

GOLD BOOMERS

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Dramatic Scenes and Incidents of the Forward Journey—All Liquor is to be Kept Out of the Territory if Possible.

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The advance guard of the boomers has reached the line which divides the neutral strip from Oklahoma. A number of them galloped over the forbidden soil, but were promptly driven back by the troopers.

To-day all of the wagons will be drawn up side by side ready for the final start. Fresh arrivals are constantly coming in from every direction. The Indians regard the movement with disfavor. They are preparing to resist if imposed upon by the settlers.

The impatient boomers captured in the fight near Purcell have been imprisoned. A band of Texans is said to be marching to their rescue.

ESPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. ON THE OKLAHOMA LINE, BY COVER BY ARKANSAS CITY, April 20.

The boomers are in sight of their Eldorado at last. After a march of three days over the muddy trails of the Cherokee strip they halted at sundown within a hundred yards of the beautiful land of the Chickasaws. The first glimpse of a harbor light was never more welcome to a storm-tossed sailor than was the rolling green plain of Oklahoma to the hardy crews of the white-topped prairie schooners.

They entered it with cheers and volleys of musketry and other demonstrations of delight. Horsemen and guides who have accompanied the long procession hurried their ponies and dashed upon the soil which has been the happiest dream of their lives, but they were promptly routed back to the wagons by Captain Hayes' troopers, and ordered to remain there until Monday.

Everybody is happy. The old soldiers have formed a marching line, and are parading up and down the southern edge of the strip, singing war songs and discharging their revolvers and rifles. Following them is a crowd of 2,000 men, women and children, who are doing all they can to make the din more deafening.

At daylight the great camp bell will be struck, and the wagons will begin moving east and west, so that by Sunday night they will be evenly distributed on the Oklahoma line in positions from which they can safely join in the great scramble which begins at noon Monday. The boomers are hopeful and confident. They have been together so long, and have discussed their plans so many times, that they think they know just how they are going to proceed.

All Have Land in Their Minds. Every man has a quarter section in his mind's eye, and when the starting signal is given he will break for it as fast as his ponies will carry him. It is not unlikely that many cherished plans and hopes will be crushed during the struggle. There are men on the line to-night representing every element of wide Western society who have come across the strip to reserve claims. They have the fittest ponies in the Territory, and as they are thoroughly acquainted with Oklahoma they have an advantage over the honest homesteaders which can hardly be appreciated at this time.

Besides they are all armed to the teeth, and are boasting that they will not brook rivalry or opposition. These men mean to precipitate trouble. The march across the strip was comparatively uneventful. Some of the creeks, especially the Salt fork of the Arkansas, were very high, but the boomers by graceful piloting cleared them all with ease. As they went down through the Ponca, Otoe and Osage reservations hundreds of Indians gathered by the side of the trail and watched the wagons as they rolled by.

The Indians Are Not Pleased. The Indians were nearly all armed, and took occasion to make an ostentatious display of their Winchesters, shotguns and six-shooters. One grizzly old buck, who had a shotgun, was approached by a pretty little girl, who timidly asked him if he was going to kill her papa. The Indian scowled at the child, and then, patting his gun, said with a grunt: "Kill turkey this. This for boomer." He took from his pocket a big Winchester cartridge and held it up for the inspection of the child. She ran back to her father's wagon and hastily climbed in between the canvas flaps, while the old buck complacently returned the cartridge to his pocket.

A greater, dirtier or more contemptible lot of vagabonds than the Ponca, Otoe and Osage would be hard to find. They are even more bent on the game with which the country abounds. These are the sort of neighbors the boomers will have on the north. Captain Hayes rode up and down the trail to-night instructing the boomers how to proceed on Monday. Every man will be permitted to haul his wagon up to the line so that when the starting signal is given he can get into the Eldorado at a jump.

They Are Still Streaming In. The boomers are not all here yet. Hundreds of wagons are still coming across the strip, and others are passing through Arkansas City. Many of them will come too late, for it takes three days for a schooner to cross the strip. The battle between United States Deputy Marshals and the big Texans who have been fording the South Canadian for the past two days was fierce and bloody as long as it lasted.

It was fought early yesterday afternoon among the cotton woods near Purcell. Fourteen deputies were on one side. The boomers, who numbered over 100, were surprised just as they were preparing their dinner. The invaders ran to cover and began to fire on the officers. The latter were well equipped with a volley which carried death with it. For ten minutes the battle waged furiously. Then one of the boomers, with blood pouring from a wound in his forehead, came out of the hedge fort and waved a white handkerchief.

STILL THEY COME.

Arkansas City Thronged With New Arrivals From Every Direction—The Sun of Italy Represented—Large Sales of Arms and Ammunition.

The crowd at the Union station at Arkansas City this morning was the largest since the arrival of ex-President Cleveland in the fall of 1887. The bulk was composed of boomers on their way to the promised land of Oklahoma. Nearly every State east of the Mississippi was represented. There were women and children among them there heretofore. Farmers were noticeably few. A group of 66 bricklayers from Ft. Wayne, with their tools, were going to pre-empt claims and build brick houses if the opportunity presents itself.

These people are bound for Guthrie, for which place a party of 30 bricklayers, carpenters and mechanics, headed by Captain T. T. Easley, of this city, started last night. A number of colonists from New York, Massachusetts, Illinois and Pennsylvania, bound for Kingfisher, organized on the Rock Island train last night and agreed to settle and claim lands adjoining each other. Edward F. Giddens, of Ordensburg, N. Y., was a butcher, a pharmacist, a tailor and a blacksmith.

Going in to Win. Seventeen tall mountaineers from Peach Gap, Tenn., armed and equipped, took the 10:30 train for Caldwell, Ark. They were formidable-looking fellows, and the opinion was ventured by the depot officials that the original boomers would have trouble in presenting these men making claims.

The principal question of the boomers this morning was what the presence of 115 Italian emigrants, provided with tickets to Guthrie, portended. The explanation that they were going to work on the Santa Fe Railroad did not satisfy them. They buffeted the sons of Italy about and made soft balls of their bundles.

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The old story that the Pennsylvania Senators, while pretending to oppose each other violently on every appointment, is really understood each other perfectly, is revived. The resignation of one department clerk has been refused. Secretary Ruska has been compelled, for economical reasons, to discharge 18 employees in one department of his bureau. Captain Ames' friends rally to his defense in his court martial.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Senator Quay was the President's visitor of most interest to Pennsylvania, to-day, and he remained for some time in the Presidential library. Whether it was intentional, or a mere coincidence, that Postmaster General Wankmaker was the next visitor, is not known, but it is surmised that both gentlemen had something to say in regard to the Philadelphia postmaster's office.

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A DOG RUNS AMUCK.

During a Flying Trip Through New York Streets He Bites Nine People—He Has a Rival in Another Part of the City.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Mrs. Bureau, of Hudson street, sat at her window this afternoon, watching her 8-year-old daughter, Louise, at play with other children in front of the house. A big black mongrel dog came bounding along and grabbed Louise's little hand in his mouth. Mrs. Bureau ran out to rescue the child or avenge her, and the dog made off, leaving the marks of his teeth in Louise's soft flesh. Taking the crying child in her arms, Mrs. Bureau went to the hospital and got little Louise's wound cauterized.

The black dog, in the meantime, ran along. Near Broadway he bit 15-year-old William Monger in the leg. He turned around and ran down Chambers street toward the hospital, where he bit 15-year-old Nathaniel Frager. He trotted down Greenwich street, and at Vesey bit Constant Ninger. The mongrel dog bit Old Jacobson, 15-year-old John Mahoney, and 8-year-old Thomas Doherty. Further down he bit Thomas B. Fahy, Frederick M. Wheeler and William Davis.

Davis collapsed and Policeman James Tuttle shot him. Tuttle accompanied Davis to the Chambers Street Hospital, where the latter went to get his wound cauterized. The dog then ran on to the street, where he bit a young boy named John. The dog then ran on to the street, where he bit a young boy named John.

While the big black dog was getting in his work west of Broadway, a little brown dog, usually a spaniel of low degree, was engaged in the same line of business on the east side. Park Policeman Conroy saw him catch a boy's trousers between his teeth as he passed along, but he did nothing of it until the brown dog bit the hand of 14-year-old Jimmy McNally. This aroused Policeman Conroy to action, and following the brown dog he shot him dead. Newsboy McNally hurried to the hospital, and found there Adolph Demuth, who had been bitten by the brown dog. There were reports that the brown dog had bitten at least half a dozen people.

BANKS BADLY BITTEN. A Boston Leather Firm Goes Under and Leaves \$200,000 in Debt.

BOSTON, April 20.—The week closes with another failure in the hide and leather business. Dawson, Williams & Co., one of the unfortunate ones, their liabilities being fully \$200,000, most of which falls upon New England banks. Mr. William A. Rice has been appointed assignee. The failure is the result of the shrinkage of values. The firm has for a long time been carrying a large stock of goods, and its value has been rapidly depreciated. The firm also has a large stock on hand at present, and is unable to dispose of it. Bates & Co. are unable to pay for their stock, and the firm is unable to pay for its stock. Bates & Co. are unable to pay for their stock, and the firm is unable to pay for its stock.

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AMERICA ALL RIGHT.

Bismarck Will Talk Very Sweetly to Our Samoa Commissioners. EVERYTHING IS TO BE CONCEDED.

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A Disturbance Over the Law Restricting Socialism and the Press. The German Government has assumed a most peaceful attitude regarding the Samoan trouble. It is stated that the United States is to be conciliated at all hazards. The only cloud in the sky is the feeling over the appointment of Bates and Sewell as Commissioners. They will be courteously received, however. The new measure to restrict the liberty of the press is creating considerable opposition. The Socialists are also at work.

BERLIN, April 20.—Count Herbert Bismarck has prepared a statement for the Samoan conference, as a basis for discussion. It has been submitted to and approved by Sir Edward Malet, the British Ambassador, who was in all probability consulted while it was being drafted. If the American commission accept the statement the conference ought not to last more than a week.

Germany concedes the principle of absolute non-interference in Samoa, and the natives are to be left free to choose as their ruler either Mallet, Tamassoe or Mataafa. No claims for compensation for German subjects are mentioned in the statement and practically the work of the conference is limited to defining explicitly the powers of the American commission in regard to the boundaries of old rights over Pago Pago and other vitalizing stations and the formation of a tribunal for the protection and trial of foreigners.

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A Jealous Man Horribly Butchers Four of His Five Children and Then Hangs Himself—Terrible Tragedy at Blue Run.

ADDISON, N. Y., April 20.—At 7 o'clock this morning a horrible tragedy was discovered at Blue Run, 2 1/2 miles from Addison, on the main branch of the Addison and Pennsylvania Railroad. Frank Hancock and four of his children, two girls and two boys, aged respectively 12, 8, 6 and 4 1/2 years, were found dead.

Last night Mrs. Hancock went to a neighbor's to watch with a sick woman. About midnight she ran over to her own home, a few rods distant, found all quiet and returned to the sick bed. She went home early in the morning, prepared breakfast and went to call the family, when she found her husband hanging to one of the rafters of the shanty in which they lived, and four of her children in a bed the same room, two with their throats cut from ear to ear and two stabbed to the heart. A huge butcher knife was used in the terrible work. The bloody weapon was then stuck as a prop to keep the door open.

Hancock was fireman in the mill of Waite & Atwell, and the mill hands were quickly summoned to the scene. Hancock and the neighbors notified of the awful deed. After butchering the four children Hancock stabbed himself several times, but not inflicting mortal wounds. Three ropes were used in the hanging. Hancock was about 40 years of age, and had been married for 15 years. He had five children, the fifth child, a boy, 1 year old, sleeping in a cradle, was unharmed, and in a letter Hancock left, directed to his father, he desired his silver watch given to the boy when he grew up.

Before the coroner's jury to-day, Mrs. Hancock testified that she had a lover, and that her husband had been jealous of her. He liked, and that they had agreed to part May 1 and divide the children between them, but the neighbors do not credit her story. Further hearing was postponed. Jealousy is supposed to be the cause of the deed. Hancock was about 40 years of age, and a steady workman.

A HITCH IN THE PROCEEDINGS. The Standard Fails Formidable Rivals for Ohio Oil.

LIMA, April 20.—There is a hitch in the Standard's negotiations with the Trenton Rock Oil Company for their 10,000 acres of leases. It is said that company adjourned for 30 days without meeting, and it is certain that they have not sold out. There is reason to believe that a syndicate of independent refiners, consisting of the Eagle, Standard and the Standard Oil Company, of this city, and Scofield, Sherman and Teagle, of Cleveland, are negotiating against the Standard for the property. The Standard Oil Company is expected to buy the Eagle refinery to the Standard.

There have been no transactions of importance consummated, and interest centers in negotiations over the Trenton Rock property and the fight between the Standard and Lima companies over the Romeke lease. The latter had one-third interest in a lease and contract for the production of oil from the Romeke field. The Standard bought the other two-thirds, and notified the Lima company that it could have no more of the oil and prospect to connect a pipeline with the tank. The Lima company forthwith sent a force of men, who tore up the Standard pipe and threw it over the fence. There was no conflict of forces, but the end is not yet.

FAVORS BUT ONE UNIVERSITY. The Pope's Letter to Cardinal Gibbons Arrives and is Read.

NEW YORK, April 20.—The Catholic News, of this city, has received the Latin text of the letter which the Pope has addressed to Cardinal Gibbons and the American bishops in relation to the Catholic University at Washington. The Pope approves the statutes which were presented to him by Bishop Keane, and confers on the university all the rites competent to adjust a lawful university of studies. The office of Chancellor is conferred on the Archbishop of Baltimore and his successors, and the university is to be governed by a board of trustees. The Pope wishes that a special school may be erected for teaching the canon law, and also the public law of the church, and suggests that all other Catholic schools in the education be connected with the university. He directs that no similar university be founded without the consent of the Holy See.

CONTENTS OF THIS ISSUE. A Guide for Rapid Readers—Where to Find News and Choice Reading.

THE DISPATCH this morning offers its tens of thousands of patrons a triple top 20-page number. On account of pressure on the news columns by live business men who thrive by selecting the world know where they can be found, and what they are doing, it has been found necessary to make some changes in the make-up. The most important is the transfer of the classified advertisements—wants, for sales, to let, business changes, auction sales, real estate cards, etc.—from the Third Page of the First Part of the DISPATCH to the Eleventh Page of the Second Part. The sporting review will also be found on the Eleventh Page of the Second Part. The First Part contains the latest tele