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CHARLESTON'S EVENT

GREAT GRAIN CONGRESS TO BOOM TRADE.

Interests the Entire South and West—Election Results at Chicago—Outrages Upon American Missionaries in Turkey—Measles at White House.

Will Boom Trade Interests. In interest in the coming South and West, grain congress is becoming general, and the assemblage in Charleston, S. C., promises to be a large one. It will be composed of prominent business men of the South and West, and the result of their deliberations must be the improvement and extension of trade and business relations. All the railroads south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi river will be represented, either by their presidents or vice-presidents and traffic managers. It is also expected that prominent officials of several of the trunk lines between the Ohio river and Chicago will be in attendance. Interesting addresses by practical men from different sections will be delivered.

TURKEY INVITES WAR.

Reported Imprisonment of the Rev. George C. Knapp.

Advice received at Constantinople Tuesday from Diarbekir indicate beyond any reasonable doubt that Rev. George C. Knapp, one of the American missionaries at Bitlis, is confined in the jail at Diarbekir, capital of the vilayet of that name, in Turkish Armenia, and that serious international complications are more than likely to follow. At the first intimation of trouble the United States charge d'affaires, after communicating with the porte and receiving the unsatisfactory reply cited, cabled to Washington for further instructions, and it is now said that the United States squadron is en route. Mediterranean, consisting of the flagship Minneapolis, commanded by Admiral T. O. Selfridge, and the cruiser Marlin, will shortly assemble in the Gulf of Iskanderum, and at the same time a formal protest against the treatment of the American missionaries may be made to the porto coupled with the demand for adequate indemnity for the damage recently done to the property of Americans. The imprisonment of Rev. Mr. Knapp is understood to be but a preliminary to the expulsion of all the Christian missionaries, mostly Americans, English and French Catholics, from Asiatic Turkey, and, possibly, from European Turkey as well. Besides, it is rumored that the agents of the American Red Cross Society, now distributing relief funds in Asiatic Turkey in the presence of local Turkish officials, are also to be expelled from that part of the empire.

LITTLE ESTHER SICK.

President Cleveland's Baby Attacked with Measles.

Measles has suddenly appeared in the President's household, little Esther Cleveland being stricken with it. This infantile disease has been almost epidemic in Washington for some time past, and all precautions have not availed to prevent its spread. Private Secretary Thurber's children have all had the disease in regular course, and to prevent the possibility of its transmission to the White House Mr. Thurber absented himself from his own domicile. But this sacrifice was of no avail, for the eruption suddenly appeared on little Esther Cleveland, marking her as the first victim at the White House. Orders were sent to Woodley, the President's suburban residence, to put the place in shape for the immediate reception of the family, and Mrs. Cleveland, accompanied by all of the children, left the White House to make their home at Woodley until the disease shall have run its course.

Chicago Elections. The town elections within the borders of Chicago Tuesday resulted in the election of the entire Republican ticket by decreased majorities. About 50 per cent of the total vote was polled. In the aldermanic elections party lines were generally disregarded. A bitter fight was waged to prevent the re-election of boulders aldermen, and regardless of party the Civic Federation and the Municipal Voters' League endorsed thirty-three men, candidates in twenty-seven wards. Of these, twenty-two were elected. There now remains in the Council of men who are known to be thieves and boulders, only twenty-seven, of whom all but five are holdovers. The entire Council numbers sixty-eight, so for the first time in many years Chicago has a Board of Aldermen the majority of whom are believed to be honest.

Hotel Fire in Springfield, Ohio. Guests of the Arcade Hotel, at Springfield, O., were roused from slumber at midnight Friday by a bellboy, who ran through the halls announcing that the place was on fire. Owing to the warning, every one escaped and took refuge in adjoining houses for two hours, by which time the fire was put under control. The flames were confined to the dining room on the second floor and rooms on the third floor. By fire and water the loss is about \$5,000, fully insured.

Photographs by Stove Light.

Prof. F. W. Bushong and W. H. Foulks, of the Emporia, Kan., College, exposed a sensitive plate for nine hours to the light emanating from an ordinary coal stove and a perfect photograph was obtained of three substances taken through the wooden cover of the plate case.

MR. CLEVELAND'S DECLINATION.

Hangings in England. During the last three months there have been more hangings in England than in any one year for the last decade, and this despite the fact that Home Secretary Ridley, who is sentimentally opposed to capital punishment, has been unusually prolific in granting reprieves.

Shaft for Silver Mining in Indiana. The presence of silver ore among the Lick Creek hills, in Wayne County, Ind., has been known for several months, but only recently has a company sunk a shaft nearly 200 feet.

Seventy Insurgents to Be Shot. A dispatch from Havana says: The court martial is busy in various parts of Havana province, and death sentences were recently passed on seventy captured insurgents, who will soon be shot.

Falls to Instant Death. Thomas Wharton, Sunday editor of the Philadelphia Times, fell from a fourth-story window of the house in which he lived and was instantly killed.

Leaves No Relatives Behind. Peter F. Conkling died near Middlebury, N. Y., Thursday, aged 106. All his relatives are dead.

SHREWD SWINDLE UNMASKED.

Alleged Inventor Finds Many Victims to Invest in a Patent.

A scheme to defraud which extended to various cities throughout the country, and in which a number of people in all those cities fell victims in varying sums, including \$1,200 by an Atlanta investor, has been discovered by the patent office officials. The scheme is the sale of a part interest in an alleged thrill-coupler invention, the purported inventor disappearing after taking the purchase money and leaving all the expenses for the investor. Twelve different applications from eleven cities, accompanied by drawings which show that they were all made on the same plan model, are already on file in the patent office, and the name of the inventor varies in each case. Most of the victims bought a half interest in the invention. A singular feature is the fact that punishment can only be made after proof that the operator had sold an interest in more than the whole of the patent, and to prove this would mean the gathering of three men from three of these cities, in view of the half interest generally assigned. Even then the operator could be prosecuted only on the petty charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

ROBBED AND SHUT IN A BOX CAR

New York Man Tells of Long Involuntary Journey.

William S. Hale, proprietor of the Maple Leaf farm near Syracuse, N. Y., who disappeared March 3, has turned up in Minneapolis, Minn., with a strange story. He claims he was sandbagged in the Central Railroad yards at Syracuse, bound hand and foot, robbed of \$200 in cash, and thrown into a box car. For three days and nights he lay without food or water. His hands were tied, and he slipped the ropes off, managed to open the car door, and when the train slowed up, jumped out. He crawled to a farm house and learned that he was near St. Cloud, Minn. For three weeks he was cared for by a farmer's family, and then, having regained strength, walked seventy-five miles to a point where he sold a mackintosh and obtained money enough to pay his passage to Minneapolis. He is now with his aunt, Mrs. James Loftus, still very weak and showing the effects of the experience, and it will be some weeks before he is fully recovered.

WOULD BURN THEM ALIVE.

Frenzied Mob Believers the House of a Desperado of Concord, Ga. At Concord, Ga., a tragedy occurred in which two men were fatally shot. About 10 o'clock in the evening Sheriff Gynn and a posse went to the house of Taylor Dell, a notorious desperado, to arrest him on a warrant for robbery and assault and murder. As the sheriff arrived at the door he was met at a window with a rifle. The bill passed through his left side. About fifty shots were fired. Sheriff Gynn was lying on the front porch begging for some one to come and get him when Mr. John F. Madden attempted to drag him off. He was also fired on, and the ball passed through both thighs, breaking both legs. A crowd of enraged citizens, thirsting for the blood of the desperado, surrounded the house and determined, if it was possible to take the trio of prisoners alive, their fate should be death at the stake.

CARLISLE STEPS OUT.

Says He Declines to Be a Presidential Candidate.

Washington dispatch: Secretary Carlisle declined to enter into a contest for the Democratic nomination for the presidency. He has written a letter to the chairman of the State Central Committee of Kentucky in response to one from the chairman asking him to consent to the use of his name, declining to do so. At the same time the resolution is not so forcible as to entirely remove Mr. Carlisle from the list of possibilities. In his letter he says: "The convention ought to have no difficulty in selecting an acceptable candidate who will fairly represent its views, and, in order that its deliberations may be embarrassed as little as possible by the contentions of rival aspirants and their friends, I think my duty to the party will be best performed by declining to participate in a contest for the nomination."

TO WRECK A CAPITOL.

Men Attempt to Undermine the State House at Jackson, Miss.

An attempt was made Wednesday night to wreck the State capitol at Jackson, Miss. At 10 o'clock, while Secretary of State Power was engaged in his office at the capitol, he heard a noise outside. Going to the window, he saw several men digging at the wall between the door and a window. His appearance frightened away the men, and an investigation showed that two pieces of stone, about 2 feet square, had been removed from the wall. Had the work gone on a little longer, a section of the wall about 4x20 feet would have fallen, thus wrecking the whole building. Strenuous efforts were made during the recent session of the Legislature to provide for a new building, but nothing was done in the matter, and it is thought some miscreants took this means of securing immediate action.

"SCOOP" EXPLODED.

Budding Newspaper Man Satisfied that Price Is Right.

An idle rumor that Rhys R. Price, who died at Hutchinson, Kan., and was buried in Topeka in December, 1894, was seen alive in Europe caused the family to search a vault which contained his body, it is believed to be publicly identified. Mr. Price was one of the World's Fair commissioners from Kansas. He developed the salt industry at Hutchinson and perfected an organization among the manufacturers. He owned life insurance amounting to \$90,000, which has all been paid except a \$25,000 debt due policy, due in twenty annual payments. A young reporter, eager for fame induced the family to open the vault and prove to him that the body was there and so prevent the publication of a disagreeable story.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$4.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 62¢ to 63¢; corn, No. 2, 28¢ to 29¢; oats, No. 2, 19¢ to 20¢; rye, No. 2, 33¢ to 36¢; butter, choice creamy, 19¢ to 21¢; eggs, fresh, 10¢ to 11¢; potatoes, per bushel, 15¢ to 25¢; broom corn, 20¢ to \$4.00 per ton for common to choice.

New York Sand Yields Gold.

Another test of five tons of sand taken in Gloversville, N. Y., has been made. The sand was found to yield more gold than the first lot. The first showed gold to the value of \$6.20 per ton and platinum to the value of 41 cents to the ton, making a yield of \$6.61 to the ton.

PRICE OF NAILS GOES SKYWARD.

R. C. Patterson, of the Newcastle Wire Nail Company, is authority for the statement that as a result of the steel billet pool wire nails will be advanced 25 cents per kg. This will make an advance of 40 cents within the past two weeks.

ROBBED ON A MISSION OF MERCY.

James Hyde, proprietor of Hyde's comedians, was knocked down and robbed of \$2,130 at Louisville, Ky. He was enticed to the spot by a negro who begged him for help for his children.

WEALTHY ORPHAN MISSING.

Miss Chloe Ruehle, a wealthy orphan, aged 22 years, of Bellefontaine, O., who arrived in Denver a week ago, left her lodgings to take a car ride Sunday and has not since been seen.

SAINT THOMAS' PARISH CHURCH.

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ed a quiet wedding, and Mrs. Dimmick was of the same mind. Hence it was that the few bidders to the ceremony were asked to keep secret the hour.

Gen. Harrison left the Fifth Avenue Hotel, accompanied by Gen. Benjamin

squadron to Cuba or the arming of transatlantic cruisers." It is said two of these ships will start immediately with their full armament.

DUN & CO'S REVIEW.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "The regular quarterly statement of failures shows 4,031 with liabilities of \$57,425,135, against 3,802 last year with liabilities of \$47,813,682, and 4,304 in the same quarter of 1894 with liabilities of \$64,127,343. The average liabilities were \$14,246, against \$12,577 last year and \$14,900 in 1894. Manufacturing failures were 833, against 651 last year, with liabilities of \$23,507,325, against \$20,223,991 last year, increase 16.2 per cent; but the decrease in comparison with 1894 is 16.4 per cent. Trading failures were 3,118, with liabilities of \$31,424,312, against \$25,079,894 last year, increase 20.9 per cent; but in comparison with 1894 the decrease is 6.9 per cent. The ratio of defaulted liabilities to payments through clearing-house was \$4.45 per \$1,000, the average for the previous ten years having been \$3.27 and the average per firm in business was \$47.48, averaging \$88.64 for the previous ten years. The main increase over last year was in manufacturing.

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