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NEWS NUGGETS GATHERED IN HILLS AND DALES.

A Week's Doings Carefully Condensed for Our Readers—Social, Personal, Political, Religious and Miscellaneous Intelligence Up to Date.

The annual meeting of the Hollowware Manufacturers' association was held at Muncie last week, but the secrets of the meeting could not be learned except that they decided to keep in the same channel pursued during the past year as to prices. The following were present: W. E. Joseph, Columbus, Ohio; W. D. Patton, Jeffersonville; E. W. Abrams and Herbert Spencer, Menard, Ill.; M. T. Horner, Baltimore, and A. V. R. Patton of Muncie. The association is virtually a trust. Mr. A. V. R. Patton entertained the visitors as his guests, showing them the great advantages of natural gas in a manner that astonished some of them.

There was something of a sensation in the council at Terre Haute when the chairman of the fire department committee had read a letter from the Revere Rubber company of Chicago, to Chief Jones of the department, in regard to a bid on 1,000 feet of hose. The writer offered \$75 commission and said the money could be divided between the chief and the chairman of the committee. It was also said that Councilman Wey was his friend and had used his influence with Councilman Liehr. Mr. Wey said no money had been "used on him," but that money had been used in the council. The grand jury is in session and Councilman Wey was before the jury several hours last week.

Some weeks ago the city council of Shelbyville passed an ordinance requiring the railroads to put up electric lights at their street crossings or maintain some signals for the protection of persons using the streets. The Pennsylvania company complied with all requirements, but the Big Four, through Superintendent Bender, has notified the city council that the company will not erect and maintain lights nor any system of signals. The fight is now on and the city authorities have determined to settle the question whether the railroad controls the city or whether the city government has a right to protect those who use its streets. For years the Big Four company has been raising its grades above the streets until the railroad grade is in places several feet above that of the street. The city will at once begin suit to compel them to lower their tracks.

Carl Kern and Carl McDaniels, two 12-year old youths of Franklin, went to the country recently for a drive, and took with them a revolver. On their return home they supposed they had fired all the cartridges, and young Kern was in the act of cleaning the shells from the chamber when there was a report and McDaniels fell over in the buggy, shot through the side. While the wound was dangerous the physicians have hope of McDaniels's recovery.

Muncie seems to have a rival to the Denver slasher in the person of George Day, a worthless young man, who visited houses of ill repute last week and badly slashed the unfortunate inmates with a barlow knife. Sarah Singleton was stabbed in the shoulder, Bell Williams was slashed across the stomach, and Flora Hays was cut in the neck. He attempted to reach the jugular and all but succeeded. Other women were chased out of the houses. He has so far evaded arrest.

P. M. Scott, about 35 years old, arrived in Wabash last week from Dallas, Texas, in search of his wife and 3-year-old daughter. He states that his brother-in-law, a widower, named J. H. Foster, induced his wife to leave him last July, when they were living in El Reno, Okla. Mrs. Scott has been in Wabash for some time working in the Tremont house as a domestic. Scott called at the hotel, but his wife refused to see him. Later he had an interview with her, and she will probably go back to Oklahoma with him.

Judge Koons has appointed Charles M. Turner, cashier of the Citizens' National bank, receiver of the White River Iron and Steel company of Muncie, vice E. D. Caleyan, resigned. Mr. Caleyan's final report has been received but not yet approved by the court. It shows some very high salaries and what looks to be exorbitant traveling expenses, and an expert bookkeeper from Cincinnati is making an investigation. There is but little left for the stockholders and creditors.

The newly elected republican township trustees are advised by lawyers of Hartford City to qualify and demand the offices of the democratic trustees, and they will do so. The prevailing sentiment here is that one of the first acts of the Indiana legislature should be to pass a law giving to township trustees elect the offices. It is the opinion of lawyers that there is no reason why the old trustees should hold for one year after the time for which they were elected has expired.

Mr. W. H. Glascock of the Institution of the Blind has gone east, where he will visit the state institutions of New York, Massachusetts and other states.

The Frankton company, headed by H. F. and Otis Parsons of Richmond, will locate a big tin plate plant on the company's land at Frankton, which will employ nearly 300 men. Capital stock, \$50,000.

The skating on the river near Haughville has been excellent for the last few days, and large crowds have been enjoying the sport. A small boy named Bill, living in Haughville, fell and broke his arm while skating.

More Than a Million for Schools. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 15.—The apportionment of more than \$1,000,000 for the support of the state's schools was made yesterday. A settlement was effected between Auditor of State Henderson and the treasurers of Marion and Vigo counties. The records show the total amount collected from the counties and distributed in this apportionment is \$1,399,436. From the state treasury \$35,623 was taken, the total receipts being \$1,435,061. The amount apportioned was \$1,421,639. The number of school children in the state is 808,261. Ninety counties in the state made their settlements, as Auditor Henderson demanded, under the fee and salary law, which has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme court. The treasurers of Marion and Vigo counties, which have the largest taxes in the state, refused to settle.

Anti-Toxine Tried in Racine. RACINE, Wis., Jan. 16.—Diphtheria in its worst form is prevalent in the family of Peter Nortzinger of Mount Pleasant. Three of his children, aged 7, 5 and 11 years, have died in less than a week, and three more are sick. Anti-toxine is now being used on the three sick children, and it is hoped they can be saved.

Situation Grows Worse in Nebraska.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 15.—The situation in the drouth districts of Nebraska grows more serious daily. W. N. Nason, president of the Nebraska State Relief commission, makes an urgent appeal for aid, explaining the destitution. Relief is being forwarded from many parts of the country.

MINISTRY GOES OUT.

Deputy Cabinet Resigns and There Is a French Crisis.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—The cabinet resigned yesterday, having been defeated in the chamber of deputies on the question of giving priority to an order of the day. President Casimir-Périer and Premier Dupuy were in conference for an hour and a half after the resignation. The president finally concluded he was unable to urge the ministry to remain in office and he therefore accepted their resignations. It is generally expected that M. Bourges, minister of public instruction in the cabinets of M. Freycinet and Loubet and minister of justice in the Ribot cabinet, will succeed Prime Minister Dupuy.

WASHINGTON.

The resignation of John C. Black, congressman at large from Illinois, was presented to the house.

A report adverse to Judge Ricks was made to the house judiciary committee by Representative Bailey. Impeachment will probably be recommended to the house.

Mr. Gorman defended his course on the tariff bill in a speech in the senate. A criticism of Mr. Hill drew from the New Yorker a warm reply.

Republican senators will pass a tariff bill if the President calls an extra session, claiming it is useless to tinker with the currency until the revenues have been increased.

A bill to provide for carrying into effect the international arbitration resolution adopted by congress in 1890 was offered in the senate by Mr. Sherman.

Petitions for writs of error and of habeas corpus in the Debs case were presented to the Supreme court by Attorney Darrow. The former will be argued Wednesday.

Senator Jones of Arkansas is preparing a currency bill, which he hopes will harmonize the conflicting bond and silver elements.

Gold to the amount of \$2,400,000 was shipped to Europe Saturday, leaving the reserve at about \$77,000,000. Another bond issue is considered imminent.

The senate Friday debated Mr. Hill's amendment to the urgency deficiency bill designed to afford an opportunity to test the constitutionality of the income tax law.

Gen. John A. McClelland's war record formed the theme of an angry debate during the consideration of private pension bills in the house Friday night.

Attorney Darrow will habeas corpus for debts and his associates.

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FOR Foothold in Alaska.

Juneau City Newspaper Prints Sensational Story of Treaty Dispute.

TAOSA, Wash., Jan. 15.—The Alaska News, published at Juneau City, makes the sensational prediction that Takou inlet and the head of Lynn canal will become famous the world over as affording grounds for a fierce international dispute between Great Britain and the United States and a cause of arbitration by the European powers to determine which country shall hold possession of it, according to the provisions of the Russian treaty and the subsequent purchase of Alaska by the United States. The Tacoma Times says:

"Each nation holds fast to a different construction of the Russian treaty, England maintaining that the boundary line does not follow up and around the deep inlets and bays, as held by the United States, but follows the general coast line ten marine leagues in the interior from salt water. Great Britain sees a flaw in the treaty and, with her usual aggressiveness, will endeavor to wrest from the government of the United States the harbors and inlets, so a British seaport will hold the portal to the Yukon country and the undeveloped northwest territory."

"Will the United States, under Gresham's policy, lose valuable possessions in southeastern Alaska? Since Japan is coming to the front as a commercial power England has her tentacles upon Alaska to snatch a seaport for her navy and commerce laden ships."

PRUSSIAN DIET IS OPEN.

Emperor William Reads His Speech From the Throne.

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—The Prussian diet was opened at noon to-day in the white hall of the palace by Emperor William. His majesty read the speech from the throne.

He began by saying that the Prussian budget showed a deficit which he hoped would disappear on the accomplishment of the proposed financial reforms of the reichstag. After announcing bills for the extension of state railways and other domestic measures the emperor drew attention to the fact that the heavy gales and floods of the last few weeks had caused great devastation on the Prussian islands off the coast and in the North sea, adding that the necessary steps would be taken for the adoption of measures to repair the damage.

Hastings Takes the Oath.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 15.—Daniel Hartman Hastings, the humble school teacher of twenty years ago, was to-day formally installed in office of governor of this state. With the induction of Gov. Hastings into office all the departments of the state government



GOV. HASTINGS.

again passed into the control of the republicans after four years of partial loss of political power. The inauguration was in many respects the most attractive ever seen at the state capital. The city is crowded with political clubs, national guardsmen and civic societies, who commenced coming in yesterday at the break of day.

Illinois Legislature.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 15.—The following bills were introduced in the senate: By Bogardus—In relation to the management of state prisons. By Craig—To amend the act for assessment and collection of taxes, to provide for the punishment of false assessments and to define citizenship of corporations. By Ford—Providing for the establishment of a department of banking and a commissioner for bank inspection. By Wells—Authorizing city councils in cities whose population is not less than 25,000, nor more than 100,000, to provide a special fund, not to exceed 3 mills on a dollar valuation of property, for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining parks and boulevards. It also provides that the question of levying such tax shall be submitted to the people. The senate then adjourned.

After a five minutes' session the house adjourned. The only business transacted was a resolution for the appointment of a mailcarrier by the speaker at \$3 a day.

Gov. Merrill's Message.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 15.—Gov. Merrill in his message to the legislature to-day, points out that the needs of the people are in the way of relief from excessive taxation, and advocates a reduction of state expenses.

Chicago Bargain Store.

The great semi-annual

CLEARING SALE

of winter goods at 50c on the dollar. We must have room for a large new spring stock, and prices will make every vestige of winter goods go.

Overcoats and Suits.
broken sizes—
to close—at
one-half price.

Boots and Shoes—only one and two pairs
of each size left—will go
in this great clearing at
one-third off.

Blankets, ALL WOOL—to close
at less than
manufacturer's prices.

Dress goods.
For this closing
sale marked
down one-third.

Underwear, IN WOOL—a great variety
of them—
immense values
at what we paid.

Hats and caps.
Complete assortment—
reduced from marked prices, many at half.

Gloves and Mittens—an endless
variety
at
reduced price.

Carpets,
to make room for new
goods—at positive clearing
cut prices.

Cloaks and Capes.
to close—at
one-half price.

Linens, MUSLIN UNDERWEAR,
etc., at
the most emphatic
bargains.

BOTH DIE IN DESPAIR.

COUPLE KILL THEMSELVES AND CHILD TO AVOID STARVING.

Tragic Incident of the Destitution in Nebraska—Reward of \$1,000 for the Apprehension of the Burlington Train Robbers—Northwest News.

PAXTON, Neb., Jan. 15.—One of the most heartrending scenes of the present destitution developed here, when the dead bodies of John Harris, wife and baby were found in their little sod house eight miles from here. The parents had killed their child and then cut their throats to avoid starvation. The mother was found on the bed and Harris on the floor near the foot of the bed. A razor with which the deed was done was found lying on the floor. The couple had only moved to their present place a month ago. The house in which they lived was a sod dugout. The surroundings indicated the family was in destitute circumstances, with starvation staring them in the face. A letter simply saying the couple had decided to end their lives together, was found written by the husband in clear and steady hand.

Although the motive for the deed was destitution, aid could have been had for the asking. The parents of the couple arrived next morning and will take the remains to Nichols, Neb., for interment.

Paxton is a typical western Nebraska village in the eastern part of Keith county. The country around about has produced good crops in times past and will undoubtedly do so again, but the failure in 1893 and 1894 was almost complete, and the situation of the people is pitiable. Among the different families in Keith county now in a state of destitution there are between 500 and 600 children.

REWARD OF \$1,000 FOR ROBBERS.

Burlington Officials Have No Clew to the Iowa "Holdup."

OTTUMWA, Iowa, Jan. 15.—Officials of the Burlington road have all the men under surveillance who were in the car that was robbed Saturday night. Express Messenger Page and Assistant Hawk are in Chicago under the eye of Adams express officials. Baggage man Ed Wright was interviewed searching by the Burlington officials here, and it is rumored they may be placed in custody. The town is full of the company's own detectives with a couple of Pinkerton men and from the fuss made the impression is gained the amount taken was large, though it is placed by Burlington officials at \$3,000. The Albia State bank was to have shipped \$5,000 in currency on this train, and it is believed that the robbers were after it. But the money for some reason missed the train. It now developed there were four robbers instead of two, but two of them got on the train and could not effect an entrance to the mail car, else their courage failed them. When the train reached the junction they dropped off and scurried away with their companions. The company has offered a reward of \$1,000 for their capture.

CASUALTIES.

The dredge Mount Waldo was sunk in a gale in the Gulf of Mexico, nine of those on board being drowned.

Two trains collided in a snowstorm at Milligan, Ind., an engineer being killed, but the passengers escaping.

Eight persons were injured in a panic caused by a falling floor at a church funeral at New Haven, Conn.

The schooner Justice founded in December bay, off the coast of Washington. Her crew of fifteen were drowned.

The home of J. H. Baldridge near Jefferson, Iowa, was destroyed and nine children were badly frostbitten.

The Gunning block and a number of other buildings were destroyed at Booneville, Ohio, the loss being \$125,000.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. H. C. Hansbrough, wife of the senator from North Dakota, died in Washington from pneumonia.

Memorial services for the late Congressman Post were held at Galesburg, Ill., under the auspices of the G. A. R.

Lee Claw, a prominent Arkansas republican, died at Little Rock from paralysis.

Gen. Alfred W. Ellet, a prominent figure in the war of the rebellion, died at El Dorado, Kan.

Gen. Sir John Sumnerfield Hawkins, who helped survey the northern boundary of the United States, is dead.

P. G. McLoughlin, an old and highly respected member of the Chicago board of trade, dropped dead on the street.

FOREIGN.

Being defeated on an order of the day in the French chamber of deputies the deputy cabinet resigned.

Lava from a volcano on one of the New Hebrides islands flowed fifteen miles to the sea, devastating many villages.

Cuban patriots in Florida say that the leaders of the Logonda are insurgents under assumed names.

A bomb was exploded in