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## LOWERED THE RECORD.

**Major Delmar Trotted a Mile at Syracuse in 2:00 1-4.**

**Condition of Crops—Pension Report. Postoffice Indictments—Increased Value of Farms—Murders at Belmont—Boy Saved Steeple Climber. Barrel of Alcohol Exploded.**

With conditions estimated to make the course a good half second slower than on Wednesday, when he established a new world's trotting record for geldings, 2:01 1/2, Major Delmar went a mile on the state fair ground track at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon in 2:00 1/4, lowering his previous record 1 1/4 seconds.

With the regularity of clockwork Delmar settled down to his work and interest in the grand stand became intense. The quarter was reached in 31 3/4 seconds, the same time made by Delmar in Wednesday's trial. Soon after passing the quarter pole the gelding faltered slightly but soon recovered himself and reached the half in 1:01, having gained three-quarters of a second over his time on Wednesday.

At the half Delmar and his running mate were joined by a second runner and the real contest began. Side by side flew the three horses, while the spectators almost held their breath in suspense. Glances at watches showed that the third quarter had been done in 29 1/2 and a mighty cheer went up. Coming into the stretch McDonald gave Delmar a light touch with the whip and the gelding in response made a magnificent spurt which brought him under the wire in 2:00 1/4.

**Average Condition of Crops.**  
The monthly report of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture will show the condition of corn on Sept. 1 to have been 80.1 as compared with 78.7 on Aug. 1, 1903; 81.3 on Sept. 1, 1902, and a 10-year average of 79.3.

The average condition at harvest of winter and spring wheat combined was 74.7 against 80.0 on Sept. 1, 1902, and a 10-year average of 78.3.

The average condition of the oat crop on Sept. 1 was 75.7 against 79.5 on Aug. 1, 1903; 87.3 on Sept. 1, 1902; 72.1 at the corresponding date in 1901 and a 10-year average of 80.6.

The average condition of barley on Sept. 1 was 82.1, against 83.4 on Aug. 1, 1903; 89.7 on Sept. 1, 1902, and a 10-year average of 82.2.

The average condition of rye on Sept. 1 was 84.1, against 87.2 one month ago; 90.2 Sept. 1, 1902, and a 10-year average of 85.5.

The average condition of buckwheat on Sept. 1 was 91.0, against 93.9 one month ago; 86.4 on Sept. 1, 1902, and a 10-year average of 84.4.

The average condition of flax on Sept. 1 was 87.5, against 80.3 one month ago and 86.2 on July 1, 1903.

The average condition of potatoes on Sept. 1 was 83.3 against 87.2 one month ago; 89.1 on Sept. 1, 1902, and a 10-year average of 76.0.

**996,545 Pensioners on the Rolls.**  
The annual report of the commissioner of pensions, Eugene F. Ware, places the total number of pensioners now on the rolls at 996,545, of which 729,256 are soldiers and 267,289 are widows and dependents.

Five of the pensioners are on the roll on account of the war of the revolution, 1,116 on account of the war of 1812, 4,734 on account of the Indian wars and 13,874 account of the Mexican war.

The average annual value of each pension is now \$133. The annual value of the Spanish war pension roll has reached \$1,765,310.

Mr. Ware estimates that the unpensioned survivors of the civil war, exclusive of deserters, is in round numbers 200,000, and says that this unknown army is meeting with disease and misfortune to such an extent that it is applying for pensions at the rate of over 14,000 per annum. In 10 years, Mr. Ware predicts, the unknown army will have ceased to be a factor.

**Turks Plunder and Murder.**  
The Albanian and Turkish troops in the vilayet of Adrianople appear to be pursuing their usual tactics of burning and plundering the villages and killing the peasants instead of making an attempt to break up the insurgent bands.

Very little news is filtering through from Monastir but all reports agree that the position of the Christians is desperate. The Turks are making a clean sweep of the whole Bulgarian element.

Twelve thousand troops are assembled around Malkotoun and are engaged in pillaging and burning the villages. The population everywhere is fleeing to the forests and mountains. All the Turkish population in the district of Losengrad has received arms, even the boys have revolvers.

**Indictment of Beavers and Others.**  
United States District Attorney Beach at Washington has announced that the six persons named in the seven indictments returned by the grand jury last Tuesday are: George W. Beavers, former chief of the division of salaries and allowances, post-office department; August W. Machen, former general superintendent of the free delivery system, postoffice department; James W. Erwin, former post-office inspector, with headquarters in San Francisco; George H. Huntington

and Isaac S. McGelhan, both of New York city, owners of the Columbia Supply company of that city; and Eugene D. Scheble, of Toledo, O., a dentist and interested in the firm of Maybury & Ellis of Detroit, letter-box manufacturers.

**Auto Plunged Into Canal.**  
A 20-horse power automobile, owned by Dr. John Grant Lyman, a wealthy, clubman of New York, while running at a rate of 15 miles an hour, went through an open bridge into the Erie canal at the West Genesee street crossing in Syracuse at 7 o'clock Sunday morning.

With Dr. Lyman at the time of the accident were two of his New York friends, Armand W. Brand and W. T. Ryland, also well known in metropolitan club circles, and the chauffeur.

Mr. Brand jumped and landed on the towpath, fracturing his left ankle. His momentum was such that after striking the ground he bounded into the canal. The other members of the party went into the water with the machine but quickly swam to the shore uninjured.

**Boy Saved a Steeple Climber.**  
One day last week F. Devillo Sanders of Belmont, Allegheny county, climbed the steeple of the Episcopal church in Genesee to examine the damage done by lightning. When he was near the top of the steeple his rope caught so that he could not move up or down, and it was necessary to get another rope to him.

The nearest place to Sanders that could be reached was 60 feet below where he was dangling.

Ezekiel Willis, a boy, got out his kite and flew it so that Sanders could grasp the string. Then pieces of cord of gradually increasing size were attached to the kite string, until Sanders got a rope and came down.

**Thirty Christians Killed.**  
A dispatch to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger from Constantinople says 30 Christians, among them being several Europeans, were killed during the rioting at Beirut.

Later in the day the foreign office received a dispatch from Constantinople announcing that ten persons were killed during the disorders at about the time the United States warships arrived there, but the foreign office here finds no connection between the two events. Among the killed was an American, whether he was a native of the United States or naturalized citizen of that country does not appear.

**Continued Strength of Staples.**  
Trade conditions are still uneven, but the general drift is toward improvement. State fairs and low rate excursions have stimulated Western distribution, while good prospects for corn, cotton, rice and sugar at the South have made for cheerfulness in that section.

Collections show a slight improvement, the result probably of the crops moving to market.

The continued strength of a larger number of staples is a feature in evidence now, as for a long time past.

Business failures for the week ended with Sept. 10 number 165, against 197 in the like week of 1902.

**Looks For Raise in Value of Farms.**  
Former Senator D. B. Hill delivered an address at Watkins last Thursday, the occasion being the fiftieth annual fair of the Schuylker county Agricultural society. The big guest crowd ever seen on the grounds, estimated at nearly 12,000, was present. Owing to the fact that this is Mr. Hill's native county his address was largely reminiscent. Referring to the decline in the value of farm lands, Mr. Hill expressed the belief that the lowest point has been reached and that hereafter there will be a gradual but constant increase in values.

**Senator Raines Lost a Large Sum.**  
Senator John Raines of Canandaigua either had his pocket picked of \$1,500 or he lost the money from his pocket while in Syracuse Monday night.

The police think he was robbed, but Senator Raines does not believe it. He carried the pocketbook in his left trouser's pocket under an overcoat and an overcoat. It contained one \$1,000 bill, ten \$50 bills, one \$20 bill, two collateral notes and a visiting card.

**Barrel of Alcohol Exploded.**  
The explosion of a barrel of alcohol on the superstructure deck of cruiser Olympia at the Norfolk navy yard, Saturday night, killed two men, severely injured several others and set fire to the ship. The master-at-arms of the vessel is missing.

The damage by fire was confined to the deck of the vessel and embraced only the canvas awnings and their fixtures. The decks, however, were slightly injured.

**Death of Dr. Edward North.**  
Dr. Edward North, professor of Greek, and familiarly known as "Old Greek," for 60 years an instructor in Hamilton college, resigning on account of advanced years in 1901, died at Halfway on Clinton at an early hour Sunday morning. Professor North was born in Berlin, Conn., March 9, 1820.

## TURCO-BULGARIAN WAR.

**Ambassadors Urge the Sultan to Suppress the Insurrection.**

**Turks Reported to Have Lost Heavily. Insurgents Have Nearly 2,000 Men Armed With Rifles in Eastern Macedonia—Turkish Forces Estimated at 17,000—Burning of Villages.**

Salonica, Sept. 15.—Orders have been received to watch carefully over the security of the American missionaries here because it is said the Bulgarians, with a view to provoking energetic intervention on the part of the United States, are meditating an attack on them.

Sofia, Sept. 15.—Warned by previous disastrous experiences, the revolutionary leaders have decided to adopt only guerrilla tactics in Eastern Macedonia, which is expected to exhaust the Turks much sooner.

The insurgents now have nearly 2,000 men armed with rifles in Eastern Macedonia and thousands of peasants are ready to join their forces when a general rising has been proclaimed. This step is being delayed for arms and ammunition. The Turkish forces in Eastern Macedonia are estimated at 17,000.

In the conflicts in the mountains of Pirin the Turks are reported to have lost heavily.

A panic prevails in Veles. The soldiers permit no one to leave the town and the peasants in the surrounding villages have all been killed and their villages destroyed.

Severe fighting has occurred near the town of Okrida, in which the Turks lost heavily, but the insurgents were forced to retire. An engagement between the Turks and insurgents has taken place at Ribartz, near Kitchievo, and there again the Turks had many killed and wounded, while the insurgent casualties amounted to three. The villages of Tzetina and Skotchivir, in the same district, have been destroyed and their inhabitants massacred.

While it is possible that a Turco-Bulgarian war may even yet be averted, the probabilities of such an encounter were never greater than at the present moment. Telegrams from Constantinople appear in the papers asserting that the ambassadors had urged the sultan's government to suppress the insurrection without any consideration of mercy and not to hesitate to burn and destroy the villages or take any other steps which might be deemed necessary.

The Bulgarian ministry, there appears to be little doubt, in face of the strongest pressure, has endeavored to maintain strict neutrality, but it appears very possible that the government may now depart from this position.

**INDIAN TERRITORY.**  
Charles J. Bonaparte Will Take Charge of Investigation of Acts of Dawes Commission.

Washington, Sept. 15.—It was announced at the interior department that Charles Joseph Bonaparte has accepted the invitation of Secretary Hitchcock to take charge of the investigation of certain Indian Territory matters.

The scope of the investigation, it is said, will embrace statements that have appeared in the press and all other matters that may come to the notice of the investigating officials which reflect upon the acts of the Dawes commission and the Indian Territory inspector.

It is understood the investigation will also be extended to such other persons and things in the territory as may be deemed by Mr. Bonaparte to be for the welfare of the service.

**Schenectady Water Supply.**  
Albany, Sept. 15.—State Health Commissioner Lewis has ordered the city of Schenectady to abandon not later than December 31 the Ferry street pumping station by which Mohawk river water is pumped into the city mains when for any reason the regular city supply is deficient.

After that date it is assured that the Rotterdam supply will be available in quantities of from 15 to 16 million gallons daily. In the meanwhile the people and the local health authorities are to be especially notified in case of recourse to the Mohawk river, which the department has declared unfit for domestic purposes.

**Close Call For Governor Yates.**  
Springfield, Ill., Sept. 15.—The top of the massive porch at the front of the executive mansion was struck by lightning about 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The bolt of lightning was terrific and two great balls of fire seemed to fall from the porch. Governor Yates thought the porch caught fire and telephoned for the fire department. The fire marshal and a part of the fire department answered the summons, but could find no fire.

**Party Slap at Governor Hunt.**  
San Juan, Porto Rico, Sept. 15.—The Federal party has decided to take no part in the reception which the citizens propose to give in honor of Governor Hunt when he returns here on October 1. The Federal party will adopt a resolution against participating in the affair. The sole motive of their objection is political.

**Leopards and Jaguars Smothered.**  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Sept. 14.—Two leopards and two jaguars of the Wallace circus were smothered to death Saturday morning in their car while running from Pittston to Scranton.

Fire started among the hay and wild-rose of smoke filled the car before the leopards were discovered. The animals were valued at \$2,500. Five weeks ago the circus suffered heavy loss by a wreck in New Jersey and three weeks ago by another in Michigan.

**Priester Sues County.**  
Greenville, Sept. 14.—Daniel Danford, a prisoner in the county jail, has brought suit against the commissioners of Mercer county for \$200, which he desires as compensation for nursing Bert Hoesley, a fellow prisoner, through a case of smallpox.

## GOVERNMENT TAKES UP CASE.

**Army Officers Have Not Given up the Man Who Killed a Boy at Pittsburgh.**

Pittsburg, Sept. 14.—Captain P. C. Harris, representing Lieutenant Colonel E. B. Robertson, commanding at Fort Niagara, near Buffalo, came here to investigate the shooting of William H. Crowley, 18 years old, by a private of the Ninth United States infantry, a sentry near the Allegheny arsenal grounds on Thursday.

The soldier who did the shooting is in the arsenal and the officer in command refused to give him up to the civil authorities. The United States government has acted in the matter. Lieutenant Drury immediately after the shooting laid the facts before his superiors and Major General Chaffee ordered him to abide by the articles of war. Then Captain Harris was ordered here to investigate and to inspect the arsenal. He will confer with the United States district attorney.

The local police must await the decision of the military men. They are powerless to act.

A crowd had gathered to see the officer sent here by the federal government for the shooting has caused great excitement. A throng was about the gates when Captain Harris arrived. All were disappointed, for they expected him to appear in full uniform. He came in civilian clothes.

**MINERS GET INCREASE.**

**Following Recent Advance in Price of Coal Wages Are Raised Five Per Cent.**

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Sept. 14.—Mine-workers and operators of the anthracite region have been notified by Charles P. Nell, who was appointed by the anthracite strike commission as the computer of prices at tidewater, that the miners are entitled to a 5 per cent increase in wages, in accordance with the recent advance in the price of anthracite, to go into effect for the month of September.

The regular rate for hard coal at New York harbor is \$4.75 per ton. This is expected to be the standard for the coming six months or until the operators arrange the price list. Over a hundred thousand men are benefited.

**Jones' Possible Successor.**

Chicago, Sept. 14.—As a result of a number of conferences between leading members of the Democratic national committee from the East, the Middle West and the West, it is now believed Thomas Taggart, committee man for Indiana, will be the new chairman of the national committee and the manager of the next national campaign, succeeding Senator James K. Jones of Arkansas. Taggart has three times been elected mayor of Indianapolis and has been an energetic Democratic worker, having been a member of the national committee for a number of years. He is a staunch Bryan man.

**Women Drive Off Pole Planters.**  
McKeesport, Sept. 14.—Six angry women on Shaw avenue made life miserable for pole planters in the employ of the Bell company Saturday. That the men escaped without being scalded to death is due to the timely appearance of the police. The women declared that the wooden poles would obstruct their view and that a city ordinance called for iron poles. A woman with a kettle of boiling water appeared on the scene. Other women filled up the holes when the men fled. The telephone company appealed to the city engineer. Meantime the ordinance officer has ordered iron poles.

**No New Pennies For awhile.**  
Philadelphia, Sept. 14.—No more cents are to be made by the United States mint here for at least a year unless a special order is issued from the United States treasury at Washington. This is the latest instruction from Washington due to the enormous production in the last five years, 3,300,000,293 pennies, having been shipped from the Philadelphia mint, which is the only one that coins the cent piece, to various parts of the country. Between July 1, 1902, and June 1, 1903, \$9,600,000 cents were coined.

**Opposition to New Line.**  
Pittsburg, Sept. 15.—The McKeesport and Clairton Connecting Railroad company will likely experience trouble in securing a franchise along Water street, McKeesport. The company's ordinance in connection for a right of way has been favorably recommended. Property holders along Water street oppose the franchise. A committee of property holders will wait upon council at the meeting next week. It is intimated that the Wabash is back of the new road.

**Clarence Egnor, formerly of Buffalo and a veteran of the Spanish war, was electrocuted at Auburn for murder of Keeper Archibald Benedict.**

Senator Clay of Georgia declares the South is disgusted with W. J. Bryan and favors the nomination of Senator Gorman for the presidency.

F. G. Simmons, father of United States Senator Simmons of North Carolina, was mysteriously murdered on his farm near Pollockville.

Reports received from many parts of the United States were unanimous in the prediction that the present era of general prosperity would continue.

The bishops of Durham, Worcester, Hereford and Gibraltar all publish letters in the London Times protesting against the Turkish atrocities in Armenia and urging the government to intervene.

The senate has approved the bill authorizing the government to negotiate a new Panama canal treaty with the United States on its first reading. Senator Perez y Soto announces that he will oppose it in the subsequent debates.

## BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

**Pointed Paragraphs Chronicling the Week's Doings.**

**Long Dispatches From Various Parts of the World Shorn of Their Padding and Only Facts Given in as Few Words as Possible For the Benefit of the Hurried Reader.**

Pierce fighting occurred at Beirut, Syria, between Christians and Muslims, in which soldiers intervened and many casualties occurred.

The state republican committee met at the Fifth Avenue hotel, in New York, and upon motion of J. Sloat Fassett of Elmira, named Judge Denis O'Brien for re-election to the court of appeals.

Police of Syracuse arrested a man upon the charge that he had threatened to kill President Roosevelt, who delivered an address at the opening of the state fair at that city and who reviewed two parades there.

**Thursday.**  
Carroll D. Wright's decision as umpire in the grievances of the mine workers was made public.

Typographical union No. 9 won the prize banner for the best appearance and best marching in the Labor day parade at Buffalo.

Both in Bogota and Panama, Columbia, the isthmian canal treaty is regarded as dead beyond revival, and it is declared the United States might as well turn seriously to Nicaragua.

Making the westward passage across the Atlantic in 5 days, 11 hours and 54 minutes, the Deutschland of the Hamburg-American line beat the best previous record by three minutes.

Co-operation, backed by \$100,000,000 capital, is the plan proposed by a joint meeting at Chicago of farmers and their representatives by which the producers of the country are to protect their interests.

**Friday.**  
Serbian army officers again demand the punishment of the murderers of King Alexander and Queen Draga.

It has been decided by the Prussian cabinet again to propose the construction of a canal to connect the Rhine, Weser and Elbe.

Mayor Low, Controller Grout and Charles V. Fornes were selected by the fusion conference to head the anti-Tammany ticket.

In compliance with Minister Leishman's demand, Nazim Pasha has been formally appointed wali of Beirut, in place of Reshid Pasha, who has been dismissed.

Fred Barbour, a Saranac Lake guide, while out deer hunting with a party, was shot and is expected to die. The name of the person who did the shooting is not known.

**Saturday.**  
Figures on the year's corn crop show no deterioration, but on the contrary an improvement not only in corn but in wheat.

Governor Odell spoke at the Erie county fair at Hamburg. His topic was "Improvement of the State's Waterways."

Steel trust shares touched a new low level on reports of reductions in the price of pig iron and reports that the dividend on the common stock would be cut.

German army officials are taking steps to stop the brutality of subalterns, of whose torture of privates many reports continue to be printed in the German press.

Thomas Tregea, night foreman at the Johnstown Harvester works in Batavia, dropped dead at the Central station in Stafford early Thursday night, as he was about to take the train for Batavia.

**Monday.**  
Frederick Knapp, Major Delmar trotted a mile at Syracuse in 2:00 1/4.

In Danbury, Conn., hat manufacturers invoked the Sherman anti-trust law against striking employees.

Bulgaria is reported to be on the eve of mobilizing her army, and France has decided to send a warship to the Levant at once.

## EASY TO BREED CORN.

**Interesting Experiments by Funk Brothers Near Bloomington, Ill.**

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Among the most interesting propositions for the increasing of returns to corn raisers is one that is being carried on in a successful and practical method by the Funk Brothers of Bloomington, Ill.

These gentlemen are breeding corn upon their large tract of land consisting of 2,500 acres in one body near that city. The idea which they are putting into effect is to increase the returns from their corn lands both by increasing the yield and increasing the feeding value of their corn. They are taking up this matter of breeding corn, which was inaugurated at the Illinois experiment station and demonstrated to be both practical and profitable by Professors C. G. Hopkins and A. B. Shamel. By this system of breeding, which is in effect seed selection, they are selecting those strains of corn which show the greatest yield, and have already produced a strain of corn that outyields the ordinary type to a considerable extent.

The varieties started with were those recognized by the Illinois Seed Corn Breeders' association, and which have been bred for many years by old and successful corn breeders.

For example: The Reid's yellow dent has been bred for almost 50 years by the Reid family, formerly of Delaware, Ill., and perhaps has its characteristics fixed to a greater degree than any of the other varieties. Also the Leaming is another variety which was originated in 1826 by J. S. Leaming of Ohio. The Boone county white is another variety of corn grown upon these farms, and was originated in Indiana by Mr. Riley.

A complete chemical laboratory has been established by this firm in which samples from many thousand ears of corn are analyzed, and those ears showing the greatest amount of oil or protein are planted in separate breeding blocks, one ear being planted to a single row, and these single rows are harvested separately and from the corn raised from these mother ears is selected by analysis that which is highest and