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quite a success, the proceeds being about \$80 clear of expenses. A cake was voted to the prettiest young lady present...

MEXICO.

President Diaz Gives a Brilliant Reception. CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 8.—The Iberia association has sent a recent draft of \$10,000 to King Alfonso for the benefit of the sufferers by the recent earthquakes...

KY. E.

The Stockmen Receiving the Daily Signal Service Bulletins. KYLE, TEX., Feb. 7.—The weather has been beautiful the past week, and farming was never more active than at present...

Several large stone houses will go up in Kyle during the ensuing season. Col. R. J. Edge and Misses Flora Scott and Addie Breedlove returned Thursday night from the Baptist excursion to Saltillo, Mex.

The Haviest Snow-Storm of the Season. CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 8.—Decidedly the worst snow-storm thus far this season set in here to-night. The flakes falling very fast, driven in blinding gusts from the north...

A Frightful Gunpowder Explosion in China. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Feb. 8.—The steamer Rio Janeiro arrived this afternoon bringing Hong Kong advices dated January 9, and Yokohama January 19.

St. Louis Exposition. ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 8.—The Exposition and Music Hall association has issued its prospectus for the second annual exhibition, which will open September 9 and continue 40 business days, closing October 21.

Coleman County Court. COLEMAN, TEX., Feb. 8.—County court adjourned last night. The following cases were disposed of:

- The State vs F. Nairn, for gaming; pleaded guilty and fined \$10. Tom Hughes, for aggravated assault; judgment not guilty. Tot Discol, for gaming; pleaded guilty and fined \$10. R. N. Higdon, for carrying a pistol; judgment not guilty. G. W. Bell, for gaming; bond forfeited and alias copias. A. O. Williams, for assault and battery; pleaded guilty and was fined \$15. J. D. Davl's'n, for assault and battery; pleaded guilty and was fined \$5. F. J. Thornton, for permitting sheep affected with scab to run at large; verdict not guilty. Joe Myers, for exhibiting a ramming-ban; pleaded guilty, and was fined \$25. B. H. Pittman, for gaming; pleaded guilty and was fined \$10. Rubie Carroll, for exhibiting a gambling-ban; pleaded guilty and was fined \$25. Walter Dixon, for disturbing the peace; judgment not guilty. A number of cases were continued and several old cases were retried.

WINTER WHEAT.

Owing to the Ruling Low Prices the Acreage Has Fallen Off.

Some Damage by Winter-Killing and Insects Reported.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Feb. 8.—S. W. Talmage is in receipt of late information as regards the average condition and prospects of the winter wheat crop.

Missouri.—J. W. Sanborn, the secretary of the state board of agriculture says: "The area sown to wheat is 10 per cent. short of 1884. I hear of but little damage to the wheat as yet."

Illinois.—The acreage sown to wheat is about 15 per cent. short of last year. Some damage, nothing serious, was reported in the southern part of the state. The ground is now covered with snow, and it will not be possible to tell much about the condition till the snow goes off.

Tennessee.—A. J. McWhirter, commissioner of agriculture, says: "The crop of Tennessee is fully 20 per cent. in acreage less than last year, and the damage by the freeze is all of 10 per cent."

Kansas.—The area sown to wheat in this state is about 29 per cent. as compared with last year. Some of the largest wheat-growing countries in the state have reduced their wheat area from 25 to 50 per cent., owing principally to the ruling low price of wheat during the season. The condition of growing wheat is not up to the standard. Some districts report damage by insects in the fall, and owing to the severity of the winter many predict injury by winter-killing. However, it is too early to tell much about the latter.

Kentucky.—A. J. Bowen, commissioner of agriculture, says: "The acreage sown to wheat in this state is from 10 to 15 per cent. less than that of the previous year. The winter has been very unfavorable, alternate freezing and thawing having lifted the plant to the surface, and it is in a badly crippled condition."

North Carolina.—The area sown to wheat is very much less than last year and the condition is not very encouraging on account of the long continued drought last fall. The winter has been unfavorable, and much complaint of winter-killing is heard.

New York.—The area sown to wheat is somewhat less than last season. The condition is quite favorable. No damage by winter-killing or other causes is heard of.

Georgia.—The extreme drought extended almost to winter, and has caused a large falling-off in the area sown. The condition is very unfavorable, owing to the weather during the fore part of the winter.

Minnesota.—H. H. Young, statistical agent of Minnesota, says in regard to spring wheat seeding: "The area sown to wheat will probably be 10 per cent. short of last year; or not more than 3,500,000 acres."

Dakota.—Jas. J. Barnes, statistical agent of Dakota, says: "Not more than one-eighth of the crop in Northern Dakota and three-eighths in Southern Dakota remain in the farmers' hands, and the elevators are kept well cleared out. If the prices remain low the area to wheat will not be increased this spring."

EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS.

DISGUSTED WITH ENGLAND'S POLICY. ALEXANDRIA, Feb. 8.—There is an intensely bitter feeling among all classes here against the British policy. The general opinion is that it will lead to the ruin of the English. A native paper, Mirat Ansharik, says that a number of Turkish officers have lately joined El Mahdi.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—General Ed Din, the well-known Mohammedan agent, now in Paris, has been interviewed on the rebellion in the Sudan. He thinks that Gen. Gordon is still alive, but if dead that he says, would respect Gen. Gordon as a prisoner and might be willing to open negotiations to exchange Gen. Gordon for Arabi Pasha, whom El Mahdi honors as a true servant in the cause of Mohammed. El Mahdi might make a partial peace with the English, but never a permanent peace. He would refuse to accept the title of viceroy, or any other title from the khedive or from the sultan, but would remain El Mahdi. He aimed at the conquest of the Sudan and hoped that a rising would take place in Arabia against the Turks.

ROME, Feb. 8.—It is semi-officially announced that the Italian forces took possession of Massowah the 5th inst. The natives welcomed them, but the Egyptian authorities formally protested against their occupation of the town.

THE ENEMY PREPARING FOR AN ENCOUNTER.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The news from Gubat is that the rebels are actively preparing for another encounter. Loop-holes are being made in the houses of Metemneh, and the rebel videttes maintain an active lookout, fearing a British attack on the town. The recent convoy from Gakdul when three miles distant from that point met a thousand rebel cavalry and infantry. The rebels were shelled and soon dispersed. The convoy was unhurt. The light-cavalry corps has arrived at Gubat. El Mahdi is drawing immense supplies from the Merawi district.

A Foray by the Strikers.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Feb. 8.—The Hooking valley was excited last night over the rumors of a concentrated attack by the strikers. Over 400 shots were fired in the neighborhood of Nelsonville about 10 o'clock, but no damage was done. The patrol trains drove the strikers off.

The Socialists in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, Feb. 8.—F. K. Geger of 62 Linden street, formerly an agent of the International Working-men's Association of Anarchists, says that there are four groups of that order

in this city with two hundred members and many sympathizers. Two are Bohemian and two German. A fifth, an American group, will be organized to-morrow. He says that the workmen here are ripe for a riot and that unless the times improve the greatest revolution the world has ever seen will be inaugurated. The Socialists are increasing in number here very rapidly. Geger is a railway clerk.

THREE OF A KIND.

How a North Carolinian Played the Father-in-Law Racket in Georgia.

CANTON, GA., Feb. 5.—Cherokee county, which is responsible for having furnished several Joe Browns to the world, is just now excited over an affair equally as discreditable. Ten years ago there arrived in this county from Asheville, N. C., a smooth faced youth named G. W. Epping. It did not take Epping long to win the favor of the girls, and as a result he was soon married into one of the best families in the county. In time his consort died, and Epping supplied himself with a substitute from equally good stock. This one, too, when her bridal days were over, grew pale and wan and soon bid adieu to the vain deities of the world. For a while a little bit of black around Epping's No. 6 hat gave evidence that his heart was in the grave with wife No. 2. Finally, however, he met a third charmer, whom he took to his heart's content to cheer his lively hours.

It will thus be seen that in a short time the grief-stricken husband was supplied with three substantial father-in-laws, each of whom he worked as against the other, and each of whom was flattered to think that, notwithstanding the necessities of life, his particular daughter still held the husband's heart. As each father-in-law imagined himself to be the particular confidant of Mr. Epping, each was careful to keep his secret from the other two.

About a week ago Mr. Epping received a letter which, while sad, was yet not without its silver lining. To each of his confiding friends he went with his tale, and next morning started on his return to North Carolina, where he would pay the last sad rites to his mother and take possession of a comfortable estate.

He did not return at the appointed time. The two fathers of the dead wives called on the living wife to find out the cause of the good man's absence. They were astonished to find that she had left during the night, leaving behind the children of the dead wives, to join her husband in Texas. Then father-in-law No. 3 was hunted up, and a comparison of experiences brought out the fact that the graceless scoundrel had victimized each for a considerable amount, and having realized to the best advantage, had sought the fertility of an unworked field in the virgin state of Texas.

Fatal Railway Accident.

OMAHA, NEB., Feb. 8.—An accident happened at Creston, Iowa, to-day. A Chicago, Burlington & Quincy train went through a bridge. Messager particulars show that sixteen people were wounded and seven killed.

Triple Boiler Explosion.

PEORIA, ILL., Feb. 8.—Three boilers in the starch works of the Firmerch Manufacturing company exploded late Saturday evening. The building, which was badly demolished by the explosion, caught fire and will probably be a total loss. The boilers were thrown a distance of several blocks. Two men—the foreman and watchman—are missing, but it has been impossible as yet to make a search for them.

St. Louis Socialists in Session.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 8.—At a meeting of the Socialists this afternoon the labor question was discussed in a very temperate tone, but a black-bordered circular was freely distributed, which was a bitter tirade against Germany for the execution of the anarchists and calling upon the workmen to organize and revolt against priestcraft, monarchy and monopoly. A Bohemian group of Internationalists also held a meeting at which the present wage system and all kinds of monopoly were condemned and revolutionary socialism advocated.

The Exposition Commissioners.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The committee of the United States commissioners for the New Orleans exposition which called upon the president yesterday left with him a statement of the financial affairs of the exposition, showing debts to the amount of \$399,000. The committee also left with him a memorial setting forth the untoward circumstances which have operated against the successful conduct of the exposition and praying for further aid from the government to the extent of half a million dollars. The committee are hopeful of favorable action by the president and will remain here to urge the matter upon congress.

Pittsburg Swarming with Anarchists.

PITTSBURG, PA., Feb. 8.—The story that the anarchists are armed and are drilling men here and that dynamite is stored in various parts of the city, seems to have some foundation. In an interview with a reporter to-night, a prominent police official stated that he had reliable information that dynamite was stored in at least one place within the city limits, and that a large supply of guns had lately been received by the Pittsburg anarchists, which, it is thought, had been shipped from Chicago. The parties having these arms are said to be foreigners and not workmen out of employment, but anarchists.

Hon. Joseph Frick, a prominent Socialist to a reporter admitted that the anarchists were armed in this city—that they had regular nights for drilling. He said there were ten groups of about 4000 members in Allegheny county.

DENISON.

The Safe in the Missouri Pacific Ticket Office Robbed.

Quaker Temperance Lecturers—A Money-Making Institution.

DENISON, TEX., Feb. 8.—The safe in the Missouri Pacific ticket office at this place was robbed early this morning of \$400. An entrance was effected through a window and it is supposed the combination of the safe was left "on," making it easy to open. There is no clew to the thieves.

Dr. Marshall of Chicago, who purchased a cattle ranch in this county some two years ago, has purchased a block of ground in this city and will build a fine residence, stables, etc., thereon soon.

A. Jacobs, a merchant, has let the contract for building a two-story brick business-house on Main street, 50x120 feet in dimensions. Mr. Jake London is the contractor.

Some admirers of Miss Ida Hutton, feeling that the prize for being the best skater should have been awarded to her instead of to Miss Otta Terrell, purchased and presented to her last night at the rink a beautiful pair of skates in a morocco case.

The Houston & Texas Central pay-car is slow in getting around, and the employes are somewhat impatient. They are promised relief soon, however.

A movement is on foot toward the building of a market-house and the establishment of a public market in this city. Such an institution would be a great accommodation to our citizens.

The Rev. David Tatum and his wife, Quakers, addressed a full house at the M. E. church Thursday night, on the subject of temperance. It is the opinion of those who have been long in the temperance work that their lectures were the best that have been delivered in this city. They were earnest, impassioned, convincing and logical. Mr. Tatum said there was no denying the fact that there was a tremendous interest felt in the temperance cause in Texas, and that the cause of prohibition was rapidly gaining ground; that it could not be kept out of politics, for it was already there and there to stay. The audience he had addressed in Texas would compare favorably in intelligence, morals and respectability with those he had met in any of the older states.

Mrs. Tatum addressed herself principally to the women, and urged them to a closer co-operation of their energies in the work. It would seem that there would be an excellent field for all the consecration available right here in Denison, for your correspondent was told by one who professes to know, and who says it can be substantiated by indisputable proof, that there is one institution in this city, where liquor is sold and gaming is carried on, which pays out in salaries alone \$20,000 per annum and \$4000 per annum for rent, and is clearing over \$1000 per month now, as dull as the times.

The proposition to license gaming by the state does not meet with much favor among our citizens.

The Fourth ward school-house is before the city council again with a fair prospect of a speedy and amicable settlement with the contractors. The result will generally be that the city will have paid out a considerable amount for house rent, while it had a building standing idle—and just because "somebody blundered."

The old Lamar house on Sears street has been leased by A. W. Spencer, repaired, refitted and refurnished, in fact completely transmogrified, until it is now one of the pleasantest and neatest summer boarding-houses in the city.

A knife and file were found in the city prison by the jailer yesterday. Mr. Flagley, secretary of the Holley Manufacturing company, who arrived here yesterday from the East, has, in company with Messrs. Drake & Orton, gone to Gainesville to inspect the water-works at that place. They will return here in a day or two and decide as to the course to be pursued relative to the works in this city.

Col. Henry Youres and Capt. W. I. Scott are contemplating a trip to South America with a view of engaging in the business of building and operating street car lines.

Anarchists Arrested.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The police to-day arrested twenty-seven anarchists holding secret meetings.

Indications.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—West Gulf: Local rains followed by colder, clearing weather, winds shifting to the north, higher barometer.

Business House Burned.

STAFFORD, CONN., Feb. 8.—The most disastrous fire ever known here broke out this morning in the basement of J. J. Gallian's store in the Beckwell block. This block, together with several others and the water tank of the New London Northern railroad, were entirely destroyed. The fire was extinguished at 6:30 a. m. The loss is \$60,000.

A Fatal Joke.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—A soldier on guard at the Arsenal last night saw a man advancing and commanded him to halt and give the countersign. The stranger neither halted nor replied, and attempted to walk past the guard of the line, and the sentinel thereupon plunged his bayonet into the man's body, killing him almost instantly. The occurrence in the city of London was exaggerated into the sensational report that a dynamiter had made an attack on the Arsenal. Investigation shows that the man attempting to run the guard was a soldier and comrade of the sentinel whom he had tried to annoy by a silly practical joke.

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