

GEN. CROOK COMING BACK.

Washington dispatch: The transfer of General Crook from the command of the Department of Arizona, which has been expected for some time, has taken place.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS AND NOTES.

A Record of Proceedings in Both Branches of the U. S. Congress.

SENATE, March 27.—The senate was not in session.

HOUSE, March 27.—The chaplain's opening prayer was as follows: "Give ear, oh God of Jacob, and awaken us to see the danger which threatens the civilized world—a revolution more tremendous than any of which history tells, in which scenes of terror may be enacted in every capital of Europe and America."

SENATE, March 29.—After the routine morning business Logan's army bill was placed before the senate.

HOUSE, March 29.—A bill was introduced by Hill to enable the people of Dakota to form a constitution; also to establish the territory of North Dakota.

SENATE, March 29.—On motion of Van Wyck, the senate took up and passed the bill to establish two additional land districts in the state of Nebraska.

HOUSE, March 29.—In committee of the whole the house devoted considerable time to debate on the postoffice appropriation bill.

SENATE, March 31.—The army bill was placed before the senate and Lyon and Plumb made speeches.

BRIEFS FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

Reinhold Begas, the German sculptor, is finishing a life-like bust of Prince Bismarck. Dr. Schlemmer is going to leave all his archaeological treasures to the city of Berlin.

Swedish papers announce the coming betrothal of Crown-Prince Oscar, of Sweden, and Princess Louise, daughter of the prince of Wales.

A number of the American residents of Paris will give a banquet to Pasteur on April 14th.

Gladstone, says the Toronto Globe, is the most popular name that could be mentioned in any Canadian assembly.

Foreign iron and steel makers report an improving demand for material both for American, Indian and Australian markets.

Emperor William at 80 rises every morning at 7:30 and dresses at once for the day.

A Manchester, England, firm has just made the largest locomotive frame-slotted machine ever turned out.

Mrs. Siddons, the great actress, strange as it may seem, made a failure of her first appearance on the London stage.

HOUSE, April 1.—The house went into committee of the whole, Springer in the chair, on the labor arbitration bill.

HOUSE, April 2.—On motion of O'Neil, Missouri, the private business was dispensed with and the house went into committee of the whole, Springer in the chair.

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WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

The river and harbor appropriation bill, as completed by the house committee, makes a total appropriation of \$15,144,200, which will become available immediately upon the passage of the bill.

The national council of the National Union League held its annual session at the Ebbitt house.

Washington has for a year been enjoying an almost entirely disappeared. There are not more than 5 per cent as many office seekers here now as a year ago.

A general order was issued by the war department on the 2d, announcing the following assignments:

SPECIAL: "I feel as though we were on the verge of some unusual sensation," said an old southern senator to-day.

AN OLD WOMAN WANDERS ABOUT AND BECOMES INSANE.

Cheyenne (Wyo.) special: At 1 o'clock this morning persons living near Crow Creek heard cries from some one apparently in great distress.

MOSGOS FOR MAINE.

Portland (Me.) special: A decided sensation has been created in labor circles by the publication yesterday of the following article in the Express:

THE MARKETS.

WHEAT—No. 2 red..... 59 @ 59 1/2

BARLEY—No. 2..... 48 @ 48 1/2

RYE—No. 2..... 42 @ 42 1/2

CORN—No. 2 mixed..... 21 @ 22 1/2

OATS—No. 2..... 22 @ 22 1/2

BUTTER—Choice table..... 15 @ 17

EGGS—Fresh, per doz..... 9 @ 9 1/2

CHICKENS—Dressed per lb..... 8 @ 10

LEMONS—Choice..... 4 @ 4 50

APPLES—Choice..... 2 50 @ 3 00

FRANGES—Mesina..... 2 00 @ 2 50

BEANS—Navy, per bushel..... 1 00 @ 1 10

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A BRAVE BEAUTY.

Kate Bayard's Womanly Sympathy and Her Nerve.

A letter from Delaware tells me a pretty story of Kate Bayard, the beautiful daughter whom death took so late from our Secretary of State.

Seven years ago her phaeton was a familiar sight in Wilmington and on the roads thereabout; she was already known among her friends as a daring rider.

There were stories abundant of heroic exploits and dangers braved in the saddle. The horse that she used for her phaeton was spirited, but no body ever worried for the fair driver's safety.

The horse seemed to know her; viciousness that was shown when others approached melted into gentleness at once when she took up the reins; people who believed in the intelligence of brute creation pointed out this horse's actions as proof of their correct faith.

One summer evening as Miss Bayard was driving alone on the outskirts of West Wilmington her attention was attracted toward a lively group of boys at the side of the roadway.

In their center was a man most forlorn in appearance, his face the picture of misery, his clothes all in tatters.

THE GIRL'S SYMPATHIES were enlisted at once. Her carriage came to a stand-still, and her voice rebuked the boys, who, staring one moment agape with astonishment, fell back a little, but they did not cease their taunts.

The poor man against the roadside looked up as much amazed as had been his persecutors. It wasn't an inviting countenance, and yet there was something in it not wholly bad.

Pebbles were fired at him by the retreating boys, and then as he tried to move he revealed to the good Samaritan who had come to his rescue that he was a cripple.

This brought her from her phaeton in a trice. A word to her horse, a pat upon its neck, and she left it to go within touching distance of the poor, hopeless fellow, despairing in this by-street of a town's suburb.

"What was the matter?" "Why was he there?" "How had he fallen into such a plight?" These were questions that she asked in quick succession.

And the reply that came was: "I am only a tramp." She didn't draw back. That wasn't the way of Kate Bayard. "But you are a man!" she said.

He looked as if he were half afraid to assert that he could claim even this, and he drew back with a visible shudder as the brave girl said: "You must have somebody to care for you. Let me take you to the hospital."

He smiled, half thankfully, half doubtfully, and though no words were uttered, his eyes, taking on a new light, seemed to sparkle out. "You mock me." He did not know Kate Bayard any better than the world knows many another woman who for her own heart's sake does good deeds in secret.

She bent and helped him to rise. One leg would not bear his body's weight and he had hard work to half escape him in the pain of moving; but heroically, his ragged coat-sleeve running through the arm of a lovely girl that ever lived, he hobbled step by step to the phaeton's side and was lifted—virtually lifted as a mother tenderly would lift her infant—in through the wheels to the carriage seat.

Then came an exciting experience. She was half between the vehicle's wheels, when the horse, that had been standing quietly enough while he could watch his mistress, became angry.

The boys, who had scattered, had not drawn out of sight, and their sport was being continued by showers of missiles thrown promiscuously in the carriage's direction, and they were hooting and crying more loudly than ever.

This it was that had unstrung the horse's nerves, and he pranced and reared, though he did not start to run.

The wheels of the carriage caught the girl in their clasp and hugged her fiercely for one moment, when she rushed forward to the freight end of the horse's bridle.

The alarm of the animal was intensified. Now he dashed away on a full run, whirling the light phaeton hither and thither over the roadway in a manner that boded speedy destruction.

The hoodlums parted as the runaway cut through their ranks, but not one was big enough or brave enough to try to stop the wild horse. On and on he plunged, but all the time the brave-hearted Kate Bayard clung to the bridle.

reins, and she swung through the air like a bird at the flying animal's side. Nor did she lose her self-consciousness. She called her horse by name, and her tone was as affectionate and calm as though he was standing still for caresses.

A long time he paid no attention to this, and dangers on dangers were encountered and passed through, till finally, half exhausted perhaps, the stalwart creature turned his head, neighed, and quickly came to a standstill. Nobody had been hurt, the carriage was whole, some harness had been strained and ripped, the man in the phaeton had fainted—his suffering and excitement had conquered him.

That man was tenderly cared for by Kate Bayard and her friends, and eventually he went out into the world a well man and in a wholly different mind from that which had possessed him on the day he was found a helpless victim of idle boys in a public roadway.

No, there was no record of any heroic act by which this rescued man subsequently served her who saved him. Nor was there any need for any such act to add any color to this good thing that Thomas F. Bayard's daughter did.

He whom she lifted up was ever afterward a changed man. He had a history that had something good in it. The wild son of a New York farmer, he had left college to go South as a soldier early in the war, and had fallen there into bad habits. That, briefly, was his story. Now he is a clergyman of the Methodist church.—New York Tribune.

An editor who speaks of a man who has discovered a fact by experience, says is the way to prevent bleeding at the nose is to keep your nose out of other people's business.

The report on the Paris exhibition of 1878 shows a deficit of 32,000,000 francs.

THE ORB OF DAY.

Remarkable Explosions Said to Have Taken Place on the Sun.

Among the remarkable discoveries made by means of the spectroscopic one of the most striking has been the recognition of tremendous solar disturbance of an eruptive or rather of an explosive nature.

In 1873 Prof. Young, of Princeton, N. J., observed a solar eruption, in which what looked like filaments of glowing hydrogen, (averaging a thousand miles or so in length) seemed to travel upward from the sun's surface at the rate of 145 miles per second, till they reached a height of not less than 210,000 miles.

Even then they did not cease to ascend, but, losing their luster faded out of view. If shreds of hydrogen were really shot out on that occasion we should scarcely find in the event anything bearing on the matter before us—the possible ejection of meteoric matter. But no one who considers the phenomenon with attention, or studies the evidence obtained in regard to it, can for a moment imagine that what look like ejections of glowing hydrogen can be really of that nature.

It is obvious alike from a priori considerations and a posteriori evidence that the jet-like streams of hydrogen are in reality the tracks of ejected matter, solid or liquid. For not only is it impossible that streams of such a substance as hydrogen should be ejected to heights of many thousands of miles through an atmosphere of probably greater and certainly equal density, but the shapes assumed by the hydrogen streaks are inconsistent with the idea that they can have been themselves ejected. For instance, the threads of hydrogen observed by Prof. Young (some of which were thousands of miles long) were irregular in shape. Had they really been traveling through a resisting atmosphere, at the enormous rate of 145 miles per second, they would certainly have been pear-shaped, rounded in front, and tailed behind, like fire-balls in our own air. But they resembled, rather, the irregular streaks showing where our air has been rendered luminous by the passage of meteoric masses through it. Prof. Young's observation proved, in fact, that on that particular occasion the sun had shot out from his interior a flight of many thousands of bodies. The bodies themselves would not be visible, because the phenomenon was observed through a telescope, admitting only red light of the same tint as the red of glowing hydrogen. But the light from the heated hydrogen along the tracks of these ejected missiles would be clearly visible. The streak would, of course, seem to ascend. For they would always be close up to the missiles producing them, so that their forward ends would advance, while their rear ends would seem also to advance as the light gradually faded out along those parts of the track which were further from the advancing missile. What Prof. Young saw has been seen since at various observatories. The sun, then, has the power of ejecting matter from his interior—presumably in volcanic explosions. Moreover, a calculation which I made respecting Prof. Young's explosion shows that the matter ejected on that occasion passed away from the sun with such velocity that it would never return to him. Those missiles were thenceforth akin to meteoric bodies traveling freely through space.—Richard A. Proctor, in Longman's Magazine.

Just as people of little experience in social life are sometimes dazzled by a lavish display of jewels, so young writers are apt to mistake for fine writing a style in which long words, foreign phrases, and gorgeous figures are used. A clear, direct, simple form of expression is far better. A young college graduate, a reporter of a weekly paper in a rural city, thought, no doubt, that he done some very "fine" writing when he handed the following to the editor:

"Our flourishing and prosperous young city was last evening the scene of the most disastrous conflagration it has yet witnessed. The devouring element first broke out in the mercantile establishment of Horner & Co., which magnificent edifice it consumed before its progress could be arrested in the slightest degree.

"Our knights of the hook and ladder responded nobly to the clangor of the alarm-bell, and essayed manfully to combat the mighty element of flame and darkening smoke, but their utmost endeavors were unavailing in rescuing the building from the annihilating and incendiary flames, for there is incontrovertible testimony that the widespread conflagration was the immediate result of diabolical incendiarism. The perpetrators will yet be overtaken by the sure keen arm of the law, whose majesty they have thus outraged and offended. The aggregated loss is in excess of four thousand dollars."

The editor put the reporter's manuscript aside, and wrote the following, which appeared in the next morning's paper:

"The dry-goods house of Honer & Co. was burned to the ground last night, the flames having made such headway before the alarm was given that the engine company arrived too late to do more than keep the fire from spreading to other buildings.

"It is thought that the building was set on fire. The loss is about four thousand dollars, partly covered by insurance."—Youth's Companion.

Women and Poor Health.

Multitudes of women lose health and life every year in one or two ways; by using themselves in a warm kitchen until weary, and then throwing themselves on a bed or sofa without a fire; or by removing the outer clothing, or perhaps changing the dress for one thinner as soon as they enter the house after a walk or shopping. The rule should be to go to a warm room and keep on all the clothing for five or ten minutes, until the forehead is perfectly dry. In all weathers if you have to walk and ride upon any occasion, it is better to do the riding first.—Hall's Journal.

NO MORE CHEAP FARES.

The War of the Transcontinental Lines and an End and Old Rates Restored.

New York dispatch: One of the bitterest railroad rate wars that western roads have ever known has probably come to an end.

The transcontinental pool was broken the 10th of February by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe announcing a cut in rates between New York and San Francisco. It did this because other members of the pool would not allow as large a percentage of freight business to Atchison as it demanded.

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