

MERCER TALKS OF EUROPE

Popular Nebraska Congressman Recounts What He Saw Across the Water.

THINKS AMERICA A PRETTY GOOD PLACE

Did Not See a Niagara Falls Nor a Yosemite Valley Over There—American Labor in Demand in Russia—Better Paid Here.

Congressman David H. Mercer recently returned from an extended European tour trip with Mrs. Mercer and three children.

"After the days of my youth, I determined to take a trip to Europe. I had always said I would never cross the waters until I had visited every state and territory in the United States and the southern part of the continent.

"Whenever we went we were impressed by the age of things and by the improvements made by the people.

"The galleries at St. Petersburg are filled with the best specimens of modern art, many of which were exhibited at the World's Fair in Chicago.

"Italy is like one vast vineyard, for the cultivation of grapes and the making of wine.

"Russia is of interest, especially to the agriculturalists, for the reason that she is being pointed out as a possible rival in the agricultural pursuits on account of her great wheat-raising areas.

"Naples is a city fast becoming modernized with its wide streets, gas lighting, and large buildings.

"Beside Naples and Rome we went to the town of Capri.

"We were much interested by our visit to Finland, with its progressive capital, Helsinki, and its modern improvements.

"While the railway facilities in the old country did not seem as great as in the United States, yet wagon roads appeared much superior.

Brindisi and Pisa. In the latter place we climbed to the top of the famous leaning tower once accounted one of the seven wonders of the world.

Venice disappointing at first. "Venice, once the queen of the seas, disappeared as at first sight.

"The ruins of Rome do not compare with those of Athens, with its acropolis, situated as it is on a slightly hill.

"I was amused in Athens to find that everything mean and bad was laid to the Turk. If I pointed out a ruin or an unsightly object, the Athenians at once said it had been built by the Turk.

"A 'grand' fusion rally was extensively advertised to take place in Bennington last night and as a result a small crowd gathered to listen to the popoart orators.

"I am glad to hear that the Jews vote for the best men. There are no Hebrew politicians to influence them one way or the other.

"OMAHA, Nov. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have twice noticed in the World-Gazette that Jacob Marks declares that all the Hebrews will vote for the fusion ticket.

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Paris would pugnish with France. The city is a beautiful one. The women are progressive and do a large portion of the business of the city.

"Paris of England, Scotland and Ireland reminded me of a garden with hedges of ivy between the little fields.

"The conclusion I draw after a trip abroad is that we in the United States have many advantages and other lands, but we do not know all there is, nor have we all the advantages of the world.

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REORGANIZATION OF THE GULF

Modified Plan for an Entire Release of Securities of the Bond.

INTENDED TO CREATE UNIFIED SYSTEM

Property is to Be Under Five-Year Voting Trust—Consolidating Seven Members—Syndicate to Purchase New Bonds.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—A synopsis of the modified form of the reorganization of the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railroad has been given out by Max Pam, counsel to the so-called Philadelphia reorganization committee.

Under this plan the entire issue of securities is as follows: First mortgage 3 per cent fifty-year gold bonds covering the entire system, including terminals, \$30,000,000.

These will be distributed as follows: To the holders of first mortgage bonds of Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railroad \$10,000,000.

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aged that these men got away with a band of sheep numbering 1,737 belonging to Taylor brothers and others.

AMUSEMENTS

Minstrelsy. S. J. Dookstad presenting at Boyd's theater a modern minstrel performance in black face.

- Interlocutor.....(James Trimbooke Jones)
Tambourines.....(Larry Dooley)
Vocal Chorus.....(Charles Kent)
Specialty number by Juggling Johnsons.

One of the cleanest, most modern and thoroughly artistic minstrel performances ever given in Omaha is that offered by the veteran duo of Exmouths of the minstrel's art.

The first part introduces a beautiful picture in its opening. The stage setting, which represents the interior court of the mansion senate, is indeed artistic and effective.

The real feature of the performance is the closing scene of the first part. It is called the "Choir Boy's Dream" and depicts some remarkable electrical effects.

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A child fresh from its bath in clean dainty clothes is a suggestion of Ivory Soap. All dainty washable things may be restored to their original freshness without injury, by use of Ivory Soap.

A WORD OF WARNING.—There are many white soaps, each represented to be "just as good as the Ivory;" they ARE NOT, but like all counterfeiters, lack the peculiar and remarkable qualities of the genuine. Ask for "Ivory" Soap and insist upon getting it.

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LOFTY BUILDINGS IN RUINS

Kansas City Property Valued at Half-Million Dollars Destroyed.

FIRE STARTS IN LARGE DEPARTMENT STORE

Several Five and Six-Story Structures Are Consumed and Firemen Have Narrow Escapes from Falling Walls.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 5.—Half a million dollars worth of property was destroyed after midnight by fire that started in Jones Bros.' big department store on North Main and Sixth streets and spread to half a block of other buildings on Main and Walnut streets.

The other heavy losses are: Jones building, 551 to 661 Main street, owned by J. L. Oberman, New York, \$60,000; Jones annex, 557 Main, owned by Majors Investment company, \$15,000; Humboldt building, 601 Main, owned by W. C. Lohendick, \$20,000; L. M. Emeric, stock dry goods, 601 Main, \$15,000; M. Quinn, groceries, 549 to 531 Main, \$25,000; St. James hotel (occupied), 610 to 516 Walnut street, \$18,000; the Flavel shoe company, Snodgrass drug company and the Chandler Commission company suffered minor losses.

The fire started in the building owned by Jones Bros., at 551 to 661 Main street, and its inflammable contents burned with remarkable rapidity.

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STOCK OF THE EMERICH DRY GOODS COMPANY

was saved and the building occupied by the Emerich company is a total wreck.

Two stories of the Quinn building were burned and Quinn's stock was ruined. The other losses were caused principally by water and smoke.

Every fire company in the city was called to the scene and help was sent by Kansas City, Kan. Firemen had many narrow escapes from falling walls. Dan Donovan fell thirty feet through a skylight at the St. James hotel and was seriously hurt, but will recover.

POULTRY ESTABLISHMENT SCORCHED

HASTINGS, Neb., Nov. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Jacobson & Sons' poultry establishment was damaged by fire last night. The loss is small and is covered by insurance.

COTTON WAREHOUSE DESTROYED

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 5.—The large cotton warehouse at Crystal Springs burned to ground, with 700 bales of cotton. Loss, \$60,000.

Geo. Noland, Rockland, O., says: "My wife had piles cured here. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her. It is the best salve in all America." It heals everything and cures all skin diseases.

PENSIONERS FOR WESTERN VETERANS

Survivors of the Civil War Remunerated by the General Government. WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—(Special.)—The following western pensioners have been granted:

Issue of October 21: Nebraska, original, special Order 24—Waldron C. Townsend, Stafford, \$12. Increase—John S. Brock, Chilton, \$3 to \$9; Samuel Gilbert, Auburn, \$8 to \$12.

South Dakota: Original—Charles H. Robertson, Bangor, \$5; Arthur J. Parrish, Mt. Howell, \$8. Increase—William H. H. Jones, Huron, \$12 to \$16; Colorado, original—Archibald McGrew, Denver, \$5; John C. Baldwin, Trinidad, \$5. Increase and increase—Washington L. Strohm (deaf), Colorado Springs, \$8 to \$12; Increase—Frank M. Pogue, Leadville, \$10 to \$12; Original—widow, etc.—Anna Strohm, Colorado Springs, \$3.

Wyoming: Additional—Lindsay Knapp, Basin, \$6 to \$8.

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