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TO OUST THE FARMERS

EVIDENT DESIGN OF BIG KANSAS STOCKMEN.

Would Depopulate a Whole County—When the Scheme Becomes Known to the Smaller Herders They Object and a Riot Nearly Results.

Cattle Barons' Plan.

News of a stupendous scheme to depopulate Clark County, Kansas, and convert its broad acres into a vast cattle ranch for the benefit of "Barbecue" Campbell and a few other cattle barons has reached Wichita. A few years ago Clark County was thickly settled, and in the boom times a majority of the settlers mortgaged their claims to the limit. Subsequently the greater part of the land passed into the hands of the mortgage holders and was largely appropriated by a few big cattlemen and syndicates. The county is now mostly fenced into great pastures, no attention being paid to leaving out unoccupied claims, farms, government lands and school lands, but all being taken in and utilized for pasture by the big cattlemen. A meeting of all the cattlemen of the county was recently held at Ashland, the county seat, and an association was formed ostensibly for mutual protection, but in reality to prevent anybody from settling in the country. The constitution presented for adoption provided that the members of the association bind themselves to not permit any person to settle upon a claim or to purchase or lease any school land belonging to another person or any school land within any fenced pasture occupied by any member of the association. This unwarranted usurpation of power in the interest of the few big cattle barons met spirited opposition from the stockmen of small means who desire to see the county better settled and a riot resulted. Finally, a division of the house was called on a vote upon the constitution. Nine cattle barons stood up in favor and eleven stockmen voted against its provisions. The few settlers of Clark County are greatly excited over the question, which is still being agitated by the barons.

AVOID THE KLONDIKE.

Surveyor Ogilvie Advises Against Going to That Country.

In speaking of the Klondike gold fields, William Ogilvie, dominion surveyor for the Northwest Territory, discourages all strangers from going into that bleak country. He denies that any difference regarding the boundary line exists between Canada and the United States. He says: "Gold has been found in a certain zone in British Columbia, running through the Cariboo and Cassiar districts. Project the axis of this zone northwardly, and we touch the Teslin Lake, Hootalinqua River, Stewart River, Indians Creek, Troutdale, Sixty Mile, Forty Mile, American Creek, Seventy Mile, and Birch Creek. Now it is highly improbable that, gold being found at all these points, the intervening spaces are barren, and will do no more than generally that we have a zone of upwards of 500 miles in length, some of it in Alaska, more of it in the Northwest Territory, and much of it in British Columbia, which will yet be the scene of numerous mining enterprises, both on the quartz and placer, the former practically inexhaustible. The conditions, however, are most unfavorable. There is a nine-months' winter, barrenness is almost total, so far as vegetation and food is concerned, the earth is bound in eternal frost, and the thermometer often reaches 60 and 70 degrees below zero."

HARD BLOWS FOR LUETGERT.

Mrs. Tosch Proves to Be a Very Effective Witness for Prosecution. Mrs. Agatha Tosch, to whom Adolph Luetgert was wont to confide his business and marital troubles, took the stand for the prosecution when the famous murder case was resumed in Chicago Tuesday, and gave damaging testimony against the prisoner. According to her evidence, the day after Mrs. Luetgert disappeared Mrs. Tosch had a long conversation with the sausagemaker, who, she asserts, was pale and laboring under excitement he vainly endeavored to suppress. In the course of their talk she boldly told him she believed him guilty of making away with his wife and that he thereupon manifested much excitement and begged her to help him, as he was in great trouble. Mrs. Tosch dilated on Luetgert's disturbed condition of mind as much as the rules of evidence would permit and finally swore that the man, in the extremity of his distress, declared he was tempted to shoot himself and escape the trouble that hung over his head. Before she left the stand Mrs. Tosch also testified to the hatred felt by Luetgert for his wife and his significant threats to crush her.

Athletes of the Diamond.

Following is the standing of the clubs of the National Baseball League:

W. L.	W. L.
Baltimore ... 72	32 Pittsburgh ... 40
Boston ... 74	34 Philadelphia ... 48
New York ... 66	33 Louisville ... 48
Cincinnati ... 64	42 Brooklyn ... 42
Cleveland ... 54	50 Washington ... 45
Chicago ... 50	58 St. Louis ... 27

The showing of the members of the Western League is summarized below:

W. L.	W. L.
Indianapolis ... 80	29 Detroit ... 60
Columbus ... 70	41 Minneapolis ... 40
St. Paul ... 73	43 Kansas City ... 36
Milwaukee ... 68	48 Gra'd Rapids ... 34

Great Tidal Wave.

Earthquake shocks in China and Japan, followed by a tidal wave, caused great loss of life and enormous damage to property.

Dentist Atwood Is Sued.

Mrs. Annie Kirk and her husband, W. S. Kirk, have sued W. A. Atwood, a dentist at San Francisco, for \$250 damages alleged to have been sustained because he positively refused to examine the woman's teeth because she came to his office on her bicycle and wore bloomers.

Ruled Off the Lake.

As a result of the recent collision of the steamer Virginia with the Christopher Columbus at Milwaukee the captain of both boats have been indefinitely suspended by the marine inspectors.

Boom in Hog Market.

A boom is under way in the Kansas City hog market. Friday's prices were the highest reached within nearly two years, going up 10 cents to 15 cents a hundred weight, on top of a similar advance Thursday. Prices advanced 70 cents since Aug. 1, and near a dollar higher in the middle of July.

France May Float a Loan.

The London Financial News says the French cabinet is considering the floating of a loan of \$60,000,000 in 2½ per cent bonds, partly for the redemption of the floating debt and partly for the reconstruction of the French navy. The column turn-

PAGEANT OF PEACE.

FIFTY THOUSAND OLD SOLDIERS PASS IN REVIEW.

President McKinley Leads the Veterans in the Grand Army Parade at Buffalo—Marital Columns Are Cheered by Half a Million.

Touch Elbows Again.

Nearly 50,000 war-worn veterans, with the President of the United States at their head, made the triumphal march of the Grand Army of the Republic in Buffalo Wednesday. For more than six hours the grizzled but undaunted remnants of the armies of the republic paraded through the streets in lines of undulating blue, amid the martial crash of bands and the frenzied buzzes of a patriotic populace. Nearly half a million spectators watched the glorious pageant and bombarded the marching legions with the roar of their cheering.

For two hours President McKinley stood in the reviewing stand, with Commander-in-Chief Clarkson and Gov. Frank S. Black of New York at his side, and acknowledged the greetings of the battle-scarred hosts passing before him. The President was deluged with cheers and songs, shouts and flowers, and through all the riot of noise and adulation bowed and smiled and moved his comrades to renewed ecstasies of enthusiasm.

Buffalo was in fitting mood and garb for the inspiring spectacle. Its people, reinforced by 200,000 from outside, choked the walks and lawns from the brick walls to the wire stretched along the line of march at the carbstone. They filled 10,000 windows and roofs, packed a score of big stands, took to the trees in flocks and squeezed into every nook that afforded a view of the procession. The martial columns moved for miles between two solid, shouting walls of humanity, such a living mass as had never been seen before in the Empire State outside the metropolis.

The city was swathed in red, white and blue. Public and private buildings were smothered in the Stars and Stripes. The trudging battalions were hemmed in on both sides by fluttering flags and floating streamers hung from every window and pinnacle. The decorations were on a lavish scale and included many gorgeous designs. Noble arches spanned the

west in North street, passing beautiful residences of a later generation, and marched through the circle to disband in the parks of the lake shore.

President McKinley rode at the head of the parade as far as the reviewing stand, which was at the end of the two-mile march. Two hundred young women scattered along the route, attired in gowns of red, white and blue, scattered flowers before his carriage. When the President, standing on the reviewing stand, caught sight of the tattered war flags of the armies of Illinois he put down his hat and clapped his hands, exploding a demonstration which rolled down the line like the booming of cannon.

The whole route was over smooth asphalt pavements, the first march of the kind. Gen. Alger said, he had ever been before. The President's reviewing stand

wheat imports for Europe, including England, ran all the way from 300,000,000 to 400,000,000 bushels. Europe's wheat crops for 1895, 1894 and 1893 averaged about 1,500,000,000 bushels. In the famine year of 1891 it was only 1,200,000,000. The impression is gaining ground that Europe's wheat crop this year is even less than in 1891. But this is not the worst of it. Europe usually produces as much rye as she does wheat. It is the bread grain of the masses. The rye crop of the principal European countries (Russia, Germany, France, Austria, Bulgaria, Roumania and Italy and the low countries and Sweden) has averaged about 1,300,000,000 bushels annually for 1896, 1895, 1894 and 1893. This season the rye crop of these countries cannot much exceed 875,000,000 bushels. Quite as bad is the potato prospect. Only about 1,850,000,000 bushels of potatoes will be harvested in these countries this year. Without regard to the United Kingdom or other European countries, there is a shortage of some 1,000,000,000 bushels of potatoes. European shortage in bushels compared with the average follows:

Wheat	300,000,000
Rye	325,000,000
Potatoes	1,000,000,000
Total	1,625,000,000

MINE OWNERS AT SEA.

Combine of the Big Coal Operators Is Badly Shattered.

At Pittsburg Wednesday, the coal operators practically split and went home. They had been in session in the afternoon and gave out a statement that they would "continue the struggle along the lines that may appear to be the most productive of the results desired in the interests of miner and operator alike." None of them could explain what this meant.

In the afternoon, after a conference of some of the leading shippers to the lakes, another statement was given out by Operator J. C. Dysart. It contained the information that another committee had been appointed to continue the work of getting the mines in operation, which had been started last week in Cleveland. As the statement issued in the forenoon said that all committees had been discharged, the conflict of statements caused some inquiry as to what the operators really meant. Inquiry failed to bring any result except the impression that they are trying to find "where they are at."

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MAIN STREET ILLUMINATED ARCH.

was at the intersection of North street and Richmond avenue. Approaching the stand the army moved west in North street. Double rows of trees, whose branches met overhead, made a green canopy above the last half-mile of the march. It looked as if the army was coming out of a fairy-book forest. To the west, the situation was the same. The foliage heightened the colors of the fluttering flags as the army wound past the stand.

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