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CURRENT COMMENT.

The French budget deficit this year reaches 100,000,000 francs.

The new court house at Dallas, Tex., has been destroyed by fire.

A two-thirds interest in Forough's circus has been sold to Englishmen.

GENERAL JOHN D. ANDERSON has been elected commander of the U. S. A. E. department Maine.

HIRSH SMITH, First Deputy Commissioner of Penitentiaries, has had his resignation accepted.

The Car has reiterated his determination not to recognize the Republic of Brazil while Dom Pedro lives.

A river pirate, while trying to sink a small boat on the East river in New York the other night, was shot dead by the captain.

Cotton at Augusta, Ga., has reached the highest price of the season, ten and nine-sixteenths for middling. The mills expecting lower prices have only moderate supplies on hand.

EMERSON WILLIAM was present at a dinner given by Prince Bismarck. There was nothing observed to indicate any cordiality existing between them as had been hinted in recent telegrams.

The medical colleges of Maryland have issued a call for a general conference of American colleges to discuss means to inaugurate a National Alliance, to be held at Nashville, Tenn., May 21 next.

It is officially asserted that perfect harmony exists in Crete. It is denied that the firman recently issued by the Porte has caused dissatisfaction; that preparations for a rising are being made on the island, or that the Powers have requested that the firman be modified.

It was officially announced at New York recently that, on account of expanding of resources in the strike troubles, the dividends on Chicago & Eastern Illinois preferred will be discontinued. The officials of the company state that it has no floating debt and does not propose to create one.

CHICAGO lawyers think the Anarchists can gain nothing by having their cases reopened by the writ made by their counsel. The only thing the State Supreme Court would have to do would be to require their presence for sentence, and as they were sentenced to be hanged they would have to be hanged unless Governor Pifer interposed.

ALFRED THOMAS (Home Rule), member of the House of Commons for the east division of Glamorgan, will move an amendment to the address in reply to the Queen's speech opening Parliament that the affairs of Wales ought to be administered by a special department presided over by a Minister acquainted with Welsh National affairs.

The United States squadron of evolution, Admiral Walker commanding, has arrived at Toulon, France. Influenza on the vessels of the fleet has abated. The new cruisers worked well under steam and sail. As specimens of American ship building and the forerunners of the new navy of the United States they are regarded with curiosity by navy experts.

A REPORT that Agent Bennett had notified Governor Byrd that the Interior Department had refused to allow any troops to be landed in the Chickasaw Nation for the enforcement of the Indian laws, was shown the agent at Muskogee. He stated that on the contrary he had ordered troops to the Chickasaw Nation to expel all parties living there unlawfully.

The spectacle of a coroner holding an inquest over a man he himself had murdered was presented in Florence County, S. C., the other day. Coroner Burch had shot and killed a negro whom he had caught stealing potatoes from his yard. Burch gave himself up and was released on \$5,000 bonds. An inquest was held over the body, the coroner presiding.

Dr. GAUTSCH, the Austrian Minister of War and Public Instruction, recently spoke in support of the adoption of the bill regulating Jewish religious activities. He held that the Government should endeavor to secure for the Jewish people of the Kingdom the right to complete independence in the control of religious concerns among themselves.

ALASKA has been reported in the Senate relating to the Alaska seal fishery. It authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, after advertising for thirty days, to lease from May 1, 1902, the right to engage in the business of taking fur seals on the islands of St. Paul and St. George. The annual rental for this right shall not be less than \$50,000 per annum, and in addition a revenue tax or duty of \$4.50 on each skin shipped from the islands.

The report of Adjutant-General Kelton on the military force of the United States, shows that the militia of the States consists of 7,997 commissioned officers, 91,371 enlisted men and 7,308,499 men not organized but available for military duty; of the Territories 214 officers, 2,362 men and 101,673 available; of the District of Columbia 141 officers, 1,645 men and 49,939 available, making a grand total for the United States of 8,422 officers, 105,380 men and 7,358,171 available. Several of the States either have no regular militia or have made no report to the Adjutant-General. New York is the banner militia State with 950 commissioned officers, 13,475 men and 616,000 available; Pennsylvania following with 236 officers, 7,356 men and 620,000 available.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Classified by Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESS.

Soon after the Senate met on the 14th announcement was made of the affliction that had visited the families of Secretaries Blaine and Tracy and by unanimous vote the body adjourned. The House resumed consideration of the Smith-Jackson contested election case from West Virginia. The Republicans secured the necessary quorum of 165 members and finally succeeded in adopting the majority report of the committee, ousting Jackson and seating Smith. The House then adjourned.

Among the bills introduced in the Senate on the 14th were bills for public buildings at Emporia, Salina and Topeka, Kan., and a bill by Senator Plumb for the protection of American bison. After an executive session the Senate adjourned. When the House met some filibustering occurred over approving the journal, and by the action of the Speaker in announcing a quorum by counting members present and not voting the journal was declared approved. After dilatory tactics which continued for some time the House, without transacting any business, adjourned.

The Senate took up the Oklahoma bill on the 15th, and pending the reading it was laid aside and Senator Sherman, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a joint resolution congratulating the people of the United States of France upon the adoption of a republican form of government. Senator Blair then addressed the Senate on his Educational bill. The House immediately adjourned after the reading of the journal, many members wishing to attend the funeral of Mrs. and Miss Tracy.

The Senate on the 16th further considered the Oklahoma bill. The discussion brought out the fact that the present area of the proposed Territory was only about 1,500,000 acres, while the original bill provided for a possibility of being increased to 25,000 square miles as different tribes disposed of their lands. Without concluding the bill it was laid aside, and Senator Blair continued his remarks on the Educational bill. The conference report on the joint resolution for removing sewage from the Missouri river was considered. It appropriates \$7,000,000. Adjourned until Monday. When the House met the journal was approved, the Speaker counting a quorum present. After the introduction of bills Mr. Morrill (Kan.) reported back the Senate bill to increase the pensions of certain soldiers and sailors, with a substitute providing that all soldiers, sailors and marines who have been since the 15th day of June, 1860, or who may hereafter become so totally and permanently helpless from injuries received or disease contracted in the service as to require the regular personal aid and attendance of another person, shall be entitled to receive a pension at the rate of \$72 per month, from the date of the certificate of the examining surgeon, or board of surgeons, showing such degree of disability, and also increasing the pension of soldiers disabled for performing manual labor to not to exceed \$50 per month. The substitute was agreed to and the bill passed. Adjourned.

The Senate was not in session on the 17th. The House transacted little business. Several bridge bills passed, and Mr. Peters endeavored to get the Oklahoma bill before the House, which was antagonized by private bills, and a motion to adjourn until Monday carried.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL. The funeral services over Mrs. Coppinger, eldest daughter of Hon. James G. Blaine, took place at St. Matthew's Church, Washington, on the 14th. Father Thomas Sherman officiating, assisted by Cardinal Gibbons. The remains were laid beside those of her brother, Walker Blaine, in Oak Hill cemetery.

The Duke of Montpensier, of Spain, connected with the Bourbon pretensions, died on the 14th. The report current at Washington on the 14th that Mr. Randall had taken a serious change for the worse was later denied. His condition was the same as for several weeks past.

The funeral of Mrs. Tracy and her daughter, victims of the terrible fire at the Secretary's residence, took place at Washington on the 15th and was attended by the President and Cabinet and many distinguished persons.

LAMSON, the Republican Lieutenant-Governor who was ousted from his position by the Democratic Senate of Ohio, has decided, after consultation with his attorneys, not to carry the case to the Supreme Court.

Mr. PARNELL, it is said, will ask Parliament to inquire into the Times-Picott conspiracy.

REAR ADMIRAL STEPHEN P. QUACKERBUSH, U. S. N. (retired), died in Washington recently, aged sixty-seven.

WILSON S. HISELL, of Buffalo, N. Y., ex-President Cleveland's old law partner, was married at Rochester recently to Miss Louise Sturges.

Rev. Dr. TALMAGE was tendered a public reception at Brooklyn, N. Y., on his return from the Holy Land.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL SALAMANCA, of Cuba, was reported seriously sick on the 14th.

The confirmation of the Samoan treaty by the United States Senate afforded general satisfaction in Berlin. Count Herbert Bismarck called upon Minister Phelps and congratulations were exchanged upon the ratification of the treaty.

CARDINAL PRECI, brother of the Pope, was reported dying from pneumonia on the 14th.

HENRY M. STANLEY has been elected a member of the Russian Geographical Society.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

At Blue Springs the other night Mrs. A. J. Van Huskirk, an old lady, while alone had a fit, fell into the fire and was burned to death. When found her clothes were burned off and her body literally blacked.

S. S. McKEEVER, a prominent farmer near Cozad, recently became insane from attack of St. Grippe.

GOLD and silver have been discovered in Keys Paha County.

A LATE fire at Covington destroyed eight saloons and two wholesale houses. Loss, \$18,000; fully insured.

"SCOTT" MILLER has been sent to the Norfolk insane asylum from Keith County. His malady is supposed to have been caused by worrying over his wife, who became insane and was sent to the asylum a year ago.

Mrs. THOMAS WAPLES has brought suit against the city of Kearney for \$3,000 damages for the loss of her husband, who fell on the icy sidewalk some time ago and received injuries from which he died.

THE Lincoln County commissioners estimate the expenses of the county for all purposes at \$64,150.

JOHN HYDE, of Clear Creek, Custer County, has lost his reason, and has been sent to the Lincoln insane asylum.

THE mysterious disappearance of stamps from the Filley post-office has been accounted for by the finding of a mouse's nest in a rubber boot, lined with the missing stamps.

THE Board of Transportation recently met the representatives of Nebraska railroads in Chicago with a view of securing a reduction in rates on corn. An agreement was finally reached in which the roads stipulated that rates will be reduced on corn from all points west of the Missouri river to Chicago 10 per cent, making the minimum rate 30 cents and the maximum 35 cents per 100 pounds.

FOR unusual cruelty to a horse Herbert Stendelyke was recently fined \$75 at Audubon.

THE Luxemburg Catholic Church, five miles east of Holdway, was burned to the ground the other night. The church was built about six months since at a cost of \$7,000. No insurance. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

WILLIAM TYLER died of old age at his residence at Blue Springs the other night. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1801. He came to Nebraska in 1859 and has been a resident of Blue Springs since that time. He was a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars.

Mrs. HAZON HICKS, wife of a farmer living about ten miles from Dakota City, disappeared very suddenly the other night. She left the house to get an armful of wood, and that is the last time she was seen. Her footprints were traced to an air hole in the Missouri river, where all trace of her was lost. It is thought she had committed suicide, as she was slightly demented at times.

A TEMPORARY injunction was recently granted by the Supreme Court in the case of the State vs. the Nebraska Distilling Company of Nebraska City restraining them from moving or attempting to move the machinery out of the buildings in which the distilling company formerly operated. Proceedings were recently begun in the Supreme Court by the Attorney-General to confiscate the property for a violation of the Anti-Trust act of 1890.

It cost Thurston County \$1,500 to try the Indians for the killing of the Benjamin boy.

"GRANDPA" BURRUS has been sent to jail for three months by Judge Dundy, of the Federal Court at Lincoln, because he would not produce his little granddaughter, Eva Miller, in court in response to a previous order. Application will be made to the Supreme Court at Washington for a writ of habeas corpus on his behalf.

GEORGE LAY, a Schuyler grocer, heard a burglar in his store the other night, and drawing a revolver held the thief until a policeman was brought. The thief proved to be Robert Watchhorn, and he was bound over for trial.

While stopping at a Geneva hotel the other night Miss Jessie Donivan, a Fillmore County school teacher, was robbed of a gold watch and \$20 in cash, which was taken from under her pillow by some sneak thief.

SHOT IN THE STREET.

A Gambler Kills a Shady Character For Walking With His Wife.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 10.—Ed Finley Saturday afternoon at 5:10 o'clock shot and killed Joseph Carr on Third street near Grand avenue. Finley shot five times, emptying the chambers of his revolver, three of the shots taking effect, inflicting wounds any of which would have been fatal. One bullet entered Carr's body in the center of the small of the back, another penetrated the skull on the right side of the head just above the neck and another entered the head about two inches above the second.

Carr, who was released on bond Thursday in the criminal court, where he was under indictment for feloniously shooting John Williams, January 11, was walking east on Third street from Main in company with Mrs. Finley, wife of Ed Finley, who had hurriedly followed the couple from Main street, and it is said that Finley called out: "What are you doing with my wife?" Finley claims that Carr then turned threateningly half way toward him and made a gesture as if he were about to draw a pistol from his hip pocket, although no pistol was found on Carr's body. Finley then drew his own pistol and shot at the man five times. At the second shot Carr extended his arms and fell over the curbing of the sidewalk into the street. Finley then emptied the remaining cartridges in his pistol at his prostrate victim. Officer Harrington and Deputy Marshal Ben Rosenthal hurried to the spot and placed Finley under arrest. He was taken to the central police station, where a charge of murder was preferred against him. Finley is a member of a family of gamblers, while Carr has an unsavory reputation.

SEVEN BOYS DROWNED. Two Boats Upset at New Orleans With Sad Results.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 10.—Yesterday afternoon eight boys, all residents of the upper city, secured two pinnaces and started out to take a ride on the river. Their course led them between two empty coal barges lying at the head of Octavia street. There was a strong current running at the time and despite their efforts the boats were hurled by the current against the barges causing both to upset. Seven of the eight unfortunate youths were thrown into the river and drowned. Their names were: Frank Landry, aged 17; George Sampson, 16; Willie Winters, 16; Martin Perrier, 18; Louis G. Fulda, 16; Alvy E. Fulda, 13, and Eddie Kneepf, 13. Wilton Bobey, aged seven, the only occupant of the boats who escaped, saved himself by catching on to one of the overturned boats. None of the bodies have so far been recovered.

UNDER THE ICE. Father and Mother Both Perish With Their Four Drowning Children.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Feb. 10.—The four children of Jacob Slater were skating on the lake at Binnewater, about six miles from here, yesterday afternoon when the ice, which was but a few inches in thickness, gave way and all were precipitated into the water. The shouts were heard by the members of the family who lived near by, and the father and mother rushed to the rescue, but by the time they had reached the lake the four children had disappeared beneath the ice. The mother, frantic with the thought of her drowning children, rushed upon the ice, which gave way with her weight and she sank below the surface. Slater then attempted to reach his wife and he too was drowned. The entire family is wiped out of existence. Last night hundreds of people gathered about the lake searching for the bodies.

Reduced Rates. CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha has given notice that it will at once put into effect a reduced scale of rates from the Missouri river to St. Paul on business destined to New York, Boston and other Eastern points. The proportions which it proposes to adopt range from 55 cents a hundred pounds on first class to 30 cents on fifth class, and February 9 is given as the day on which they will become operative. The action is taken to meet the competition of the Great Northern & Sioux City and northern lines. This makes through rates from Omaha to the seaboard via St. Paul and Canadian lines much lower than those in effect via Chicago.

An Ovation to General Miles. ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 9.—When General Nelson A. Miles, commanding the Pacific division of the United States army, arrived here en route to Washington to appear before the Congressional Committee on National Coast Defense, he was greeted by a crowd of warm friends, who were loud in their praises of his many course in protesting against the removal of Apaches to Fort Sill. I. T. now so heartily recommended by General Crook, who made a signal and ignominious failure against them in his campaign.

Unhappy Brethren. LOVELAND, O., Feb. 9.—Police protection was asked last night at the meeting of the colored people in the Union Church, occupied jointly by the Methodist, Baptist and Missionary Societies. This was because at the meeting last Wednesday night Rev. Mr. Estell spoke against a doctrine that had just been announced by the ministers of the other two denominations, and a scrambling fight resulted. The meeting last night was orderly, but trouble is yet feared.

A Petty Reduction. LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 9.—When the people were informed of the petty reduction in corn rates which the railroads made at Chicago they universally denounced it as unworthy of all the efforts which the Governor and the State Board of Transportation had made, and public meetings were called all over the State to discuss the question. It is possible that Chairman Richards, of the Republican State Central Committee, will be asked to call the committee together early and attempt to commit the party on the side of the people, but the railroads will never permit this.

ON A TEAR.

A Western Billionard on the Rampage Throughout Pennsylvania and Other Places—Several Fatalities.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 8.—The worst storm in years has been raging throughout Western Pennsylvania since noon yesterday. Snow, wind and hail have been playing havoc. In this city no damage was done by the wind, but the snow and slush has blocked many of the streets and stopped street car traffic, while telegraph and telephone lines are breaking down under the heavy weight of the ice with which they are coated. In the mountains the storm is raging with terrific fury, and reports are coming in of serious damage to property.

At Blairville the large glass factory was demolished by the wind, the roof being blown off and the two side walls fronting east falling in. Charles E. Barr, general manager, and William Burney, one of the firm, were instantly killed and a workman whose name could not be learned injured. Mr. Burney's body was immediately taken from the wreck, mangled almost beyond recognition. Mr. Barr's remains were recovered two hours later. The storm at Blairville is subsiding. There was no further damage.

At Uniontown the roof was blown off the Methodist Episcopal Church, a part of it alighting on the house of John Brown just north of the church, crushing it in like an egg shell. The tower of the church, it is feared, is so badly shattered it will have to be torn down. The roof of the large new building lately erected by the Pennsylvania Construction Company, below the town, was also blown off. A horse and wagon driven by James Rush was blown over Gray's hill. No one was seriously hurt. Postmaster Baker's new house was nearly demolished, as were also Joseph Frankenburg's and John W. Ringer's houses.

None of the coke works are running south of Uniontown. The Redstone Coke Company's office at Brownfield was blown down and entirely demolished. The end was blown out of the engine house at Leith and the Warren glass works were wrecked. The roof of the Lutheran Church was blown off.

At Connellsville the storm began in the morning and did not subside until late last evening. In this section the loss will reach \$10,000. J. M. Herreck's store and house were completely wrecked, the inmates having a narrow escape from death. The Catholic Church is in a dangerous condition and a number of other houses in the town are wrecked.

SEVERE IN THREE STATES. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 8.—Dispatches received here state that a blizzard is raging throughout Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota. The thermometer is rapidly falling and the wind blowing a gale.

ROYAL PRETENDER JUGGED. The Duke of Orleans Suddenly Makes His Appearance in Paris and is Promptly Arrested.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—By prompt action the Government has nipped in the bud what was apparently intended to be a Royal-coup d'etat, modelled after Louis Napoleon's descent upon Boulogne, and the consequence is that the Duke of Orleans, the eldest son of the Count of Paris, is in custody.

The Duke arrived in Paris yesterday bearing a letter written and signed by the Comte de Paris, announcing to the faithful and to all others the Count's abdication. He also had with him a manifesto addressed to the people of France. Nominally, and according to the theory of pretenders, a pretender is always a king; and therefore the Count of Paris abdicated the throne he never possessed. He consequently abdicated his claim as a pretender, and in virtue of this abdication, all his claims, rights and titles descend to his eldest son, the young man now in the hands of the authorities, Philippe Louis Robert, Due d'Orleans, who is therefore not merely one of many Princes, but the actual pretender to the throne by virtue of his claims as the heir of Louis Philippe and also of the old Bourbon line.

The Duke's coming into the country in violation of the law banishing all the heads and direct heirs of reigning families is a rash escapade if it stands alone, but the fact that he was equipped with an appeal to the Nation showed his intention and may make that escapade serious for him. If it should develop that this movement is made in virtue of an understanding with the partisans of the monarchy in France it may be more than a mere violation of the law of expulsion.

Further disposition of the case will, of course, depend upon whether it is discovered that there was any plot for a general Royalist movement behind this incident.

The American Hog. WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Secretary Rusk recently made an urgent remonstrance through Secretary Haine against the imposition by the Mexican Government of license quarantine regulations in regard to American hogs and yesterday was informed that a telegram had been received from United States Minister Ryan imparting the information that the Government of Mexico would issue orders without delay recalling the obnoxious regulations. Secretary Rusk is much gratified at the removal of this restriction and regards it as being possibly a forerunner of a more liberal policy in regard to American meat products on the part of other foreign countries—a change of policy which he thinks would be facilitated should Congress confer upon him full powers in the matter regarding meat inspection.

They Met Upon Edmunds. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—In the executive session of the Senate yesterday the Samoan treaty was again discussed. Two motions by Senator Edmunds were tabled, whereupon Mr. Edmunds stated that he desired to be excused from further service on the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Governor of Cuba Dead. HAVANA, Feb. 8.—General Salamanca, Governor of Cuba, died at nine o'clock last evening. From four o'clock in the afternoon to the hour of his death, he suffered from a complete cessation of the functions of the liver and kidneys.