the sod of a house situated on his ranch one side gave way, falling on breaking his back and leg. John and Daniel Spabgler, who were helping him, were caught in the falling but succeeded in extracting them.

The body of a man was found the ditch along the railroad about two miles west of Silver. It is supposed to be the body of Byers, a carriage painter. He was Fremont the day before and claim had a brother-in-law at Central and was going to beat his way on the fast mail. He was no beating his way on some train and off and was killed.

William Kamey's span of oxen while being driven near Fullerton, came frightened at a shock of cold road and turning to one side Mr. and Mrs. Kamey and their boy out of the wagon. Mrs. Kamey threw out her right hand and tried to save herself in the fall, but both were broken above the wrist. Kamey was so badly stunned it was some minutes before he realized what had happened.

On Friday afternoon the boy Henry Denny, who lives about miles northwest of Tilden, was destroyed by fire. An effort was made to save some of the household goods but on discovering the absence of youngest child everything else was abandoned and a search made for After considerable fruitless search was covered hiding behind the kitchen and was speedily removed from perilous position.—Tilden Citizen.

In the federal court at Omaha Thompson was found guilty of being in his possession postage stamps from the postmaster at Platte City.

North Bend people are trying to have a beet sugar factory located there and the stock subscribers are climbing up at a tremendous rate.

Some Wayne hoodlums smashed the windows in a house belonging to Pete Morton. He found out who were and persuaded them to pay again.