

CUSTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN

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BROKEN BOW, - NEBRASKA

Brief Telegrams

Burbonic plague has reappeared at Lima, Peru. Ninety-eight per cent of the 50,000 blind of Japan support themselves by practicing massage. The cost of the pension roll is \$1.75 a year for every man, woman, and child in the United States. J. H. Hofmeyr, for many years leader of the Dutch party in Cape Colony, has retired from political life. It is given out at Paris that a treaty of arbitration will be signed between the United States and France shortly. The Russian official organ in St. Petersburg has a fine name for the newshoys, it is the Pravitel'stvi; Viestnik. In London a \$150 book has been published that the author may convince his readers—if any—that Columbus was born in 1451. Professor Chester lost a set of notes which he had been a number of years collecting, in a fire at Colgate University, which occurred recently. E. Aubrey Hunt, the American artist, has just returned to Boston after spending a year in England, where he has been busy painting landscapes and portraits. The United States supreme court holds against a steel company that sought to avoid the payment of taxes levied against merchants in Tennessee. The supreme court of the United States held against the Speckles Sugar Refining company, which sued to recover war revenue taxes paid on its income. Senator Ankeny, of Washington, acted as interpreter the other day when a group of Yakima Indians were presented to the President at the White House. The new Cathedral at Liverpool will be remarkable for its high vaulting of the nave and choir—116 feet, measured in the barrel vaulting, and in the high transepts, 140 feet. At a recent fashionable wedding in London the hats of the bridesmaids were trimmed with natural flowers, and it is predicted that the style will be popular next summer. The deepest gold mine in the world is at Bendigo, Australia. Its shaft is down 3,000 feet, or only sixty feet short of three-quarters of a mile. The heat at that depth is 108 degrees. Forty wheat millers from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Kansas met at Toledo, O., to take steps to organize an association, the chief object of which is to secure better freight rates. The United States is not the only government that is feeling a little nervous about the big guns on its warships. The new British 9.2-inch gun is not coming up to expectations. Mrs. Harriet S. MacMurphy, of Omaha, Neb., who has won some reputation as a lecturer on domestic science, will conduct a restaurant for dyspeptics at the St. Louis World's Fair. A memorial brass has just been placed in the chancel of Farnham Parish Church to the Rev. Augustus Montagu Toplady, author of the hymn "Rock of Ages," who was a native of the town. M. Natchevitch, the Bulgarian agent at Constantinople, who has just returned to his post, brought back formal assurances that the Bulgarian country intends to retain a proper attitude with regard to Macedonian affairs. Oral arguments on the eight-hour bill will be heard March 15 by the senate committee on education and labor. Until March 12 all persons may submit, in writing or print, testimony or arguments, statistics or other data relating to the bill. The United States supreme court confirmed a decision of the court of claims, holding the Chickasaw freedmen in Indian Territory had no right to lands and a fund of \$300,000 which the United States paid to the Choctaws and Chickasaw tribes. Building commissioners, inspectors and engineers of a number of leading cities of the United States and Canada met at Washington to form an international organization. A constitution was adopted and permanent organization will be completed. The Turkish Minister, Chekib Bey, has a cottage at Seville, and when there, it is said, he works nearly all night, only retiring when the other members of the household are preparing to arise. He then retires and sleeps until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Residents of the Milk river valley in Montana have addressed a resolution to the government at Washington, calling attention to the fact that Canadians are building a canal with a view to dividing the waters of the Milk river in Northern Montana. On the Montana side of the line thousands of dollars have been expended in irrigation works. The Sultan of Johore is visiting Europe for the first time. The late Sultan died while on a visit to England nine years ago. Leipzig's new railway station cost 130,000,000 marks (\$2,000,000). Of this sum Prussia and Saxony contributed \$3,000,000 marks. There are 109 slate, 84 marble, and 265 clay quarries in this country, and the value of their combined products is \$13,000,000. Germany, whose interests in India are so much smaller than England's has many more endowed professorships in Sanskrit.

KOREA A HELPER

TROOPS ORDERED TO FIGHT WITH THOSE OF MIKADO.

THIS IS AGAINST THE RUSSIANS

The Port of Wiju Opened to Foreign Trade—Kamimura Says That the Recent Naval Battle Was a Japanese Victory. SEOUL.—The Korean government has decided to order the Korean troops to join the Japanese in the field. The port of Wiju was opened to foreign trade Friday night. The limitations to be placed on trade and other incidental matters will be passed upon later. This action necessitates a harbor, so Yongampo has been decided upon. The standing army now consists of about 17,000 men with European methods. In 1896 it was taken in hand by a Russian colonel with three commissioned and ten non-commissioned officers, who retired in 1898. The royal bodyguard of 1,000 men has been well drilled, and periodically a draft of well-trained men is transferred from it to the other regiments of the standing army. WASHINGTON.—Vice Admiral Kamimura of the Japanese navy, in a dispatch to the Japanese legation here, under date of Friday, says: "According to the report from the torpedo flotilla, which was sent for the purpose of rescuing the crews of the steamers sent to block up the harbor at Port Arthur, the steamer Hokokub on the left side of the entrance of the harbor near the lighthouse and the steamer Bushu outside the entrance were sunk purposely by the Japanese by explosion. The steamers Tenshine, Buyo and Jinsen sunk themselves on the east of the Lao-Leshan. All the crews of these steamers were picked up safely. Our destroyers and torpedo flotilla are unharmed. On the night of February 24 our destroyers again went on a scouting cruise near Port Arthur, Dalny and Pigeon Bay. "On February 25 our main squadron approached Port Arthur and bombarded the enemy's men-of-war and forts from a distance. We saw the Novik, the Askold and the Bayan fleeing into the harbor, it thus being apparent that the blockading operation had not much effect. Our squadron then fired into the harbor and saw flames and considerable smoke. We withdrew after fifteen minutes' shelling. While our cruisers were thus engaged in firing, we saw one of the enemy's torpedo boats destroyed. Our squadron received no damage. "Vice Admiral Togo is still on the scene."

DIETRICH CASE GOES OVER.

Illness of Senator Spooner Delays Meeting of the Committee. WASHINGTON.—Senator Spooner was absent from the senate chamber Friday by reason of a slight indisposition. His absence, however, made it necessary for Senator Hoar, chairman of the Dietrich investigating committee, to postpone the meeting of the committee, which was called to meet Friday morning, until some time next week, the early part of the week in all probability. While Senator Spooner has been compelled to undergo a slight operation, he is able to keep up with his work of congress, and, as he expressed the desire to read all the papers in the Dietrich case during the time he will be confined to the house, all the papers were transmitted to him, including a supplemental letter from District Attorney Summers received by Senator Hoar. The contents of this letter is not known, as the letter, together with a number of accompanying papers, were sent to Senator Spooner intact. Senator Platt of Connecticut and senator Pettus have received a large majority of the papers on file and will take the opportunity growing out of Senator Spooner's indisposition to familiarize themselves with the papers in the possession of the committee before the next meeting.

HANNA LEFT SEVEN MILLIONS.

Appraisal of Estate Shows it is Larger Than First Reported. CLEVELAND.—Dan R. Hanna and his attorney reported to the probate court Friday that the estate of the late Senator M. A. Hanna showed a valuation of \$7,000,000. This is more than double the amount reported at the time of the presentation of the will for probate. This makes it the largest ever presented for probate in the county. The holdings of the late senator in the Cleveland Electric Railway company are valued at \$2,000,000. He also was a heavy stockholder in the American Shipbuilding company, Pittsburg Coal company, Cleveland & Pittsburg railroad, as well as in M. A. Hanna & Co. His interests in the Pittsburg Steamship company, the marine wing of the United States Steel corporation, were disposed of but a short time before his death. He was also interested in a number of other corporations. In local bank stocks he held 1,000 shares of the Union National bank, of which he was president, valued at 168 a share; in the Bank of Commerce, 200 shares, valued at 291; in the Federal Trust company, forty-five shares, at 90; Guardian Trust, 250 shares, at 212.

FIRE IN ROCHESTER.

Heart of the New York City Converted into a Colossal Torch. ROCHESTER, N. Y.—The sun set Friday night with ten engines pouring streams of water on the ruins of most of the retail dry goods quarter of Rochester. Three out of five department stores in Rochester were consumed in the day's fire, which caused a loss of more than \$3,000,000. The Sibley, Lindsay & Curr company, the largest retail store in Rochester, was destroyed. Of the loss \$735,000 represents buildings and the remainder stocks and furnishings. It is said that 2,500 persons were thrown out of work by the fire. The burned region lies on the north side of the main street, between St. Paul street and Clinton avenue, north from St. Paul street almost the entire length of the block.

RUSSIANS ON THE DEFENSIVE.

The Populace Reported as Facing a Famine at Port Arthur. CHE FOO.—The Russian forces in Manchuria are so far acting entirely on the defensive. Extensive preparations are being made at Dalny, Port Arthur, New Chwang and Liao Yang to prevent the threatened landing of the Japanese troops. A big force of men are at work on the damaged vessels in Port Arthur harbor and efforts are being made to raise the battleship Retvizan. The supply of fresh vegetables and beef in Port Arthur is getting very short and speculators are endeavoring to secure steamers to run the blockade.

Mrs. Langtry Buys Trotter.

CHICAGO.—Mrs. Langtry, the English actress, has purchased of Will J. Davis, owner of Willowdale farm, at Crown Point, Ind., three trotters and two brood mares. The horses will be shipped to her breeding farm in England. Mrs. Langtry intends to go into the breeding of light harness horses as well as thoroughbreds. The price was not made public.

Could Not Borrowing.

DALLAS, TEX.—In a telegram from Fort Worth, George Gould says there is no truth in the story that the Missouri Pacific is soon to be in the "Down with czarism. Long live intemaey. "We do not contemplate any loan whatever."

Press Feeders Again Fined.

CHICAGO.—For the second time Judge Jesse Holdom fined the Franklin union of press feeders \$1,000 for violation of an injunction which was obtained by the Chicago Typothetae, charging the Franklin union with interference with non-union employees. Besides fining the union, Judge Holdom fined President Wednes \$250 in addition to a jail sentence of six months. Jerome Collins and Harry Brown, two other members of the Franklin union, were given short jail sentences.

READY FOR FIGHT

COLOMBIA ANXIOUS TO INVADE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

RECALL OF UNITED WARSHIPS

Troops on the Border Determined to Cross the Frontier—A Warning from American Officers that It Will Be Well to Hear and Heed. NEW YORK.—Ratification of the Panama treaty resulted in the immediate recall of the United States warships and about one-half of the marines from the isthmus, says a Herald dispatch from Panama. The Marblehead, Petrel, Wyoming and two torpedo boats will remain on the Pacific side. The New York, Boston and Bennington will proceed to Callao. On the Atlantic side all the warships except two will proceed north fifty marines under Major Cole will leave on Tuesday for Guantanamo. The belief is that they will proceed later to San Domingo. Despite Colombia's internal disturbances, letters just received from there declare that the Colombians are ready to fight as soon as the news arrives that the treaty has been ratified. One general at Cartagena is quoted as saying that if the government does not declare war the troops on the border will invade Panama anyhow. The information from the coast is that another regiment has been sent from Cartagena to the frontier. Half of the 4,000 soldiers sent out to Tucumani have been moved up the Darien coast toward Panama. It is known now that Inanguana, the San Blas chief, has visited Tucumani three or four times. American officers have given him notice that the big canoes he has collected near the frontier, if used to transport Colombian troops, will be sunk. He promised to remain neutral and said he wished peace. On account of the feeling of the Indians the Panama government has displaced Inanguana as principal chief and has named Henry Clay, whose headquarters are at the mouth of the Rio Diablo, to be governor general with a commission in the army. The San Blas are very friendly to the Americans. If the Colombians carry out the threat to attack they cannot reach the railroad section as fast as vessels can be sent from the United States after news of the advance arrives. The presidential election in Colombia is still undecided, according to a Herald dispatch from Bogota. General Reyes still has a small majority and it is generally believed the electoral college will declare him president on July 5, with General Gonzales Valencia vice president.

PROBATE WILL OF MARK HANNA.

How Property Valued at About \$3,000,000 is Left. CLEVELAND, O.—By the will of the late Senator Marcus Alonzo Hanna, an estate valued at about \$3,000,000 is left to the family. There are no public bequests. The principal beneficiaries are the widow, Mrs. Charlotte Augusta Hanna; the son, Daniel Rhodes Hanna; the two daughters, Isabel Augusta Hanna Parsons and Mrs. Ruth McCormick, wife of Medill McCormick of Chicago. A sister, Lillian C. Hanna Baldwin is given \$10,000. An aunt, Mrs. Helen Converse, is given \$1,000 and each of the grandchildren \$5,000 each. The widow is given the homestead property, all its furnishings, the stables and the library in lieu of one year's support.

NEBRASKA COURT SUSTAINED.

The Tax Lien Foreclosure Case Comes Up for Discussion. WASHINGTON.—Justice Day handed down the opinion of the supreme court of the United States affirming the judgment of the supreme court of Nebraska in the case of Alvin P. Leigh against Henry S. Green, involving tax sales of property. The court held that the owner of a tax lien may foreclose the lien upon notice by publication, which shall bring in anybody and everybody intended, and that in the exercise of the taxing power the states may delegate that right and authority, as was done in this case, to the purchasers of the tax sale, and that such procedure is not violative of the rights guaranteed by the fourteenth amendment of the constitution.

Military Observers in Far East.

WASHINGTON.—Colonel Crowder of the general staff, who has been selected to accompany the Japanese army in the field during the war, left Washington for San Francisco, where he will sail March 5, for Yokohama. Having finally decided to employ Brigadier General Allen as a military observer in Korea and Manchuria Lieutenant General Chaffee called that officer at Seoul his necessary credentials and instructions. Nominaly, General Allen will be military attache to the United States legation at Seoul.

France Sympathizes with Russia.

PARIS.—Russia has the sympathetic support of France in the former's latest representation to the powers that Japan is guilty of a violation of international law in consequence of the attacks upon the Russian warships at Port Arthur and Chemulpo before the declaration of war. No intention exists in official circles to take up the Russian note on the subject with the view of pressing action by the powers, and it is said that nothing effective could be done in this direction.

IMPORTS FROM THE LUZON.

Only Small Part of Business Carried on Under American Flag.

WASHINGTON.—The development of the Philippines commercially and industrially for the first nine months of 1903 is the subject of a special bulletin by the bureau of insular affairs. It is shown that both in imports and exports there was an increase, compared with a corresponding period in the preceding year. Heavy exports in hemp and copra offsetting heavy imports of rice, explained the increase. During the period named the imports were \$26,103,601, against \$24,338,322 for 1902. The exports amounted to \$23,563,128, an increase of nearly \$4,500,000. The rice imports were the only ones that increased and there was a falling off in the general trade the United States losing 10 per cent and the United Kingdom 16 per cent, while Spain has only two-thirds of the amount of its trade in 1902. United States exports increased from \$7,232,411 to \$9,386,626 and the trade with Spain was practically the same. But a small part of the United States business is carried under the American flag and all but 5 per cent of the general trade of the islands is done in foreign bottoms.

Russia to Present Her Protest.

WASHINGTON.—At an important conference, scheduled for Wednesday at the State department between Secretary Hay and Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, Russia's protest to the powers against Japan's alleged violation of international law will be communicated to the Washington government.

WANT TO FIGHT FOR JAPAN.

Former Rough Riders Anxious to See Service.

SIoux FALLS, S. D.—Ever since it was announced in Washington dispatches that Colonel Melvin Grigsby of this city, who has been in Washington for some time, intended raising a battalion of rough riders for service with the Japanese against the Russians, the office of Colonel Grigsby in this city has been flooded with letters from applicants for places. Most of the letters are from former members of Grigsby's Rough Riders, a regiment, which was formed during the Spanish-American war, who wish to see active service during the war in the far east. Colonel Grigsby has written here to the effect, that the report is unfounded, and has instructed his son, Sioux Grigsby, who is in charge of the Grigsby law office in this city during the absence of the colonel in the national capital, to write such of the applicants a letter, stating that the report of his intended action is unfounded; that the laws of Japan forbid the enlistment of foreigners in the Japanese army, and that no good citizen will violate the neutrality laws of the United States.

HERRICK TAKES UP SCEPTER

Governor Is Hanna's Successor as Leader in Ohio. COLUMBUS, O.—Now that it is claimed by the Hanna republicans of Ohio that Governor Herrick has succeeded Senator Hanna as the dominant power in Ohio republican politics the following statement made by the governor with reference to the selection of delegates to the national republican convention is important: "I can only quote from the last letter that Senator Hanna wrote—the last with the exception of a pencil note to the president on January 30, the day of the Gridiron banquet: "We must organize our full strength and choose the Roosevelt delegates from among our friends." Continuing, the governor said: "The opportunity now arises for all good republicans to unite in the conduct of the party on broad lines in such a friendly spirit as to eliminate all differences."

SEVEN LOCOMOTIVES A DAY.

Built in Philadelphia on a Rush Order from Japan. PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—In consequence of a rush order from the Japanese government for locomotives, a locomotive plant here has established a new record by the construction of seven locomotives in a day. The engines ordered by Japan are for the military railroad that will connect Fusan, on the southern coast of Korea, with Seoul, the capital. The order, which called for twenty locomotives to be completed within thirty days, was received late in January. Eight of them have been shipped to Fusan. The remaining twelve will be shipped this week.

A BATTLE AT SAN DOMINGO.

Dominican Government Troops Completely Overthrow Insurgents. WASHINGTON.—Late Sunday night the state department received a cablegram from Minister Powell, dated San Domingo, February 16, saying: "A decisive battle has been fought between the government forces and the insurgents. It extended over two days and resulted in a victory for the government. The siege has been raised and the insurgents are in retreat."

Rush Order for Transports.

NEW YORK.—Rush orders were received in this city Tuesday by the quartermaster's department to have shifts of men work night and day to put the transports McClellan and Sumner in readiness to put to sea. Orders have been placed for coal and both vessels will have their bunkers filled within thirty-six hours. The commissary department has also been ordered to provision the transports for 1,500 men. It is thought the transports will be in readiness in that time.

HAG CLAIM TO FAME.

Story of the Man Who Discovered the First Beefsteak.

Beefsteak, like most other good things, was discovered entirely by accident, says a writer in the Chicago Tribune. It appears that Lucius Placus, a Roman of rank, was ordered by the Emperor Trajan for some offense to act as one of the menial sacrificers to Jupiter; he resisted, but was at length dragged to the altar. There the fragments of the victim were laid upon the fire and the unfortunate senator was forcibly compelled to turn them. In the process of roasting one of the slices fell off the coals and was caught by Placus in its fall. It burned his fingers and he instinctively thrust them into his mouth. In that moment he had made the grand discovery that the taste of a slice, thus carbonadoed, was infinitely beyond all the sordid cookery of Rome. A new expedient to save his dignity was suggested at the same time, and he at once evinced his obedience to the Emperor by seeming to go through the sacrifices with due regularity and his scorn of the employment by turning the whole ceremony into a matter of appetite. He swallowed every slice, deluded Trajan, defrauded Jupiter and invented the beefsteak! A discovery of this magnitude could not long be concealed; the sacrifice began to disappear with a rapidity and satisfaction to the parties too extraordinary to be noticed. The priests of Jupiter adopted the practice with delight, and the king of Olympus must have been soon starved if he depended on any share of the good things of Rome.

Matched for \$35,000.

A well-known financier of this city wears a handsome ruby ring. It was admired by one of his friends the other day, who said: "You are not the only one that has taken a fancy to it. The other day Mr. Hartman said he would like to have it." The friend then said: "Well, if it had been Gates he would have matched you for it." The financier replied: "Yes, so would Schwab," and then told a story of there being a difference between Mr. Gates and Mr. Schwab amounting to about \$35,000. They could not agree, and rather than enter into any litigation Schwab proposed to match for the sum. It was done, and he was the winner.—Philadelphia Press.

Hadn't Detected It.

Heinrich Corried was standing in the back of the Metropolitan opera house a few nights ago during the performance of a German opera. As he leaned on the rail behind the back row of seats he heard the whispers of two men sitting almost in reach of his hand. One of them was apparently a native American; the other talked with a decided German dialect. "The acoustics of this house," whispered the American, "are very bad." The German was heard to snuff audibly once or twice. "Vot makes you say dat?" he asked of his American companion. "I don't smell anything."—New York Times.

New Graft in Missouri.

A new graft has been discovered in Sedalia, says one of the papers of that place. "Every night for some time past the men's waiting room at the Missouri Pacific station has been crowded with men sleeping in the seats. When asked their business there by station attendants, they invariably resurrected tickets to some nearby town and said that they were waiting for trains. A few days ago about fifty of these regular boarders applied at the ticket office to have the tickets redeemed. The agent then became aware of the fact that the tickets were purchased for the sole purpose of bunking in a warm room."—New York Tribune.

Took Ginger Ale.

A good story is told of a rounder who found himself in a well-known cafe in New York. Four young blades were there. Each ordered a pousse cafe. The Irishman watched the bartender make the gayly colored drinks and thought he would like one himself. "What will you have?" asked the bartender. "Give me one of them pussy cats," said the Irishman. "One of them what?" asked the bartender. "Arrah," said the Irishman, "give me a ginger ale, and this is the second time I've asked you."

The Fire Babies.

They are all mine, I love them so. These little tots that come and go: In endless train they troop along, Enrapt with laughter and with song. From every shadowy corner they come dancing in abandon gay. And o'er the polished floor they glide Close to me and my friendside. They tell me tales no others tell; They quell the sob no others quell. Ah! when their fingers reach to me My heart of pain again is free. They swing upon the rim of smoke, These little tikes, these funny folk. Ah! faithful visitors of night, They're dancing in the bright. —H. S. K. in New York Press.

Unique French Paper.

A morose French eccentri papered his walls with the deep bordered invitation cards received to the funerals of friends and acquaintances.

Mercantile Marine Casualties.

Last year the British mercantile marine sustained 1,482 casualties, of which 248 were complete wrecks. The loss of life was 5,318.

Inducement for Marriage.

A woman in Russia, until the day of her death, if she remains unmarried, is under the absolute sway of her parents.