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RENSSELAER, INDIANA.

LAY TOO LIGHT RAILS

COSTLY ERROR IN BUILDING
TRANSIBERIAN RAILWAY.

Track Is Not Heavy Enough for the
Burdens of Traffic that Is and Will Be
Going Over It—Ohio Horse Thief
Apprehended.

W. F. Dixon, manager of the Sarmov Engineering Company's locomotive works at Nijni Novgorod, Russia, which company employs 10,000 men, is visiting his home in Paterson, N. J. "The industries of Russia," said Mr. Dixon, "are all thriving. The Russians are a slow-moving people, but they are steady and sure. The Transiberian Railroad is now completed from Moscow to Irkutsk, a distance of about 1,800 miles. East of Irkutsk the road is in operation in patches, as it were. That is to say, it has not yet been connected all the way through to Vladivostok. An unfortunate thing about the building of this road is that very light rails have been used, and the ties are too wide apart. When its construction was begun nobody realized the immensity of the undertaking. The traffic has been greatly in excess of all expectations, and I fear that the road will not stand the wear and tear. It would cost an enormous sum to rectify the mistake at this late date."

HORSE-STEALING A SIDE LINE.

An Ohio Farmer Landed in Jail After
Ten Years of Crime.

According to his own story, Frank Spore, who was taken to Xenia, Ohio, and lodged in jail on the charge of horse stealing, has had a remarkable criminal career. He claims that his mother is wealthy and resides in Paulding County, but says that he has for some time been engaged in farming, and for the last ten years, he stated, he has been engaged in stealing horses as a side line. He said he had taken eight or ten horses at different times, but had never before been apprehended at his work. He said that one of his best horses was recently killed by lightning, and as he needed another horse on his place, he left his farm in Pike County and went up to near Xenia, and had the animal belonging to John Holland in tow when he was arrested. He entered a plea of guilty to the charge of horse stealing and was sent to jail in default of \$500 bond.

RACE FOR THE PENNANT.

Standing of the Clubs in the National
and Western Leagues.

The standing of the clubs in the National League race is as follows:

W. L.	W. L.
Brooklyn . . . 28	Cincinnati . . . 45
Boston . . . 33	Pittsburgh . . . 45
Philadelphia . . . 33	Louisville . . . 38
Baltimore . . . 30	New York . . . 35
St. Louis . . . 30	Washington . . . 34
Chicago . . . 46	Cleveland . . . 15

Following is the standing of the clubs in the Western League:

W. L.	W. L.
Indianapolis . . . 33	St. Paul . . . 39
Minneapolis . . . 37	Milwaukee . . . 38
Grand Rapids . . . 45	Buffalo . . . 37
Detroit . . . 44	Kansas City . . . 35

Wealthy Farmer Attempts Suicide.

Robert Miller, aged 50, residing near Centerville, Ohio, tried to kill himself by cutting his throat and then setting his bed on fire. Miller would have died soon, but his family rescued him, and, by the aid of a physician, may save his life. He is a wealthy farmer, and gave no reason for the rash act.

Wreck in Wyoming.

A light engine going west on the Union Pacific collided with an overland passenger train one and one-quarter miles west of Walcott, Wyo. Fireman Konold was killed. Engineer Walter Marsh of No. 4, a resident of Laramie, was fatally injured, dying a few minutes after being picked up. Both engines and mail cars were demolished.

Killed and Hurt in a Wreck.

Erie passenger train No. 7, west bound, crashed into a freight express which had been derailed a mile east of Lackawaxen, Pa., and was wrecked. Four cars, including two sleepers, were burned. Two persons were killed and twenty-one injured. The wreck was caused by a landslide.

Her Body Cut to Pieces.

The aged wife of John Pritzke was found dead at her home in Little Rock, Ark. The body was horribly mutilated, having been chopped to pieces with an ax. Near the body sat John Pritzke, the husband, in a dying condition from wounds inflicted with an ax. The house had been robbed.

Hold-Up Crowded Street Car.

A trolley car, loaded with eighty passengers, mostly women and children, was held up by four highwaymen in Brooklyn. The conductor was beaten nearly to death and robbed of all the money in his possession. The robbers were captured.

Couple Killed by Lightning.

H. H. McConnell and his wife, an aged couple, were killed by lightning at their home near Cottage Grove, Tenn. Both had their clothing burned off.

Kate Chase Sprague Dead.

Mrs. Kate Chase Sprague died at Edge-wood, her country home near Washington, in her fifty-ninth year.

Two Die in Electric Chair.

Louis Pullerson and Michael McDonald were put to death by electricity in Sing Sing prison.

Woman Shoots a Persecutor.

Miss Fannie Goodwin, milliner at Fairview, Ky., shot and mortally wounded Bryan Allegree. She charged that he wrote scurrilous notes, made remarks, wrote with chalk on the front of her store and cut offensive phrases in her windows with a diamond.

Duellists Shot Both Deadly.

In an encounter on a mountain road in Chester County, Ky., William Smallwood killed his uncle, Clelland Smallwood, and the younger man was himself mortally wounded by his uncle.

ENTIRE TOWN ORDERED SOLD.

Cass Lake Intruders Aimed Atin Final
Government Action.

Secretary Hitchcock has finally disposed of the Cass Lake, Minn., controversy. He announced that the Government would sell in parcels the north half of section 15, which comprises nearly the whole town of Cass Lake. The 500 or more intruders are located chiefly on this half section and on the northeastern part of section 16. They will have to move from section 16 as soon as possible. The decision of Secretary Hitchcock closes the controversy over the proposed ejection of the intruders from the Cass Lake Indian reservation lands. Senator Nelson, who subsequently left for Norway for the first time since he left the land of his birth, was present when the announcement was made, and expressed his satisfaction. This places the 320 acres of lands open to all for purchase. The half section will be advertised for sixty days, and probably fifteen days more will be allowed before the sale, when the intruders must take their chances in the purchase of the lands or remove from them.

TRIES SUICIDE IN DENVER JAIL.

Chicagoan from the Klondike Cuts
His Throat While Inmate.

With the sharp edge of a tin can T. J. Swansborough, formerly of Chicago, tried to cut his throat. He was at the time confined in the city jail at Denver, Colo., where he had been placed because of actions indicating insanity. He made several bad gashes in his throat, but was seen, overpowered and taken to a hospital. Swansborough arrived in Denver from Seattle, Wash. He gave the clerk at a hotel several hundred dollars and a watch, but got them back and insisted on giving them to a policeman in the street. The officer locked him up. During the night Swansborough raved continually about a murder he thought he had committed in Chicago. He recently returned from Alaska. The hardship of mining in the Klondike and the effects of the altitude of Colorado are believed to have unbalanced his mind. He was on his way to visit relatives.

FIRE CAUSES PANIC IN A HOTEL.

Sixty Girls Narrowly Escape Death in
Flames in New York.

Fire caused a panic in Smith & McNeill's hotel at New York. Hundreds of guests were in the restaurant when the alarm was given, and they stampeded to the street. When they found that the fire was confined to the roof they returned to their meals, but on the upper floors the police and firemen were busy saving sixty panic-stricken servant girls. The fire started in the laundry, where twenty girls were at work. Many of them attempted to jump to the pavement, five floors below. Seven had to be carried out through the smoke by the police and one cook was terribly burned. She was taken to the Hudson street hospital. The property loss is \$50,000.

AMERICAN FARMER FOR TURKEY.

D. A. Kent of Iowa Will Be the Sult-
an's Advising Agriculturist.

Prof. D. A. Kent, late of the Iowa State Agricultural College, has been selected as an instructor in farming to the Turkish Empire. The Sultan of Turkey needed a man who could make the soil of the Ottoman empire blossom with wheat and corn and fruits as well as with roses, and he had his representative at Washington look out for the proper person. All American farmers looked alike to members of the Turkish embassy, and they appealed to Secretary Wilson, who recommended Prof. Kent. And the Iowa city man has signified his willingness to accept the mission.

ESTIMATE ON GOLD YIELD.

Consul at Dawson Says the Klondike's
Year's Total Is \$10,000,000.

Information from the Klondike has reached the State Department at Washington from United States Consul McCook at Dawson. The consul says that \$10,000,000, instead of \$20,000,000, in gold will cover the product for the last twelve months. He adds that reports from Alaska indicate that more gold will be found there than ever will come out of the Klondike.

Quarrel Ends in Killing.

Matt Stanford shot and instantly killed Preston Carson near Washington College, Tenn. He then went to Carson's home and fired five shots into his house. The shots hit two of Carson's children. Stanford fled, but was caught and lodged in jail. The men had quarreled over a cornfield which Carson was working on shares for Stanford.

Fortune for "Joe" Womack.

"Joe" Womack, the discoverer of Graple Creek camp, which brought fortune to scores of people but failed to do anything for him, is not to be forgotten. A pioneers' society has been organized at Denver with the express purpose of arranging for the endowment of the old prospector with a little fortune of \$80,000.

Claim Against the Transvaal.

R. E. Brown, an American citizen, has filed a claim with the State Department for \$2,000,000 against the Transvaal Government. Brown was engaged in mining in the Transvaal and the title to his claim being questioned it was thrown into the courts.

Buy a Big Antimony Mine.

Charles L. Taylor and John M. Fulton of Reno, Nev., have bought from Samuel Hunt, Orin Bennett and S. D. Thacker the largest antimony mine in the United States, there being over 20,000,000 pounds of high-grade ore in sight. The mine is in Humboldt County, Nev.

Telegraph Messengers Go Back.

The strike of Western Union telegraph messengers at Pittsburgh is ended and the boys are all at work again. They claim the company has promised to concede their demands, but this is denied by the officials.

Frame of Steel Collapses.

By the collapse of the steel frame of a new building being erected for the Westinghouse Electric Company at East Pittsburgh, Pa., Charles Fister of Kingston, Md., was killed and five men injured.

Hall Takes Calamba.

An expedition comprised of troops from San Pedro Macati, Pasig and Morong, under Brig.-Gen. R. H. Hall captured Calamba, an important trading town on the south shore of Laguna de Bay.

San Domingo Ruler slain.

Gen. Ulises Heureaux, president of the Dominican republic, was assassinated at Moca, Santo Domingo. The murderer is Ramon Caceres. He made his escape.

PORTO RICO FORESTS.

ISLAND IS ALMOST DESTITUTE
OF TIMBER.

Not a Sufficient Quantity There for
Use as Fuel—Duty of the United
States in the Matter—Will Marry
Funston's Men.

The Agricultural Department at Washington will soon issue in bulletin form some notes recently made on the forests of Porto Rico by Robert T. Hill of the geographical survey. Hill says that comparatively little of the original forest of the island remains. He estimates the remnant at not to exceed ten square miles. The principal part thus left is on the summit of the practically insurmountable mountain peak of El Yunque, the highest point in the Sierra Luquillo mountains. The evidences of original forests are plentiful, and Mr. Hill suggests that one of the principal problems for the United States is to reforest the island. This, he thinks, will be comparatively easy. The soil and climate are well adapted to tree growth, and maturity will be speedily attained. For the present, however, there is not sufficient timber to supply the needs of the island even for fuel.

TWENTY PERSONS ARE HURT.

Pennsylvania Railroad Train Badly
Wrecked Near Allegheny.

Twenty people were injured in a wreck on the West Pennsylvania Railroad at Herr's Station, a few miles above Allegheny City, Pa. None of the injured is likely to die, but a number are quite badly hurt. The accident happened at one of the roundhouse switches at Herr's Station. As the Apollo accommodation train going east came into the yard a switch split, throwing the passenger train with terrific force against two side-track engines. The smoker and middle coach of the accommodation, which were crowded to the limit, were literally smashed to splinters. How the passengers escaped death is a miracle.

ANCHOR LINE CHANGES HANDS.

Company Formed to Acquire Interests
of Original Owners.

The ownership of the Anchor Line of steamships plying between Glasgow, New York and many other ports has changed hands. The long-established partnership of the well-known ship owners, Henderson Brothers of Glasgow, owners of the Anchor Line, has terminated, and a company has been formed to acquire the entire business of the firm. The company has been incorporated with a capital of \$575,000.

FUNSTON'S MEN OR NONE.

Marital Agreement by Clubs of Girls
in Southern Kansas.

The girls clubs of several southern Kansas towns have resolved never to marry a young man unless he served with the famous Twentieth Kansas. They say they are determined to keep their agreement and that sooner than marry a man who staid at home they will remain single all their lives. They intend to give the boys of the regiment a big reception when they return.

Want to Be Annexed.

The natives of the island of Kusale, in the Carolines, want to be annexed to the United States. The king, high chiefs and prominent men on the island to the number of seventy-two have forwarded a petition to that effect to the President. Germany having bought the islands, the petition is too late.

Ashtabula Strike Ended.

The ore handlers' strike on the M. A. Hanna dock at Ashtabula, Ohio, is settled, and the men have returned to work. The men gained every point they demanded. An arbitration committee of three persons was appointed, which will engage and discharge all employees and settle all differences.

Put Poison in Coffee.

At Carmi, Ill., Mrs. George Crabtree, 16 years old, confessed to having put poison in coffee with deliberate intent to murder her stepmother and father, Walter S. Warthen. The result of the act was that her brother was killed and her parents and a neighbor were made deathly sick.

Embezzler Commits Suicide.

Harry W. Fontaine embezzled money from Dreyfuss & Co. at Denver, and shortly after the discovery of his crime committed suicide by taking morphine. About fifteen years ago Fontaine lost \$15,000 at roulette and on the Chicago Board of Trade. His father had been a wealthy liquor dealer of Toledo.

Murder in Chinatown.

San Francisco's Chinatown has had another murder. The supposed wife of Lem Sang, a Chinese laundryman, was brutally murdered in a room occupied by the pair. The mutilated body was found by the police, when they broke in the door, hacked almost to pieces.

Taken for a St. Louis Murder.

Detectives arrested John Connors at the Dittenboffer shoe factory in Cincinnati and charged him with a sensational murder that occurred a year ago in St. Louis, Mo., when Charles A. Brant, a stenographer, was held up by three men and shot to death.

Ten Injured in Train Wreck.

Ten men were badly injured and a large number of others bruised and cut in a collision between a work train on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad and a shifting engine near Mingo Junction, O. Both engines were demolished. The accident was caused by a misplaced switch.

Good Wheat Crop in France.

Official reports show that the condition of winter wheat is very good in nine departments of France, good in 67, fair in eight, and bad in one department. Spring wheat is very good in four departments, good in 80 and fair in 13.

Frohmman Buys Daly's Theater.

Daly's Theater in New York—that is its eight years' lease and renewal, with all its furnishings, scenery, properties and costumes—has been purchased by Messrs. Klav & Erlanger for Charles Frohmman. The price was \$100,000.

Scores of Passengers Drowned.

A dispatch from Nijni-Novgorod reports that a cargo and a passenger steamer collided on the River Volga and that the passenger steamer sank, drowning 155 persons.

CLEARS UP MURDER MYSTERY.

Charles A. Brant Was Killed at St.
Louis by Robbers.

The mystery surrounding the murder of Charles A. Brant, who was shot and killed in St. Louis July 25, 1898, has been cleared up. John Connors, who was arrested in Cincinnati by a St. Louis detective, made a confession to the effect that he and two pals, Harry Morris and Edward Hellman, held up Brant for the purpose of robbery and shot him upon his making a desperate resistance. Morris and Hellman are now serving long terms in the Jefferson City penitentiary for burglary. These two men, it now turns out, had admitted their complicity in the crime to the St. Louis police officials and had implicated Connors. The capture of the latter and the confessions of the trio clears up a murder mystery that has baffled the police for a year. Contrary to the idea held by many at the time, the murder was prompted solely by a desire for booty and not by private hatred or a desire for revenge.

EXPRESS COMPANY WINS CASE.

Cannot Be Forced to Tell Its Business
to State Warehouse Commission.

Judge Otis of the District Court at St. Paul filed a decision in the case of the State railroad and warehouse commission against the United States Express Company. The object of the suit was to compel the express company to report the volume of its business to the commission in order to make the company pay a gross earnings tax and comply with the other laws of the State regulating common carriers, and particularly their rates. The court finds that the express company is not a corporation, but a partnership, of which any one owning shares becomes a member. The court holds that the company cannot be compelled to furnish information concerning its interstate business, over which the State commission has no surveillance or control.

JEALOUSY PROMPTS MURDER.

F. Thever Kills Miss Dorothy McKee
and Mortally Wounds Himself.

F. Thever, a cobbler, 50 years old, shot and killed Miss Dorothy McKee, aged 24 years, on the beach at Long Beach, Cal. Thever was jealous of the attentions of a young man named Baker to Miss McKee. Thever attempted to shoot Baker, but missed him. He then shot himself through the eye. He was mortally wounded.

Paraded in Men's Attire.

At Moorhead, Minn., a woman giving her name as Mamie Brown was found masquerading in man's clothes and was fined \$10 and ordered out of town. It has been learned that she is the eldest daughter of a highly respected Baptist minister who lives in a southern Minnesota town.

Not to Pardon Mrs. Maybrick.

In the English House of Commons, Sir Matthew White Ridley, the home secretary, said that he was unable to hold out hope of exceptional treatment of Mrs. Maybrick, and added that he was not aware of the existence of any reason for royal clemency.

Aeronaut Is Killed.

W. A. Thayer, the balloonist from Collins, Mich., was killed in sight of many persons at Streator, Ill. He fell from the parachute when the balloon was up 200 feet, landing on his back on the railroad track. His back, neck, both legs and both arms were broken.

Reformatory Ship Burned.

The Roman Catholic reformatory ship Clarence was destroyed by fire at Liverpool. The boys on board worked with the utmost discipline until they were forced to leave the ship with the officers. No lives were lost.

Well-Known Spiritualist Dead.

The death is announced, at the Manhattan State hospital for the insane in New York of Lottie Fowler, who, twenty-five years ago, was a well-known spiritualistic medium.

Two Perish in Flames.

The home of D. H. Knapp, at Black Mountain, thirteen miles east of Asheville, N. C., was burned. E. Fogote, an architect, and an Englishman, whose name is unknown, perished in the flames.

Kills Three and Feels.

At Denmark, Ind., Charles Wolfangel chopped his wife and two daughters to death, then cut his own throat and died on the floor by his wife's bedside. He is thought to have been insane.

Killed by Lightning.

At Napoleon, Ohio, Daniel Howe, aged 19, was instantly killed by lightning.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$4.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 70c to 71c; corn, No. 2, 31c to 33c; oats, No. 2, 23c to 24c; rye, No. 2, 52c to 54c; butter, choice creamery, 16c to 18c; eggs, fresh, 11c to 13c; potatoes, choice, 25c to 30c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, choice light, \$2.75 to \$4.75; sheep, common to prime, \$3.25 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 67c to 69c; corn, No. 2 white, 33c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 28c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$6.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 70c to 72c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 31c to 33c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 53c to 55c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 68c to 70c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 57c to 59c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 34c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 29c; rye, 53c to 55c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 71c to 72c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 33c to 35c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 23c to 24c; rye, No. 2, 52c to 53c; clover seed, new, \$3.90 to \$4.00.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 70c to 72c; corn, No. 3, 32c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 27c; rye, No. 1, 52c to 53c; barley, No. 2, 39c to 41c; pork, mess, \$8.50 to \$9.00.

Railroad—Cattle, good shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, common to choice, \$3.25 to \$5.00; sheep, fair to choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$5.25; lambs, common to extra, \$4.50 to \$6.50.

New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$6.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 76c to 78c; corn, No. 2, 37c to 39c; oats, No. 2, 27c to 29c; butter, creamery, 15c to 18c; eggs, Western, 12c to 16c.

PEACE MEET IS OVER.

WHAT WAS DONE AT THE HAGUE
CONFERENCE.

The Foundation of an Arbitration
Plan the Only Important Achieve-
ment—No Specific Proposition Look-
ing to Disarmament Adopted.

The Czar's international peace conference at The Hague has concluded its work. A fair estimate of what has been accomplished cannot be made until the propositions agreed to have been published in full. But no proposition looking to the disarmament of nations was adopted. The signatory powers agreed to use all their efforts to insure a peaceful solution in international differences, but it was provided that the good offices or mediation of a third power shall exclusively have the bearing of good counsel without compulsory force. Offers of mediation in any given case shall not cause the suspension of war preparations or the interruption of war. Special forms of mediation are recommended, but only recommended. Differences which may be made the object of local injury, and which do not involve the honor or vital interests of the powers concerned, are to be submitted to international committees of inquiry, but the reports of these committees are not to have the character of an arbitration award, but are to leave the powers concerned at liberty to act as they feel best.

Arbitration is acknowledged to be the most efficient and most equitable mode of settling differences, and the signatory powers agree to organize a permanent court of arbitration accessible at all times. It is optional with any power whether it shall take any particular case before the arbitration court or not. Article 27 declares: "The signatory powers consider it their duty, whenever an acute conflict threatening to peace occurs between any of them, to recall to the latter that the arbitration court is open to them." The American delegates took exception to this article, and insisted that the language be so modified that the United States may in no case be obliged to interfere in European affairs, or Europe in American disputes. Declarations were adopted prohibiting the use of asphyxiating projectiles or expanding bullets, which Great Britain and the United States declined to accept.

Nothing has been accomplished as to disarmament, and little more than a declaration favorable to the principle of arbitration has been accepted by all the powers. The questions that relate to a nation's honor have not been legislated upon, and nearly all questions that precipitate war do relate to a nation's honor. Even if a court of arbitration is established on the plan marked out, no nation is bound to accept the plan. Certainly in the United States the scheme will have to be approved by the Senate. The proposal to declare the inviolability of private property during war on land and sea, and the proposal regulating the question of the bombardment of ports, towns and villages by naval forces, were referred to future conferences.

The United States has especial cause for gratification and pride at the outcome of the proceedings at The Hague. Arbitration is a policy that this nation more than any other has been instrumental in inducing the world to adopt. In its principles and main provisions, though not in details, the plan agreed upon at The Hague is in accord with the propositions submitted by the Americans, which called for a permanent tribunal, with voluntary arbitration, the award to be morally binding upon both parties after they have joined in an application for arbitration. In the dominating force of its ideas the United States has won recognition as a world power in the best sense of that term.

NEW LIGHT ON A TRAGEDY.

Woman Supposed to Have Killed Her-
self Evidently Was Murdered.

Near Libertyville, Ill., the body of Mrs. Bertha Krueger, who was supposed to have killed her mother on July 16 and then committed suicide, was the other day exhumed and a bullet wound found at the base of the brain, showing that she was murdered and did not commit suicide. Her husband was arrested on the charge of murder and taken to the county jail at Waukegan to await the action of the grand jury.

On July 16 Krueger, bleeding from wounds, told his neighbors his wife had shot and killed her mother, Mrs. Voss, and then shot him.

At the coroner's inquest he swore his wife had met him at the door and shot him in the arm as he was about to enter the house. Undertakers discovered the second bullet hole in the back of the head, and it was at Coroner Knight's and State's Attorney Heydecker's orders the body was exhumed. It is claimed that Krueger and his wife had quarreled regarding family matters and the ownership of certain property.

LAKE OF BOILING FIRE.

Volcano of Mauna Loa Presents a
Spectacle of Grandeur.

The main crater in the volcano of Mauna Loa, Hawaii, has ceased to belch forth anything but smoke, but the new crater, two miles down the mountain side, continues to feed the great lake of liquid fire which is steadily flowing toward the town of Hilo, which will undoubtedly be destroyed.

The scene is one of such grandeur that words fail to describe it. During tourists tell of great stones of white heat heaved hundreds of feet into the air, only to fall back with a terrible hissing roar into the lake from which they were vomited. Besides the large lake, there are about ten smaller fountains of fire and lava, which form another flow going toward Wimea, from the same crater.

Dorsey Claggett, a well-known Democrat, who held offices under both of the Cleveland administrations, died in Washington, of kidney disease.



Mr. G. D. Ferris of Mexico, Mo., is
a prominent business man who holds the
interests of his town above everything
else. He is not only
the owner of the
Mexico Opera House
and other valuable
property, but is an
athlete who goes in
his shirt sleeves in
the depth of winter.
A street fair is to be
held in Mexico and
the committee in

charge wished to secure some special at-
traction to draw the crowds. They went
to see Mr. Ferris and he came forward
with a proposal which has at least the
charm of absolute novelty. If the com-
mittee will raise \$50 to be given to the
brass band of Mexico Mr. Ferris agrees
to build on top of the court house dome
a scaffold sixteen feet high. On top of
this scaffold Mr. Ferris agrees to stand
on his head between the hours of 2 and
3 o'clock each afternoon during the fair.

W. L. Dunlap, the newly elected com-
mander, Indiana department, G. A. R.,
is 59 years old. He was born in Franklin,
Ind., and entered the
Seventh regiment—
the first one to leave
the State, the one to
lead the first charge
in the four years'
war, the first one to
have a soldier killed.
He participated in
the forty-one battles
in which the regiment
took part. He
was near John
Smith of Shelbyville
when he was killed. He was the first man
killed in the Union ranks in recognized
warfare, though four Massachusetts men
had been killed in the Baltimore riots. He
was with the Seventh when it led the
charge against the stone wall at Winchester—<