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[Though Benjamin F. Taylor, who died recently, was a voluminous writer, he will be best remembered by his poem entitled "The Isle of the Long Ago," which is a marvel of musical versification, and which is herewith reproduced.]

Oh, a wonderful stream is the River of Time,
As it flows through the realm of years,
With a faultless rhythm and a musical rhyme,
And a broader sweep and a surge sublime,
As it blends with the ocean of years.

How the Winters are drifting like flakes of snow!
And the Summers like buds between;
And the years in the sheaf—so they come and they go
On the river's breast, with its ebb and flow,
As they glide in the shadow and sheen.

There's a magical Isle up the River of Time,
Where the softest of airs are playing;
There's a cloudless sky and a tropical clime,
And a voice as sweet as a vesper chime,
And the Junes with the roses are staying.

And the name of this Isle is the Long Ago,
And we bury our treasures there;
There are brows of beauty and bosoms of snow—
They are heaps of dust, but we loved them so!
There are trinkets and tresses of hair.

There are fragments of songs that nobody sings,
And a part of an infant's prayer,
There's a harp unswept and a lute without strings,
There are broken vows and pieces of rings,
And the garments she used to wear.

There are hands that are waved when the fairy shore
By the mirage is lifted in air,
And we sometimes hear through the turbulent roar
Sweet voices we heard in the days gone before,
When the wind down the River is fair.

Oh, remembered for aye be the blessed Isle
All the days of our life till night,
And when evening comes with its beautiful smile,
And our eyes are closing in slumber awhile,
May that "Greenwood" of soul be in sight.

* The beautiful cemetery of Brooklyn, N Y.

TERRITORIAL ITEMS.

CULLED FROM LATEST EXCHANGES.

—The Idaho penitentiary, at Boise City, contains 66 convicts.

—The Oregon Pacific Railroad is laying track in the Malheur Cañon, Idaho.

—Smallpox is said to have broken out violently among the soldiers of the Tenth Cavalry, under command of Lieut. Johnson, at Mescol Springs, Whetstone Mountains, Arizona.

—Travel over the Northern Pacific has largely increased since the reduction in passenger rates. The same can be said of the Utah and Northern.

—The Butte *Miner* says drummers who come to Butte are kicking against the payment of the county and city license of $31.25 per quarter. A recent decision of the Supreme Court in a Tennessee case declares such license unconstitutional where confined to citizens of other States doing business in a State. But the Montana law is constitutional and just, because it makes no discrimination between citizens of the Territory and outsiders.

—At Butte, Montana, on the 10th, the coroner held an inquest on the body of Tom Adair, the dead piano player. The developments at the inquest tended to throw doubt upon the suicide theory, which seemed plausible under the circumstances of the death, and the coroner's verdict was death from heart disease. The papers found on his person showed him to have been of Scotch parentage, his father being keeper of Adair's Dunedin Temperance Hotel in Edinburgh, Scotland.

—Old Charley Savage was found frozen to death near Butte, Montana, on the 13th inst. He was one of the pioneers of the Territory of Montana, and had been in and around Butte ever since the town site was marked out. He lived in a cabin—about half a mile above the Bell Smelter at the base of the mountain—all by himself. It was situated upon a quartz lead he owned there. He had an idea that he could make money out of a mineral spring on the claim which he hoped to bring to Butte. It was only by accident that his death was discovered yesterday afternoon.

—At Phœnix, Arizona, March 12, A. J. Halbert, sheriff of this county, received the following message:

FORT MCDOWELL,
March 12, 1887.

Mr. Halbert Sheriff of Phœnix: Please notify isolated settlers that five Tonto Indians and one boy left the San Carlos reservation March 1st. On the 8th inst. they fired on a man in the Tonto basin and burned his cabin. Lieut. Whipple, with a detachment from this post and a party of scouts, is after them. Lieutenant Mott, of the Tenth Cavarly was shot and killed yesterday by an Indian at the San Carlos Agency. Lieutenant Mott had decided a land claim against the Indian.

E. J. SPAULDING,
Major Fourth Cavalry.

The sheriff immediately furnished each newspaper with a copy of the above and is notifying settlers as fast as possible.

—The ranges throughout the Territory of Montana are nearly bare of snow, and the green grass, so much needed by the gaunt cattle, is already making its appearance. The losses of stock this winter in northern Montana are fully 25 per cent., and in the southeastern portion considerably greater. Great destitution is reported among the Cheyennes on the Rosebud and Tongue Rivers, owing to the improvidence of their agent in refusing to receive sufficient supplies for the winter last fall and his bad management of Indian beef cattle. The depth of snow prevented the transportation of supplies since January, and flour and meat have been exhausted several weeks, during which time the Indians subsisted chiefly on cattle which died from starvation and dead ponies. It is said ten Indian children died, their mothers being unable to give them nourishment. The Yellowstone river, augmented by the swollen mountain torrents, is still booming, and little progress has been made toward repairing the washouts on the Northern Pacific between Billings and Glendive, over which section no trains have passed for several days, also extensive washouts east of Heron.

Bishop Fallows in a recent sermon in Chicago, declared that the misery of the world was brought about by "religious idiots"—those Christians who are now and always will remain children. The good bishop declared that there was never so much evil in the world as now. The family altar and communion table were both neglected and, in short, the world is going to the devil as fast as possible.

A German chemist has invented a new kind of anæsthetic bullet, which he urges will greatly diminish the horrors of war. The bullet is of a little brittle substance, breaking directly when it comes in contact with the object at which it is aimed. It contains a powerful anæsthetic, producing instantaneous insensibility, lasting for twelve hours, which, except that the action of the heart continues, is not to be distinguished from death. While in this condition, the German chemist declares that the bodies may be packed in ambulance wagons and carried off as prisoners.

GENERAL NEWS.

Some Interesting Notes from the Capital.

THE ATTEMPT UPON THE CZAR.

Latest From the Great Railway Wreck.

CHICAGO BOODLERS TAKEN IN.

MORE OF THE DEAL—A BATCH OF INTERESTING NOTES.

By Telegraph to the NEWS.]

Washington Points.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The Chancellor of Japan, Count Kuroda, is now in this city with his suite, sight seeing. Minister Kuke and First Secretary Akdbane are showing them different points of interest about the city, and will present them to the President.

COUNT KURODA

is an intellectual looking man of medium hight, stout built, and is about forty years of age. Those traveling with him are all government officials of considerable prominence in the Japanese kingdom, and it is at the express wish of the Mikado that such large numbers of his most intelligent subjects are visiting this country. Travel, its bigness wisely considered, is one of the best ways of education, and it is with a view of studying the institutions of this country and Europe that it is being taken. All of the party have discarded their native attire and adopted European dress and the customs of the country in which they are stationed. The distinguished party will be in the city for several days.

The eighteenth annual re union of the Society of the

ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND

will be held on the 11th and 12th of May. The principal feature of the reunion this year will be the unveiling of the statue of Garfield in the circle at the junction of Maryland Avenue and First Street. The cost of the statue, which is the work of J. Q. A. Ward, the sculptor, was met by contributions from the Army of the Cumberland, and Congress appropriated $30,000 for the pedestal. It is estimated that 5,000 members of the society will be present, many of them accompanied by ladies.

In the education convention which is in progress here, City Superintendent T. S. Campbell, of Oakland, California, spoke of

PUBLIC EDUCATION

on the Pacific Coast. He dwelt at some length on the night schools and their advantage. In the early days of the settlement of the west, he said, the east was, as a matter of course, far ahead of the west in its facilities and its system of education; but he felt to-day that the west had profited by the example of the east in reaching out for the very best educational facilities possible. An interesting and limited discussion followed, led by S. Waterman, of Stockton, California, and Prof. J. P. Fogg, of Eureka, Nevada.

Secretary Whitney to-day informed Chief of Construction Wilson that the navy department has been informed by the Attorney-General that the

AVAILABLE BALANCE

of the general appropriations under the respective head of the bureau of construction and repairs and the bureau of steam engineering can be lawfully applied and used in completing the hulls and machinery of the cruisers *Chicago, Boston* and *Atlanta*, provided the total expenditure shall not exceed the total estimates of the hulls and machinery as reported by the naval advisory board. Work upon the vessels will be resumed at once.

Acting Secretary Fairchild, with the President's approval, has designated San Francisco as a port from which imported merchandise may be shipped in bond in transit through the United States to and from the British possessions in North America.

All the departments were represented at the

CABINET MEETING

to-day except the war department. Acting Secretary Fairchild represented the treasury department. The only question of general interest considered was as to the jurisdiction of the United States in regard to the catching of seals in Alaskan waters beyond the three-mile limit.

Pleuro-Pneumonia.

PHILADELPHIA, March 15.—Representatives from nearly every state in the Union participated in the deliberations of the United States Veterinary Medical Association here to-day. The subject of pleuro-pneumonia was discussed at length, and the views of the association were embodied in the following:

Resolved, That this association is convinced that inoculation for contagious pleuro-pneumonia is inapplicable and should not be allowed in the United States; that no animal should be placed in infected stables until a thorough disinfection has taken place, and that all animals exposed to, or having the disease, shall be destroyed.

THE CZAR.

The Attempted Assassination Variously Discussed.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 15.—The *Official Messenger* publishes the following statement: "The Czar and family attended requiem services in memory of Czar Alexander II. Sunday afternoon and half an hour later started for Gatschina." The paper makes no mention of any unusual incident having occurred on that day nor since.

LONDON, March 15.—The Russian embassy here refuse to-day to give any information respecting the truth or falsity of the report that an attempt on the Czar's life was made last Sunday in St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 15.—It was semi-officially stated that on Sunday the police were informed that an attempt might be made on

THE CZAR'S LIFE

that day, it being the anniversary of the assassination of his father. As a result, the police arrested near the imperial palace several persons discovered holding dynamite bombs in their hands, ready to threw at the Czar as he emerged.

PARIS, March 16.—The *Intransigeant*, Henri Rochefort's paper, states that several persons have been arrested in St. Petersburg on the charge of entertaining a conspiracy against the life of the Czar last Sunday. The paper adds that as the Czar was passing along the thoroughfare on his way to attend services in commemoration of the death of his father, the bomb was thrown at him but that it failed to explode.

THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY

in London has received dispatches confirming the reports of the discovery of a plot to assassinate the Czar and the arrest of the ringleaders. These dispatches say that no actual attempt was made to kill the Czar, as the plot had been discovered before he left the palace.

The British government has received dispatches to the same effect from Sir R. D. Morier, British embassador at St. Peterburg.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the *Daily News* says: While the Czar was returning from requiem services in the cathedral of St. Peter, a bomb attached to a cord was thrown in his direction. The intention was to tighten the string, which was connected with the mechanism, and thus

EXPLODE THE BOMB,

but before it could be executed, the criminal and suspected accomplice were seized. It was found that they lived together in a lodging house in the suburbs of the city. The police visited this house and discovered there a quantity of explosives and a number of revolutionary pamphlets. Over 200 persons have already been arrested in connection with the affair, and domiciliary visits are being made throughout the city. A German police had warned the Russian authorities that an attempt was to be made against the Czar's life, but the latter failed to trace the plotters.

A telegram from Vienna confirms the *News'* dispatch and says that the bomb was thrown under the Czar's carriage, and that it was shaped like a book so that it could be carried in the hand without

EXCITING SUSPICION.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the *Standard* says that one of the six students arrested, in connection with the plot, carried a hollow book containing a bottle filled with dynamite and poisoned bullets. The others had parcels and bags containing bombs. The dispatch also says it is alleged that a woman was arrested who had a bomb concealed in her muff.

A St. Petersburg dispatch to the *Times* says: On Sunday the route which was to have been taken by the Czar was crowded with gaily dressed people. Before the imperial party left the fortress the police telegraphed that they had

GRAVE SUSPICIONS

that violence would be attempted, and advised these majesties to change their route. Accordingly the royal party drove by the way of the Neva quay and a circuitous route, avoiding town. Meanwhile, arrests were made at the corner of the Newsky Prospect and the great Morskaia, where the plotters expected the imperial party would slacken its pace upon turning the corner. The would-be assassin is of short stature. He refuses to reply to any questions.

The Czar cried on hearing of the danger which he had escaped. He did not learn the particulars until he arrived at the Gatschina palace.

The Wreck.

BOSTON, March 15.—All night long a force of laborers were engaged in clearing up the debris of the wrecked cars, the scene of the bridge disaster. It was slow work, and but little headway was made, yet the men worked hard, and when the light of morning was sufficient for a continuation of the work without the means of artificial light, the work progressed more rapidly. Ropes were stretched around the scene, and all persons who were not actively engaged in clearing the wreck were forced to keep outside the line. A large force was put at work in taking the broken bridge apart. The baggage car and one of the rear cars of the train had been completely demolished, and all that marks the spot where those two cars were at the base of the embankment is a heap of

KINDLING WOOD.

The wreck is a more appalling sight than the ruins at White Pine Junction, and this points strongly to the fact that the train was running at a speed of fully twenty-five miles an hour. The forward cars, which lie on the embankment and roadway, remain in the same position as when they fell. There were, undoubtedly nine cars in the train, as the tin tops of nine are to be found: but the remains of two of the cars are in such a state of demolition that it is impossible to discern whether they are two cars or only one. This was caused by the fall down the embankment consequently, the rumor has prevailed that there were but eight cars in the train.

Prof. Swan, also of the institute of technology, who made an examination of the

WRECKED BRIDGE,

discovered what he considers to have been the cause of the accident. He thinks there were serious defects in some portion of the bridge, not only in the material used but in the manner of construction.

The general manager of the road declares the bridge was one of the strongest on the road, despite the contrary rumors.

Chicago "Boodlers."

CHICAGO, March 15.—Warden McGarigle, of the Cook County hospital, Warden Varnell, of the County insane asylum, Edward McDonald, brother of "Mike" McDonald, the noted ex-gambler, the engineer at the County hospital, Richard O. Driscoll, the bookkeeper of the Chicago Pharmaceutical Company, and one James T. Connelly, were arrested to-night for conspiracy to defraud the county, and an army of detectives and deputy sheriffs are scouring the city for others of the "boodlers" who have within a couple of years brought this county to the verge of bankruptcy. They and their friends were beside themselves with

FEAR AND EXCITEMENT

all evening. "Mike" McDonald, Johnny Crawford and a host of others were reported to be running all over the city hastily devising means of relief for their indicted friends. Cabs were dashing at break-neck speed from the sheriff's office (headquarters of the procession) to the county hospital, insane asylum and other places where the conspirators were wont to meet. Warden McGarigle was the first game bagged. He was driven at once to the sheriff's office from the hospital.

"Mike" McDonald was promptly on hand and had E. S. Dreyer, a prominent banker and real estate agent there in a moment. Dreyer quickly furnished bail. Warden Varnell was at the theatre when he heard the news that the officers

WERE AFTER HIM.

Varnell coolly walked to the sheriff's office and gave himself up. He and others, like McGarigle, were bailed almost the moment they reached the office of the sheriff. About midnight, when the suspects were being brought in, crowds of curious citizens gathered about the county building, but ingress was sternly barred to all but the officers, their prisoners, and persons about to sign releases. The arrests are understood to be upon indictments returned this evening by a special grand jury, which has been in session but two or three days.

More of the Deal.

NEW YORK, March 15.—It is generally believed on Wall street that the control of the Baltimore & Ohio has passed into the hands of a syndicate. A story is current and is reported by parties who are generally accepted as good authority, that Jay Gould has acquired a quarter interest in the syndicate, and has paid $1,400,000 in cash on the agreement. Russell Sage is also named as a member of the syndicate. According to reports, the Western Union takes the Baltimore & Ohio telegraph line; Dinsmore takes the express business for the Adams Express Company, and the Pennsylvania Railroad takes the road. The details are said to have been arranged last night.

Nothing could be learned to-night of the result of the Sully-Sage conference to-day, but it is generally believed that the floating rumors are in the main correct, and that the first payment for the control of the Baltimore & Ohio stock has been subscribed. Sully was repeatedly questioned in regard to the meeting, but refused to give any information and would not even admit that he had been present at the conference. The reports affected the stock market favorably and made the city operators believe that an agreement of some kind had been concluded.

Canadian Fisheries.

NEW YORK, March 15.—A special from Ottawa, Ontario, says the fisheries department have completed their plan of campaign for the coming season, and it was submitted to the Cabinet council last evening. After full discussion it was adopted. Speaking with regard to it, Sir John Macdonald said to-day: "The protective fleet will be even more efficient than that of last year, and the Yankee smack that succeeds in trespassing within the three mile limit without molestation will have to be commanded by an uncommonly cunning old seadog."

Oakland Republican.

OAKLAND, March 15.—In yesterday's city election the republicans elected their full ticket by pluralities ranging from 700 to 1100. The American party vote was strong. The result shows it drew more from the democrats than from the republicans.

Wonderful Phenomenon.

LONDON, March 15.—A remarkable darkness enveloped London at noon yesterday. It was as dark as midnight. In Charing Cross, Whitehall and the Strand the atmosphere was pitchy black. In the east and southwest portions of the city it was somewhat clearer. Snow fell heavily at the time.

Oregon Rates.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—At a regular meeting of the Portland (Oregon) Board of Trade Monday night, resolutions were passed appointing a committee to prepare a memorial to the inter-state commission asking that the Union Pacific and Northern Pacific be relieved from the operation of section 4 of the inter-state bill, so far as it relates to through rates from Atlantic sea ports, in view of ocean competition and competition by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Indicted.

AUSTIN, Texas, March 15.—Judge Layfayette Kirk, of Washington County, who recently testified before the senatorial outrage investigating committee at Washington, D. C., has been indicted, together with a number of other citizen of Washington County, by the United States grand jury on the charge of intimidating voters. Judge Kirk arrived here to day and gave bonds for his appearance to answer to the charges.

West Ashore.

NORTH EASTHAM, Mass., March 15.—An unknown two-masted schooner went ashore this morning about 9 o'clock, two miles south of the life-saving station at Nausett. All attempts by the crew of the station to reach her have failed. The sea is making a clean sweep over the schooner and the hull is almost under water. Three men can be counted from the shore lashed to the foretop, and one man is clinging to the bowsprit. The life-saving crew have fired fifteen lines at the vessel, out of which only one has reached her, but the sea is too heavy to do anything. There is not much prospect of saving the crew, unless the weather moderates. The schooner was bound south loaded. She lies head on over half a mile from the shore. The wind is blowing a gale from the southwest.

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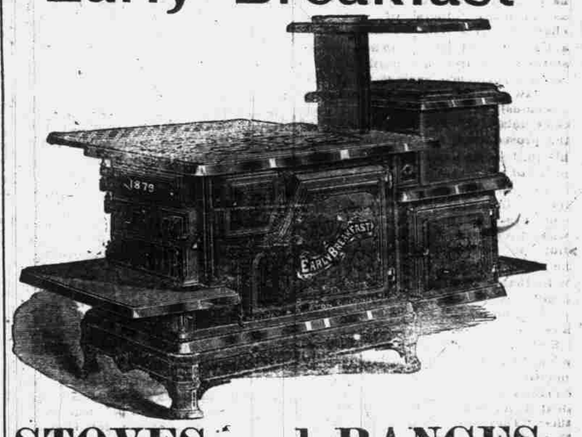

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