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THE NEWS RECORD.

A SUMMARY OF THE EVENTFUL HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK.

The Latest News as Flashed Over the Wires from All Parts of the World—Regarding Politics, Religion, Casualties, Commerce, and Industry.

TASCOTT NOT CAUGHT YET.

An Eight Thousand Mile Chase After a Man Proves Fruitless.

A. J. Stone and party, who for three weeks scoured the Canadian dominion and a number of Western States and Territories in search of William B. Tascott, the alleged murderer of Amos J. Snell, have returned to Chicago empty-handed. The scouring party consisted of Mr. Stone, two detectives, and Frank Mills, an old schoolmate of Tascott, who went along to identify him. Mr. Stone said of his trip:

Our information came first from Minneapolis. We were certain from the description that the young man was Tascott, and we lost no time in going to Winnipeg. Description of the young man working in a tile camp tallied exactly with Tascott. I was confident we were close on Tascott's heels. I chartered a special train and went to the place where we expected to find Tascott. To our chagrin we found he had gone westward to the Pacific coast, and we followed in hot pursuit, first through Alberta-Canada, then through British Columbia, Canada, Washington Territory, Vancouver, Victoria, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco, and thence down to the small town in Southern California. There we found the young man, but it wasn't Tascott. The man's writing, his mysterious movements, and in fact his every action strongly indicated that he was none other than Tascott. When we found him there wasn't such a striking resemblance after all. His height, weight, color of hair and eyes were almost exactly those of Tascott, but the expression of his face and his complexion were not. While we were on this man's track we should have followed him to the end of the earth and had he chartered a steamer and gone to China, I would have followed him. We took a steamer at hand and followed him. We traveled over 8,000 miles and spent thousands of dollars. I shall follow the young man as long as I live, and just as long as I have a dollar to spend."

WEATHER AND CROP BULLETIN.

Seeding Conditions Favorable in Illinois, Missouri and Kansas.

The national weather crop bulletin for the week ending Saturday, March 16, 1889, says:

The conditions in Dakota and Minnesota have been about the average for plowing and sowing, but work was interrupted in Dakota by blizzard weather from the 13th to the 16th. The weather has been favorable in Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas. Seeding conditions are favorable in Nebraska. Wheat is reported as doing well in Kansas, and the favorable effects of fair weather have been felt in Missouri and Indiana. High day temperature and freezing nights and a deficiency in rainfall should be injurious to wheat in Michigan, in the southern portion of which State snow has disappeared. The crop prospects continue excellent in Kentucky, Arkansas, and Tennessee, where the spring planting is well under way. The winter wheat is reported as looking very well throughout New York and Pennsylvania; the frost is out of the ground in Southern Massachusetts, and planting is in progress in New Jersey. Favorable reports have been received from the South Atlantic and Gulf States, where the spring planting has made excellent progress, the cane planting being nearly completed in Louisiana. There have been three light frosts in this State during the week, but they have resulted in no damage. No adverse reports have been received from any section, and the week has, in general, been favorable for farm work in most districts.

SECRETARY BLAINE'S DEMAND.

Asking from Russia the Release of an Imprisoned American Citizen.

Attorney J. B. Klein, of Bridgeport, Conn., had an interview with Secretary of State Blaine, and presented the case of Hermann Kempinski, the Bridgeport citizen who has been cast into prison at Rowen, Russia, while on a visit to his native place. Kempinski, although armed with passports and credentials of citizenship, has been sentenced to banishment to Siberia, and, unless liberated by demands of Secretary Blaine, will be transported May 1. A number of lawyers at Washington tell Klein that he has the strongest document to prove Kempinski's case, and they could not offer any further suggestions. Mr. Blaine has cabled to the authorities at Rowen, demanding the prisoner's release.

GONE UP IN SMOKE.

A Forty Thousand Loss at Belmont, N. Y.—Other Blazes.

Clark Bros' machine Shop at Belmont, N. Y., was burned. Loss, \$40,000; insurance, \$25,000.

The Northwest Davenport Furniture Factory at Davenport, Iowa, was totally consumed by fire, entailing a loss of \$10,000.

The farm residence of H. W. Hinsh and sisters, five miles west of Wooster, Ohio, was destroyed by fire while the family were away from home. Loss, \$4,000; partly insured.

Miss Anderson Very Sick.

A Philadelphia, Pa., telegram states that Miss Mary Anderson, the actress, is very sick from nervous prostration. All her engagements for the season have been cancelled, and her English company of fifty-six people disbanded. Orders have been given by her doctors to positively exclude all persons from Miss Anderson's room, with the exception of her maid and the professional nurse in attendance. As soon as able she will go to Europe to recuperate.

Opium Shipped as Sauerkraut.

The steamer Walla Walla, belonging to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, was seized by the customs officials at Port Townsend for failure to make proper entries in her coastwise manifest. Recently opium to the value of \$10,000 has been smuggled from Victoria, B. C., on the Walla Walla to Tacoma, W. T., by being placed in barrels marked "sauerkraut." These barrels were not entered on the manifest.

Storm in the East.

A severe storm prevailed in portions of Massachusetts and New Jersey on the 17th inst. The wind reached a velocity of fifty miles an hour. In the vicinity of Asbury Park, N. J., \$50,000 damage was done.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

Business Improving, But Collections Generally Slow.

R. G. Dun & Co., in their review of trade for last week, say:

The great fall in price of copper from about \$80 to \$50 per ton at London appears to have come to stay. Tin declined a little and lead was weaker. The monthly report of iron furnaces in blast, contrary to general expectation, shows a slight increase in February, the output reaching 149,775 tons weekly March 1, against about 108,000 tons a year. The market for bar iron is pronounced the poorest for many years. The Government report shows 112,000,000 bushels of wheat in farmers' hands is reported by openers as an argument for lower prices. With the visible supply 32,000,000 bushels there is thus in sight about 31,000,000 bushels more than will be required for food and seed until July 1, and there is besides a large stock on the Pacific coast, in country elevators, and in the hands of traders not included in the visible supply, and probably more than the ordinary stock of grain on hand in winter, having been on when it is considered that the ordinary stock of flour would probably exceed 30,000,000 bushels of wheat, and that last year's exports of wheat and flour, March 1 to July 1, cover but 28,000,000 bushels, the prospect of a scarcer city seems remote. The price has fallen four cents for the week, with sales of 35,000,000 bushels in New York City. Corn is one cent lower and oats a quarter. Pork products are unchanged. No change appears in coffee and but a fraction in oil. The reports from the interior generally indicate some improvement in business, though the complaint of new collections is about as general as before. There is improvement in leather, liquors, groceries and cattle. Money remains in good supply. For the week the decline in average prices of commodities was nearly half of 1 per cent. The business failures numbered 261, as compared with a total of 281 the previous week and 232 the week before. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 223.

SEEKING OFFICE.

The Mad Rush for Office at the National Capital.

A special telegram from Washington, D. C., says: There are no public activities in the capital that are not connected with office brokerage. The Federal City has become a mart of public employments. From President down through Cabinet, Senate, House, chiefs, politicians, and all the grades of relative importance, even to janitor, granting office, helping others to office, or keeping office from somebody, is the single thought and the only cause of energy. Public policy, politics in its broad sense, party policy, finance, immigration, elections, foreign relations, the new navy, everything is obscured by the business of office brokerage. For weeks, and even months, the President and his Cabinet will be able to think of little besides the distribution of spoils. The wheels of Government continue turning round and round in a perfunctory sort of way, but, with chiefs waiting the appointment of their successors, subordinates become lazy and struggle to kill time, and the scene about the great departments has a lazy air and little is heard except office speculation.

DREXEL'S PHILANTHROPY

He Establishes an Institution for the Practical Education of Women.

A. J. Drexel has purchased the Louella mansion at Wayne, Delaware County, Pa., and selected trustees and managers for the Drexel Industrial College for Women. The institution is for the instruction of females between the ages of 13 and 19 years in all duties pertaining to the care of a household, and to teach such trades and business as will make them practical women, able to earn a respectable livelihood. The benefits of the college will be extended, first, to the daughters of clergymen, and, second, to daughters of respectable parents who, through adverse circumstances, are unable to give their children proper training and education. The entire expense of the purchase, new structures, and endowment will be met by Mr. Drexel, and the amount, it is said, will reach \$1,500,000. In connection with the college instruction will be given upon the plan of the Cooper Institute, by which pupils will receive tuition while residing at their own homes.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

Interesting Happenings of More or Less Importance in the World of Politics.

The Catholic Total Abstinence News, issued at Philadelphia, Pa., comes out squarely against prohibition on the ground that it will open the flood-gates of illegal sale and take us back to the anti-high license period.

General J. B. Weaver and the Hon. E. H. Gillette it is rumored will purchase the Northwestern News, of Davenport, Iowa, and consolidate it with the Iowa Tribune, to be published at Des Moines as the organ of the third and fourth parties.

Austria's Warlike Preparations.

The Buda-Pesth correspondent of the London Standard says:

The Austrian Government has ordered the Danube Navigation Company to hold as many steamers as possible ready for an emergency.

Numerous tugs and barges have been concentrated within the last few days to enable work to be transported to the Servian shore at a moment's notice.

Farmers' Alliance.

The business conference of the National Farmers' Alliance, in session recently at Des Moines, Iowa, recommended the organization of stock companies for the sale of farm products and purchase of machinery and supplies direct from manufacturers.

Ge Zek, who, while the bird was little more than a nestling, sold him to a white man for a bushel of corn, was taken to Madison, Wis., in charge of United States Marshal Ansley and lodged in jail, his arrest having been made for selling liquor to his fellow Flambeau red men. In the museum of Wisconsin war reliefs are perched the stuffed remains of the old bird, he having died in 1881. His captor of over a quarter of a century ago was taken to see him, and in broken English gave a narrative of his capture.

INCREASE OF COAL PRODUCTION.

Report of Chas. A. Ashburner to the Geological Survey.

Charles A. Ashburner has submitted to the United States Geological Survey a preliminary statement showing that the total production of coal of all kinds has increased from 129,975,557 short tons in 1887 to 145,363,744 tons in 1888. The value in 1887 was \$182,556,837, which increased to \$208,129,806 in 1888. Pennsylvania anthracite, including colliery consumption, increased from 42,088,197 short tons in 1887 to 46,568,000 in 1888, with a corresponding increase in value to \$88,714,600. Alabama, Kentucky, Colorado, Wyoming, Washington Territory, and Montana show large percentage increases, while a slight decrease is noticed in Indiana, Georgia, and Michigan.

KILLED BY AN EXPLODING BOILER.

Fatal Accident in the Hammer Shop of the Cleveland Rolling-Mill.

A shocking accident occurred in the hammer shop of the Cleveland Rolling-Mill Company, the largest iron concern in Cleveland, Ohio. Four large boilers are used to generate steam for this department. One of them exploded with terrific force while thirty men were engaged within twenty yards of it. The boiler tore through the roof and broke into two parts, each flying in a different direction. Two of the workmen, James Barr, 26 years of age, and Thomas Dorsey, 30 years of age, lately from England, were killed. Anthony Badleski, Joseph Deneska, Frank Galopski, and Alexander Clark, were badly injured.

DEATH OF A. S. WELCH, OF IOWA.

The Well Known Educator Expires at Pasadena, Cal.

A. S. Welch, of Iowa, died at Pasadena, Cal.

He was late President of the Iowa Agricultural College at Ames, was a United States Senator from Florida soon after the war, and has since been prominently engaged in educational work. He was a member of the Board of Regents of the Michigan State Normal School and went from that to Iowa and was President of the Agricultural College for fourteen years, and after resigning remained as Professor of Physiology. He had been spending his winter vacation in California and died while there. The body was taken back to Iowa for burial.

DENIED BY THE SUPREME COURT.

Fielden, Schwab, and Neese's Motion to Correct the Record.

The Illinois Supreme Court has denied the motion in the case of Fielden, Schwab, and Neese, the anarchists now in the penitentiary, to correct the records of the court. The correction sought was that the accused were not present at the trial of the case in the Supreme Court. In denying the motion the court holds that it is the duty of the court to review the record of the trial court, but that they have no original jurisdiction over the accused.

DIAS'S LIFE IN DANGER.

Several Attempts to Kill the President of the Mexican Republic.

A City of Mexico special says: Several arrests have been made of persons who attempted to throw off the track the train on which President Diaz was traveling. The affair is regarded as the result of a conspiracy to murder President Diaz or to abduct him.

Against American Fishermen.

It is reported that the Newfoundland government will issue no licenses to American fishermen this season, because of alleged violations of the licenses given them last season. Fishermen say that cutters are already patrolling the coast, and that every port is closely guarded.

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A Busted Trust.

The American Spool and Bobbin Association, a trust, organized in 1886, has gone to pieces. The principal cause of the dissolution was that no penalty was fixed for the cutting of rates, and members of the association would not keep faith.

Axworthy's Vessels.

Two vessels, the Keystone and the Master, belonging to Axworthy, the Cleveland defaulter, were sold at Sheriff's sale at Duluth, Minn. They were bought by a representative of the Ohio Boat Syndicate for \$54,000.

A Ferocious Bovine.

Ole Hanson, a farmer of Norway, Wis., was fatally gored by an angry bull which he was taming to the barn. A hired man shot the animal before it could be induced to leave Hanson.

Belligerent Editors.

W. Harvey Willson, editor of the Daily Record at Richmond, Va., has been arrested, charged with being about to fight a duel with Phil B. Shields, editor of the Law Journal.

Has Meek Been Chosen?

Channing Frank Meek, General Manager of the Denver, Texas and Fort Worth Railway Company, while attending the General Managers' meeting of the "Gentlemen's" Association in Chicago, on the 15th inst., received a dis-

patch from Washington, which it is understood, was from First Assistant Postmaster General J. S. Clarkson, offering him the position of General Superintendent of Railway Mail Service, and requesting him to go to Washington at once, which he did.

A Threat from Kansas City.

A buyer for one of the largest Kansas City (Mo.) dressed-beef houses says that any hostile legislation to that industry will be resented by boycotting the State enacting such a law.

At Marion (Ind.) Fire.

Fire at Marion, Ind., destroyed Stewart, Estep & Co.'s window-glass factory, causing a loss of \$50,000; insurance, \$37,000.

Taken to the Asylum.

Dr. J. S. Gregg, a leading surgeon and prominent Knight Templar, has been taken to the insane asylum at Logansport, Ind.

Fire at Newman, Ga.

Fire at Newman, Ga., destroyed the principal business square, causing a loss of \$54,000; insurance, \$15,000.

Heavy Liabilities.

William Burgess, a canner at Mimico, Ontario, has disappeared, leaving liabilities estimated at \$50,000.

Sight Seeing in London.

The American base-ball teams in London visited the House of Commons in a body.

CONGRESS.

The Senate, in executive session on the 12th inst., confirmed the following nominations:

Thomas W. Palmer, of Michigan, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Spain; John W. Swift, of California, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Japan; John D. Washburn, of Massachusetts, to be Minister Plenipotentiary to Switzerland; George C. Nichols, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Vice Isaac H. Maynard, resigned. The Senate approved the reorganization of committees as follows: Higgins—Agriculture, Claims, District of Columbia, Manufactures, Post-Offices, Woolcott—Claims, Indian Affairs, Private Land Claims, Railroads, Woman Suffrage, Barbour—Education, Executive Departments, Interstate Commerce, Penitentiaries, Marston—Epidemic Diseases, Mississippi River Improvement, Naval Affairs, Penitentiaries, roads. A long list of special committees was also adopted, after a long debate on a motion by Mr. Payne to strike from the list the select committee on "Relations with Canada," which he regarded as usurpatory of the functions of the executive and an interference with the duties of the Foreign Relations Committee. After arguments to show the necessity of the committee in view of the annexation movement in Canada, by Messrs. Hoar, Cullom, Sherman and others, Mr. Payne withdrew