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FOR A HEAVY HAUL.

Western Roads See a Big Grain Business Ahead.

Chicago, July 7.—The Western roads are looking for a great revival in their business this fall. The consensus of opinion among them is that they are to have one of the best seasons particularly as to the transportation of grain that they have known in many years.

M. C. Markham, assistant traffic manager of the Illinois Central, said today that he regarded the prospects for his road as extremely bright. The only part of the territory touched by the Illinois Central, in which Mr. Markham can't see a good show for his road is in Southern Illinois where the wheat crop is said to be light.

J. M. Johnson, general freight agent of the Rock Island said today: "The conditions are as favorable as we could ask. There is every prospect for an immense crop of corn and the size of it will more than make up for any falling away in the wheat prospects."

E. P. Ripley, vice president of the C. M. & St. P., declared that all the reports received by his road were for a heavy grain business this fall and similar opinions were expressed by D. A. Cooke, of the Chicago Great Western and Col. J. H. Wood, the assistant to the general manager of the Alton road.

The roads of the Central Traffic Association and the Western lines as well are filled with disgust over the outcome of the business to Christian Endeavor convention at Boston. In the first place none of them has secured the amount of business they were looking for and besides the row that has been started over the return limit to the tickets will keep rates demoralized as late as September 15 and perhaps later than that.

A meeting of the directors of the Metropolitan West Side Electric railway of this city was held yesterday at which it was decided that as a means of funding the indebtedness and paying for the construction and maintaining of the road, the capital stock of the company will be increased by the issue of \$15,000,000 of preferred stock. This will make the total capitalization of the road \$35,000,000.

OUR PREMIUM SADDLE OFFER. We are delighted with the pleasing prospect for a greatly increased subscription list from our saddle offer. Read the full text of it in our advertising columns.

A large number have spoken to us about their getting up clubs of 8 at \$3.00 each, cash, in order to get one of these saddles. It is not necessary that all the names and money should be sent to us at one time; but of course they should be as near together as possible. For instance, four one week and one the next week would entitle the sender to one of the saddles.

We cannot promise how long we will keep the offer open. We do not know how the party got the saddles. But they are responsible and we will stand by this agreement and will insist on their sending the saddle, as it will have to come through us.

Read the offer carefully and send us \$1.00 in cash subscribers and get the saddle while the chance lasts.

A Good Appetite. All the companies good health, and a good appetite is an indication of a strong body. The loss of a good appetite for food is soon followed by a loss of strength, for when the supply of fuel is cut off the fire burns low, the system gets into a low state, and is liable to severe attacks of disease. The universal testimony given by those who have used Hood's Sarsaparilla, as to its great merits in restoring and sharpening the appetite, in promoting healthy action of the digestive organs, and a purifier of the blood, constitutes the strongest recommendation that can be urged for any medicine. Those who have never used Hood's Sarsaparilla should surely do so this season.

FOR RENT CHEAP. A 10-room dwelling, suitable for a boarding house. Apply to 2511 A. Y. SIGMON.

GENERAL NEWS.

Cotton in Arkansas and Texas is in danger from constant rains.

John Chambers tore up \$3,000 and then drowned himself, at Chicago.

The banks now hold \$24,225,925 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

A California preacher was convicted of perjury and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

The Pullman Palace Car Company has advanced the wages of its 4,000 employees 10 per cent.

Tammany Chieftain Croker will re-cross the ocean to attend the New York Democratic convention.

Mrs. Lease lost her suit to oust George A. Clarke as a trustee of the Kansas State Board of Charities.

The story that Lord Rosebery is to marry a daughter of the Prince of Wales is given wide credence.

The Baltimore Sun of last Saturday nominates Secretary Carlisle for President, and Senator Gray of Delaware, for Vice President.

New York has a society sensation in the secret marriage of the youthful daughter of President Rogers, of the Standard Oil Company.

There was a terrible rain storm throughout Texas, Kansas and the West late last week which inundated the country and did great damage.

There were many accidents and fatalities throughout the whole country on the 4th of July. More than ever before. There was a fatal riot at Boston.

Mr. I. E. Avery, formerly Associate Editor of the Morganton Herald and a son of Associate Justice Alphonso C. Avery, has been promoted to the Vice Consulship at Shanghai, China.

The son of Senator Baker, of Kansas, says that "a man cannot be a lawyer and a gentleman at the same time," and he is going to give up the legal profession and go into journalism.

There are half a million Swedes in the country, and they are said to be richer on the average than the Americans. The Swedes, as a rule, are sober, industrious, and extremely economical.

Storms of very destructive force and wide extent swept over Kansas and Western Missouri Saturday night. Houses were blown down, numerous persons killed and a vast amount of property destroyed.

Ex. Gov. Campbell of Ohio, in a 4th of July speech before Tammany Society in New York advocated in quite vigorous language a vigorous foreign policy and the strict enforcement of the Monroe doctrine.

The progress of the work at the Cotton States and International Exposition during the past month has been so rapid that the 189 acres of Piedmont Park, with buildings, walks, driveways, terraces and landscape gardening, is beginning to assume the general appearance of the completed work.

Representative Doolittle will ask the next Congress to authorize the coinage of "chop dollars" for use in the Orient. Doolittle made himself solid with the Mikado recently by waving in a crowd the Japanese flag on a pole over the U. S. flag. The Mik. sent for him and will decorate him with the Thistle.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12.—The strained relations between France and Brazil over the French Guiana boundary appears to become more complicated daily. The subject is analogous to the British-Venezuelan trouble in which the United States has taken a hand, and in the opinion of officials here the French contest with Brazil is rapidly assuming an aggravated aspect, which may again call for the attention of the United States, as the Monroe doctrine applies to one no less than to the other. An armed conflict has occurred in the disputed territory between French soldiers and Brazilians. The French Government has demanded redress and the Brazilian Congress has passed a resolution, couched in sharp language, calling for an explanation from France.

Texas' 300-pound Hogg is going to start a newspaper and sit down hard upon his enemies. Oh, Lord!

CONDENSED STATE NEWS ITEMS.

Rowan granite will be on display at Atlanta.—M. P. Pegram, of Charlotte, assigned Friday.—Prisoners confined in the Hendersonville jail escaped Sunday night.—Mr. Isaac Erwin, of Morganton, who accompanied Consul General Jernigan to China, has been made vice consul at Shanghai. Mr. Hugh Dootch, an attache of Gen. Jernigan, has engaged in private business in the Orient.—W. H. Hill, a dry goods merchant at Winston, has assigned.—M. G. Holland, of Johnson county, was shot from ambush a few days ago and perhaps fatally wounded. He was hunting for a blockade distillery, and it is, therefore, thought he was shot by moonshiners.—The Populists claim to have cast 60,000 votes last year.—Statesville is now a second-class post-office.—Oxford, Miss., has called Rev. Dr. N. B. Cobb, of Raleigh, to the pastorate of the First Baptist church.—Rev. Wm. M. Kerr, of Asheville, a retired Methodist preacher is dead.—Newton ships about 4,000 chickens weekly to Washington city.—Thirty companies now constitute the State Guard, and there are 32 applications on file for new companies.—L. H. Carr of Durham, is president of the North Carolina State Telephone Company.—The publication of Col. Fairbrother's paper will be continued by E. C. Hackney.

Land Grabbing.

One of the largest real estate operations of modern times was concluded last Monday by the transfer of a million square miles of African territory to Great Britain. This tract—equal to a thousand miles square—was acquired by what is called a purchase, the seller being the British East Africa Company. England has been the greatest land-grabber of all the ages, and has also been the most skillful colonizer. The student of history, centuries hence, will find few things more remarkable than the territorial acquisition of that "snug little island." They embrace vast areas in Asia, Africa, North and South America and Australasia, not to mention smaller holdings all round the globe and each constituting, by a carefully arranged plan of defence or offence, a "part of one stupendous whole." Although the folly of George III and his government and the patriotism of our Revolutionary fathers caused England to part with much of her North American domain, she still holds a larger section of this continent than that which is under the Stars and Stripes. The Boston Post, noticing the East African transfer, says:

"It is a characteristic transaction. The British trader, colonist, speculator, pushes out ahead and occupies land to which he has no right. The British government follows to 'protect' its citizens first, then to absorb the territory which they have occupied. In this case it pays its own citizens for the land they have appropriated from the African tribes. Sometimes it takes the land from its original owners for its own citizens.

"This is the way Great Britain acquired India. The East Africa Company is only a feeble imitation of the East India Company. This is the way Great Britain acquired the South African possessions. The greed of territory which characterizes the British race is its most persistent and powerful trait.

"Undoubtedly this has done much toward spreading civilization through the world. But the secondary benefits cannot excuse the original act."

The same argument that condemns the seizing of Africa by the European powers would be equally condemnatory of the seizing of America by Spain, England, Holland, France, and the other land-grabbers who shared the spoils of two continents. It will not be denied that the human race has been immeasurably benefited by European colonization in America, Africa and India. Nor will it be denied that England has treated the natives quite as well as other powers.

If England had confined her land-grabbing to uncivilized countries the people of the United States would have no cause of complaint. But some of her real estate operations against organized governments on this side of the Atlantic, and especially her repeated grabs at the territory of Venezuela, are condemned by American public sentiment as plain violations of a policy deliberately adopted and promulgated by this country more than seventy years ago.—Washington Post.

A RECENT INCREASE

IN THE PRESIDENT'S FAMILY MADE BY THE ARRIVAL OF A GIRL BABY.

Ruth is Now Four Years Old and Esther Two—An Open Secret That a Boy Baby Would Not Have Been Unwelcome.

Buzzards' Bay, July 7.—Just before five o'clock this evening news reached the village that a girl baby had been born at Gray Gables. This report was soon verified by Dr. Bryant who announced that the happy event occurred at 4:30 p. m., and that both mother and little one were doing as well as could be expected.

This is the third child to be born into the President's family and all of them are girls. Ruth is four years old and Esther two years.

Only a passing glance could be obtained from the President this afternoon, but that was enough to show that there was an expression of satisfaction on the face of the chief executive, although it was an open secret that a boy baby would not have been unwelcome. Mrs. Cleveland's mother is expected to arrive from Buffalo next week.

Bull Fights at Atlanta.

It has been definitely decided to have a bull fight at the Cotton States and International Exposition. It will be given in the Mexican Village on the grounds.

A letter from the concessionaire just received gives the following description which indicates that this feature will rival the Wild West show as a drawing card: The arena will be arranged in the regular way and a full troupe of the best bull-fighters in Mexico, with a supply of trained horses and of the finest bulls will be brought to Atlanta. It will be an exact reproduction of the famous bull fights of Spain with one exception—the bull's horns will be padded, so that he can do no damage. The horses will likewise be protected by embossed leather shields, so that the whole fight may be carried out without the slightest cruelty or a bit more bloodshed than is seen at a Wild West show.

The troupe will all be dressed in the most picturesque and beautiful costumes. After the bull is let into the arena, the picadors, on horseback, will enter and display all the scientific bravery that makes bull fighting such interesting sport. All the interesting and beautiful moves with the capes, in fact, all the skill that can be shown in the cape-play will be exhibited. So well trained are the horses that they elude the most furious charges of the infuriated bull. When the bugle sounds again, the picadors retire and the banderillas come in. It is their task to stick flags on the bull and decorate him for his funeral. The sticks used, instead of being barbed as they are in the real fight, will have bird lime or some similar substance on them to make them stick. After six of these have been placed skillfully on different parts of the bull's anatomy, the bugle again sounds and the matador, the hero of the ring, ventures to give the now infuriated animal the "coup de grace." He awaits steadily the last desperate charge, gives the death stroke with a dagger, seizes the bull by the horns, and with great agility gets out of the way. After the fatal blow has been given, the bull is once more driven back to his pen, and the cause for the tragic event is a violent exercise, and a little more of the next performance.

The troupe is now training in Mexico, and several of the most interesting events have already been made known to be one of the strongest attractions at the Exposition. It is certainly the first show of the kind ever seen in the United States. If any place in the United States could have one it is Atlanta.

A Small Fire.

Tuesday morning just before sun-up Mr. H. S. Suttlemyre was aroused by the alarm of fire. By some means to him unknown fire had broken out in his woodhouse and had gotten under such headway that nothing beyond saving his dwelling from the devouring flames could be done. The timely aid of his neighbors enabled him to do this and he now asks them to accept the gratitude of his heart for the services they rendered him. The origin of the fire is unknown. The woodhouse, washhouse, a few fruit trees, nearly his entire grape crop, some fencing and several cords of wood were burned up. The loss aggregated about \$50.

MET EACH OTHER HALF WAY.

Dr. Geo. E. Cecil, of Barbourville, Ky., and Miss Annie Gouger married.

Dr. Geo. E. Cecil, of Barbourville, Ky., and Miss Anna Gouger, of Statesville, N. C., were registered at the Imperial Hotel yesterday and the casual observer of the register, would never have known that they were even acquainted, but they were and when they left the hotel to take the six o'clock train on the Knoxville, Cumberland Gap and Louisville road, they were "two souls with but a single thought, two hearts which beat as one."

At five o'clock the couple left the hotel and sought out Dr. Sutherland, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church. He was found at his residence and in his usual short ceremony under such occasions tied the knot and sent them away happy.

Dr. W. G. Casenbarg, of Friendsville, Mr. L. E. Johnson, of Morganton, N. C., and other acquaintances, some of the city, were present and witnessed the ceremony. The party left for Barbourville at six o'clock.

Dr. Cecil is a native of Greene county, this State, and is a graduate of the late Dr. Brabson, of that county. His family lives at present at Washington College. He is a leading physician of his section and has a large practice. The bride is a handsome woman of one of the best families of the Old Tar Heel State. In order that no objection might be offered to the nuptials they met each other half way and were united. The license was obtained here.—Knoxville Tribune.

"Historic Doubts."

"The greatest native Jurist of North Carolina in the last sixty years was probably the late Justice Pearson. One of the most elegant writers, and ablest lawyers and most accomplished gentlemen of our State was certainly the late Judge Archibald D. Murphey. Both of these able men knew the late Peter S. Ney personally, and both said he was Marshal Ney. We refer to them to introduce the following which, we suppose, first appeared in a North Carolina paper, but we don't know the one. We find the statement in the Atlanta Constitution of Monday last:

"The author of the recent book entitled 'Historic Doubts as to the Execution of Marshal Ney,' has submitted his work to four judges of the Superior Court of North Carolina and to an ex-judge who is now a member of Congress. They have united in the following statement: 'We have read your book with a great deal of care, and our verdict as impartial judges is this: You have proved beyond reasonable doubt that Peter S. Ney was Marshal Ney.'"

"After we had read the book with so much pleasure and satisfaction our mind was made up for all time unless Marshal Ney's son, Count Napoleon Ney, of France, should say that his father was certainly shot to death and has been in his grave for well nigh eighty years. We believe Mr. Weston's case is proved by an array of evidence that is overwhelming. That letter he gives at the close from a correspondent in France clinched the nail."

"We are glad to see it mentioned in a New York paper that the first edition of this remarkable book is nearly exhausted. It ought to have a big sale, for it is of extraordinary interest."

We copy the above from the Wilmington Messenger of July 4th.

The matter referred to is no doubt embraced in and can be readily comprehended from the fact that Thomas Whittaker, the Publisher, 2 and 2 Bible House, New York, has issued a circular pamphlet, and in it is the statement contained in the above and signed by the following named North Carolinians, which is sub-headed, "A Judicial Verdict." James F. Izlar, Ex-Judge and Member of Congress, Orangeburg, S. C.; Fred. Philips, Judge of Superior Court, Tarboro, N. C.; Henry G. Connor, Judge of Superior Court, Wilson, N. C.; Jacob Battle, Judge of Superior Court, Rocky Mount, N. C.; George H. Brown, Judge of Superior Court, Washington, N. C.

A horse kicked H. S. Shafer, of the Freemyer House, Middleburg, N. Y., on the knee, which laid him up in bed and caused the knee joint to become stiff. A friend recommended him to use Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which he did, and in two days was able to be around. Mr. Shafer has recommended it to many others and says it is excellent for any kind of a bruise or sprain. This same remedy is also famous for its cures of rheumatism. For sale by O. M. Royster, Druggist. 2747