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VISIONARY VICTIMS.

Misguided Communists Lured to Physical and Financial Destruction.

THE CO-OPERATIVE COLONY

Which Was to Found a Tropical Paradise in Mexico a Gigantic Bunko Scheme.

STARVATION INSTEAD OF LUXURY.

Poverty in Place of Riches, and Practical Slavery Where Boundless Freedom Was Expected.

GRAVES MORE PLENTIFUL THAN HOMES.

One Kind of Money Turned Out on a Printing Press to Pay the Tutors, While Another Was Demanded by the Company.

STORIES OF THOSE WHO ESCAPED WITH LIFE.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 12.—A colonization company promising choice fruits, but yielding only dead Sea apples, is the Integral Co-operative Association of Topolobampo, in Mexico, on the Gulf of California. This commune has been in operation about seven years, and has, so far, ruined more than 1,000 families, and has planted graves among the cacti of a desert, as well as wrecking the fortunes of those who were deluded by the bright pictures sent out by these interested in securing the money of victims under the guise of philanthropy and communal possessions.

Bright Hopes That Were Blasted.

It was one year ago an adherent of the doctrines of the commune, and, joining some 70 others, went to Topolobampo with bright hopes for the future, believing he had at last found a land free from all the vicissitudes of mankind, where selfishness had no abiding place, and where all the good in man's nature was developed to the exclusion of evil.

Financial Features of the Scheme.

Before Mr. Comfort was permitted to join this happy family of now some 400 people he was compelled to purchase stock in the Kansas-Sinaloa Investment Company to the amount of \$10 for each adult in his family. On arriving at Topolobampo (Pacific City) he was assessed \$20 for each member of his family, which gave him the privilege of an allotment of the company's land, not the ownership, and one-half the amount in credit for the purchase of the stock.

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STATE TREASURY

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WHERE JURISDICTION BEGINS AND ENDS.

MILLS ON THE MOVE.

The Texas Candidate for Speaker Goaded to a Declaration.

HE HAS HAD NO SILVER BARGAIN.

His Denial of a Rumored Conference Made Decidedly Emphatic.

LIVELY CONTEST FOR THE CLERKSHIP

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The Baltimore Herald of this morning, in a dispatch from Washington, undertook to explain the apparently inconsistent attitude on the subject of free silver by a circumstantial account of how Mr. Mills had agreed to organize the House of Representatives against free silver as the price of his elevation to the Speakership. The story, in more or less detail, has been in circulation in Washington ever since Mills made his memorable speech in Ohio during the late campaign deprecating the agitation of the silver question at this time. The story has been widely believed, and has been used as an effective argument against Mills among the free silver men of the party. Mr. Mills had doubtless heard the story, but he let it pass unnoticed until it was printed this morning, when he proceeded to denounce it and its author in the following emphatic letter, which he has caused to be generally circulated to-night.

DON PIATT IS DEAD.

A FAMOUS JOURNALIST PASSES AWAY NEAR CLEVELAND.

A Complicated Form of the Grip Carries Him Away—His Life Before and After His Retirement From Active Work—His Death a Surprise.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 12.—Colonel Don Piatt died at his home, Mac-o-Chee, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. He had been ill for two weeks with a form of the grip, but it was only in the last few days that his indisposition was regarded as serious. The announcement of his death came as a complete surprise to his friends in this city, and owing to imperfect telegraph facilities it is impossible to learn full particulars. Since Colonel Piatt's retirement from active journalism he has lived quietly at his line country home in Logan county. He was called from this retirement in 1888 at the urgent request of Mr. Cleveland to found *Jefferson's Magazine* in New York. After one year he returned to the Cleveland *Journal* and engaged upon an extensive biographical history of General George H. Thomas, which was almost completed at the time of his death. His latest work for the press was a Washington letter on the revolution in Ohio on the issues and candidates of the late campaign which attracted wide attention.

HOUSES OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12, 1891.

Editor Morning Herald: I have been directed to a dispatch from here dated November 11 by your correspondent, in which he charges I want to see New York prior to the late election as the invitation of certain anti-silver Democrats. I have had no conference with anti-silver men in New York in reference to the organization of the House; I haven't seen Colonel Cleveland since last June, and I have never had anyone propose to me that I organize the House, if elected, against a silver issue in legislation. I have myself refused to retract the false statement to which you have given circulation. Yours truly, R. S. MILLS.

THE CONTEST FOR CLERK

OPENS UP EARLY AT WASHINGTON IN FULL BLAST.

Four Candidates Butting Horns Members of Congress for a Desirable Position—Two Pennsylvanians Cutting Each Other's Throats—All the Applicants Are Ex-Congressmen.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—[Special.]—The contest of the clerkship of the House of Representatives, which is one of the most desirable offices within the gift of Congress, has opened up here, and promises to be as lively as the speakership fight. Already there are four candidates in the field, and there will no doubt be more before the first Monday in December when the present clerk, Edward McPherson, will call the House to order. The clerkship carries with it a salary of \$5,000, with a few desirable perquisites thrown in, and the duties are not onerous.

CHICAGO NOT A COMPETITOR.

But if the Republican Convention Must Meet There It Will Be Welcome.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—One hundred and fifty of Chicago's prominent business men, with a sprinkling of Illinois politicians, assembled at the Grand Pacific Hotel this afternoon to consider ways and means for capturing the Republican National Convention for Chicago. After some discussion the following resolutions were passed by the meeting:

A FATAL CASE OF TOOTHACHE.

Arnold Friedman Shows Himself. Because He Couldn't Stand the Pain.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—[Special.]—A Central Park policeman found the dead body of a young man, with a bullet hole in his right temple, in the shrubbery at Ninety-ninth street to-day. A 38-caliber revolver was in the suicide's right hand, and the small hole in the forehead had evidently been retracted the shot was in his left hand. He was Arnold Friedman, formerly a lieutenant in the Austro-Hungarian army. His father is the foreman of a machine shop in Hungary, and one of his brothers, Charles, is a machinist in this city.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE RIVERS.

Estimates on the Amount of Money to Be Needed Next Year.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—[Special.]—Gen-

NO BOMB THIS TIME.

Chicago Police Raid a Meeting of the Again Violent Anarchists.

GUNS AND PISTOLS DRAWN.

Only the Prompt Action of the Officers Prevents Bloodshed.

MANY OF THE LEADERS ARRESTED.

Allegations Made That Startling Plots Have Been Discovered.

THE FRONT OF A BUILDING TORN OUT

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—One hundred policemen marched down upon an Anarchist meeting to-night in Grief's Hall, and the scenes that took place inside the hall, reminded some of the officers of that awful night when the bomb was thrown in Haymarket square. A crashing of glass and the bursting in of the street door followed by the heavy tramp of the police as they rushed in was the first intimation the Anarchists had that the meeting was to be broken up.

THE POWER OF THE POLICE DENIED.

The moment the first squad of police, headed by Lieutenant Wheeler, burst in the Anarchists who were sitting at a drinking bar, Grief, the proprietor of the hall, shouted: "Get out of here, you scoundrels! You are interfering with our business!"

SAM SMALL IN A FIGHT.

ASSAULTED AND KICKED IN AN ATLANTA BARBER SHOP.

The Evangelist Thinks Things Would Have Gone Differently if He Had Had Warning—A Saloonkeeper Takes Him at a Disadvantage and Beats Him.

ATLANTA, Nov. 12.—[Special.]—Rev. Sam Small was assaulted, beaten and kicked by Dom Minor, a saloonkeeper, in Nash's barber shop on Peachtree street, just after 1 o'clock to-day. George Yarborough, one of the barbers, told a reporter that the fight was brought about as follows: Mr. Small came in the shop. One of the barbers said: "Shave, sir." Small said no, that he would wait for Yarborough, who was then busy, and then Small took a seat in an unoccupied barber chair. Yarborough soon finished shaving his man and Small then took his seat. While Small was getting his shave Minor walked in and took a seat, also waiting for Yarborough.

SAVER HIM FROM A TERM IN THE MISSOURI PENITENTIARY FOR BIGAMY.

SEDLALA, MO., Nov. 12.—[Special.]—The most pathetic appeal for mercy ever heard in Pettis county was made to-day by Charles Shelby Hughes, the charge-evangelist, who pleaded guilty to the crime of bigamy, he having married Miss Mollie Hargesser in St. Louis last summer while he had a wife living at Mt. Vernon, Ill. Hughes is a morphia fiend, and has wasted away to almost a skeleton during his four months' confinement in jail. He looked like a corpse as he pleaded for mercy, and his appeal was heard by Judge Byland and one-half the members of the bar and spectators were in tears. At the close there was scarcely a dry eye in the courtroom, and the effort had had its effect, for the Court meted out the minimum sentence—three months in the county jail and a fine of \$100, which can be worked out at \$1 a day. Hughes has worked in nearly every city in the country as a printer, and at the time he contracted his bigamous marriage was employed as city editor of the *Razon* here. He had expected to go to the penitentiary, and is highly elated at the success of his appeal for mercy.

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MRS. CLEVELAND'S PORTRAIT.

Sell, the Washington Photographer, Loses His Cincinnati Copyright Suit.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 12.—The case of G. M. Bell, the Washington photographer, against the Henderson-Achert-Krebs Lithographing Company, of this city, for \$34,000, as penalty for an alleged infringement of Mr. Bell's copyright on the pictures of Mrs. ex-President Cleveland, was ended to-day by a verdict for the defendants under instructions from Judge Sage, of the United States District Court.

THE DEFENDANTS.

The defendants, when they bought out the lithographing establishment, owned a large quantity of Mrs. Cleveland's pictures in the stock. Upon being advised that they were illegally made they destroyed them. The court directed the jury to find for the defendants.