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Venezuela is being well advertised at any rate.

Nebraska is her own sweet self again having evaded the grasp of Old Boreas and the Frost King.

An American cotton planter has taken a job at \$10,000 a year to teach the subjects of England the art of growing that staple article of commerce. If they should require similar instruction on growing corn, Nebraska stands ready to supply the demand.

It may be possible that L. B. Hanna of Fargo, N. D., a nephew of Senator Mark Hanna, may be chosen to represent that state in the national senate. If the nephew partakes of any of the characteristics of his illustrious uncle it is certain that the legislature of North Dakota could not make a better selection.

President Roosevelt has heard that there are 40,000 bruins in Wyoming and he is determined that one or more of them shall be honored by receiving a bullet from his gun. Mississippi bears are timid to appeal to his sporting instinct and he has concluded that the Wyoming animal shall be given the next opportunity.

The coal situation in some of the cities is becoming desperate and the people are given over to worry and fault finding. The coal barons perhaps have it in their power to give the people the worst and greatest distress it is possible to conceive of, but it is doubtful if, with all the resources at its command, the government would permit conditions to become serious.

A Chicago scientist has induced the moon to come within 60 miles of the earth to have its photograph taken and is convinced that the science of astronomical photography is yet in its infancy, hoping to show some remarkable results within the next few years. When he is able to present photographs of the inhabitants of Mars the people of the earth will begin to get interested.

A stock company is being formed at Fremont to place a new paper in a "long felt want" that is alleged to have made its appearance in that city. It is to be started the first of the year, with a capital stock of \$4,000, and is to be democratic in politics. It is stated that Will M. Maupin of the Commoner office is to furnish editorial inspiration from a safe distance, and that Waldo Wintersteen will act as sponsor to the infant. It has not yet been decided whether it will be daily, tri-weekly or semi-weekly. With Fremont as ably represented in the newspaper field as it is at present it is probably safe to figure that someone has an ax to grind who doesn't care how much it may cost to grind it.

The Methodist ministers of Chicago have gone into modern politics far enough to raise a protest against the publication of cartoons of the presidents of the United States and they are right. The executive, regardless of the party he affiliates with, should be above the influence of the cartoon that tends to debase, and the protest might go further and object to candidates for that high office being represented in grotesque and unseemly forms and positions. When one party employs the cartoon the other is rather compelled to use them also as a matter of protection and the thing to do would be for all parties to register their disapproval at the same time. The country and the people would be just as well off without them and results could be as readily attained without their influence, if they have any.

It is reported from Tacoma, Wash., that Governor Savage expects to locate there after his term of office has expired and engage in business with his sons. Reporters have found the governor reticent about the report, and he is quoted as having said: "It's nobody's business. I will pay my own way and go where I please." The governor was impressed with that part of the country while he was there taking part in the ceremony of laying the keel of the battleship Nebraska, was interested in the oriental trade and general business conditions, and was perhaps impressed by the fact that former governor Leedy of Kansas is accumulating a fortune at Valdez, Alaska. The governor's remarks on the subject are characteristic. It was the way he did public business frequently and some of the public rather considered that it was their business, especially in the Bartley matter, and they made it enough their business to insist that the next person holding the office should pay some heed to their

wishes and desires. It may be nobody's business if Mr. Savage moves to Washington, but if true many would be glad to know it that they might assume the expression of pleasure and satisfaction appropriate to the intelligence.

FATHER IS GIVEN DAMAGES.

Sues His Son-in-Law for the Value of the Services of His Daughter.
 Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 19.—A suit instituted on unique grounds has just been disposed of in the state circuit court by a jury, awarding to E. R. Munger damages in the sum of \$4,000 against Olavus Olson.
 The suit was to recover damages for the loss of the services of his (Munger's) daughter, who married Olson. Olson's wife is said to have returned to the home of her father since the father instituted suit against Olson, and a counter suit for \$5,000 damages has now been instituted by Olson against his father-in-law because of the alleged alienation of his (Olson's) wife's affections. This suit is pending.

FAVOR ELEVATING SCANNELL.

Conference of Bishops Takes Favorable View of Recommendation.
 Dubuque, Dec. 19.—At a meeting last night of the bishops of the Catholic province of Dubuque the formation of a new province west of the Missouri river, with Omaha as headquarters, was discussed, but no action taken. Local priests take this to mean that at the next conference a joint letter will be sent to the holy father recommending that Bishop Scannell be elevated to the archbishopric. The only other business transacted was the sending of a joint letter to Rome approving the biblical commission recently established for the study of sacred scripture. Bishop Scannell attended the conference.

LET DENVER PACIFIC GRADING.

Two Million Dollars to Be Spent on Thirty-six Miles of Road.
 Denver, Dec. 19.—Contracts were let for the grading of thirty-six miles of the Denver, Northwestern and Pacific railroad in front of the range of mountains between Denver and the tunnel through the crest of the Continental divide. The work on this section is heavier and more expensive than on any other portion between Denver and Salt Lake. The contracts call for payments of \$2,000,000. Work is to begin within ten days. Further contracts will be let soon.

Banquet of New York Bankers.

New York, Dec. 19.—William Barrett Ridgely, comptroller of the currency; President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton university, Major General Adna R. Chaffee and John S. Wise were the principal speakers at the annual banquet of the New York State Bankers' association, given at the Waldorf-Astoria last night. Five hundred members and guests of the association were present. Mr. Ridgely spoke on "Elasticity in the Currency."

Favor Convict Labor on Public Roads.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 19.—Resolutions favoring the employment of convicts on public roads were adopted by a convention of citizens held here yesterday. R. W. Richardson of the department of agriculture at Washington delivered the principal address. He dwelt on the effectiveness of convict labor in the roads of southern states.

Many Killed by Earthquake.

Tashkend, Dec. 19.—Three officials, two soldiers and 150 natives, mostly children, were killed by the earthquake which destroyed the town of Andijan, Russian Asia, Tuesday. In addition, 300 natives and seventeen soldiers were injured and 9,000 houses of natives and 130 Russian residences were destroyed.

King's Cousin is Arrested.

Madrid, Dec. 19.—General Borbouny de Castellvi, a cousin of King Alfonso, was arrested yesterday in a gambling house. He was arraigned before the captain general and subsequently released. The general has been challenged for the energetic attempts made to suppress club gambling.

San Jose Badly Shaken.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Dec. 19.—Two violent earthquake shocks were experienced here at 4 o'clock this morning. The people of the city were greatly alarmed, but there were no casualties. Several other shocks followed at intervals. These, however, were of diminishing severity.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

General Wager Swayne died Thursday at his residence in New York of a complication of diseases.

Nearly 9,000 Boers, it is said, are preparing to "trek" to America and will settle in Colorado, New Mexico and Texas.

The executive committee of the Army of Santiago de Cuba has selected Detroit for the encampment of July 16 and 17, 1903.

John Powers, superintendent of the Tiger mine, was frozen to death Thursday in the Greenhorn district, Oregon. He was sixty-four years of age.

Hen. Hosea M. Knowlton, former attorney general of Massachusetts, who was stricken with apoplexy Dec. 6 at his home at Marion, Mass., is dead.

The French authorities have become convinced that the death of Mrs. Ellen Gore was accidental and have decided to drop the case against M. de Rydewsky.

On her official trip over the Cape Ann course Thursday, the United States monitor Nevada made an average speed of 12:25 knots, exceeding by a considerable margin the contract requirement of 11:5 knots.

TELL TALES OF VIOLENCE

Nonunion Miners Testify Before Strike Commission.

SCORE OF WITNESSES HEARD.

Seek to Show Reign of Terror Existed During Strike—Say They Were Beaten and Brutally Assaulted.
 Chairman Gray Grows Indignant.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 19.—The coal strike commission listened to further testimony tending to show that a reign of terror existed in the anthracite coal fields during the five and a half months of the mine workers' strike. About a score of witnesses were called by the attorneys for the nonunion men. They told of serious boycotts, brutal attacks by crowds of men, women and boys and an attempt to burn the house of a nonunion man. In most instances the witnesses testified that the alleged offenders were members of the miners' union. The lawyers for the miners objected frequently to the admission of testimony on hearsay and some times objected because of the irrelevancy of certain other statements. Chairman Gray said the commission was not bound by any strict rules of evidence, but asked counsel to confine themselves in examining witnesses as far as possible to direct evidence. He said it was too difficult, in trying to prove that boycotts exist, to get information on the subject. The commission, he said, wanted to know whether a reign of terror existed in the anthracite region and it could not get that information if the strict rules of evidence were applied. "The coward who will go to the storekeepers," he said, "and tell them not to sell the necessities of life to a poor woman usually seeks the obscurity that the law of evidence throws around him. If a girl is discharged from her position in a store because she rode in a street car in inclement weather while a street car strike was on, the coward who discharged her is coward enough to refuse to testify."

Nord is Now President.
 Port au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 19.—General Nord, having been proclaimed president of Hayti by the army, took possession of the national palace.

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