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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.

JOHN J. O'BRIEN DEAD.

The New York Republican Leader Passes Away After a Long Illness.

A New York dispatch says: John J. O'Brien, the Republican leader of the Eighth Assembly District and the chief of the bureau of elections, died at Baeders Hotel, Coney Island, after an illness of several months. Up to the hour of his death Mr. O'Brien was conscious and recognized those about him. Gathered around his bedside were his sons, Joseph J. and John L. O'Brien, and his daughters, Mrs. Baeder and Miss Laurotte O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien was born in the Tenth Ward of this city June 14, 1842. He was at one time a book-keeper for A. T. Stewart, leaving this place to act as private secretary for ex-Collector Thomas Murphy. The office of Chief of the Bureau of Elections he held until last February.

MARRIED A SERVANT ON THE QUIET MILLIONAIRE SHOEMAKER HAS AN ECLECTRIC WIFE NOT ACCEPTED.

McDonald Shoemaker, a millionaire of Luray County, Pennsylvania, was to have married a wealthy heiress some time ago, but fearing that he would some day be a poor man, he broke off the engagement, saying that he wanted one who could work when reverses came. Shoemaker then proposed to Mary Lannon, a pretty domestic, but his family raised a row and had a commission appointed to inquire as to his sanity. Before the inquiry was concluded Shoemaker and his sweetheart slipped away to Elmira, where they were quietly married. Returning, he sought to introduce his bride to his mother's home, but his uncle objected and threw them both out of the house, knocking the hapless groom into the gutter. Shoemaker has had his uncle arrested.

THE RAILROAD BEATEN.

Its Practices in Violation of the Interstate Commerce Law.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has decided the case of Stone & Carter against the Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee Company in favor of the complainants. The case involves the question of the lawfulness of free cartage of freights by railroad companies to and from one station on their lines and the shippers' place of business, when such free cartage is not given to shippers at another station on the same line, taking the same grouped rate. The Commission ruled that the practice is in effect a giving of rebate from the regular published tariff rate, and also violates the long and short haul clause of the interstate commerce law.

BASE-BALL.

Relative Positions of the Various Clubs in the Leading Associations.

Players'.	W. L.	%c.	Western.	W. L.	%c.		
Buffalo....	4	1	Philad'phi'a	3	1	750	
Boston....	4	2	667	Boston	4	2	667
Chicago....	3	2	600	Cincinnati	3	2	600
Philad'phi'a	2	2	500	Pitts'	3	2	600
New York....	2	3	400	New York	3	3	500
Pitts'	2	3	400	Chicago	2	3	400
Brooklyn....	2	3	400	Cleveland	3	3	400
Cleveland....	1	4	200	Brooklyn....	1	3	400

American.	W. L.	%c.	Western.	W. L.	%c.		
Rochester	6	2	750	Denver	6	2	750
Louisville	5	2	714	Sioux City	5	2	714
Athletic	5	2	714	Des Moines	6	3	667
Columbus	5	3	625	Minn'apolis	5	3	625
St. Louis	4	3	571	St. Paul	3	5	375
Brooklyn	3	5	375	Milwaukee	3	6	333
Syracuse	2	6	250	Kansas City	2	5	285
Toledo	1	7	125	Omaha	2	6	250

REPRISALS AGAINST AMERICA.

Holland to Increase the Import Duty on Petroleum—Other Action.

Holland proposes to increase the duty on American petroleum imported into the Dutch Indies in reprisal for the American increase of duty on raw tobacco. In Dutch commercial circles the advisability is being discussed of common European action against American protection.

Surrendered Himself as a Defaulter. A Trenton, N. J., dispatch says: United States Commissioner Rowe was called upon at his hotel by Caspar Soer, chief clerk in the money order department of the Newark postoffice, who came to surrender himself as a defaulter in the sum of about \$5,000. Soer said he was ashamed to deliver himself to the authorities in Newark, where he has a wife and children, and where he has many friends who hold him in esteem.

Railroad Changes.

T. E. Merrill, at present Superintendent of the Carthage Division of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, will succeed Mr. D. H. Nichols, who resigned as General Superintendent.

Prison Conference in St. Petersburg.

The International Prison Congress opens at St. Petersburg on the 15th of June. Three hundred delegates representing twenty-five states, are expected to attend.

The Appropriation Sufficient.

It is announced from the flooded districts that the appropriation by Congress will prevent any actual suffering.

Boston Public Bars to Be Removed.

The Board of Police of Boston has ordered the removal of all public bars within twenty days.

A Blackfeet Chief Dead.

Crowfoot, chief of the Blackfeet tribe, and a firm friend of the whites, died at Gilean, Northwest Territory.

A Sure-Enough Engagement.

Mary Anderson's engagement to De Navarro is definitely announced.

BURIED IN THE RUINS.

Four Men Killed by an Explosion and Fire in a Pennsylvania Silk Mill.

At Cataqua, Pa., fire broke out in the large new building owned and occupied by the Unicorn Silk Manufacturing Company of New York. While the firemen and employees were working hard to control the fire an explosion of vitriol and other acids took place, and before the firemen could escape several of their number were caught by the falling walls, and many were injured by the flying debris. The following were killed: John Good, aged 27, a prominent young man, who leaves a wife; Joseph Lodigiana, Italian, boss dyer; two unknown men whose bodies have not been recovered. A large number of persons were injured, the following fatally: Ulysses G. Everett, George Pfaff, Charles Frick, Michael Moran. Frick and Everett have since died of their injuries. The fire is supposed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion in one of the packing-rooms. Loss on building, \$50,000; machinery, \$35,000; stock, \$25,000. Partially insured.

SHAKEN BY AN EARTHQUAKE.

Several Shocks Felt in California—No Great Damage So Far Reported.

An earthquake was felt at San Francisco the other morning and was general in that section of the State. The shock was very sharp in San Francisco, but no serious damage was done. The walls of a few houses, including the United States Appraiser's building, in which the Federal Courts are held, were cracked, and there was considerable alarm felt by persons who were aroused from sleep. The most serious damage is reported from Pajaro, where the railroad bridge was thrown two feet out of line and the approaches to it damaged. Gas mains were disjointed at Gilroy, and many chimneys were thrown down in the neighborhood of Watsonville. In some localities as many as a dozen distinct shocks were felt.

OUR MARY FINDS HER ROMEO.

Miss Anderson, in a Letter to a Friend Says She Will Marry Navarro in June.

Mary Anderson has found her Romeo, and is henceforth lost to the stage. Rumors that she was to marry young Mr. Navarro have been plentiful, and that gentleman has tacitly admitted an engagement, but until the present time Miss Anderson herself has preserved a silence on the subject that could be felt. Now, however, a letter has been received from her by a lady—a most intimate friend—in Louisville, announcing that the rumored engagement was a reality, and that the wedding would take place probably in June. In her letter Miss Anderson says: "I have found my Roméo at last," and speaks most pleasantly of the gentleman. She also says she will never again face the footlights, unless something unforeseen should occur.

ENGLISH SYNDICATES STILL TO THE FORE.

Buenos Ayres Receives \$41,000,000 in Exchange for a Railroad.

A Buenos Ayres cable says: It is announced that an English syndicate has purchased the Western Railway for \$41,000,000 gold. This leaves Buenos Ayres a surplus of \$16,000,000. The Finance Minister says he is confident that with the surplus the Government will be able to control the currency gambling. The real producing and export business is excellent. Gold is at 140 premium.

BECOMES A LAW.

The World's Fair Bill Signed by the President.

The President has signed the world's fair bill. There has been no doubt about his attitude toward the project, but Chicago's tireless workers in Washington are supremely happy, now that the subject is finally and satisfactorily disposed of. The Chicago Congressmen, who have been kept on the jump ever since the fight began, are pleased over the successful result of their labors.

DASHED AGAINST A STONE WALL.

Two Killed and Three Fatally Injured in an Ohio Runaway Accident.

Late at night while returning home from a trip to Lafayette a party of young people met a shocking accident near Lima, Ohio. Their horses became frightened and ran into a stone wall, killing both of them and dashing the occupants against the stone abutment of a bridge. Minnie and Gertie Pierce were instantly killed and Ella Hawkins and Cliff Church were probably fatally injured.

SWEEP BY A CYCLONE.

The Village of Kyle, Texas, Shaken Up by a Windstorm.

The little town of Kyle, twenty miles south of Austin, Texas, was visited by a cyclone and many houses were overturned and several swept away. Several persons were injured, but no one was killed. The Kyle Seminary, a large frame building, was torn from its foundation and carried twenty feet, but was not seriously damaged. The destruction of fences and growing crops was very great.

HE THIRSTS FOR AN EDITOR'S GORE.

W. P. Campbell Challenges Thomas H. Davis to Mortal Combat at Louisville.

W. P. Campbell, Assistant Enrolling Clerk of the Kentucky House, has sent a challenge to fight a duel to Thomas H. Davis, editor of the Maysville *Republican*. Davis published that Campbell had left debts unpaid when recently he went away from Augusta, Ky. Campbell threatens to kill Davis on sight if a duel is declined.

Trouble in the Logging Streams.

A Stillwater, Minn., dispatch says: Lack of sufficient rain and the continued cold weather have had the effect of rapidly lowering the logging streams to an extent that threatens serious trouble. One of the heaviest lumbermen said the other day that the Kettle River and Crooked Creek drives were in a bad way and would not be able to get out except by the help of a freshet. At

the mouth of Clam River a jam of from 12,000,000 to 15,000,000 feet of logs has formed.

Office-Holders Selected.

The President has sent to the Senate the following nominations:

Robert S. Gardner of West Virginia, to be an Indian Agent at the Santeetish Agency in Wyoming; Receivers of Public Moneys—Alexander S. Jackson, at New Orleans; Thomas B. Shannon, at San Francisco; James H. Danksin, at Alliance, Neb.; James Whitehead, at Broken Bow, Neb.; Office Registers—John Reese, at Broken Bow, Neb.; Frederick M. Darrington, at Alliance, Neb.

Collectors of Customs—James R. Jolley, district of Teche, Louisiana; John R. Mizell, district of Pensacola, Florida. Surveyors of Customs—Joseph A. Faris, port of Wheeling, W. Va.; Algernon S. Badger, Appraiser of Merchandise at New Orleans. Jacob Shaen, Assistant Appraiser of Merchandise at San Francisco.

Changes in Brazil's Ministry.

A Rio de Janeiro cable says: A new portfolio, comprising the Departments of Education, Postoffice and Telegraph, heretofore administered by the Interior Department, has been created. Senor Constant, who has occupied the office of Minister of War since the establishment of the Republic, has been given the new portfolio. Floriano Peixoto has been appointed Minister of War to succeed Senor Constant. The appointments give universal satisfaction.

John M. Clayton's Slayer Discovered.

It is said that the assassin of John M. Clayton is known and will soon be arrested. Gov. Eagle, of Arkansas, has collected, through private detective agency, evidence which it is claimed will convict the assassin. It is said that the proof will show that the crime was committed by a man who mistook John Clayton for ex-Gov. Powell Clayton and believed he was avenging the death of a relative who was killed while Powell Clayton was Governor.

Confirmations.

The Senate in executive session has confirmed the following nominations: John E. Helm, agent at Santeetish Indian Agency, Nebraska; Daniel Van Ness Harwood, Postmaster at Ripon, Wis. Receivers of Public Moneys—James Whitehead, Red Fern, Neb.; James H. Danksin, Alliance, Neb.; Registers of Land Offices—Frederick M. Darrington, Alliance, Neb.; John Reese, Broken Bow, Neb.

Headed in Dahomey.

The Paris *Gaulois* says that the Dahomians have made two vigorous assaults upon the French positions in Dahomey. Four French soldiers stationed at outposts were captured by the Dahomians and beheaded. The French retaliated upon the Dahomians by beheading five of the female warriors of the King who had been captured.

A Good Trade for Mr. Cleveland.

The deed transferring ex-President Cleveland's place of residence outside of Washington has been placed on record. The consideration is \$13,000, which is nearly \$100,000 in excess of the price paid by Mr. Cleveland. The purchaser, it is understood, proposes to subdivide the property into lots.

Discussing the Behring Sea Question.

One of the questions considered at the last Cabinet meeting was the policy to be pursued by this administration for the protection of American interests in Behring Sea during the coming fishing season. It is expected that the matter will be settled in a few days.

The New Argentine Cabinet.

A Buenos Ayres cable says: The new Cabinet is as follows: Sea Villa, Interior; Virlbur, Finance; Alborta, Agriculture; Levalle, War; Saenz-Pena. Foreign Affairs. Saenz-Pena is the delegate from the Argentine Republic to the Pan-American Conference.

Opposed to Personal Taxes.

The Boston Executive Business Men's Association has adopted a resolution favoring the abolition of taxes upon personal property by local assessors, and the imposition of a State tax on bequests to beneficiaries outside of the decedent's immediate family.

Both Frost and Drought.

Heavy frosts are reported from Northern and Northwestern Minnesota and Eastern North Dakota. It has snowed in Western Minnesota. The recent rain did not touch Otter Tail and Norman Counties, and the ground is reported so dry that the grain cannot sprout.

To Change Their Titles.

Senator Sherman has reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations an amendment to the diplomatic appropriation bill giving the title of Ambassador to our Ministers to Great Britain, France, Germany, and Russia, the salary to be, as now, \$17,500 per annum.

Must Purchase Native Live Stock.

The Ohio Legislature has enacted a law which requires the officers of all State and county institutions to purchase native live stock for consumption. The law defines native live stock to be that which has been in the State 100 days before being killed.

Defaulting Bank Agent Captured.

J. McD. Cromar, the agent at Edmonson of the People's Bank of Halifax, who left the country with \$10,000 belonging to the bank, has been captured at Sand Beach, Michigan.

Got a Large Back Pension.

A voucher to: \$13,637.80 for pension and back pay, said to be the largest sum given for that purpose to any Indiana soldier, has been sent to William Bobley, of Lincoln, Greene County.

Confirms.

The Senate in executive session has confirmed the following nominations: E. A. Williams, Surveyor General of North Dakota; J. H. Shupe, Register of the Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon.

THE MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

CATTLE—Prime..... \$4.75 @ 5.50
Fair to Good..... 3.50 @ 4.75
Common..... 2.50 @ 3.75

HOGS—Shipping Grads..... 3.75 @ 4.50
SHEEP..... 4.00 @ 4.50

WHEAT—No. 2 Red..... .88 @ .89
COIN—No. 2..... .32 @ .33

OATS—No. 2..... .24 @ .25

RYE—No. 2..... .49 @ .50

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