

THE EVENING NEWS.

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By Telegraph.

GENERAL.

St. Louis.—John Swann, the proprietor of an extensive cotton factory, near Stockholm, Sweden, has just purchased twelve thousand five hundred acres of land, in Dunklin and Stoddard counties, where he will establish a colony and build factories, mills, etc., and carry on the cultivation and manufacture of cotton. He has 120 families in his employ and will bring them to his plantation. Five hundred families are now en route and will reach the Missouri within a month, and 800 more will soon follow.

The land selected is well adapted for cotton. Dunklin county will export this season from seven to eight thousand bales, and Stoddard county about five thousand.

Omaha.—Fort Benton is occupied by government troops. Smallpox is prevailing among the Indian tribes in that vicinity during the past few days between Fort Benton and Milk River.

Buffalo.—A car shop on the Lake Shore Railroad was burned yesterday. A large number of passenger and freight cars, cabooses and a quantity of lumber for car material and tools were entirely consumed. The loss is over three hundred thousand dollars and is fully insured. A hundred and fifty workmen have been thrown out of employment. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The Poughkeepsie Presbyterian Synod of the New York and New Jersey new school meets in this city to-morrow, and continues its session three days and nights. Two hundred divines are expected to be present.

The Washington Supreme Court did not deliver any opinion in the Yerger case to-day. Alexander H. Stephens, in writing to Dr. Culver, on the 15th inst., says he has been out of the house only a few times since February, and then only with assistance, and has very little hope of ever leaving home again.

New York.—L. M. Hoffman & Co., brokers, failed on the stock exchange, and adopted a resolution instructing a commissioner to consider the establishment of a gold department.

San Francisco, 18.—The Italian residents were generally in a larger proportion than other nationalities in yesterday's celebration of the anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus. There was a procession to and appropriate exercises at the City Gardens.

Numerous destructive fires have occurred throughout the city and State; aggregate loss heavy.

FOREIGN.

London.—Lord Derby is gradually sinking and cannot live many days.

Paris.—Prince Gortchakoff arrived here on Saturday. Leopold, King of Belgium, has been invited to visit Napoleon at Compiègne. It is probable that Marshal Bazaine will be appointed Commander of the Imperial Guard at Madrid.

The retail druggists in this city report to the authorities that their sales of turpentine and other combustibles have lately been extraordinarily large, and they suppose these articles are to be used for incendiarism in case of a revolt.

FOUND DEAD.—Bro. Peter Nielson, corner, writing from Weber City, gives us additional items respecting the finding of the dead body of a man in that vicinity, the particulars of which appeared in our issue of September 20.

Bro. Nielson states that since finding the body, a pocket book has been picked up, containing a ten dollar bill. Two other bills, one a twenty dollar and the other a ten dollar in addition to a through ticket from California to St. Louis, have also been found near where the dead body lay.

The man's name is said to be George Bennet, and he is supposed to have worked at the mines.

California and St. Louis papers please copy.

NEWS FROM MISSIONARIES.—We have received a letter from Elders Israel Evans and N. C. Murdock, dated Trenton, Wayne Co., Michigan, Oct. 11, 1899, in which they speak of the progress of the Latter-day work in that region of country. In Polk county they re-baptized many of the old members of the Church, together with some new ones, and established a branch in that locality.

The Saints there would like to have any Elder, who may be passing through, call upon them to rest and instruct them. There is a good spirit and feeling, and any Elder visiting that vicinity will find friends.

They also visited Marion and Lucas counties and were well received, although there were no Saints in these places. They preached three times there, and were warmly invited when they left to go again.

These brethren feel well on their missions, and state that there are good opportunities on every hand for preaching the gospel.

THE WEATHER.—The appearance of threatening clouds last night, accompanied by a high wind and a little rain, seemed to indicate a storm. We are glad, however, that the weather has changed for the better, and hope the rain will hold off until our soldiers have finished their drill.

Correspondence.

BOILER EXPLOSIONS.

The recent steam boiler explosion at the Indiana State Fair is another fearful instance of the recklessness, so far as human life is concerned, for which the country is becoming notorious, and through which so many lives are annually lost on railroads, steamboats, etc., and furnishes additional evidence of the necessity of legislative interference to prevent their recurrence.

We have received the following communication from Mr. W. J. Silver, Civil Engineer and Draughtsman, of this city, which contains many excellent suggestions in reference to this subject—now becoming of more interest than ever to the people of Utah, on account of the increased importation of steam boilers and other machinery since the completion of the Railroad:

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 18, 1899.
Editor Deseret News:—Sir.—The late disastrous boiler explosion at the Indiana State Fair seems to have caused considerable excitement, judging from the comments in various Eastern papers, and in consequence considerable talk of legislative arrangements tending to prevent the occurrence of such calamities in future.

Of course public attention has been particularly drawn to this case in consequence of its surroundings, probably had the accident occurred in the woods with nobody but the engineer or fireman killed or hurt, very little would have been said, as men filling those positions are supposed to be used to such contingencies, and therefore not to feel so bad about it.

In this city, and in various localities within a short distance are many steam engines and boilers at work, principally engaged in driving saw mills or wood working machinery; and I wish to call attention to the fact, which is beyond successful contradiction, that not one of these boilers are known to be in safe working condition; except such as from being recently new, may reasonably be supposed to be unimpaired; although the boiler at the Indiana Fair was new and supposed to be in good order.

As we are likely to have a continual increase of boilers and engines, from time to time in operation in this city and territory as business increases, requiring power, it may perhaps be well to call the attention of our legislators, who will shortly meet, to the necessity of endeavoring to do something to prevent, as far as possible, the occurrence of such disasters in this Territory by the enforcement of certain regulations which have been found in other places to answer the desired purpose to a great extent.

New York state has a most excellent law, which however applies only to steamboats, &c., but not to the numerous engines employed for stationary purposes, which law, when I was there, was frequently rendered doubtful and oppressive in its operations by the appointment of inspectors who had no other qualifications than being politicians of an uncertain grade, and who, in certain cases, could be (not bribed of course) but considerably influenced by certain considerations which could be used by wealthy proprietors, or still more by political friends.

I would recommend among other enactments the appointment of a suitable person as inspector, whose business it should be to examine the boilers within a certain district and satisfy himself by personal inspection, inside and out, where possible, that every boiler in his district is in safe condition for running, and give a certificate accordingly. Next, the use of hydraulic pressure at intervals of not less than six months to an amount proportioned to the pressure intended to be used; not less than 150 pounds where 100 pounds is to be the working pressure.

I would also call the attention of proprietors to the fact that there are several appliances, not at present in general use here, which greatly tend to economy and safety in the use of steam power. For instance the Glass Water Gauge by which the proprietors, or any person passing can tell by a glance whether the water is at its proper height or not, and in fact is the only method of ascertaining the water level when alkali or other water which foams much has to be used.

Independent feed pumps, by which the engine can at any time, whether convenient to run his engine or not, pump water into the boiler, and at other times pump into a tank or reservoir, ready in any case of fire. This is generally supposed to be an expensive arrangement, but the idea is a mistaken one, as 100 to 150 dollars would furnish and fit this apparatus to any engine in this city.

Fusible plugs, which melt when by any means the water gets too low, and allow the steam to blow into the fire and put it out, are often rendered inoperative by want of understanding how to use them. There should be, at least, three or four of them, one of which should be in place and the others kept in good order ready for insertion in more than one month, when it should be taken out and another put in, and those in reserve carefully examined to see that the metal is not corroded. The time occupied in changing will not exceed half an hour.

If I were engaged as engineer, and sure of my situation for two years, I would, at my own expense, furnish the above arrangements for the time that I was running the engine, as the comfort and security, which I should derive therefrom, would more than repay the expense; but, of course, I do not consider it the engineer's business to do so.

Pressure gauges are in general use by

all responsible persons and need not further be referred to.

The employment of a competent engineer, by which I do not mean a man whose sole recommendation is that he served his time to the business, who affects to have secrets in his mode of working, which he is very careful to guard from others. I have always found the man of profound mystery an ignorant man who took this method of hiding his ignorance. Give me a careful and intelligent man, who, by work and study, will render himself competent for his duty, who will not rest satisfied to know only as much to-morrow as he knows to-day, who will not be content till he knows everything about his engine, so that not a bolt or a key can get loose without his being able immediately to detect it and remedy the fault.

But after these qualifications you must not expect to hire him at about the same rate of wages as are paid to a teamster for driving a few yokes of cattle or span of mules. Demand the proper qualifications and then pay for them.

If necessary let every man pass an examination and get a certificate thereof. In this respect I understand the German method is superior to the American, as a man is not only examined theoretically but a committee wait on him at his engine and note his mode of firing, the amount of fuel used, and the steadiness with which he keeps up his steam and water and other points in actual working.

In the above communication I have not said anything which will injuriously affect any one, as from my acquaintance with steam proprietors here they are as desirous as any others can be to take such precautions as are necessary for safety which also means economy.

W. J. S.

The following observations on the same subject, from a recent number of the New York Tribune, are exceedingly pertinent and well timed:

"The details of the calamity at the Indiana State Fair forcibly suggest one or two questions. Was there any necessity for placing a boiler where its explosion could kill or maim nearly one hundred persons? Can not the power to drive machinery be conveyed from a boiler distance at least a hundred feet from the crush and throng of a public exhibition? Ours is pre-eminently the country of boiler explosions. It is only where our State laws enforce a rigid inspection that such accidents become rare. The framed certificate that is displayed on every passenger steamboat is a badge of protection; but why should this be confined to steamboats? Why not follow up the boiler of every steam-engine by suitable inspection from the hands of the maker to its final destruction? Anybody at present may purchase an old boiler, patch it up, place it under a sidewalk or in a building, and fire up. Perhaps the owner has an intelligent engineer, perhaps not. A rough guess is made as to how many pounds the thing will stand, and the safety-valve is weighed accordingly. That legislative interference which is the horror of an American is rarely applied to steam; and yet there are more people killed by its explosions, in times of peace, than by gunpowder."

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