

CHANGING CROOK'S COMMAND.

The Gallant Indian Fighter to be Recalled from Arizona.

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Montana Seeking Admission With Dakota—Postoffice Changes in Iowa and Nebraska—An Important Decision—Washington News.

Gen. Crook to be Removed. Washington, Jan. 4.—[Special Telegram.] President Cleveland has decided to relieve Gen. Crook from his command in Arizona. Gen. Miles is to succeed him, and will probably receive his order within ten days. It is understood that Gen. Sheridan has been trying to prevent this, and he may yet be able to do so, as he believes that Crook is a man who does everything that human power could do to capture the renegade Apaches. He thinks that no one could have done any better than Gen. Crook, and still considers that officer the ablest leader in Indian warfare in the United States army, but the pressure upon the president to make a change is very strong and comes from both the friends of Gen. Miles, who is anxious to try his hand at the job, and from the people of Arizona who have lost confidence in Crook, and have sent many resolutions to the president to relieve him, both an official and private character. Gen. Sheridan says it is very easy to criticize a man who has been laboring under disadvantages, and thinks if Crook is let alone he will do all that is wanted.

Governmental Matters. Montana, who is now here, said in a conversation with your correspondent last night: "The one thing that is now attracting the most interest in Montana is the prospect for our admission into the union as a state. Although no state application has yet been made, the question will be brought up very soon. As we have now 120,000 inhabitants there can be no difficulty on the score of population. The difficulties in the way of admission now being experienced by Dakota have attracted the attention of citizens and territory. As the republicans have a majority there, and as that is probably one reason why it cannot gain admission, a project has been formed to take advantage of that and gain admittance for our territory. South Dakota is republican, while the territory is democratic. The project is to divide the territory into two parts, one republican and one democratic, and would neutralize the effect of the other state. We think that by proposing together there will be no difficulty experienced. Montana is growing rapidly, and within a year will have 200,000 inhabitants."

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STATE CAPITAL CONQUERED.

The Storm Gains in Strength and Blockades all Roads West of Lincoln.

A TRACKLESS WASTE OF SNOW.

Monster Plows Fail to Pierce the Flakes Substance—Telegraph Service Demoralized—Four Paid Firemen Appointed.

The Storm at Lincoln and Vicinity. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 4.—[Special Telegram.] The storm still rages in this locality with unabated fury, and is pronounced by railway men the worst they have ever encountered in Nebraska. It is general all over the state but at its worst between Lincoln and Red Cloud. The railways are blocked up to noon today and a white drift has been piled up to six feet Sunday morning. West of Lincoln on all branch roads both passenger and freight trains have been abandoned until the wind subsides so the tracks can be cleared. A train from the east managed to reach here Saturday night, but could not get any farther west. In town business is at a standstill. The streets are blocked with drifts, and there are but few people abroad. With the exception of one train from Omaha over the Burlington Sunday night, Lincoln's railway connection with the outside world has been entirely suspended for nearly thirty-six hours. All day Saturday and Sunday the Burlington people worked hard to keep the main line west of Lincoln clear, but were forced to give it up Sunday afternoon, leaving the east bound passenger at Harvard. The company is taking care of the passengers and has made them as comfortable as possible. All trains west of Lincoln have been discontinued until the storm is over. The track in many places is covered with drifts twenty feet deep and nearly a quarter of a mile long, and all the Burlington branches and the Union Pacific's Republican Valley road was blocked and traffic is at a standstill.

Train No. 1 on the Burlington, which started from Omaha Monday morning, drawn by two engines and preceded by a double header and snow plow, ran into a huge drift near Ashland about noon. Three hours later it was reported at Greenwood battling with another drift, and at 9 p. m. was stalled in a snow drift and the greater part of today's cuts so completely that the great plows, which are calculated to cut through drifts fifteen hundred feet long at full speed, could not make headway against it. In most cases the cuts will have to be shoveled by hand. Superintendent Williams says that the drifts along the line to hire all the men that could be had and hold them in readiness for work as soon as the wind subsides. When that will be uncertain, as to-night, the third of the storm, it is still blowing fiercely and without prospect of immediate abatement.

The telegraph companies have suffered as well as the railways. The Pacific Mutual suspended business Sunday owing to disabled wires. The Western Union and Burlington & Missouri having extra wires, are enabled to get messages through in very sharp strings. The telegraph companies claim that they are financially prepared to sustain 12,000 strikers.

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GRAVE IN THE LAKE.

A Wealthy Citizen of Chicago Found Drowned in Michigan's Waters.

FOUND IN FORGERS' RETREAT

A Good Young Man Goes Wrong and Returns from Canada.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Charles H. Curtis, aged 27, one of the richest residents of Chicago, was found drowned in the lake near Thirty-seventh street yesterday. The circumstances are such that the police are in doubt whether his death is attributed to accident, suicide or foul play. His family, however, are of the opinion that he walked out on the pier, and being seized by a spell of dizziness to which he was subject, fell into the water and was drowned. Mr. Curtis came to Chicago in 1840, and was for a while a contractor on the Illinois and Michigan canal, and afterwards was in the meat market business a number of years. He made a large fortune as a distiller, being interested for some years in the distilling business in Chicago, at St. Charles and at Quincy, Ill., and for late years he has not been in active business, but has been a resident of various countries. Some of his recent investments have proved disastrous, and by a bank failure a few years since he lost a large sum of money, but that did not appear to distress him much. His friends say that he never allowed his losses to get on his mind, and that he was a very generous man in a quiet way, having given away in one section and another over \$100,000. He had a good constitution, and has only been seriously ill on two occasions in all his life, although of late he had been rather feeble.

The Visible Statement. Chicago, Jan. 4.—The following figures, taken from the official statement of the board of trade to be posted on "Change tomorrow, show in bushel the amount of grain in sight in the United States and Canada on Saturday, January 2, and the amount of decrease or increase over the preceding week. Wheat, 8,222,345 Increase, 112,925 Corn, 7,959,345 Increase, 915,663 Rye, 2,099,625 Increase, 28,807 Oats, 1,244,225 Increase, 51,200 Barley, 2,244,225 Increase, 28,807

Elgin Daily Market. Chicago, Jan. 4.—Inventories special from Elgin, Ill., Butter did today and is lower than last week. Regular sales, 15,500 pounds at 32.50c. There was no inquiry for cheese and no regular sales.

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FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

De Freycinet Decides to Form the New French Cabinet.

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Increasing Taxation. CALCUTTA, Jan. 4.—The Indian government has proposed to the legislative council imposing a tax of 2 per cent on the incomes of all professional men and officials of all classes who have hitherto been exempt from income tax. The imposition of the tax is rendered in order to cover a deficit in the budget of £2,000,000. The measure is unpopular because it will be levied on the incomes of all professional men and officials of all classes who have hitherto been exempt from income tax. The imposition of the tax is rendered in order to cover a deficit in the budget of £2,000,000.

The Government's Irish Measure. LONDON, Jan. 4.—The local government measure to be laid before parliament by the government, as drafted by Ireland in the House of Commons, is being discussed by the House of Commons. The measure is unpopular because it will be levied on the incomes of all professional men and officials of all classes who have hitherto been exempt from income tax. The imposition of the tax is rendered in order to cover a deficit in the budget of £2,000,000.

Little Greece Speaks. LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Greek government has sent a vigorous note to the powers, protesting against the union of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia. The note says that the union is a violation of the Treaty of Berlin, and that the powers should be asked to enforce the terms of the treaty. The note is a strong protest against the union of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia.

The Conference Abandoned. LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Balkan conference at Constantinople has been abandoned, Russia refusing to guarantee the independence of the union of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia. The conference was held to discuss the terms of the union, but it was abandoned because Russia refused to guarantee the independence of the union of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia.

Rival Lines Contending for Disputed Right of Way. HOWELL, Mich., Jan. 4.—There is a dispute between the Toledo, Ann Arbor & Northern Michigan and the Detroit, Toledo & Western Michigan roads, over the right of way for the Toledo road in extending its line, and the case was brought into court and appealed. It is now pending on appeal to the circuit court. The Toledo road is extending its line, and the case was brought into court and appealed. It is now pending on appeal to the circuit court.

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