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A NEWSY MELANGE.

DOINGS OF OUR NEIGHBORS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Events of Interest and Importance in Every Quarter of the Globe—Religious Intelligence—Crimes and Casualties—Industrial Notes—Personal Mention.

CHARGES AGAINST RAUM.

They Will Be Investigated by a House Committee.

In the Senate, on the 26th, Mr. Cullom offered a resolution, which was agreed to, requesting the President to transmit to the Senate all correspondence not already submitted to Congress and now on file in the State Department touching the efforts made by the Government to obtain a modification or repeal of the decrees of the French Government of 1881 prohibiting the importation into France of American pork and kindred American products. A bill was passed granting a pension to the widows of the late Mr. Gen. Crook. Bills were also passed giving life pensions to Mrs. Fremont and to Mrs. McClellan. In the House, Mr. McKinley of Ohio, from the Committee on Rules, reported a resolution directing the Speaker to appoint a committee of five members to investigate the charges brought against Pension Commissioner Raum by Representative Cooper of Indiana. Adopted. After this matter had been disposed of by the House went into committee of the whole (Mr. Burrows of Michigan in the chair) on the Senate amendments to the sundry civil bill.

BASE-BALL.

Standing of the Clubs in the Leading Organizations of the Country.

Players. W. L. P. National, W. L. P. Boston....46 29 Philadelphia....54 675 Brooklyn....49 34 593 Brooklyn....51 23 648 New York....43 35 551 Brooklyn....51 30 629 Chicago....42 36 538 Cincinnati....47 31 602 Philadelphia....43 36 537 Chicago....40 37 519 Cleveland....33 41 446 New York....34 48 415 Pittsburgh....30 40 444 Cleveland....24 56 273 Buffalo....18 54 250 Pittsburgh....18 60 291

Western. W. L. P. American W. L. P. Minneapolis....46 28 621 Louisville....46 29 613 Milwaukee....48 28 616 Rochester....43 32 573 Kansas City....41 31 569 St. Louis....43 33 565 Denver....40 34 540 Athletic....44 34 564 Philadelphia....43 36 537 Chicago....40 37 519 Cleveland....33 41 446 New York....34 48 415 Pittsburgh....30 40 444 Cleveland....24 56 273 Buffalo....18 54 250 Pittsburgh....18 60 291

Ill.-Iowa. W. L. P. Interstate. W. L. P. Ottumwa....46 24 657 Terre Haute....3 785 Monmouth....40 29 579 Quincy....7 6 597 Dubuque....37 30 552 Burlington....5 9 337 Ottawa....37 32 536 Evansville....2 6 354 Aurora....36 33 521 Peoria....2 6 250 Cedar Rapids....34 34 500 Joliet....26 44 371 Sterling....19 49 279

MANY CRUSHED TO DEATH.

A Disastrous Tornado Sweeps Through South Lawrence, Mass.

Nearly one hundred houses were wrecked, scores of people injured, and eight lives suddenly ended by a cyclone that swept over Lawrence, Mass., a few days ago. The tornado struck the city from the west. It cut a swath over a mile in length and 500 feet in width. The hospital is filled with injured, while houses spared from the wreck are sheltering the homeless. The destruction was confined wholly to South Lawrence. Fully five hundred people were rendered homeless. The windows of St. Patrick's Church were blown in; trees, chimneys, signs, fences and roofs are torn away outside of the path of the storm, while in its direct route everything was laid flat.

ORDERED A RECOUNT.

Superintendent Porter Says He Will Take an Honest Census in the Twin Cities.

"Minneapolis and St. Paul remind me of two thieves who, falling out, become very virtuous and disclaim all knowledge of the thievery," said Superintendent Porter of the Census Bureau. "Both of those cities, having been discovered in fraudulent work, have protested against a recount, but I have ordered a recount by new supervisors and under new methods. We will see now how an honest count will compare with a dishonest count."

MINERS WANT EIGHT HOURS.

They Are Preparing to Strike April 30, 1891, Unless It Is Granted.

The National Executive Board of the United Mine-Workers at Pittsburgh, Pa., has fixed April 30, 1891, as the date when the present system of mining shall cease, and an eight-hour movement be inaugurated. The eight-hour declaration says that this agitation has become necessary in the mining craft, as long deprivation of sunlight and good air is tending to the weakening and decay of thousands and their children.

Everybody Contributed.

The Johnstown (Pa.) Flood Finance Committee's books have been examined, and some figures printed as to the receipts. Money has been received from every State in the Union and from nearly every country in the world. Pennsylvania leads with \$81,502.28; Ohio sent \$60,908.73; New York follows with \$52,425.00, and New Jersey with \$41,493.53. Of New York's share, however, \$41,493.22 is credited to the city.

Fire Destroys a Town.

Wallace, in Cœur d'Alene mining district, Idaho, is lying in ashes. The fire started in a saloon. Wallace is the center of one of the richest mining districts in the West, producing half of the lead supply of the United States, besides millions in gold and silver.

Judge S. S. Marshall Dead.

Judge Samuel S. Marshall, ex-member of Congress from the Nineteenth Illinois District, died at his residence in Moline, in his 69th year. While in Congress he served on the Judiciary Committee, the Ways and Means Committee, and was at one time candidate for Speaker of the House.

Fell Out of a Hotel Window.

Harry A. Fenton, representing P. F. Collier, a book-publishing house of New York, fell from the fourth-story window of the Windsor Hotel at Mexico, Mo., while under the influence of liquor, and was killed.

COMMISSIONER RAUM.

His Management of the Pension Bureau to Be Inquired Into.

The House Committee on Rules has agreed to report in a modified form, with a favorable recommendation, the resolution introduced by Representative Cooper, of Indiana, providing for an investigation of charges made against Commissioner Raum, of the Pension Office. The resolution provides that the investigation shall be conducted by a select committee of five. Mr. Cooper's resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, Reports are being widely circulated through the newspapers, reflecting upon the management of the bureau of pensions, in which it is charged:

1. That the present commissioner of pensions has been engaged in selling to certain employees of the pension office shares of stock in a corporation or company of which he is president, which was organized for the purpose of introducing a patent refrigerator which it is claimed is superior to any other in the world, and that in consideration of such purposes said employees are promoted.

2. That said Commissioner of Pensions has recently, by an unjust and partial ruling, advanced and caused to be taken out of their order many thousands of the claims of a certain attorney residing in the city of Washington, and that in consideration thereof said attorney has become surety on the note of said Commissioner in a bank in the city of Washington for the sum of \$25,000; therefore

Be it resolved, That the Committee on Pensions be and is hereby directed to inquire concerning said charges, and to report to the House. And for the purpose of making an investigation thorough and complete the said committee is hereby authorized to send for persons and papers, to administer oaths and to take testimony.

OWNED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS.

Pitiful State of Quarrymen Working in Region Near Buffalo.

Jammertham, a suburb of Buffalo, is the only stone-quarry region in this section, and special attention has just been directed to it through the strike of the hundred or more quarrymen to have their pay increased from \$1.75 to \$2 a day. Five boss quarrymen have yielded, but the largest and richest quarry owners, Mrs. Mary Gehres, the Buffalo Building Stone Company, and Christ Hebelhoer, refused to pay the advance. Mrs. Gehres owns forty acres of the richest stone-quarry country in Western New York, and is independently rich. She has made her wealth, according to men who have worked for her, through a store system much like that of the Pennsylvania coal mines and all her employees are compelled to purchase their goods of her.

CONFESSES HIS CRIME.

Fireman Roodhouse Tells How He Ended the Life of Engineer Vandevander.

Fireman Roodhouse confessed to murdering Engineer Vandevander, near Van Wert, Ohio. He said that Vandevander had been quarreling with him all along the trip, and among other things accused him of reporting him for drunkenness. When the train neared Van Wert the engineer rushed at Roodhouse and dealt him a blow on the face, knocking him down and cutting his head. When Roodhouse recovered he picked up the hammer and rained several blows on Vandevander's head, knocking him insensible. Roodhouse controlled the engine so that he could have checked it at the railroad crossing had any trains been in the way. Just before running into the switch engine Roodhouse said Vandevander raised up and he dealt him another blow which killed him. Roodhouse was placed in jail.

FAMILY BURNED ALIVE.

Deadly Flames in a Cincinnati Tenement Consume Four Persons.

Cincinnati had a tenement-house horror which will result in the loss of five lives. The dead: Solomon Minces, aged 40; Mary Minces, aged 28; Aaron Minces, aged 8. The fatally injured are: Eva Minces, aged 14; George Shipwell, aged 57. Injured: Mary Kacimayer, aged 60. The scene of the catastrophe was a rickety three-story brick building on the public landing next to the old Spencer House. The building fairly swarms with humanity, there being more than thirty people who abide in the place, which is a veritable death trap. On the ground floor is a junk shop, which was conducted by Solomon Minces, a Polish Jew, who lived on the second floor with his family, who were asleep in their rooms and were caught without any chance of escape.

DEMAND WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Wisconsin Prohibitionists Put a State Ticket in the Field.

The Wisconsin Prohibitionists met at Madison, and adopted a platform favoring woman suffrage, recognizing the Women's Christian Temperance Union, declining to endorse the Bennett educational law, and insisting upon State and national prohibition. The following ticket was then nominated:

Governor—Charles Alexander, of Evan Cleare, Lieutenant Governor—W. R. Nethercut, of Milwaukee.

Secretary of State—George C. McKerrow, of Waukesha.

Treasurer—Robert Fargo, of Lake Mills.

Attorney General—T. E. Van Keulen, of Oshkosh.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—Henry Summer, of Outagamie.

Railroad Commissioner—J. Q. Black, of Richland.

Insurance Commissioner—Andrew Peterson, of Green.

RICHARDS IS THEIR CHOICE.

He Takes the Gubernatorial Prize in Nebraska.

The Nebraska Republican State Convention at Lincoln finally adjourned after placing the following ticket in nomination: Governor, L. D. Richards; Secretary of State, J. C. Allen of Red Willow; State Auditor, Thomas H. Benton of Dodge; Treasurer, Capt. J. E. Hill of Gage; Attorney General, H. H. Hastings of Saline; Land Commissioner, George Humphrey of Chester; State Superintendent, A. K. Goudy, of Webster.

ON THE FIRST BALLOT.

Minnesota Republicans Choose Gov. Merriam as Their Standard-Bearer.

The Minnesota Republican State Convention met at St. Paul and placed the following ticket in the field: Governor, William R. Merriam; Lieutenant Governor, Gideon S. Ives; Treasurer, Joseph Bobbitt; Secretary of State, F. P. Brown;

Auditor, P. J. McGuire; Attorney General, Moses E. Clapp; Clerk of Supreme Court, C. B. Holcomb. The platform favors reciprocity with South America, denounces all monopolies and trusts, approves the Australian ballot system for the whole State, recognizes the services of the soldier, and endorses the disability pension law introduced and championed by Senator Davis.

READY FOR LEGISLATION.

Illinois House and Senate Prepared to Work for the Columbian Exposition.

The Illinois General Assembly organized in special session at Springfield, on the 23d, for Columbian Fair legislation. In the House, where the Republican caucuses were chosen for officers, the Democrats raised objections to three members, and also to the election of the Speaker by a quorum majority, but their objections were overruled, and a protest was ordered spread upon the minutes. A message from the Governor was read, setting forth the necessity of the session, and urging speedy completion of the work projected. No bills being ready for presentation both houses adjourned for the day.

DIDN'T LIKE THE WORKHOUSE.

An Indianapolis Dictionary Thief Prefers to Go to the Penitentiary.

Cornelius McCarty, a man of fine attainments, but given to drink, was sent to the Indiana Penitentiary under peculiar circumstances. He stole a dictionary at Indianapolis, and the court was about to send him to the workhouse on a plea of guilty when McCarty said: "Your Honor, I rise to protest against being sent to the workhouse. I have been there seventeen times and I am tired of it. The fare is simply villainous and the associations are bad. Please send me to the Penitentiary for a year for a change." Judge Irwin granted the request and sentenced him for one year.

TRACKED BY A YOUTH.

An Outlaw Brought to Justice by the Son of One of His Victims.

Telegram from San Juan de Costa Rica: The notorious bandit Hermanillo Chaveze, of San Salvador who for the last five years has made traveling dangerous on the roads leading into La Libertad, has been arrested, tried, convicted, and shot to the great relief of the country. He was tracked to his lair by a boy of 17, whose mother he had maltreated, robbed, and killed, and discovered to the troops, by whom he was surrounded, with two of his companions, and captured.

NO MONEY for the Wedding Trip.

George T. Carr, of Ocala, Fla., shot himself at Romeo on the eve of his marriage to Miss Rubin Weston, of the latter town, and the affair has produced a profound sensation.

Carr had been dealing extensively in phosphate lands, and was reported to have made \$25,000 by recent transactions. It is learned, however, that the cash did not materialize, and failure to raise money by loan for the expense of the wedding trip is supposed to have induced the suicide.

TO BE BURIED IN SWEDEN.

Says a Washington telegram: "The Secretary of the Navy got his ire up this morning over the naval intrigues that have attended the sending home of Ericsson's body, and promptly ordered the Baltimore to proceed at once to New York and take on board the remains. The Pensacola, whose officers are credited with kicking up the fuss about the Essex in the hope that their ship might be sent to Sweden, was just as promptly ordered to Brazil."

SMALLPOX in MEXICO.

Smallpox is epidemic along the Mexican side of the border. At Piedras Negras 25 per cent. of the population has been affected, and the percentage of fatality has been very high. In New Laredo there have been upward of 200 people stricken with the disease. The Mexicans have taken no precautions against its spread, and in many of their smaller towns it is raging unchecked.

SOLD BY THE SHERIFF.

Kate Field made a poor speculation three years ago when she bought an Atchison (Kan.) lot for \$3,000, paying \$1,000 cash and giving notes secured by mortgage for the balance. The lot has since been sold by the Sheriff for \$210 which is said to be its real value, and now the owners of the mortgage are after Miss Field for the balance.

THE NEW STATE OF WASHINGTON.

The population of the State of Washington is set down in round numbers as 850,000. If so, there has been a gain of 366 per cent. since 1880, when there were 75,000 people in the then Territory. Much of this increase, which will doubtless give the State another Congressman, is due to the wonderful growth of towns like Seattle.

CRUSHED HER BABES.

Mrs. John O'Meara, of St. Joseph, Mo., while asleep with twin babies, 3 months old, lay upon them and crushed them to death. When she found what she had done she grasped an ornamental dagger from the dressing-case and stabbed herself in the breast. Her condition is critical.

POLITICAL.

The list of Republican Senators proposed to the Lodge bill up to the present time is ten in number, embracing Messrs. Edmunds of Vermont, Paddock of Nebraska, Teller and Wolcott of Colorado, Washburn and Davis of Minnesota, Jones and Stewart of Nevada, Hale of Maine, and Plumb of Kansas.

THE ILL-FATED SEA WING.

A Red Wing (Minn.) special says: The Government inspectors have secured the names of 214 persons who were on board the ill-fated steamer Sea Wing, which was wrecked in the cyclone on Lake Pepin. The steamer and barge were allowed by law to carry only 175 persons. The penalty for violation is severe.

CROPS BADLY DAMAGED.

The damage in New England by the present drought is now past helping. Some northern localities were favored with show-

ers last week, but most of the districts have been without rain. Corn and tobacco on the lowlands are still in fair condition. Pastures are drying up, rendering the early feeding of stock necessary.

SEEKING OFFICIAL STATION.

Congressional nominations: Eighth Iowa District, A. H. Anderson, Farmers' Alliance; Second Minnesota, John Lind, Republican, renominated; Seventh Kansas, Jeremiah Simpson, "People's Party"; Sixth Wisconsin, G. W. Gates, Prohibition; First Wisconsin, Stephen Faville, Prohibition.

FLINT-Glass Manufacturers.

The annual meeting of the American Association of Flint-Glass Manufacturers was held at Asbury Park, N. J. The McKinley tariff bill and Torrey banking bill were endorsed. The association refused the request of jobbers who wanted no charge made for packing cases.

TIED THE WATCHMAN.

Burglars at Weeping Water, Neb., tied the village watchman to a tree and drilled their way into the vault of the Commercial Bank, but were unable to open the time lock. They secured \$1,103 left outside the safe.

RIDING IN CHAISES.

Two hundred babies,