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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The position of commissioner of pensions will be tendered to Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, according to information from Canton to a member of congress.

WASHINGTON gossip on the 3d said that ex-Congressman Bellamy Storer, of Cincinnati, would be appointed first assistant secretary of state under the McKinley administration.

The bureau of labor at Washington has sent out blanks to state officers to ascertain the extent to which municipal ownership of gas, electric light, water works and other enterprises have been carried in this country and the information will be tabulated and embodied in a special report to congress.

GEN. ROY STONE, of the board of inquiry of good roads of the agricultural department, was named as permanent president of the National Good Roads congress at Orlando, Fla.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has approved the act relative to mortgages in the Indian territory.

A WASHINGTON dispatch on the 4th said the understanding among senators was that the general arbitration treaty would not come to a vote at this session of congress. No one doubts that it will be debated, but the opposition makes no secret of its intention to consume so much time in discussion that a vote cannot be reached.

SECRETARY CORN, of the state board of agriculture of Kansas, a Washington dispatch of the 4th said, is to be assistant secretary of agriculture. The place will be formally tendered him very soon.

JUDGE R. W. LAMOREAUX, of Wisconsin, commissioner of the general land office, stated that he will, on March 4, send in his resignation to President McKinley. He has already sent his family all his personal effects to his home in Wisconsin, and he expects to follow them about March 10.

SECRETARY OLNEY has received from President Eliot, of Harvard university, an invitation to fill the chair of international law at the institution after the expiration of his term of office in the state department and the secretary has taken the offer under consideration.

A SPECIAL from Washington on the 7th stated that Maj. McKinley has found it necessary to reconstruct his cabinet, owing to the exigencies of Ohio politics and other reasons. John Sherman and Gen. Alger will, under the new arrangement, not be in the cabinet. Hanna is to be assigned to the post office department. The state portfolio will probably go to a New York man.

CONSUL-GENERAL LEE telegraphed the state department at Washington from Havana on the 6th that Sylvester Seovel, the New York World's correspondent in Cuba, had been arrested by the Spanish authorities.

MRS. CLEVELAND, assisted by the wife of Vice President Stevenson and the wives of the members of the cabinet, gave a farewell reception at the white house on the 6th.

The president has signed, on the recommendation of Secretary Francis, an order reducing the number of pension agencies from 18 to nine. The agency at Topeka, Kan., will be discontinued and Missouri and Kansas pensioners will be paid from St. Louis. The order goes into effect on September 1.

GENERAL NEWS.

MRS. WHITING FELLOWS, of Leando, Ia., was recently arrested for sending canceled stamps through the mails.

JUSTICE RICHARDSON at Chicago on the 5th held Wong Chin Foo, editor of the Chinese Daily News, and president of the League of Americanized Chinamen, to the criminal court on the charge of being the keeper of a gambling house.

DAN STUART, the promoter of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, left Denison, Tex., for Nevada on the 5th to arrange for the battle, which he said would either take place at Reno or Carson City. He will erect an amphitheater to seat 25,000 people.

CONSTANTINE STEVENSON, a farmer near Jacksonville, Fla., was shot and killed while in his field by hidden assassins, making the ninth victim in the Tillet-Whidden feud. Stevenson was recently tried for killing a member of the Whidden faction, but was acquitted. The Whidden sympathizers believed him guilty, however, and swore vengeance.

As John Shinaman, of Greenhead, Ok., was going home from town after dark he heard coal oil dropping out of a can in his wagon and lit a match to investigate. The oil in the straw ignited, burning the wagon, killing the team and fatally burning Shinaman.

Two freight trains collided on the Illinois Central railroad, near Tolono, Ill., during a dense fog on the 6th. Both engines, five car loads of merchandise and three box cars were demolished. In one car were 30 head of horses and they were all killed. The trainmen jumped in time to save themselves.

Two sections of a freight train collided on the B. & O., near Davisville, W. Va., and Engineer Richardson was killed, Fireman Hugh Hill fatally injured and two brakemen badly hurt.

TEMPLE HOUSTON, of Woodward, Ok., son of Col. Sam Houston, has been invited by the state of Tennessee to deliver the centennial address at the opening of the exposition at Nashville on May 1.

At the world's skating championship races at Montreal, Can., on the 6th the result showed that J. Nilssen, of Minneapolis, Minn., is the professional champion skater of the world and J. K. McCulloch, of Winnipeg, Man., is the amateur champion.

The 100-mile bicycle race at Cleveland, O., between Louis Gimm and Teddy Hale was won by Gimm by about 15 feet, the time being 5 hours and 15 seconds.

GOV. BRADLEY recently ordered out 50 members of the state militia to prevent the lynching of a negro prisoner named Black at Lebanon, Ky.

W. A. LICHTENWALTER, a wealthy farmer near Mason City, Ia., committed suicide by hanging. He was a stockholder in the City bank of Nora Springs, which recently failed and hearing that he would be financially ruined he preferred to meet death in this way.

A RELIEF committee which has just inspected some parishes near Shreveport, La., reported that 30,000 people were starving to death and would have to be sustained during the unfruitful season. The state has already expended \$65,000 for provisions for the sufferers.

The Northwestern national bank of Great Falls, Mont., on the 5th posted a notice announcing its suspension. The board of directors and officers charge that the trouble is due to a defalcation on the part of the cashier, Benton D. Hatcher, of \$180,000.

A REPORT was received at Vienna on the 5th of the massacre of 1,500 Christians in the villages of the islands of Crete by Turkish troops.

The number of failures in the United States for the week ended the 5th were 305, according to Bradstreet's report, as compared with 326 the previous week and 338 in the corresponding week of last year.

TRIK Connecticut legislature voted down a resolution calling upon congress to recognize the independence of the Cuban republic.

An unconfirmed report reached Guthrie, Ok., on the 4th that the Sac and Fox Indian agency had been raided by outlaws, resulting in the killing of three men and the wounding of an agent, Gen. Thomas. The telephone wires were cut. A payment of \$26,000 was in progress at the agency.

CHARGES have been preferred against Agent Pearson, who has charge of the Pottawatomie Indians in Kansas. It is said that he has been remarkably derelict and that the law has been frequently violated on the reservation under his charge.

The Oklahoma house passed the marriage contract bill. It prohibits the intermarriage of whites and negroes or Indians, and especially prohibits that no man shall marry his own mother-in-law.

REV. DR. JOHN A. BROOKS, a well-known divine of the Christian church and prohibitionist candidate for the vice presidency in 1888, died at Memphis, Tenn., on the 3d of heart failure superinduced by paralysis.

The British steamer Jason, which arrived at New York from Jamaica, picked up the crew of ten men of the sinking schooner Mary Sprague near Crooked Island passage and brought them to New York.

WHILE exercising on the rings in the gymnasium of the Twelfth regiment army at New York Robert Marmont fell to the floor and was killed instantly. The distance was only six feet, but his neck was broken.

The recent wreck of the Great Northern passenger train near Wenatchee, Wash., came near being one of the most disastrous of railroad casualties. A tourist car containing 32 persons, including 11 babes, caught fire. The car was hurled into an embankment of snow. It was only after the greatest exertions that the inmates liberated themselves by breaking the windows.

JOSEPH L. RAWLINS was elected at Salt Lake City on the 3d on the 53d ballot as United States Senator for Utah.

The First national bank, of Griswold, Ia., has failed. Assets, \$147,000; liabilities, \$89,000.

THREE raftsmen, John Adkins, Samuel Weddington and Jonas Blevins, were drowned in Pike county, Ky., by the breaking of a log boom in the ice river. The dangerous condition of the river prevented any attempt at recovering the bodies.

A FIRE gutted the Arnold block at Amsterdam, N. Y., on the 3d. Loss, \$75,000; fully insured.

The schooner Biscayne was wrecked off the Florida coast by the explosion of a gas engine and the captain, mate and a sailor were drowned in the surf.

A YOUNG Indian named John Tyler was killed at a dance near Eufaula, I. T. A man named Noah, who was drunk, shot him while he was acting as a peacemaker. Noah has been arrested.

In a fit of desperation, after a quarrel with her husband, the wife of Robert Cort, a rancher near Big Timber, Mont., picked up her three small children and rushed to the Yellowstone river and threw them in and then jumped in herself. They were all drowned.

A HEAD-END collision occurred between two freight trains on the Louisville & Nashville railroad near Montgomery, Ala., on the 7th through a mistake of the telegraph operator and the engineer and brakeman were killed and the fireman fatally hurt. The operator has disappeared.

A LARGE portion of the business section of Shellock, Ia., including the post office, has been destroyed by fire. Loss, estimated at \$35,000.

At the balloting of the L. A. W. at Boston on the 6th it was decided that the national meet shall be held at Philadelphia, 233 votes being cast for that city, 34 for Columbus, O., and 10 for Nashville, Tenn.

In the ladies' six-day bicycle race at Columbus, O., which closed on the night of the 6th Anderson finished first, Glaw second, Farnsworth third and Allen fourth. Miss Anderson in 12 hours covered 236 miles and 12 laps.

A PASSENGER train ran into a tree which had rolled on the track at Woodhouse, Pa., and the engine was thrown across the track and the rest of the train rolled down an embankment into a creek. The fireman was fatally crushed and several others were badly injured.

An ice gorge 15 feet high and 20 miles long gave way at Louisville, Ky., on the 7th. Several New Orleans and Memphis packets were caught in the ice and heavy loss by damage was feared.

The ship yards of the Fairfield Shipbuilding Co. at Govan, near Glasgow, were destroyed by fire. The damage done is estimated at \$250,000. Four thousand persons were thrown out of employment.

T. J. LEVAN, of Dubuque, Ia., has discovered a lead-bearing crevasse in the cellar of his house. It is a six-inch vein and promises a big yield of mineral.

NICHOLAS SHAEFER, of Burlington, N. J., shot his wife and then turned the weapon on himself in the street on the 5th. Mrs. Shaffer it was thought would recover, while the husband's wounds will prove fatal.

ANDERSON PARKER, a farmer of Rockcastle county, Ky., in a drunken rage fractured his wife's skull with a club, shot his son through the wrist and inflicted a scalp wound and killed his father with a revolver. The rest of the family escaped during the fight.

WALLACE HARRISON and Charles Linquist skated into air holes on Lake Michigan at Chicago on the 4th and were drowned. Assistant Corporation Counsel Burling made a desperate effort to save Harrison and came near being drowned himself.

EXPERT accountants have found a shortage of nearly \$15,000 in the accounts of Cashier C. E. Breder, of the First National bank of Bethlehem, Pa. Breder has absconded. He had been cashier for 30 years.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

A FREIGHT train on the Santa Fe road was crossing a bridge near Wylie, Tex., when the structure gave way and the entire train, with the exception of the caboose, went into the stream. One man, said to be a tramp, was killed.

A NEW YORK special from Indianapolis on the 8th said that the appointment as minister to Mexico had been given to Powell Clayton, of Arkansas.

The shops of the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis railway in Princeton, Ind., were destroyed by fire on the 8th. Loss, \$75,000 to \$100,000.

WHILE Constable Lawver was at Joseph White's farm in Allegan county, Mich., making an investigation of cruelty to animals, White became indignant and made an attack upon Lawver with a saw, when Lawver drew a revolver and shot White dead. Lawver was seriously wounded.

At the dance given at the wedding of Henry Wood and Carrie Peebles, near Jacksonville, Fla., Albert Thurman, a rejected suitor, insisted on dancing with the bride and he waltzed in such a manner as to excite the jealousy of the groom, who shot Thurman down as he waltzed past him.

CHARLES LEWIS came into Pierre, S. D., the other day with the bodies of his wife and one child, who were killed by the falling of the dirt roof of their log house. Lewis, two children and two hired men were in the house at the time and managed to crawl out.

The cowboys at Shelby Junction, Mont., terrorized the members of the Columbia Opera company which arrived there on the 7th. For three hours the cowboys fought with the men, insulted the women and fired off their revolvers.

The senate was in executive session most of the time on the 8th considering the Anglo-American arbitration treaty. The bill rearranging the judicial districts of Texas was passed over the president's veto. The house considered the District of Columbia bill and passed several minor bills.

The secretary of agriculture has issued a circular to railroad managers and stockmen notifying them that Texas fever exists in cattle in certain places and calling their attention to certain rules governing the movements of cattle from those places.

It was reported from Washington that Speaker Reed and Chairman Dingley, of the ways and means committee, had reached an agreement to permit no legislation at the extra session except the tariff bill.

OVER THE VETO.

The Senate Passes the Texas Judicial District Bill.

THE INDIAN TERRITORY MEASURE.

It Will Be Submitted as an Amendment to the Indian Appropriation Bill—Pacific Debt Commission—The Anti-Scalping Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The senate was in executive session most of the day, considering the Anglo-American peace treaty, so that little time was given in open session to the transaction of legislative work. Early in the day the bill rearranging the judicial district of Texas was passed over the president's veto by the unusual heavy majority of 57 to 1, the negative vote being that of Mr. Caffery, of Louisiana. Mr. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, sought to have the bill relative to amending the timber culture laws recalled from the president to correct an error. Mr. Hill, of New York, interposed the legal point that it was beyond the power of congress to take a bill out of the hands of the president to amend it on matters of substance. It might overcome the veto power by withdrawing a bill from the president when it was liable to be vetoed. The resolution went over.

The house devoted the whole day to District of Columbia business and eight bills of more or less local importance were passed. The conference report on the immigration bill was presented and notice given that it would be called up to-day. Mr. Bartholdt, of Missouri, who fought the first report, has signed the present report and it will be adopted, it is believed, practically without opposition. Mr. Gillett, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill making it a misdemeanor to conduct pool selling, lotteries, etc., by means of telegraph, telephone, and other means of transmitting messages. It is made unlawful to seek to have such a message sent, and also for a corporation or individual to transmit it.

THE INDIAN PROBLEM.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The senate sub-committee on Indian affairs decided yesterday to report favorably the bill to amend existing conditions in the Indian territory. The measure that will be reported reorganizes entirely the government of the territory. It provides that the five civilized tribes shall consent to take lands in severalty, and that the United States courts shall replace Indian tribunals. The bill provides also for five United States judges for the territory, and sets forth that their jurisdiction shall be complete. The sub-committee will present the bill as an amendment to the Indian appropriation bill. In this way it is bound to become a law at this session provided the Indian appropriation bill passes.

PACIFIC ROADS DEBT COMMISSION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The house committee on Pacific railroads, after an acrimonious session in which Mr. Hubbard, of Missouri, was criticised severely, yesterday decided to report favorably to the house the bill introduced by Representative Harrison, of Alabama, for a commission to settle the indebtedness of the Pacific roads to the government. The commission is to consist of the secretaries of the treasury and interior and the attorney-general. The amendment suggested by Attorney-General Harmon, that the commission should not interfere with pending negotiations, was adopted. There was no opposition to the plan.

ANTI-SCALPING BILL MAY GO OVER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The senate committee on interstate commerce yesterday considered the bill to prevent ticket brokerage. Without coming to a decision, the committee adjourned until Wednesday, although the opinion was expressed that it would be useless to report the bill this session because of the opposition, which would prevent the passage of any bill at this session.

MOUNTAINEERS THREATEN.

Importation of Italians to Work on a Railroad in Arkansas Not Agreeable.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 9.—The mountaineers in Polk county are not satisfied with the substitution of Italian for colored laborers by the contractors on the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railway, and, according to reports received here, they are preparing to drive the Italians out. The contractors formerly employed negroes on the grade work between Horatio and Mena, but the native mountaineers declared that no negroes should live in the county. They banded themselves together and ran the negroes out as fast as the contractors would bring them in.

TAKING TO THE HILLS.

Old Settlers Along the Upper Missouri Preparing for a Flood.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Feb. 9.—G. W. Arnell, an old-timer who resides on an extensive stretch of bottom land a short distance north of here on the Missouri river, fully believes that the "Big Muddy" will be on the rampage in the spring, and that the flood at that time will rival the memorable and disastrous flood in the spring of 1881. Reports from other points along the river are to the effect that settlers on the bottom lands are quite generally preparing for floods in the spring, and will remove temporarily to the hills.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

The creamery at Newton is shipping thousands of pounds of butter to Manchester, Eng.

Fred Funston, a son of ex-Congressman Funston, of Iola, is now a major in the Cuban army.

Hutchinson wants to vote \$35,000 to induce the Hutchinson & Southern to erect a fine depot and terminal facilities there.

Congressman-at-Large-elect J. D. Botkin has selected J. C. Bradshaw, a newspaper man of Winfield, to be his private secretary.

Gov. Leedy has appointed ex-Senator Wheeler, of Concordia, and P. H. Dolan, of Salina, as members of the state board of charities.

Mike Sutton, of Dodge City, is being urged by his friends to enter the race for United States Marshal against L. S. Crum, of Oswego.

BURGLARS worked two hours to get into the safe in a store at Florence. After drilling the hole they found the safe was not locked—and it was empty.

Parsons was suffering with an epidemic of burglaries. A tailoring establishment and hardware store were each entered one night and over \$500 in goods carried away.

The Ottawa university has received a valuable collection of idols and curiosities as a present from Miss Brown, a former graduate, who recently returned from missionary work in Japan.

Mrs. Samuel W. Greer, mother of Ed P. and Frank H. Greer, well-known newspaper men, died at Winfield recently. Her husband was the first territorial superintendent of schools in Kansas.

The Central Christian church society at Kansas City, Kan., is in the throes of an internal war because the pastor refused to let several young people of the church give a burlesque circus show under the church's name.

A bill has been presented in the legislature to reduce the age of consent from 18 to 14 years, and providing that previous bad character should also be taken as a basis for acquittal. A great many legislators think the present law is unnecessarily strict.

The total public indebtedness of Kansas is \$34,522,039. The assessed valuation of all property in the state is \$321,216,938, and as Kansas property is assessed at only about one-third of its value, the per cent. of public indebtedness is only about 3.57 per cent.

At present Senator Plumb is the only Kansas representative in bronze at the state house. Senator Harris has introduced a resolution in the senate to appropriate \$1,000 for a bronze bust of ex-Gov. Charles Robinson, to be placed in the state university building at Lawrence.

Jack Freeman, a prominent saloon-keeper and politician of Fort Scott, under arrest for receiving stolen goods, confessed that since last August his saloon had been headquarters for two professional burglars who had been operating in Kansas and Missouri on a large scale.

The ballot law which is likely to pass the legislature, provides that a petition for a ticket on the official ballot must have at least 2,500 legal signatures. At present only 500 signatures are required. This change will have the effect of keeping small bodies of reformers out of Kansas politics.

At Kansas City, Kan., Charles O. Gerard sued his wife for divorce, the principal allegation being that Mrs. Gerard was a believer in Christian science; that she would never permit a physician to visit his three children, and he accuses her of thus causing the death of two of the children.

The proposition by the Kansas legislature to build a memorial chemistry building at the state university in honor of ex-Gov. Charles Robinson has set John Speer and other Kansas writers to disputing over the quarrel which existed so long and bitterly between Robinson and John Brown and Jim Lane.

At the meeting of the live stock breeders of the state at Topeka recently a movement was set on foot to organize a state fair association. Committees were appointed to thoroughly canvass the matter. It is proposed to have a new name and a new charter, and ask the legislature for an appropriation of \$10,000 to start with.

The confession of Ethel Frezelle, who was arrested at Fort Scott charged with perjury in the trial of Mamie Price, reveals the fact that the Price woman's house was the rendezvous from which a half dozen daring robberies were planned and executed. She says the gang also murdered a stranger there last September and robbed him of \$40. Two men, with the Price women, were recently sent to state's prison for robbery. Another man implicated in these crimes is in jail at Joplin, Mo.

A great many people in western Kansas are urging congress to recompense those who have tried to reclaim the semi-arid regions out there. They also ask Uncle Sam in his bounty to construct reservoirs in every township to catch and store up the annual rainfall, to build dams across various streams and to devise means to utilize that vast subsurface current known as the underflow. They also want the government to introduce and distribute new plants, grains, tubers, fruits and trees from the arid lands of other nations that would be suitable and valuable for cultivation in western Kansas.

ST. LOUIS GETS IT.

United States Pension Agency Will Be Taken from Topeka.

President Cleveland Has Approved the Order Upon Secretary Francis' Recommendation—Reasons for the Change—Pension Statistics.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The president has signed, on the recommendation of Secretary of the Interior Francis, an important order reducing the number of pension agencies in the United States from 18 to nine. The object of the order is to effect a very large saving to the government without inconveniencing the pensioners. The secretary demonstrates that, by the reduction of the pension agencies, the cost of disbursement of pensions can be reduced by at least \$150,000 per annum.

This executive order will go into effect September 1 next, its execution having been postponed until that date in order that no pensioner should suffer inconvenience in consequence of delay in receiving his pension and to give ample time for the removal of the rolls and records from the agencies discontinued. The consolidation was made by uniting existing agencies and the entire jurisdiction thereof in order that no expense should be incurred by the making of new rolls. The agencies at Concord, N. H., and Augusta, Me., are discontinued, and payments hitherto made there are ordered made from the agency at Boston, Mass.; the pensioners heretofore paid at Buffalo, N. Y., are to be paid from New York city agency; those at Pittsburgh from the Philadelphia agency; those at Louisville and Knoxville from Washington; those at Detroit from Indianapolis; those at Milwaukee from Chicago; those at Des Moines and Topeka from St. Louis, where a new agency is established.

A new agency is established at St. Louis because of the better mail facilities than at Des Moines or Topeka, and for the further reasons that there is a government building at St. Louis which can be occupied without cost to the government; and there is also a sub-treasury there. A pension agency was removed from St. Louis to Topeka in 1882. There are more pensioners now in Missouri than in Kansas or in any state formerly paid by the Topeka or the Des Moines agency. There are in Missouri 55,813 pensioners; in Kansas, 42,433; in Iowa, 37,798. The total cost for pensions and the disbursement thereof for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1896, was \$142,206,550, made up as follows: Payments to pensioners, \$138,215,176; fees to examining surgeons, \$672,587; maintaining pension bureau at Washington, \$2,753,760; cost of maintaining pension agencies, \$565,027. It is on this last item that the new order is intended to save between \$150,000 and \$160,000 per annum.

MCKINLEY'S CABINET.

The President-Elect Finds It Necessary to Make Some Changes.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—A special from Washington says: It is stated upon absolutely trustworthy authority that Maj. McKinley finds it necessary to reconstruct his cabinet and that the work will begin immediately. Under the revised arrangements John Sherman will not be secretary of state nor will Gen. Alger be named for secretary of war. The state portfolio will be given to a New York man, and Gov. Hastings will probably be selected for the head of the war department. Mark Hanna will be the Ohio member of the cabinet, and will be assigned to the position of postmaster-general. These changes are made necessary by the exigencies of Ohio politics and to prevent the organization of an anti-administration combine in the senate. New York's representative in the cabinet will be named by Platt, and the selection of Gov. Hastings will be a substantial recognition of Quay. John Sherman will, of course, remain in the senate.

CRUSADE AGAINST POVERTY.

The Salvation Army, Under the Personal Supervision of Gen. Booth, to Establish Social Settlements.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Chicago is to be made the center of a vast system of social settlements, similar to that in operation in England, organized and made famous by Gen. Booth, of the Salvation Army. Its boundaries are to be the limits of the United States and its object the solution of the national pauper problem. Arrangements have been made whereby Gen. Booth is to come to Chicago and personally direct the inauguration of the movement. He will apply the practical knowledge of such work gleaned in the principal cities of the world to the establishment of a system of city colonies, where at least temporary work will be offered every idle man in the city; will place spacious tenement houses under the supervision of the army, and later will extend the movement to form colonies within a radius of several hundred miles from the city. Eventually the movement will include the whole country, and will be operated from Chicago.

Mrs. Cleveland's Stepfather Gets Land.

New York, Feb. 8.—A special from Washington says: Secretary Francis has ordered Land Commissioner Lamoreaux to issue a patent to the Perrine heirs, of whom Dr. Perrine, Mrs. Cleveland's stepfather, is one, for 23,000 acres of valuable lands in southern Florida. The title to these lands has been gravely questioned.

HIS BATTERED HEART



Dear lady fair, 'tis but my heart I send to you this morn.
All battered, shattered, dented and rent and sadly torn:
You've played with it for many a day; most cruel sweetheart mine, And now I send it back to you to be your valentine.
Others may bring red roses and sing of Cupid's darts, Of mating doves and dimpled loves or prate of bleeding hearts;
But I, I only send you this—'tis of myself a part:
What will you do with it, fair maid, this living, human heart?
Will wear it as the roses above your own dear heart?
'Twill glow and blossom if you will—your smile shall cure its smart.
You've tossed it back to me so oft, and yet 'twas half in play,
Altho' keep it now, for Cupid's self brings it to you to-day!
He's sworn to be my messenger, to lay it at thy feet.
To use his gentle offices to gain it shelter sweet.
And should he fall—then keep it still; I would not even grieve
If I would not even grieve if I would not even grieve
Tho' it were silver-plated, dear, and worn upon thy sleeve.
—May Eldred Armstrong, in Chicago Post.

A POWERFUL ST. VALENTINE STORY

THE vicar of Whinfield was not popular with his parishioners. He was one of those

men who, without meaning to be disagreeable, nevertheless make themselves disliked wherever they go. The real reason was that he was utterly devoid of tact. He seldom failed to say the wrong thing, especially when it was essential that he should say the right. If there was a chance of putting his foot into it, into it (as sure as eggs) his foot went. If he was obliged, in the exercise of his duties, to make an unpleasant remark, he was absolutely certain to say it in the most unpleasant way. These unfortunate proclivities were always displaying themselves.

There was another little point about him which increased his unpopularity—especially among the tradesmen of the place. He was "near" in the matter of money. He seemed to have a constitutional aversion to parting with it. Even when an account was due he invariably dallied in the discharging of the same; and though he always paid up in the end, he often kept shopmen waiting longer than they cared about. It was really a fad of his—a mere idiosyncrasy, and did not arise from any conscious churlishness. But the shopkeepers of Whinfield regarded it as a matter of business, and though they supplied the vicar, because it was worth their while, they nevertheless disliked him with all their commercial souls.

Whinfield was a small place of 1,500 inhabitants, something between a tiny town and an overgrown village. It had quite a fair number of shops—butter, baker, fishmonger, grocer, hennedraiser, ironmonger, wine merchant and tobacconist. It was served by a doctor, eke by an auctioneer. But there was one important thing not to be had there—namely, law. No solicitor had yet found it worth his while to settle in so small a place.

But about the middle of October a year or two since a solicitor did, at length, make his appearance, and set up in Whinfield. His name was Perks. He was a shrewd, dapper, little man, of prepossessing exterior and insinuating ways, who soon made to himself friends in the village. Although his manner was bland and courteous, it was pretty obvious that he was not quite a gentleman. But as very few persons in Whinfield—except the squire and the vicar—had any pretensions to that distinction, the solicitor's lack of the pure "haut ton" was no barrier to his getting on. Perhaps, indeed, it rather helped him; since it was to the tradesmen and farmers that he would chiefly have to look for business; and they preferred a man with whom they could associate on a footing of equality.

This is just what Perks did. He constantly went to the tradesmen's houses. He dined and supped with them. He did the civil to their wives and daughters. He often dropped in casually in the afternoon for a cup of tea, or in the evening for a pipe and a glass of grog. This naturally made him popular in their circle.

best of times, and to his dearest friends, the vicar's manner was scarcely agreeable. Where he felt dislike it was positively forbidding. Perks put up with several snubs from him, "pour le bon motif." But at length, seeing the uselessness of such a course, he abandoned further attempts to win the vicar's friendship, and openly declared himself on the side of the reverend gentleman's enemies.

There was scarcely a tradesman in Whinfield who was not to be numbered in this category. From Grocer Hobbs downwards every one of them had his grievance against the vicar. "Treats me like a dog, he does," said one. "Never calls to see me when I'm ill," said another. "Is always grumbling at my meat," said a third—the local butcher. And so forth. While in one common grievance against him all concurred—namely, his tiresome habit (already mentioned) of keeping them waiting for their little accounts.

"'Tisn't as if he was hard up," was the unanimous complaint. "He has plenty of money. He simply does it to make himself disagreeable." Of course, Perks heard these grumbles in his almost daily intercourse with the tradesmen of Whinfield. The solicitor—in spite of his bland exterior and insinuating ways—was not the man to forget a slight or to pardon a snub. He meant to give the vicar a Roland for his Oliver when he saw the chance, and it occurred to him, after some reflection, that he might, perhaps, see that chance in this aforesaid matter of the vicar's little accounts.

It was getting on into February and the vicar's Christmas bills still remained unsettled. Perks conceived a wish that the tradesmen to whom the bills were due would put them into his hands for collection. The wish strengthened into a longing, the longing into a fixed resolve. He began, by a gradual and insinuating process, to get the tradesmen in the mind to cooperate.

This was not such a very easy matter. For though the Whinfield shopkeepers growled at and disliked the vicar in no measured degree, still his custom was a consideration; and, glad as they would have been to do him a nasty turn, they nevertheless were not prepared to take a step which would drive him away altogether from their shops.

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Perks undertook to see the other creditors, and, if possible, to secure their compliance. He saw them; he talked to them in his most insinuating way; he worked upon their unqualified hatred for the vicar. The end of it was that the solicitor was instructed to collect the seven largest accounts owed by the vicar in the place. They amounted jointly to about 200 pounds.

It did give his reverence fits. That is to say, it put him into a fine state of rage and excitement when he read it at breakfast next morning. His angry looks and savage frowns struck decided consternation into the breasts of the two other persons who were sharing that meal with him. These were his only daughter, Amy, and his nephew, Frank Miller, a young barrister, who frequently came down from town, when he was not very busy, to stay at the vicarage. The fact was, there had long existed a sort of attachment between the cousins, of which the vicar was unaware. He had not, however, developed into an express engagement until that very morning; when young Miller, coming down early and finding his cousin in the garden, had taken the opportunity—for which the day was so singularly appropriate—of declaring a passion which he could not any longer conceal.

Amy had answered his proposal with a blushing acceptance; stipulating, however, that Frank should inform her father of the circumstances immediately, and this he had, of course, agreed to. He did not, however, look forward to the interview with any great pleasure or confidence, for two sufficient reasons. In the first place, he knew that his uncle had a prejudice against first cousins marrying; in the next, his own worldly circumstances were not, at present, such as would commend themselves to a prospective father-in-law. He had, indeed, a little money of his own; and

do owe the money, of course. And I was going to pay these seven accounts this week. Still, to have the money demanded in such an impudent way is intolerable. I shall certainly leave all these tradesmen who have instructed Perks."

"I should. They deserve being made to sit up. But, in any case, it will be much more agreeable for you not to have to act in the matter personally. You leave it entirely in my hands." This, after some demur, the vicar, at length, agreed to do; Frank persuading him that it would be far more dignified for him to have no personal communication whatever with Perks or with the tradesmen. And so the affair was placed, unreservedly, in the young barrister's hands.

The vicar rubbed his glasses and looked at the letter again. He felt that his eyes must have deceived him. But no. There the thing was in black and white, unmistakably clear and evident, and as the vicar read it a second time, he gave quite a gratified smile. But still he was puzzled.

The letter was as follows:
2 and 3 The Broadway, Feb. 18, 188—. Reverend Sir: In thanking you for your most generous and honorable behavior, I take the opportunity of apologizing, with all my heart, for what has occurred in reference to my account. The truth is, reverend sir, that I was enticed by the deceiving arts of a cheat and swindler; and I need not say that I shall be only too pleased to cooperate in any steps that may be taken for his arrest and punishment. Your grateful and obedient,
HEZEKIAH HOBBS.

The vicar opened a second letter which had arrived by the same post. It was from Shanks, the butcher, and was even more effusively apologetic than Hobbs's. It also referred to "your having acted so honorable and like the gentleman." The vicar looked still blander and more gratified, but still decidedly puzzled.

There were five other letters from local tradesmen, and all ran in much the same strain, not one of them omitting to eulogise him for his honorable conduct. Never in his life before had the reverend gentleman received seven such flattering communications. He did not, in the least, understand what they meant; but still they put him in an excellent humor. Honorable? Certainly, acting on his nephew's advice, he had given him checks for distribution among the seven tradesmen on the previous day; but that was only a settlement—rather a tardy one into the bargain—of his just debts. There was nothing extraordinarily honorable in that. Still it is always nice to be acknowledged honorable, especially by your enemies. And when the vicar had finished reading the seventh letter he was in a very good temper indeed.

At that fortunate moment a knock came at his study door, and Frank entered. Seeing the expression on his uncle's face, and auguring therefrom the best results, he lost no time in making his momentous confession about Amy. The vicar exclaimed. He hummed and hawed. But he was in a heavenly temper; and he ended by giving his consent.

Frank's and Amy's dismay, therefore, when they saw that the vicar had been seriously put out of temper by his correspondence, can well be understood; more especially as he was a man who did not get over the effects of provocation at all quickly, and had a playful little way of venting his annoyance on all who came near him, whether concerned in the provocation or not. The worst of it was, Frank was bound to be back in London in five or six days at the least, and, of course, his interview with his uncle must take place before his departure.

After breakfast, his uncle called him into his study. "Just read that, Frank," he said, handing him Sidney Perks' epistle. "By Jove! What's all this about? Pshaw!—Impertinent ass!—Hullo, Sidney Perks? Sidney Perks?" commented young Miller, as he glanced over the epistle.

"Do you happen to know the little cad, then?" inquired the vicar, in evident surprise. "He is a newcomer here; and no acquisition, either." "I—I don't suppose so," replied Frank. "I did come across a solicitor of the name about a year ago; but his practice was in town."

"A short, little man?" asked the vicar; "pitted with smallpox? Jewish face? Wears glasses—eh?" "Ah, he is evidently not the same," answered Miller, decidedly. "My man was tall and gaunt, and not pitted with smallpox. But I tell you what it is, uncle. This fellow, from his letter, is evidently a sharp and shady practitioner of the nastiest type. He wants a lawyer to deal with him. Just you turn him over to me."

"I—I don't know," said the vicar, doubtfully. "Nothing can be done. I

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ONE TOUCH OF NATURE.



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Plenty of Self-Respect.
Mrs. McSwellean—I should think you would have more self-respect than to drink the way you do.
Mr. McSwellean—Self-r'spect, 'm dear? I'm sho full self r'spect m' dear, that I enter every shloon by back door.—N. Y. Weekly.

WHY TOMMY CRIED.
Mrs. Bellows—What is your little boy crying and moaning about in the next room?
Mrs. Bellows—Oh, he begged me to give him a raw turnip awhile ago. "And you didn't do it?"
"Yes, but I did."—N. Y. Tribune.

No Doubt About It.
Lady Customer—Are you sure this is real Ceylon tea?
Well-Informed Young Salesman—Certainly, madam. Mr. Ceylon's name is on every package.—N. Y. Tribune.

After Information.
Judge—What's the charge?
Officer—Pickin' the pockets of a lady's bloomers.
Judge (whose wife wears 'em, sotto voce)—Say, prisoner, I'll let you off if you'll tell me how to do it.—N. Y. Journal.

The Jest.
The jest is meet, not meat,
It should, to be good fun,
Be juicy, 'tis true, but furthermore,
Rare and still well done.
—Detroit Journal.

Wise Judge.
Mrs. Blurtout—Why do you suppose the judge refused to grant us a charter for our new secret society?
Her Husband—Did you swear that certain portions of your work were to be secret?
Mrs. Blurtout—Certainly.
Her Husband—Then he didn't want to make any of you liable for perjury.—Philadelphia North American.

His Waterloo.
He saw the smoke of battle curl afar and never quailed;
He faced the fire of cannon with a heart that never failed;
But terror swept him in a tide that courage could not stem
When he had to face the furnace smoke and fire at six a. m.
—Washington Star.

Well Preserved Bread.
Mr. Bellows—Oh, wife, these look like the biscuits my mother baked 30 years ago.
Mrs. Bellows (greatly delighted)—I'm so glad!
Mr. Bellows (biting one)—And, by George, I believe they are the same biscuits.—N. Y. Tribune.

ASPECTS OF CURRENT FICTION.



Oh, These Girls!
"I have an idea that she'll marry him."
"But do you think he's quite ready to propose to anyone yet?"
"I don't know; but his intentions won't make any difference anyway if she wants him."—Chicago Post.

Not So Sick as She Might Be.
Old Lady—There, throw away that cigarette, little boy. It makes me sick to see a boy like you smoke.
Little Boy—Yes, ma'am; but I'll bet you'd be sicker if you smoked one yourself.—Demorest's Magazine.

A War Belle.
"That's a curious-looking cane, colonel. Is it a memento of the war?"
"Yes. It was made from the hollow log I occupied during the battle of Lookout mountain."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Useful Rule.
"They say it calms the mind to let the eye rest on the distant horizon."
"That's a fact; when I see a man to whom I owe money it always quiets me to look steadily into the distance."—Chicago Record.

Of Course Not.
Aunt Maria—But why didn't yousing out when he attempted to kiss you?
"Why, you know, auntie, I never can sing without my notes."—Boston Transcript.

Humility Not Negotiable.
Her Adorer—Of course I realize that I am unworthy of your daughter.
Her Father—Young man, humility may win a girl's love, but it will never get you credit at the butcher's and baker's. You can't have my daughter.—N. Y. World.

NOT VERY NEATLY PUT.
He—Your face reminds me of old times.
She—Sir!!—N. Y. Truth.

By Another Name.
Daughter—Did you give Charley any encouragement?
Father—Well, I suppose it amounts to that. He called it a loan, however.—Detroit Tribune.

Demorest's Magazine improves with each number. The illustrations in the March Magazine are notably handsome, and almost without exception every page is illustrated. The stories are excellent and the articles are timely and interesting. All the various departments, for which Demorest's is noted, are full of valuable information.

One eastern paper has been heard from that had the decency and fairness to decry the attacks being made on Kansas. The Pittsburg Times is the only paper so far heard from that refuses to be classed among the traducers of our fair State. It says: "There is nothing the matter with Kansas Kansas in 1860 was nothing. The population amounted to 167,000 pioneers. The improved property was insignificant. At the census of 1890, or in thirty years, the State had grown to 1,427,000 souls, and its farm property alone, without counting city property, and the coal mines and the oil region and the various factories and other things, had climbed up to a valuation of 559 million dollars, or nearly \$400 for an average for every inhabitant of the State. Now the total average of property in the United States is but about \$1,000 for each inhabitant. Hence it would seem that of farm property alone Kansas in thirty years has accumulated half as much per capita as the United States has accumulated per capita in 150 years of all kinds. The total value of farms in the United States is \$13,280,000,000. That is an average of \$200 to the inhabitant, or but half the average of the value of the farms in Kansas. Kansas is mortgaged on her farms to the extent of 175 million dollars. But as an offset she has 128 million dollars worth of live stock and 18 million dollars worth of farm implements. And she raises each year crops to the value of 95 million dollars. Counting her city property and the value her railroads, coal mines, oil wells and everything else in the State, Kansas will be found to have nearly as big an average of wealth as the average to the inhabitant in the United States, and has accumulated it all within little more than thirty years.

LET UP ON KANSAS.

Two great and virtuous journals published in the highly moral cities of New York and Chicago continue to assault the State of Kansas, because that commonwealth preferred at the last election the Populism of Lewelling, Leedy and Doster to the Republicanism of Cy Leland and the editor of the Emporia Gazette.

In answer to the Sun's sneer at "the bad eminence of Kansas," it might be said that Kansas provides school buildings for her children, which is more than the city of New York is doing. About 50,000 boys and girls of school age were turned away from the doors last September in our great metropolis because there were no accommodations for them. Now, while we regret that the Populists have carried Kansas, it is only fair to say that Kansas provides well for the education of her youth.

Out in Chicago, that model community by the lake, the Times-Herald also has a fling at Kansas, saying that "she stands condemned at the bar of public opinion as no State has ever since the union was formed." And all because she elected the Populist ticket. It might, in simple fairness, be well to remind Chicago that, Populist though she be, Kansas is years behind Chicago in breeding a class of thinkers who throw dynamite bombs at the police.

Other points of comparison between Kansas and our two imperial cities would be interesting. For example, there is four times as much church going in Kansas, in proportion to the population, as there is in Chicago and New York four times as much sobriety, and four times as much moral cleanliness. It more than half of the

people of Kansas want cheaper money they have not yet developed "financiers" who became millionaires by railroad wrecking and breaking the law. If Kansas has Peffers, New York has her Jay Goulds. Any observer with half an eye can see all these things.

So let up on Kansas. She will worry along with as little infraction of the ten commandments as New York and Chicago.—Springfield (Mass) Republican.

BOYCOTTING THE UNITED STATES.

"The belief prevails in Washington," according to a dispatch from the capital, "that should congress fix \$400 a ton as the price to be paid for armor plate foundry, the Bethlehem and the Carnegie companies will refuse to make proposals to manufacture the material.

Which means that unless we pay \$4,000,000 for the Bethlehem and \$3,000,000 for the Carnegie plant, which cost \$1,500,000, or else agree to keep on paying those corporations \$583 a ton for armor which, if honestly made, would cost not more than \$250 a ton, including all fixed charges and the cost of maining thplants, Carnegie and the Bethlehem people will try to prevent us from having a navy.

This threat somehow does not sound very well in view of the investigation into the Carnegie armor furnished for the Kearsago and the Kentucky. That armor it may be remembered, was tested transversely as well as longitudinally, much to the surprise and disgust of the manufacturers, and was found to be dangerously brittle, excessively carbonized and notable for an elongation not exceeding 23 per cent, though 25 per cent. was the contract minimum.

The United States are not particularly in love with these corporations. If they are not satisfied with \$400 a ton as recommended by Secretary Herbert, which price gives them a profit of 50 per cent. on the cost of manufacture, we can manage to get along without them and their plants.

WHAT, WHICH, WHO AND WHEN?

In the past week the people getting their mail at the Cottonwood Falls postoffice have been considerably stirred up over news that has reached here by telegrams, through the newspapers and otherwise, that the present incumbent was to be ousted and another person appointed in his stead; and, to get at the bottom of the matter, inquiries have been made in every direction and in all quarters, both by friends and enemies of the present incumbent, to find out the real cause of this state of affairs; and, to give a sum totum, verbatim, et literatim, et punctuatum state of the situation as it looks to a man without "specia," we would say that, one day last week, after P. J. Norton a Republican well known in these parts, and who, present signs indicate is working with a certain element of the Chase county Republican party, had returned from Topeka, which city now has three members of the Kansas Gold Democratic Committee in Washington working on the displacement of Democratic postmasters who voted for Mr. Bryan, and the filing of their places by men who are thought to have voted for Palmer electors, whether they did or not, and where Mr. Norton was, no doubt, in consultation with other members of said gold Democratic Committee, the first news of the situation dawned upon this people when Mr. Norton wanted to make bets that "within thirty-six hours Steve Breese would be appointed postmaster at this place, to succeed Timmons;" and further this dependent sayeth naught, except that Mr. Norton left, last night, for Washington.

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But where to find those dear old friends? O, where begin my search? Scattered like boughs, this way and that.

Of yonder's leafy birch; In cities grand, in hamlets small, Beside the rolling sea; Sometimes so near, and then again So very far from me.

Have they grown old in all this time? I cannot make them so; The hair, the eye, the cheek, the step Are in the long ago;

But let it be the outward change, For years must have their weight; Still heart that's true at early morn Is true at evening late.

Far up and down this weary world These friends I find not all; They've heard and answered to their names

Upon the great roll call, Their conflicts are victorious now; They walk the golden street, Whilst I am battling, marching still, Amid the dust and heat.

Some paths are short, some paths are long, And some are winding ways, But all lead up to meeting place,

For friends of other days; Then, patient soul, thine errand's run; The Master's will is kind; What seemeth lost of treasure here, In heaven thout's surely find.

THE MATTER WITH KANSAS.

Will White has made a second diagnosis of Kansas and the result is very different from that reached last September, and vastly more rational. White now says:

"The trouble with Kansas from an economical and industrial standpoint, is that Kansas furnishes the raw material and pays the freight on the finished product to and from the factory. The raw material raised in Kansas must be turned into the finished product here at home if Kansas is ever anything but a struggling rural community. The men who do the manufacturing—who make the Kansas hide into harness and shoes, who turn the Kansas wheat into flour, who make starch out of Kansas corn, who make paint brushes out of Kansas hog bristles, who make paper out of Kansas sunflowers, who conjure soap out of Kansas dead dog, who squeeze syrup out of Kansas bone yard—all these men must be where they will increase the market and consequently increase the price of the product of the Kansas farm. Kansas raises raw material and is too far from the market. That must be changed if Kansas ever amounts to much. The people now must change it. That is the problem before the State to-day. It is business not politics."

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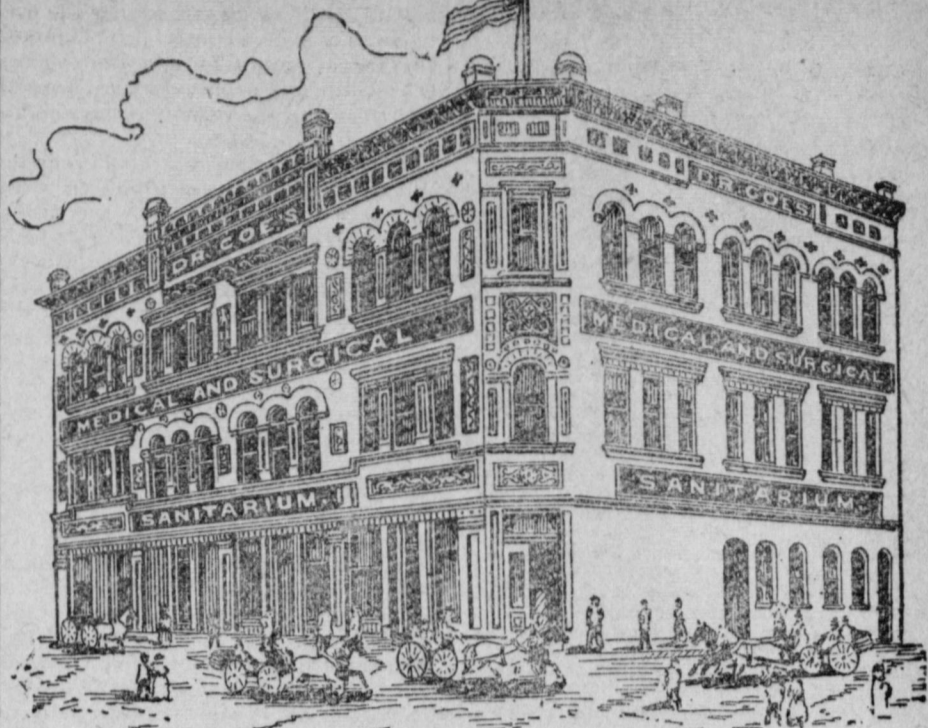
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STATE OF KANSAS, SS COUNTY OF CHASE. In the Probate Court in and for said County. In the matter of the estate of Catherine Wheeler, deceased. Creditors and all other persons interested in the aforesaid estate are hereby notified that I shall apply to the Probate Court, in and for said county, at the sitting at the Court-house, in Cottonwood Falls, county of Chase, State of Kansas, on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1897, for a full and final settlement of said estate.

Notice to Physicians.

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