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SUMMARY OF LATE NEWS BY WIRE.

ONE POINT SETTLED

GENERAL PRINCIPLE OF ARBITRATION IS AGREEABLE.

Modest Prediction of Ambassador White Likely to Be Fulfilled by the Peace Conference—Satisfactory Progress Made.

Delegates Favor Arbitration.

THE HAGUE: It can now be stated with some degree of confidence that the delegates to the peace conference are gradually arriving at the belief that its outcome will be very much what Andrew D. White, head of the American delegation here, forecasted in a recent interview.

"So far as an armistice is concerned, the utmost that is expected to accomplish is some slight recommendations to the governments participating."

The various committees have now settled down to work and the delegates have begun a formal exchange of views. Great importance is attached to the meetings held May 27 and to the unanimous acceptance of the general principle of arbitration and mediation.

THE WEEK IN TRADE.

The Business World as Seen by R. G. Dun & Co.

NEW YORK: R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of trade says: This week's payments through the chief clearing houses are 62.1 per cent. larger than last year, and 98.6 per cent. larger than in 1892. Moreover this week and every other brings larger wages to many and increased purchasing power, and the demand for products is consequently expanding in all branches of consumption. The heavy sales of wool, \$3,954,000 pounds, at the three chief markets in three weeks, against 2,780,330 for the same week in 1897, when the disastrous speculation of that year had begun to turn, are mostly to speculators, as manufacturers are doing scarcely anything. The cotton mills have a fairly good demand after a considerable advance in prices of goods and are producing largely. Wheat advanced 2 cents, but lost nearly all the gain on Friday. Failures for the week have been 142 in the United States, against 245 last year, and 16 in Canada, against 21 last year.

DISTRIBUTION HAS BEGUN.

Payment of the \$3,000,000 to Cuban Soldiers Is in Progress.

HAVANA: The distribution of the \$3,000,000 which the United States Government has offered as a gratuity to the Cuban troops for disbanding and surrendering their arms, began May 26. Under the swollen muster rolls prepared by the late Cuban Military Assembly the Americans who have followed the subject are curious to see what proportion of the numbers listed will actually appear. There are only 400 on the list for Havana, and Lieut. Col. Geo. M. Randall of the Eighth United States Infantry, the commissioner superintending the distribution here, does not expect any trouble.

MRS. BRYAN SPEAKS.

Addresses a Graduating Class at Jacksonville, Ill.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill.: Mrs. W. J. Bryan, herself a graduate at the academy for young women in this city, made the chief address to a graduating class last week. Mrs. Bryan spoke on "The American Woman."

New Mexico Poisoning Case.

SANTA FE, N. M.: The hearing in the case of Col. E. R. Bergman, ex-superintendent of the penitentiary, and others, charged with conspiracy to induce W. H. Gardner, a convict, to swear he had been employed by Hon. T. B. Catron to poison ex-Gov. Thornton, Superintendent Bergman and other officials has come to an end. Col. Bergman was discharged, but his son, Henry, and N. O. L. Merrill were held to answer before the grand jury.

Third of Moore's Victims Dies.

KANSAS CITY: Mrs. Jennie Campbell, the last of the three women whom Levi Moore shot in a jealous rage, is dead. Mrs. Anna Mesh died May 23 and Mrs. Landis succumbed May 27. Moore sought to kill Mrs. Campbell because she jilted him, and thinking the other two women were aiding her to escape, shot them. In jail he said: "Talking won't mend matters. I've nothing to say."

Sold to Bicycle Trust.

TOLEDO: Alvin Peter, proprietor of the Union Manufacturing Company, wired from New York that he has made terms with the bicycle trust and has sold his plant. Three other of the Toledo plants are also sold. It is presumed that they are the Lozier, Snell, and Colton. From messages received from New York it is assured that the trust will be completed successfully.

Intense Political Crisis.

VIENNA: The political crisis arising out of the Ausgleich, the agreement under which the cost of the administration of Common Affairs in the Austro-Hungarian monarchy is borne by both parties in a proportion agreed on from time to time between the two parliaments, is intense, and both the Austrian and Hungarian cabinets are expected to resign this week.

Harrison in Paris.

PARIS: Former President Benjamin Harrison, who is acting as legal representative of the Venezuela Boundary Commission, which meets here June 15, has arrived in this city.

Two Killed and Three Hurt.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.: Two were killed and three injured by an explosion of the steam drying cylinder of the dyeing and finishing mill of James Hartin & Co.

MURDERED WHOLE FAMILY.

Horrible Discovery of Crime in Suburbs of Joplin, Mo.

JOPLIN, Mo.: In and near a tent in the southeastern part of town May 26 were found the dead bodies of J. E. Moss, his wife, an infant child, a girl of 7 years and a boy of 9. The heads of all save Moss had been mashed with a hammer. He had a bullet hole in his head and still clasped a revolver. He had apparently killed his family and then committed suicide. The motive is a mystery. The tragedy is believed to have occurred while the family was asleep. The woman was in a night dress, and had evidently been killed before she could make resistance. The girl lay on a cot near her mother, the boy was stretched across two chairs, and the body of the father and husband, partly undressed, sprawled on the ground. The infant, its head severed from the body, was found outside the tent, where dogs had dragged it. The family came here two months ago and had formerly lived at Butler and at Nevada, Mo.

PEACE CONFERENCE ENDED.

Filipino Commissioners Leave Manila Under a Flag of Truce.

MANILA, May 25: The Filipino commissioners left by special train today. They will be escorted to their lines under a flag of truce. It is expected they will return soon. President Gonzaga of the Philippine commission, previous to his departure, said:

We greatly appreciate the courtesy shown us. We have spent much time with your commissioners, incidentally considering the American constitution. Its principles impressed us profoundly. The plan of government offered the Philippines seems, in theory, to be a good colonial system. But why should a nation with your constitution seek to make a colony of a distant people who have been so long fighting against Spain to secure the same rights your constitution give. You fought the same battle in America when you fought against England.

RICH PLACER GOLD FIELDS.

Located 300 Miles South of Escondido, Lower California.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.: Allen G. Frazier, a well known mining man of this city, arrived here from the newly discovered placer fields in the Santa Clara district, 300 miles south of Escondido. He brings \$5,000 in gold bullion, and substantiates previous reports of the wonderful wealth of the section. He says the rich grounds thus far opened up will cover an area of twenty square miles. Some of the sand worked is fabulously rich, and he says that he has seen nuggets 4 1/2 inches long and 6 inches in circumference. There were about 300 miners there when he left, and they are taking out an average of from \$15 to \$20 each per day. There is no water within ten miles, and gold is obtained by the crudest methods of dry washing. Mr. Frazier produced from his pocket a nugget weighing about two and one-half ounces and assaying 932 fine.

SELF TORTURE IN RUSSIA.

Religious Mania Causes Horrors in the Kazan District.

VIENNA: Another of those cases of religious mania, which are so frequent in Russia, and which lead people to immolate themselves and their families, is just reported from Kazan. In the theological seminary of the city a young candidate for the priesthood, noted for the fervency of his prayers, after praying uninterruptedly for three hours, suddenly arose, and, holding his face over his lighted oil lamp, deliberately burned out both his eyes. The unfortunate man declared, by way of explanation, that he had heard a voice which bade him, if he loved God, to burn out his eyes. Two years ago, in this same district, no less than twenty-two men and women caused themselves to be walled up alive in the belief that they were obeying the dictates of providence and insuring themselves of salvation.

Cheats Justice by Suiciding.

PORTLAND, Ore.: J. Neill Gresham of Jonesboro, Tenn., nephew of the late Secretary of State, Walter G. Gresham, committed suicide at the Perkins Hotel by shooting himself through the heart. He was arrested here on complaint of the banker at La Grande, Ore., for obtaining money under false pretenses. The officer who made the arrest locked him in a room in the hotel, and while alone Gresham killed himself.

Baggage Agent Arrested.

CHICAGO: Lem M. Washburn of Buffalo, Mich., a baggage agent on the Michigan Central road, was arrested here charged with rifling letters on that road between Chicago and points in western Michigan. During the last eighteen months from 200 to 500 letters per week have disappeared, containing in the aggregate a large sum of money. Washburn confessed his guilt.

Cigar Stamp Counterfeiting Cases.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.: Judge McPherson, in the United States District Court, overruled the motions to quash the indictments charging Ellery P. Ingham and Harvey K. Nevitt with aiding and abetting the conspiracy and bribery in the revenue cigar stamp counterfeiting plot, of which Wm. M. Jacobs, the Lancaster cigar manufacturer, was the leader.

Two Die in a New York Fire.

NEW YORK: A man and woman perished in a fire that destroyed a lodging house May 25. The man was known by the name of Thompson, supposed to be a fish dealer. The other victim, a negro, was killed by leaping from the top story. The fire gained great headway before it was discovered, and Thompson was cremated in his room.

Was a Veteran of Three Wars.

OWENTON, Ky.: Squire Burt died at his home on Big Twins, near here, aged 103 years. He fought in the war of 1812, the Mexican and civil wars.

Plague at Alexandria.

CAIRO, Egypt: Two cases of the plague have been reported at Alexandria, making four in all.

ALL PEACEFUL IN BUFFALO.

Victorious Dock Strikers Go Back to Work in Crowds.

BUFFALO, N. Y.: The clouds of trouble which have hung over this city for the past five weeks were dispelled May 24 by bright sunshine and brighter hopes for business prosperity. The dock laborers, who have waged an earnest, but particularly peaceful war against their employers, have gained almost everything they demanded, swarmed along the docks looking for work. The supply was far in excess of the demand, owing to the stagnation of traffic during the recent strike, but now that the blockade has been lifted this lack of work will soon disappear and the almost hourly arrival of grain and package freight laden vessels at the port will surely renew the usual busy aspect of the shipping and railroad district.

All the troubles of the strikers have been obliterated under most stringent and binding agreements, and, with the exception of the abrogation of the contract system, they have been granted every demand they made. There was no friction between the new bosses and the applicants, and those best qualified to pass upon the situation say that under the new agreement there will be very little chance of any further trouble.

ENCOURAGING NEGRO LABOR

Colored Operators of Georgia Cotton Mills Severely Flogged.

GRIFFIN, Ga.: The flogging of three colored operatives of the Kincaid mills May 22 by whitecaps has led to sensational developments. On Wednesday night another negro was taken from his house and severely beaten and out. These negroes are law abiding citizens. Thursday the superintendent and others at the Kincaid mills were notified to leave at once or they would be "dealt with." It now transpires that there has been a club formed here known as the Laborers' Union Band, with the purpose of driving the negroes out of the country. The band has about 500 members, a large number of whom are boys under age. Upon orders from the Governor the Griffin Rifles are awaiting orders from Judge Hammond to proceed to the factory.

WILHELMINA IS DECORATED.

Queen of Holland Receives the Order of St. Catherine.

THE HAGUE: Queen Wilhelmina received M. De Staal, president of the conference on May 24, and later presented her with the Russian Order of St. Catherine. At the reception of the chief delegates to the conference the Queen and the Queen's mother each held a court of their own and the delegates were presented to each of their majesties alphabetically. The reception lasted forty minutes. All the delegates were in court dress with the exception of two.

Wreck Due to Negligence.

READING, Pa.: The coroner's jury investigation of the train wreck at Exeter, on the Reading road, found the wreck was due to negligence of certain employees of the company. They censured Geo. C. Bowers, trainmaster, of Philadelphia, for equipping the special train with a crew unfamiliar with the main line; Engineer Orrell and Conductor Magee for reckless running; and Engineer Wilder Smith for having passed the signal at Exeter and then backing up 235 feet, and Train Dispatcher James Rourke is declared negligent in not notifying the special crew of the delay of the express.

Cholera is Raging.

BOMBAY: Cholera is raging in Karachi, the principal seaport town of Sindh. Two hundred and thirty-two new cases were officially reported May 25, and 208 deaths for the day. The official returns show a total of 1,197 cases and of 1,099 deaths since the beginning of the outbreak.

Indicted for Perjury.

TOLEDO: Marie M. Burroughs, who filed suits amounting to a million dollars for damages against the cities of Toledo and Fremont, has been indicted by the Grand Jury for perjury. The case came up in connection with her recent suits.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$5.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 73c to 75c; corn, No. 2, 32c to 34c; oats, No. 2, 26c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 61c to 63c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 18c; eggs, fresh, 12c to 14c; potatoes, choice, 27c to 40c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, choice light, \$2.75 to \$4.00; sheep, common to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 70c to 71c; corn, No. 2 white, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 31c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2, 75c to 77c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2, 27c to 29c; rye, No. 2, 62c to 63c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 28c to 30c; rye, No. 2, 64c to 66c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 74c to 76c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 30c to 31c; rye, 61c to 63c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 75c to 77c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 33c to 35c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 29c to 31c; rye, No. 2, 59c to 61c; clover seed, new, \$3.80 to \$3.90. Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 3, 32c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 30c; rye, No. 1, 60c to 62c; barley, No. 2, 40c to 42c; pork, mess, \$8.00 to \$8.50.

Buffalo—Cattle, good shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, common to choice, \$3.25 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$5.50; lambs, common to extra, \$4.50 to \$6.75.

New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 85c to \$6.00; corn, No. 2, 41c to 42c; oats, No. 3 white, 33c to 34c; butter, creamery, 15c to 19c; eggs, Western, 15c to 16c.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Pacific Short Line Brings \$1,750,000 Under the Hammer—Sold to the Tols of New York—Only One Bid Was Made.

Pacific Short Line Sold. "Gentlemen, I am bid for this railroad \$1,750,000. Are you all done? Once, twice, three times and sold! For \$1,750,000 to William S. Tod and Robert E. Tod."

So spoke E. S. Dundy, jr., of Omaha, official master in chancery, and the Pacific Short Line passed from the hands of a receiver to two brothers of J. Kennedy Tod of J. Kennedy Tod & Co., brokers, New York, represented by John L. Webster of Omaha.

The sale was conducted upon the depot platform of the Pacific Short Line station at South Sioux City, Dakota County. After the conclusion of the sale the master and Mr. Webster paid down the \$20,000 required to bind the sale. The price paid for the road was made \$1,750,000 only in order that the requirements of the law might be met. It is required that in foreclosure proceedings the price be at least two-thirds of the appraisal. The Pacific Short Line was appraised at \$2,500,000, and Mr. Webster could have made his bid \$1,666,666.67 if he chose. For recording the deed of sale \$1,750 in revenue stamps will be necessary. Mr. Webster did not care to prophesy what would become of the road. He said he had bid it in for Wm. S. Tod and Robert E. Tod, instead of in the firm name because that was his instruction. He was quite sure the sale would be confirmed in ten days by United States Judge Munger of Omaha. After that the road may be sold or extended or operated in connection with the Sioux City & Northern, which soon will pass from the receivers.

END OF UNIVERSITY YEAR.

Minnesota Man Will Deliver the Annual Address.

The official program for the commencement exercises of the State University has been prepared by the University authorities. The demand for tickets to the various exercises this year will probably be greater than in previous years. A certain number of tickets are reserved for members of the senior classes and alumni of the institution and the balance will be distributed to the public. The annual exercises will begin Friday evening, June 2, with a concert at the Oliver Theater by the graduating class of the University School of Music, and will terminate with the annual senior class lawn party on the University campus Tuesday evening, June 8. The annual baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Chancellor George E. MacLean before the graduating class in the Oliver Theater Sunday evening, June 4. Cyrus Northrup, LL. D., president of the University of Minnesota, has been secured to deliver the commencement oration.

FATAL STORMS.

Three Lives Reported Lost and Much Property Destroyed.

Severe thunderstorms were prevalent over Central and Eastern Nebraska on Friday last week and have probably resulted in the loss of three lives and the devastation of much property. A tornado passed north of Minden and is reported to have done much damage. Kenesaw reports considerable damage done by heavy wind. At Bancroft a rainstorm which assumed the proportions of a cloudburst, did thousands of dollars of damage. It is reported that Mrs. Peter Byers and her child and Mrs. Jerome Pfamm, were drowned seven miles south of that town. Fences and buildings on low lands were carried away by the flood. Near Lyons severe wind and hail storms demolished several farm buildings and badly damaged crops.

Child Drowned.

A sad accident occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Warren, residing some seven miles northwest of Harvard, resulting in the death by drowning of their youngest child, a boy some two years of age. The child and his sister, some four years of age, were playing near the bridge or banks of a small creek near the house and in some way fell in. The mother, missing the child from the house, went out to look for it, and was told by the little girl playing with him, that her brother was in the water, but death had come to the little boy before the mother could reach him.

Many Houses Blown Down.

About 7 o'clock on the evening of May 25, the wind which had been blowing fiercely from the south all day, suddenly increased to the proportions of a hurricane, and for a few minutes it was feared the town would be destroyed. As it was a long row of railroad sheds of the St. Joseph and Grand Island Railroad was demolished and fifteen or twenty houses of laborers were blown down. Many trees were uprooted and a few roofs and cornices blown off. So far as known no one was injured.

Beer Seized at Columbus.

City attorney Hensley seized 200 kegs of beer at Columbus which had been sent there by the South Omaha Brewing Company and consigned to themselves. The beer was to be doled out to purchasers in quantities, to saloons and others, and the city attorney claims that inasmuch as the brewing company has taken out no wholesale license they are violating a chapter of the Slocum law.

Child's Body Found.

Night Policeman Joseph Calvin of David City found the remains of a young child secreted in an old vault. From appearances it had been placed there immediately after birth and had been there two or three months. It is rumored that the police have a clue to the guilty parties.

Caught in a Feed Grinder.

Tom Smith, foreman of the Lavery cattle ranch, four miles northeast of Ashland, was accidentally thrown into a feed grinder and had his left leg terribly mangled.

ROBBERS' ROOST.

Goods to Amount of \$1,200 Have Been Recovered.

Sheriff Simmering and an officer have succeeded in unearthing a robbers' roost near Rosemont, Webster County, and recovered about \$1,200 worth of stolen goods. The officers placed Bill Leach, a Rosemont merchant under arrest, as they have strong evidence which implicates him with the gang. It is thought he is one of the head men of the organization and that he simply ran the store to dispose of the stolen goods. During the last year merchants at Trumbull, Glenville, Bromfield, Ayr, Funk, Aurora and other small towns have had their stores robbed, but the thieves have always escaped. It is almost certain that the den unearthed near Rosemont is the home of a large band of the bold thieves and safe-crackers who have infested that part of the State for a long time. Sheriff Simmering received word from Detective Malone at Lincoln saying he had three or four fellows under arrest whom he thought belonged to the gang. It is thought the robbers' roost is a branch of the band of robbers that was captured in Hanover Kan., about a year and a half ago.

SMALLPOX AT COLUMBUS.

Young Man Found in Car Suffering from Dread Disease.

A well developed case of smallpox was discovered in the Union Pacific yards at Columbus a few days since. A man about 22 years of age was found in a poultry car suffering with the dread disease. Permission was obtained from the railroad company to use a vacant section house about a mile east of town, where the patient was taken, and also a couple who were found with him. The strictest quarantine has been established and the premises guarded by two special officers. A meeting of the Board of Health was called and everything possible has been done for the unfortunate man and there is not the least apprehension of an epidemic. Attending physicians say it is a genuine case and a very strong one.

MODEL SHEEP FEEDING PLANT

Facilities for Handling Forty Thousand Head.

Abbott boasts one of the largest sheep feeding establishments in the country, the property of Robert Taylor. This gentleman has 10,000 acres, fenced with fifty miles of woven wire fencing, and barns, sheds, feed lots and, in fact, everything that can be in any way utilized in the production of beef, pork and mutton. His arrangements provide for feeding 40,000 sheep, besides several hundred head of cattle and hogs. There are 1,000 acres of alfalfa, which produce five tons per acre, and 500 acres of prairie hay land. Besides his feeding operations he makes a specialty of breeding fine sheep and has at the present time something like 7,500 head of Merino and Leicestershire breeds.

ELLIOTT W. BROWN DROWNED

Nebraska Stockman and Rough Rider Meets His Fate.

Elliott W. Brown, manager of the National Sheep and Cattle Company, one of the best known stockmen of Nebraska and Wyoming, was drowned in Indian Creek, near Harrison, while attempting to ford it on horseback. Mr. Brown was one of the Wyoming rough riders under Col. Grigsby and distinguished himself in the Mississippi river last summer, when he saved many lives.

Boy Smothered.

A distressing accident occurred near Greely Center by which John Gannon, a boy of about 15 years of age, lost his life. The boy had seen some badger holes near the house and had gone out sometime during the afternoon to dig the animals out. That was the last seen of him until about 6 o'clock, when his body was found in the badger hole covered with dirt. Life was extinct. The boy had apparently been down in the hole headfirst, digging for the badger, when the earth caved in on him and smothered him. Two dogs were digging in the hole when the boy was found and they had almost uncovered the clay from his body, though they had not touched it.

Wires to Go Under Ground.

At the last regular session of Plattsmouth's city council the most important business transacted was the passing by a unanimous vote an ordinance providing that all telephone wires on Main Street be carried in cables under the ground, and the poles removed, but giving any company the right to cross Main Street on poles. Thirty days were given the Nebraska Telephone Company in which to comply with the provisions of the ordinance, after which a penalty of \$1 a day for each pole left standing between First and Seventh Street will be collected.

Drank Concentrated Lye.

Morgan Rice of Wakefield committed suicide by drinking concentrated lye. He had been in ill health some time and despondent. He arose early and went to a neighbor's barn, where he poured about three tumblerfuls of the lye into a tin cup, mixed it with water and swallowed it. He was found about two hours later by his brother. After three hours of terrible suffering he died.

Fined for Starting a Fire.

Ludwig Boek, a farmer living about eight miles north of Valentine, in burning trash and Russian thistles allowed the fire to get away and on reaching the prairie the fire to spread rapidly, covering a large territory, burning out one of his neighbors and causing considerable damage. On complaint being filed he was taken before County Judge Towne and fined \$50 and costs.

Gamblers Rush to Wymore.

The extensive advertising Wymore has received in regard to it being a "wide open" town under the new city administration has been the cause of gamblers congregating there from all parts of the country, including Omaha, Lincoln, St. Joseph and Denver. Several gambling houses have started up and in some of them any kind of a game may be had.

WELLS OF PRAIRIE DOGS.

The Frisky Animals Go to the Water Level for Their Drink.

"The most interesting thing I have seen in many a day," said Harvey Geer of Lamont, Colo., a few days ago, "was a prairie-dog well. Did you ever see one? It isn't often that a chance occurs to explore the homes and haunts of these expeditious little inhabitants of the plains. A few miles from my town a large force of men have been at work this summer making a deep cut for a short railroad up into the mines. A friend of mine is in charge of the job, and I went out a week ago to see him and the work that had been done. The first thing that attracted my attention when I got there was the fact that the cut was being made through an old alfalfa field, and the roots fringed the sides of the cut and hung down fifteen to eighteen feet. Up at the surface of the ground were the stubbed green plants, and reaching down deep into the earth were the fat, businesslike roots, getting their living far below where ordinary plants forage for subsistence.

"But the most remarkable thing was the prairie-dog wells that had been dug into the cut went through a dog village, and being a deep one—some forty feet—it went below the town. There has always been a discussion about where the prairie dog gets his drink. Some say he goes eternally dry and does not know what it is to have an elegant thirst on him. Usually their towns are miles from any stream and in an arid country, where there is no surface water at any time sufficient for the needs of an animal requiring drink. The overland travelers back in the days of pioneering used to find the dog towns out on the prairies scores of miles from the streams. There was no dew, the air was dry as a bone, the buffalo grass would be parched brown, and there would be absolutely nothing to quench thirst. I remember a discussion begun thirty years ago in the American Naturalist by Dr. Stenning, now Surgeon General, on the subject, and he argued in favor of the well theory. But there near Lamont is ocular proof of the well theory. The nest holes of the dogs were five or six feet deep, but four or five holes went straight down as deep as the excavation had been made, and evidently on into the water-carrying sand beneath. These holes appeared to be used by the whole colony commonly and were a little larger than the holes used for their homes."—Washington Star.

MODEL FOR BRUMIDI.

Washington Beauty Posed for Mother of St. Aloysius.

Brumidi, who left his work of many years in frescoes and panels about Washington, was accustomed to draw on the contemporaneous life of the capital for faces and figures. Into the great allegorical circle of the dome of the capitol he painted many faces that were recognized as fast as he placed them in position. At one time the great artist painted from his wide acquaintance with such want of discretion and discrimination that there was a hullabaloo, and certain faces disappeared in a night from the endless procession. Over the altar of St. Aloysius' Church is an immense painting by Brumidi. It is still one of the sights of Washington, and strangers go there to see it. Among the life-size figures is that of the mother of the saint. It is tradition that the second wife of Stephen A. Douglas, of Illinois, posed for the mother of the saint, and was transferred to canvas with close fidelity. The lady was Miss Adele Cutts, a famous beauty of Washington in her day. As the wife and widow of Stephen A. Douglas and subsequently as the wife of General Williams, she attended the church. Visitors went to view the picture, and to compare the mother of the saint with the original for her as she sat in the midst of her devotions.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Lady Mountaineers.

The achievement of a Strasburg lady who has just accomplished a considerable mountain ascent at the age of seventy-five recalls the fact that the first of all the lady mountaineers (Mademoiselle d'Augeville) continued climbing almost equally late in life. Her first ascent, that of Mont Blanc, was accomplished at the age of forty-four; her twenty-first, and last, that of the Oldhorn, at the age of sixty-nine. Then, and not till then, she concluded that "it is time to abandon the alpenstock before it abandons me." Other records are those of Miss Brevoort, who made a first ascent of the Fushorn at fifty-one; and of Miss Lucy Walker, who climbed the Petit Mont Blanc at the age of 12,750 feet at forty-nine.—Liverpool Mercury.

Not Light.

Mudge—Yes, I do take a few drinks of an evening, but none during