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BREEZY BRIEFLETS.

INTELLIGENCE GATHERED BY WIRE FROM FAR AND NEAR.

An Entertaining and Instructive Summary of the Doings in the Old and New World, Embracing Politics, Labor, Accidents, Crime, Industry, Etc.

NICARAGUA'S CANAL.

The First Official Work on the Vast Enterprise Commenced.

The first sod on the Nicaragua Canal has been officially and formally turned amid the booming of cannon and the cheers of thousands of spectators, and in the presence of Gov. Irenio del Godillo and staff, representing Nicaragua; the chief engineer and staff of the Nicaragua Canal Company, and all the foreign Consuls in San Juan del Norte. Work was really begun on June 3 last, but owing to some slight misunderstanding between Nicaragua and Costa Rica, which has since been amicably arranged, the formal opening was postponed until now.

ACCUSED OF STEALING \$5,000.

Gilman P. Robinson of Brown University, Arrested for Embezzlement.

Gilman P. Robinson, late registrar of Brown University, and a son of Rev. E. G. Robinson, ex-President of that institution, has been arrested at Providence, R. I., charged with the embezzlement of \$5,000 of the funds of the university. It is reported that the amount of Robinson's shortage will reach \$17,000. He claims to be innocent of any criminal offense.

COL. GOODLOE DEAD.

The Second Fatality from the Affray at Lexington.

A Lexington (Ky.) dispatch says: The recent tragedy that thrilled the whole country with horror has become a double one. William Cassius Goodloe having died from the effects of the wounds received from the bullet fired by Col. A. M. Swope at almost the moment he was seized with the throes of death.

Fell Dead in His Pulpit.

The Rev. John Mayhaw, a Free-Will Baptist minister, fell dead in the pulpit while preaching at the Mountain school-house, about six miles from Eureka Springs, Ark. He seemed as well as usual when opening service, and had reached the middle of his discourse when he fell forward and died instantly. The Coroner summoned a jury and held an inquest, the verdict being death from heart disease.

Flight of an Embezzler.

It has just transpired that John W. Jones, a clerk in the ticket office of the Missouri Pacific Railway in St. Louis, has disappeared, and that his accounts are about \$3,000 short. The young man is well connected, and his conduct is a great surprise to his friends. He will be prosecuted if he can be found.

Ex-Congressman Comingo Dead.

Judge A. Comingo, one of the best-known lawyers and politicians in Missouri, died at his residence in Kansas City from heart disease, aged 69 years. Judge Comingo served two terms in Congress—once as a Representative from the Sixth, and once from the Eighth Missouri Congressional District.

Said to Have Embezzled Over \$5,000.

August Suessman, Jr., the alleged peculating clerk of the late City Comptroller, Edwin Esheby, of Cincinnati, has been taken from Cincinnati to St. Louis by detectives. His known peculations thus far count up over \$5,000, it is said, and the investigation is still in progress. He has been a fugitive for several months.

Sunol Beats Axtell's Time.

Leland Stanford's 3-year-old filly Sunol beat Axtell's Terre Haute (Ind.) record of 2:12 at San Francisco by a second and a half, trotting her mile in 2:10 1/2. Senator Stanford's 2-year-old Regal Wilkes trotted a mile in 2:20 1/4, beating Axtell's last year's record by two and a quarter seconds.

The Lake Johanna Mystery.

The mysterious body found in a barrel at Lake Johanna, near Minneapolis, is thought to be that of James L. Kemper, son of the ex-Governor of Virginia, who disappeared on the same day that Dr. Cronin was killed, May 4 last.

China Arming Troops.

The St. Petersburg *Seet* says that China is arming her troops on the Russian frontier with repeating rifles, and that the soldiers are being drilled by German officers.

Pan Excursionists Complete Their Tour.

The International Congress excursionists ended their trip at Philadelphia, after traveling 7,000 miles without a single mishap.

Over the Ocean.

A fall in the price of iron is looked for at London.

Prince Albert Victor was warmly welcomed at Bombay.

The Lord Mayor's show at London was a brilliant pageant, followed by a great inaugural banquet. Barnum was not allowed to parade.

London operative bakers have threatened to strike if their employers do not concede ten hours' work a day and an increase of wages.

Patti, it is said, is not creating the same sensation as at her last visit in London, there being unoccupied spaces in the hall at her last two performances.

W. S. Gilbert is enraged over a decision of two English Judges, which permits the manager of a music hall to introduce in his place verses from his "Les Brigands" songs.

Senor Augusta Cunha has been appointed Minister of Finance of Portugal.

MONTANA JOINS THE SISTERHOOD.

A Proclamation by the President Admitting the Territory.

Montana became a State on the 8th inst. by proclamation of the President. The document sets forth that in accordance with an act of Congress passed last February, a convention called for that purpose has framed a State constitution, that the people of the State have at an election adopted this as their organic law, and accepted the Federal constitution as well, that all of the provisions of the act of Congress have been complied with, and concludes as follows:

Now, therefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, do, in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress aforesaid, declare and proclaim the fact that the conditions imposed by Congress on the State of Montana to entitle that State to admission to the Union have been ratified and accepted, and that the admission of the said State into the Union is now complete. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

On receipt of the above news from Helena, J. H. Toole took the oath of office as Governor of Montana in the presence of about one hundred citizens. It was the original intention to make the event a notable one, but the trouble over the Legislature has overshadowed all other considerations, and there was no particular demonstration. Governor Toole will call the Legislature together in a few days.

A POLITICAL TRAGEDY.

Col. William C. Goodloe, of Kentucky, Kills Col. A. Swope, and Is Himself Wounded.

At Lexington, Ky., Col. A. Swope and Col. William C. Goodloe, two of the most distinguished Republican leaders in the State, met in the lobby of the custom house. The men got into a wrangle which resulted in an encounter, in which Col. Swope was stabbed to death, receiving thirteen ghastly wounds, almost any one of which would have caused death. Col. Goodloe received a slight pistol wound in the left shoulder and probably a fatal shot in the abdomen, cutting through the bowels. The difficulty grew out of a political dispute between these gentlemen at the last convention held in Louisville in May, 1888, to nominate delegates to the National Republican Convention, and since that time they have been the most implacable foes. Swope was for eight years Internal Revenue Collector for that district, and Col. Goodloe was Minister to Belgium under Hayes, and is at present a member of the Republican National Committee. A further cause of trouble between the two men was the appointment of Col. Goodloe to the position of Internal Revenue Collector by President Harrison. Col. Swope having again been a candidate for that office.

BAYARD-CLYMER NUPTIALS.

Marriage of the Ex-Secretary at Washington—Notable Guests.

The Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, ex-Secretary of State, and Miss Mary Willing Clymer were married at the bride's residence, 1617 H street, Washington, on the 7th inst., in the presence of a most distinguished company. The intention was to have the wedding as quiet as possible, and the invitations, numbering about 150, were confined to the relatives of the contracting parties and a few personal friends. Ex-President and Mrs. Cleveland were among the guests. Among the other persons present were Gen. B. F. Beattie and family, George Bancroft, Mrs. Story, Justice and Mrs. Field, Justice and Mrs. Lamar, Mrs. M. W. Fuller, and Assistant Secretary Ade. The bride was given away by her brother, Dr. Shubrick Clymer, of Boston. The new Mrs. Bayard is the great-granddaughter of George Clymer, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and a relative of ex-Representative Hines Clymer of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Ella Dietz Clymer, President of the New York Sorosis. After a reception and breakfast the couple left for a wedding trip, including besides New York, several other Northern cities. On their return they will be at home in Delaware place, Wilmington.

FIVE-FOLD TRAGEDY IN MICHIGAN.

A Farmer Murders All but One Member of His Family and Then Kills Himself.

A terrible tragedy has occurred near Vergennes, Kent County, Mich. While laboring under a fit of temporary insanity Haggai Westbrook, a farmer 43 years of age, seized a hammer and dealt his wife three blows with it, fracturing her skull. He then went to the room where his three girls, aged 3, 8 and 12 years, were sleeping, and attacked them in the same manner, after which he proceeded to the bedroom of his 17-year-old son with the intention of killing him. He struck the boy a light blow, which glanced off and awakened him. The latter wrenched the hammer away from his father, who ran down-stairs, followed by the boy. Westbrook went straight to his own room, where his son arrived just in time to see him cut his throat with a razor, inflicting a wound that caused instant death. The children are dead and the mother cannot recover from her wounds.

ANOTHER LIGHT OF THE TURF GONE.

The Earl of Falmouth, Famous in Racing Annals, Is Dead.

A London cable says Lord Falmouth, famous in English racing annals, is dead. He was born March 18, 1849. He was the last of the younger set of the old crowd of well-known sports. He was also one of the few owners of race horses who never made any bets, but entered his horses from pure love of sport. He was an authority on the ethics of racing and sporting. In the House of Lords, however, he never took a prominent part. His well-known colors, black and white sleeves and red cap, have been carried to victory in most of the principal races.

CLOSED THE DEAL.

The English Syndicate Have Secured the Minneapolis Mills.

Dispatches received in New York from C. A. Pillsbury, the Minneapolis miller, state that he has been notified by cable from London that the \$8,000,000 necessary to purchase the Pillsbury and Washburn

mills, in Minneapolis, has all been subscribed and the deal closed. The properties sold to the English syndicate include, besides the mills belonging to C. A. Pillsbury and W. D. Washburn, the water-power of St. Anthony's Falls, 130 elevators belonging to the Pillsbury interest, and the controlling interest in another elevator line.

MARITIME EXHIBITION OPENED.

The Mechanics' Hall in Boston Filled with Models of Ships and Shipping.

The National Maritime Exhibition in Mechanics' Hall, Boston, has been formally opened. The interior of the building is decorated profusely from dome to basement with flags, streamers, naval ensigns, etc., presenting a most picturesque appearance. Probably the most picturesque feature is a duplicate of the Burgess yacht Quickstep, which stands on a dais in the main hall. On all sides can be seen models of yachts, steamers, life-boats, berths, and samples of everything pertaining to ships and shipping.

MISS DREXEL TAKES THE VEIL.

A \$10,000,000 Heiress Bids Farewell to the World.

Miss Kate Drexel, the second daughter of the late F. A. Drexel, of Philadelphia, and worth \$10,000,000, has taken the white veil of the novitiate at the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh. The ceremony was a particularly exclusive one, none but the nearest friends and relatives being permitted to enter the place where the ceremony was performed.

North Dakota as a State.

Gov. Miller, Secretary Flittie, Auditor Bray, Attorney General Goodwin, Commissioner of Insurance Carey, and the Justices of the Supreme Court of North Dakota have taken the oath of office in the Capitol building at Bismarck. Immediately after taking the oath Governor Miller issued a proclamation convening the Legislature for the election of United States Senators and the enactment of State laws. The date of convening is Nov. 19.

War Claims.

Third Auditor W. P. Hart, in his annual report to the Secretary of the Treasury, says that the number of pensioners on the rolls July 1, 1889, was 490,000, and that there will probably be added 35,000 more by June 30, 1890. This addition will make the estimated number of pensioners at that date 525,000, thus giving for examination 2,100,000 vouchers, and requiring for their payment at least \$10,000,000.

Increased Wheat Movement.

A Duluth, Minn., dispatch says: The Northwestern wheat movement for the last week was again large, the total receipts here and at Minneapolis aggregating 3,204,400 bushels, an increase of 137,000 bushels over the previous week. Shipments from the two places were 1,501,470 bushels, a difference of only 1,200 bushels from those of a week before.

French Warning to England.

The *Journal des Debats* says: "The only Ministers of the powers who attended the Prince of Wales' reception in Cairo were those of Germany, Denmark, and Greece. The Prince's journey was not only a useless one, but it showed small regard for French feeling. France has not abandoned her claims in Egypt."

Bought Out by the Gas Trust.

A St. Louis (Mo.) dispatch says: A big deal in gas, at which the trust ruled the roost, has been made. Since the gas trust has been a factor in St. Louis commerce the St. Louis Gas Light Company has been an eye-sore to that corporation. Now this corporation has been sold, lock, stock, and barrel, and the trust is the principal purchaser.

The Sugar Trust Knocked Out.

The general term of the Supreme Court of New York has handed down a decision in the case of the North River Sugar Refining Company, which was some time ago incorporated in the Sugar Trust. Opinions were written in the case by Judges Daniels and Van Brunt, affirming the decision of Judge Barrett, ordering the dissolution of the company.

Fire at Allegheny City.

An early morning fire on North avenue, Allegheny City, Pa., destroyed Dooley's brass foundry and the building adjoining, occupied by the Allegheny City Carpet-Cleaning Company. Two stables in the rear were also burned. A colored hostler, whose name is unknown, is supposed to have been burned to death. The loss is \$40,000, partially covered by insurance.

Dr. Cronin's Clothes Discovered.

Sewer-cleaners at Chicago found the clothes and missing instrument case of Dr. P. H. Cronin in a sewer manhole about a quarter of a mile from the spot where the murdered doctor's body was discovered. The clothes have been fully identified. Dr. Cronin's watch and money were not in the clothes.

A Missing Boy Found.

A boy giving the name of and answering to the description of Willie W. Dickinson, who mysteriously disappeared from Commonwealth, Cal., about eight years ago, and for whose recovery a standing reward of \$3,000 is offered, has been found at the Boys and Girls' Home at Los Angeles.

Heir to an English Fortune.

Rochester (Minn.) dispatch: Edward Ayres, a poor tinsmith, has received word from England that by the death of an uncle he has fallen heir to a large landed property and an investment in consols of about £10,000. Ayres has been working for \$8 a week.

Revival in a Penitentiary.

A remarkable revival has broken out in the penitentiary at Kingston, Ontario. Between eighty and one hundred of the leading cracksmen, forgers, counterfeitors, pickpockets, and men of that ilk have been converted. Hunter and Crossley, the Canadian evangelists, are conducting the meetings.

A Notorious Forger Released.

George Bell, alias Williams, one of the most notorious forgers in America, has been released from the Maryland Penitentiary.

having completed a ten-years' sentence. He was the accomplice of Charles O. Brockway the prince of forgers.

A Swarm of Italian Immigrants.

The lower part of New York City is overrun with Italian immigrants. Eight hundred and forty-five were landed at Castle Garden by the steamships Bolivia and Alesia, from Mediterranean ports.

Children Smothered in Sand.

Jeremiah and Mary Shaw, little children of Haverhill, Mass., were found dead in a sand bank. They had been in the habit of playing in the sand excavations and it is supposed were buried by a toppling mass.

Damages for a School Teacher.

Miss Carrie E. Barnes, a school teacher, has been awarded \$20,000 damages in her suit against the New York and New England Railway Company at Providence for injuries sustained by her in 1886.

The Presbyterian Confession of Faith.

The New York Presbytery, after a long discussion, have decided to revise the Presbyterian confession of faith. It has not been determined to what extent the confession will be revised.

League Funds from America.

At the fortnightly meeting of the National League in Dublin the other day, it was announced that contributions amounting to \$8,000 had been received from America since the last meeting.

Withdrew from the Brotherhood.

It is said that Denny, the crack third baseman, has withdrawn from the baseball brotherhood, and will sign again with the Indianapolis League team.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

Smither's flour mill boiler at Blainetown, O., exploded, killing James Este and Charles Hughes. Two others were badly wounded.

Obituary.

Isaac Newton Lighthner, a prominent member of the Lancaster (Pa.) bar, is dead. His ancestors settled in that county in 1717. He is 76 years old.

Illinois Revenue Officers.

J. J. De Grummond and John McGinnis have been appointed gaugers, and S. S. Patton and James Wonder storekeepers in the Fifth Illinois internal revenue district.