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MONTANA ELECTION.

A SUPREME COURT RULING FAVORS THE REPUBLICANS.

The Auditor Must Pay Mortgage and Forfeit to the Republican Claimant From Silver Bow—Other News of General Interest.

The Montana supreme court has decided the Thompson mandamus case by granting a peremptory writ ordering the state auditor to pay the mortgage on the land and to forfeit to the Republican claimant from Silver Bow county, being one of the five elected by the throwing out of Tammel precinct. The court goes into the question of the certificates and sustains the position of the republicans that the certificates from the state canvassing board are only prima facie evidence of membership in the legislature. This decision makes the republican body the legal legislature.

DR. PETERS ALIVE.

He Has Been Seen by a Number of French Priests—Important African News.

A number of French priests have arrived at Madrid. They state they recently met Dr. Peters, the German explorer, concerning whose death many conflicting reports have been received at Koki. He was in good health.

The condition of Emin Pasha has greatly improved.

The private commercial house at Bogota, the Societe Belge, acting in behalf of the German East-African company, is founding commercial factories on the west coast system. If the project proves successful it will bring about the destruction of the monopoly of trade which British and Indian merchants have held for centuries.

Advices from Mozambique state that the Portuguese are acquiring as much territory as possible pending the delimitation of boundaries of their districts on the Zambesi river.

THE WESTERN BLOCKADE.

The Latest Reports Indicate That It is Still Master of the Situation.

Senator Stanford has received a long dispatch from the west regarding the terrible snow blockade on the Central Pacific railroad. It says the snow is piled higher than the sides of the locomotives, and that ordinary plows are of no use, as they cannot throw the snow out of the channel.

Two engineers and three firemen were killed by the derailing of engines. West of Summit the snow is piled on the snow sheds to a depth of from fifteen to twenty feet, and it is feared the great weight will crush them in. East of Summit the snow is even deeper. Telegraph wires are buried ten to twelve feet, although the poles are twenty-two feet high. Heavy land and snow slides have occurred, breaking large trees two and three feet in diameter like pine stumps.

Another dispatch from Vice-President Crocker reports a similar condition of affairs on the Portland line. Twenty-five hundred extra men are employed clearing the tracks and great difficulty is experienced in providing them, as all supplies have to be carried a long distance on snow sleds and at an enormous expense.

Forepang's show and cash. The will of Adam Forepang will be presented for probate during the week. It is said that the estate, outside of the show itself, will foot up fully \$1,200,000. The bulk of this will go to his son, Adam Forepang, jr. The report that negotiations have been on foot for some time looking toward the sale of the property to an English syndicate is denied, and those in position to know assert that it is young Adams' ambition to perpetuate the business as a memorial to his father, and to become a rival of Barnum himself.

A Hard Line to Slay. From information received to-day it appears the epidemic of cholera is spreading, which left Denver Nov. 25 to survey the railroad line through Grand canyon, also met with a fatal accident. F. A. Nims, photographer for the expedition, was badly injured in Marble canyon three weeks ago and nearly killed, and three of the other men were killed. In the first expedition, which left Jan. 25, 1889, under command of Frank M. Brown, the latter, with two men, were drowned twenty miles below Lee's Ferry, where the boat was capsized in the rapids.

Education of the Negro. Ex-Senator Bruce called upon the president and incidentally mentioned the race question in the south. Bruce told the president that he thought the salvation of the south and the negro would be secured by education. The president expressed a warm interest in the race question, which, he said, had given him more trouble than anything else since he became president. He hoped the trouble would be peacefully settled.

Gladstone to His Supporters. Gladstone's circular to his supporters in the commons says the condition of public affairs is not without peculiar features, and the questions to be considered may be of pressing interest. This is taken to indicate an early discussion of the Pigott letters and other matters of vital importance to the liberals and home rulers.

TOLD IN A MINUTE. THE directors of an Albany, N. Y., bank refused to promote a faithful teller to be cashier because he was a "sheeny." The few patrons of the institution learned of the matter, and in a single day \$500,000 deposits were withdrawn. The bank claims it can stand the rascal.

At Seattle, Wash., a closer to a fare bank waited until the proprietor and himself were the sole occupants of the room, then he pulled his gun and held the banker up for \$200. A man who barred his exit got two bullets for his trouble and the robber escaped.

PERIAN KROBASSAN is ravaged by an intestinal disease of excessive fatality. Three thousand deaths are reported. At Neor, in Mesopotamia, there were 100 deaths daily. Owing to the scarcity of doctors the nature of the disease is unknown.

It is said in Chicago that a company is being formed for the purpose of building a 1,500-foot high in London. A Chicago company which furnished the elevators for the Eiffel tower has the contract for the London tower.

A PUNISHMENT FOR SIN.

A Canadian Bishop's Circular on Intemperance.

Archbishop Fabre has sent a circular to all the parish priests of his archdiocese ordering them to add a prayer to every mass and to the litany of the holy name of Jesus after every benediction to implore divine providence to take away the scourge of intemperance which the circular says is ever increasing among the people and doing incalculable harm. The Rev. Dr. J. W. Emard, vice-chancellor, in making this announcement at the archbishop's chapel said that the people might consider all these plagues which visit them from time to time as a punishment for sins committed at such times as the carnival season and at such places as theaters and other popular resorts. He strongly urged the faithful to institute prayers at their homes to conciliate the anger of God.

LAND RELINGS.

Some Reversals of Findings by the Sparks. George Chambliss, assistant secretary of the interior department, has given a ruling that a homesteader who has pre-empted a smaller number of acres than he is allowed under the law may make a second entry to complete the homestead of land adjoining before he has acquired full title to the first tract. The case comes from the land office at Vancouver, Wash. The land commissioner under the last administration cancelled the adjoining farm homestead entry of J. R. Cannon because he had one homesteaded entry to land adjoining. He says it was the evident intention of congress that the "ownership" does not necessarily await the complete investment of title.

Mr. Chandler has also reversed a decision of Commissioner Sparks, giving a forty-acre tract of land in the Kaunton land district to Albert H. Hazen. Mr. Chandler says that the showing of facts is such as to entitle Hazen to the land under the terms of the law.

Win His Girl in Sixteen Rounds. A prize fight in private occurred lately at Crayon, O., between John Crim and William Wright to decide which should have the affection of a young lady in the neighborhood. Her indecision as to which she liked best brought on a collision between the two suitors. They agreed to settle the matter in a glove contest to a finish. Only a few friends were given the "tip," but enough of each side to see that fair play was given. They hammered each other in the most brutal manner, but Wright had the best of it, and his opponent was put to sleep in the sixteenth round by a terrific blow squarely between the eyes. The principals shook hands, received congratulations and left the rugged good friends. Wright may court the young lady undisturbed, if she does not hear of the affair and discard both of the young men.

A Reopened Seminary. The seminary officials and health officer at Minneapolis have succeeded in keeping quiet a diphtheria epidemic in Augsburg seminary that had closed the school. Dec. 11 a case of diphtheria was discovered. It was at once isolated and the matter kept quiet so as not to frighten the other students. Every precaution was used to prevent contagion, but Jan. 14 three more cases had developed. A health inspector was sent to the seminary and it was decided to close the institution temporarily. By Jan. 18 eleven cases had developed and they were all taken to the quarantine hospital. For a time it looked serious for the patients, but they are now all improving. The whole building has been thoroughly fumigated and was reopened to-day.

Proximity to Quarantine. Secretary Blake was interviewed in relation to the recent quarantine restrictions placed by the Mexican government upon ships shipped from this country. He said the trade was a large and increasing one and the inspection fees would practically destroy it if they were continued. He laid the matter before the state department. When asked if he intended retaliating by placing restrictions on the Mexican cattle trade the secretary was non-committal, but stated that the department had frequently been urged to place a three months' quarantine on all cattle imported from Mexico in order to avoid the introduction of disease. He thought a regulation of this character justifiable on sanitary grounds.

A Navy Yard Search. A serious fire is reported from the Kittery navy yard, New Hampshire. The fire broke out in the boiler-room of the building, occupied as machine and iron plate shops, and quickly extended along the Fatstock mill, where the workmen were obliged to jump through the windows to escape. Despite the efforts of the firemen and the marine guard the fire extended into the machine shops and help was called for from Portsmouth. Reinforcements sent confined the fire to two buildings, which together are 100 feet in length and 65 feet wide. The loss will probably reach over \$100,000.

A Parson That Came Late. Gov. Francis, of Missouri, has granted a pardon to R. M. Chadwick, who was convicted at the September term, 1885, of the circuit court of Barton county of murder in the first degree, and sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary. Chadwick is nearly dead with consumption, and the prison physician, so certified to the governor.

TOLD IN A MINUTE. CHARLES THORNTON, of the firm of Hampson & Thornton, who built the Mexican National railway, killed the superintendent of the Vinton railway in Mexico a few days ago in a quarrel. Thornton is under arrest.

The London Times bitterly condemns the English merchants at Lisbon who appealed to Mr. Gladstone to use his influence for arbitration and peace, and says they are cowards, who prefer their pocket-books to patriotism.

The Catholic Bishop O'Donnell has written an open letter to Michael Davitt maintaining the necessity to private ownership of land and opposing Mr. Davitt's ideas of land nationalization.

In Canadigua, N. Y., Frank Fish fatally stabbed John Cullinan for refusing to shake hands with him. Both were drunk. Fish has been arrested.

A DEGREE has been issued by the provisional government of Brazil establishing the validity of civil marriages.

News from Rio Janeiro states that a defalcation of 20,000 pesos has been discovered in the telegraph department.

THEY FOUND THE BODY.

BANKER DITMAN'S BODY FOUND IN THE SCHUYLKILL RIVER.

Not Known Whether Death Was by Murder, Suicide or Accident—Western Times Said Fosses Have Been Plunged Into Other News.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of the Philadelphia banker, Joseph Ditman, who was last seen alive on Dec. 11 last, has been cleared up by finding the decomposed body floating on the Schuylkill river. In a wallet in his inside pocket coat, besides some papers, was a card requesting the finder in case of his accidental death, to notify the secretary of the Mutual Association of New York.

On the afternoon of Dec. 11 Banker Ditman started for a drive. About dusk the park guard found his horse and buggy in Fairmount park, the vehicle being empty. The first impression was that he had been thrown from the buggy into the water. When the body was found there were no marks of violence discernible, and whether his death was accidental or a suicide will probably never be known.

WESTERN WINDS.

Colorado Hurricanes Seriously Interfere with Railway Traffic.

The Rio Grand express was blown from the track near the depot at Monument, Col. There were several wounded. The porter of the train was badly scalded. The wind was blowing a perfect hurricane. Several houses were unroofed. The two coaches and the sleeper immediately took fire. The hurricane fanned the flames, but by heroic efforts the train men succeeded in extinguishing the fire before any person was seriously burned. Among the passengers injured is Assistant General Agent Zimmerman, of Rio Grande. None of the others were fatally hurt.

Wind storms have been general through the state and in many towns no little damage has been done to buildings and telegraph wires. It is reported the wind is unusually severe on Pike's peak, and at the railroad grading camp on the mountains several men have been killed by being blown over precipices. This report, however, is not confirmed.

A freight train on the Colorado Central, near Berthoud, ran into a sand drift which a hurricane had blown into a tangle. The engineers and fireman were fatally injured.

SHOT AT THE BISHOP.

A Philadelphia Letter—Entails a Religious Service.

During confirmation services at St. John's Episcopal church last evening, the congregation was startled by the actions of an apparently demented young man who arose from his seat in the church, and pointing a revolver at Bishop Whittaker, who was taking part in the services, fired. Immediately there was great confusion, and it was quickly seen that no harm was done. The money was taken out of the pocket of the man who fired, and he was taken to the station to be committed to custody. At the station he gave his name as David Alexander, of this city. He told a rambling story about receiving a letter, which induced him to make the attempt upon the bishop's life.

It was learned later that Alexander is an ardent prohibitionist, and Bishop Whittaker's attitude on the liquor question having displeased him he determined to kill him. He resigned his position in a dry goods store last week. The prisoner stated that he also was determined to "reform" Rev. S. D. McConnell, pastor of St. Stephens Episcopal church, whose attitude on the liquor question was also distasteful to him. It is evident that Alexander's mind is unsettled.

MARINE MATTERS.

Much Distress on the Other Side on Account of Gales—The Enterprise Sails.

The British ship Loch Moliant, from Pisagua Nov. 2, is ashore on the coast of Holland. Thirty of her crew were washed overboard. The money was taken out of the pocket of the man who fired, and he was taken to the station to be committed to custody. At the station he gave his name as David Alexander, of this city. He told a rambling story about receiving a letter, which induced him to make the attempt upon the bishop's life.

The United States steamer Enterprise, having on board the remains of George H. Pendleton, United States minister to Germany, sailed from Dartmouth for New York on the 20th, but was compelled to return owing to the stress of weather.

It Took a Long Struggle. Eugene Hornbaker, of New York, and Edward Duley, of Providence, fought with two-ounce gloves at a resort on Long Island for a purse of \$500. From the first to the tenth round scarcely a blow was struck, but from this point to the twenty-seventh round the fighting was spirited. Duley seemed to have slightly the advantage. Thus Hornbaker got his second wind and did furious work. In the thirtieth round Duley was so badly punished that he went down. His second claimed a foul, but the referee refused to allow it, and as Duley had not arisen at the end of twelve seconds the fight was given to the New York man.

The Usual Order Reversed. A. N. Nelson, at Abbeville, S. C., was shot and killed by his wife, who then attempted suicide by shooting herself in the head. Nelson had bought his wife a pair of shoes and lost them while on his way home while under the influence of liquor. His wife sent him back to hunt for them and upon his return unsuccessful she killed him. A coroner's jury rendered a verdict of death at the hands of unknown parties, the evidence being meager, but the woman admits the killing.

Divided the Responsibility. A verdict has been rendered by the coroner's jury as to the responsibility for the quadruple killing at the entrance of Rose Hill cemetery. According to the verdict the accident was due equally to the carelessness of the carriage driver, Simon Anderson, the neglect of the Rose Hill cemetery in not taking proper precautions to guard the crossing and the violation of the city ordinance regulating the speed of trains by the Chicago & Northwestern railway company. Engineer Mayberry was exonerated from all blame.

PRESBYTERIAN REVISION.

The Confession of Faith to Be Modified by the New York Body.

In the debate of the New York presbytery over the revision of the confession of faith Rev. Jesse F. Forbes said he did not believe that infants were lost because of not being elected. Rev. J. McVain said the confession of faith is rigidly Calvinistic and the belief of the presbytery is only mildly Calvinistic. There is not word in the confession of faith of the love of God. It speaks of his wrath and curse, which commentators might be able to show meant his love. He thought that the number of full grown, mature intellectual men who join the Presbyterian church were very few. Rev. J. Collins was opposed to the change. Other speakers were Rev. J. V. Bliss and Elder J. H. Woodbury in favor of the revision, and Rev. Joseph Sanderson, who argued against the committee report. The general conference assembly at Syracuse voted unanimously for a revision.

There is every likelihood that the discussion of the Presbyterian creed will end in an awful disruption of the church. This was the statement made by a prominent Presbyterian divine, who has taken much part in the discussion. The questions involved go to the very foundation of the church, and the feeling is intense.

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A California shooting—Section. Louis L. Brownell, president of the California Insurance company, was shot and seriously wounded by George C. Pratt, general agent of the company. The shooting has caused a great sensation. In explanation of the shooting he said that he had recently been sent to Japan by Brownell, and on returning a week ago, he received from his wife a confession that she had been seduced by Brownell. After obtaining evidence confirming this, Pratt went to Brownell's office and charged him with the crime and then shot him. Both men are widely known in business and social circles. Pratt was married twenty years ago, and came here from Chicago several years ago. He has two sons. Brownell is married and has a family. Brownell declines to make any statement. Pratt said his principal reason for shooting was the fact that his wife, by reason of her betrayal, has become insane.

Bonds in Large Denominations. Three first class postmasters have just qualified. Van Cott, of New York City, who gave a bond of \$1,000,000; John Fields, Philadelphia, a bond of \$200,000; and W. W. Johnson, of Baltimore, a \$200,000 bond. Postmasters qualifying in the sum for which their bondsmen are liable. Half of the liability is for the money order business, and the other half for the general business of the postmaster. There are only six or eight first class postmasters in the country.

Found Flight Desirable. Jayder Lockwood, of Slocana, Mo., who, believing himself on his death bed, confessed to forgeries amounting to \$50,000, has disappeared. His arrest had not been made on account of his illness.

Gagged the Postmaster. While the Albuquerque, N. M., postmaster was distributing mail, two masked men rushed in, intimidated him with a revolver and went through the safe, securing \$500 in money, \$19 in stamps and several hundred dollars' worth of jewelry. They bound and gagged the postmaster and made good their escape.

His People Don't Like It. The publication of the Simonson treaty in Berlin has led to its denunciation by the German press of both parties. Radical and conservative papers alike call it a "German retreat."

TOLD IN A MINUTE. BRODIE JOHNSON got his foot caught on a ledge at Cleveland just as a train was approaching. George Hahn undertook to assist him and both were struck by the train and badly hurt. Hahn probably fatally.

The earl of Galloway, who was acquitted recently for assaulting a little girl, was arrested again at Glasgow on the charge of making indecent proposals to another girl, but was again acquitted.

HARVEY POTTER, son of a wealthy brewer of Reading, Pa., was killed at Stenleville, Ohio, by William Wenter, a seaman, who cut Potter's head open with a hatchet.

THERE seems to be no longer any doubt that the steamer Erin, from New York to London, is lost with all its 160 men.

HENRY BISH has recovered a verdict for \$40,000 against the Northern Pacific railway in Chicago for injuries received while acting as a fireman.

A SWISS paper publishes a private cable that a revolution broke out in Costa Rica, Central America, and that the government was overthrown.

The United States sea-going torpedo boat No. 1, has been successfully launched at Bristol, R. I., and christened the Coaling.

A HEAVY fall of snow has occurred in Missouri and Kansas.

KILLED AT COLUMBUS.

THREE PEOPLE FATALLY HURT BY EXPLODING GAS.

Many Others Injured—A California Shooting—News of Other Sort from Various Parts of the World.

Three people were killed and thirty injured, more or less seriously, by an explosion of natural gas in Columbus, O. The fire department was called to the corner of High and Main streets, where it was found that an explosion had occurred in a one-story dwelling. An excited crowd of on-lookers rushed into a narrow alley with the firemen and pushed up to the house, from which cries were heard coming. Immediately afterwards it was reported that the explosion was of a gasoline stove and that the fire was under control. The crowd was just preparing to walk away when a terrific explosion rent the air. A sheet of flame burst from an adjoining building and in an instant a mass of brick, beams and stone was hurled into the air. The upper story of the building was sent hurtling through the air. The scene was terrible. People fled shrieking in all directions, while the alley was instantly covered with a mass of debris, from which came the cries and moans of the injured. Three men and a woman with torn clothing and blood streaming from cuts staggered from among the ruins and ran across the street. Everything was in confusion, but as quickly as possible the police and firemen organized and began the work of searching for the victims. Five were taken out dead, Charles Becht, John Seymour, a colored boy, Mrs. P. Merritt, an unknown man and an unknown baby. The infant child of Charles Becht was dashed from its mother's arms by the force of the explosion, and almost immediately was run over and killed by a fire department team which was running from the building. Thirty people—men, women and children—were injured by burns, cuts and bruises, and it is possible, though not probable, that other bodies may be found in the ruins of the building. A daughter of Mrs. Merritt is one of the most seriously injured. After the explosion she ran into the street with her clothing a mass of flames. A stream turned the hose on her and extinguished the fire. Every stitch of clothing was burned from her body as far down as the waist. She will hardly recover. The explosion, as near as can be ascertained, resulted from an accumulation of natural gas in the cellar of Merritt's house, it having leaked in from the street main. Besides destroying the house and back next to it, the house on the other side of the alley was completely wrecked.

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