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'TWAS A FEARFUL BLAST

FIVE TONS OF GUN-COTTON EXPLODE.

Success of the New Election Law—Legislative Measures Killed in Committee—Another Wonderful Product of Kansas—May Knock the Coal Trust.

At Washington.

The time of the Senate's was consumed on the 5th by consideration of the bill proposing to assign to army officers the duties of Indian agent. It was then sent out on the cause of the bill. The turbulence is that the mess of bacon, 186,000 pounds in all, have been used for food when distributed. The House Chinese bill was referred to the proper committee. In the House, the time was over the free wool bill, and nothing was accomplished.

SHOCK THE WHOLE CITY.

The Explosion of Five Tons of Gun-Cotton in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg was thrown into a state of intense excitement by a terrific explosion. So much has been heard lately of the finish work of Anarchists that, for a time, every one believed that they had attempted to destroy some of the public streets. It was soon learned, however, that the explosion was due to an accident at the state factory for the manufacture of smokeless powder, where, in some unknown manner, five tons of gun-cotton had exploded. The shock of the explosion was tremendous. The whole city was shaken, and houses swayed on their foundations as though from the effects of an earthquake. The building in which the gun cotton had been stored was nowhere to be seen. It had been blown into splinters. Nine workmen were in the building when the explosion took place, and every one of them was blown to pieces. A search was made for the remnants of their bodies, and some of their limbs were found 250 yards away from the building. Houses a mile and a quarter away from the scene were made to tremble by the shock of the explosion.

ALLIANCE BILLS SHUT OUT.

Senator Sherman Reports Adversely Measures Introduced by Peffer and Others.

Senator Sherman, from the Committee on Finance, reported adversely to the Senate a number of Alliance financial schemes. They included Senator Peffer's bill for payment of debts, and several bills for the relief of the poor and prevention of crime among the poor and vicious among the rich, and the undue influence of unskilled labor by a coordinated system of income tax, which Senator Sherman said, provided a principle of taxation which it was not in the power of the Senate to originate. Also Senator Kyle's bill to repeal the power of the Secretary of the Treasury to anticipate the payment of interest on the public debt; Senator Call's bill to prohibit national banks from receiving or paying interest on deposits made by national banks; and Senator George's resolution instructing the committee to report a bill circumscribing the issuing and keeping in circulation of United States Treasury notes to the extent of \$10 per capita of population.

EX-SENATOR BLAIR AND CHINA.

The New Hampshire Statesman Says He Has Been Misrepresented.

Ex-United States Senator Henry W. Blair, of New Hampshire, was asked if he had anything to say in reference to the present China's situation. Mr. Blair said: "I do not know as I ought to say anything about it just at present and would rather have no time to prepare a statement. My connection with the China's has been the subject of much misrepresentation, both innocent and willful. I have repeatedly asked the department to make public the connection I have to my re-election as Senator to the United States. Thus far it has been without much, although not a simple matter of justice to myself, who have been placed in a false position before the public. Until this is done so I intend to take action in the matter myself and let the public know the inside story of the case."

A GOOD LAW.

The Australian Ballot System Is Proven a Grand Success.

From all the States holding elections under the Australian ballot system comes commendation of the new law. Voters generally understand its provisions, and like it. In Chicago its benefits were most noticeable. The ringlers were totally unable to destroy the secrecy of the ballot or to control the voters, and as a consequence a lot of hoodlums are now out of an aldermanic job.

Ran into a Shower of Mud.

The through express on the Union Pacific Road, when it reached Kansas City, had a most remarkable appearance. The engine covered with mud to the depth of an inch. The headlight was completely covered and the engine and coach windows were so plastered over that they were dark. The trainmen say that at Rosville, Kas., when the train ran into a shower of mud, which came down for some time from the clouds. It is supposed to have been taken up by a water's out.

Smith Helped to Bury His Victim.

John Smith and W. H. Reynolds residing near the residence of Ira Drakes, Reynolds' father-in-law, Taft, had a few unpleasant words, when Smith struck Reynolds twice on the head with a piece of wood, from the effects of which he died within six hours. Smith helped to dig a grave and assisted the neighbors in the interment, after which he was arrested and is now in the Gaumont jail, bail being refused.

Disapproves the Reading Comline.

Governor Abbott, of New Jersey, has announced his disapproval of the bill to legalize the Reading Railroad combine and filed a memorandum setting forth his reasons therefor. He questions the constitutionality of the act.

Fifty Persons Poisoned.

At a church lunch in Sheboygan, Tenn., fifty persons were poisoned by eating ice cream. W. C. Dyer, a prominent farmer, Charles D. Drake, ex-Chief Justice of the Court of Claims, was found dead in his bed. His death was entirely unexpected. Judge Drake was 81 years old.

LOYAL TO GROVER.

The Minnesota State Democratic Convention Endorses Him for President.

The Minnesota State Democratic Convention was held in St. Paul, and from first to last was an enthusiastic Cleveland-in-favor meeting. Every mention of the ex-President's name was received with cheers, and the platform, instructing the delegates to the national convention to vote for him from first to last, was carried with a vim that greatly delighted the old-time Cleveland supporters. The delegates are all enthusiastic for Cleveland. Ex-Senator M. S. Lytle, of Ohio, made the following resolutions: "That we present the name of Grover Cleveland for the Presidency and we expect our delegates in the National Convention to be hereafter prepared to use every honorable means by their united voices and votes to assist in his nomination. That in their vote in said convention the delegation shall vote at least a majority of the delegation determining what the vote of the entire delegation shall be. That the delegation shall continue to vote and work for Grover Cleveland as long as there is reasonable hope for his nomination. These resolutions were adopted by a rising and cheering vote that was vigorously unanimous."

ROBBED THE MAIL CAR.

A Georgia Pacific Passenger Train Held Up Near Birmingham, Ala.

The passenger train which left Birmingham, Ala., at midnight Wednesday for Atlanta on the Georgia Pacific Railroad was held up by masked robbers near Worcester. As the train was moving away from the station a robber boarded the engine and covered the engineer with a rifle, compelling him to stop the train 500 feet away from a trestle. One man stood guard over the engineer and fireman while several others opened fire on the inside of the train in order to frighten the passengers. Another robber knocked on the door of the mail car, demanding entrance, which was refused. He then broke open the door and demanded the engine and fireman while several others opened fire on the inside of the train in order to frighten the passengers. Another robber knocked on the door of the mail car, demanding entrance, which was refused. He then broke open the door and demanded the engine and fireman while several others opened fire on the inside of the train in order to frighten the passengers. 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