

THE DEFENSE.

PROVING THAT WHITE IS BLACK.

THE CRONIN SUSPECTS TRYING TO SAVE THEIR NECKS.

Patrick Dinan, livery stable keeper and owner of the famous white horse, was the first witness called Thursday.

Louis Bubenbender, of Hoboken, N. J., was then called to the witness chair. He testified that he was a real estate agent and that he lived in Hoboken for 29 years.

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A SPLIT IN MONTANA.

TWO LEGISLATURES ORGANIZED—THE TRICK OF THE GOVERNOR.

Members of the Lower House of the Montana Legislature organized separately—the Republicans in a hall and the Democrats in the court house.

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THE ARMY TOO SMALL.

SECRETARY PROCTOR POINTS OUT FEATURES THAT COULD BE IMPROVED.

In the annual report of the Secretary of War he refers to the condition of the army as follows:

From our great increase of population, the relative strength of the army is rapidly diminishing. In 1870, with an enlisted strength of not quite 19,000 larger than now, the ratio of enlisted men to population was 1-11 of 1 per cent.

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It is an unfortunate fact that there is at present a tendency in public opinion to at least palliate the offense of desertion, and with the legal difficulties now in the way of securing their capture, the statistics show that only one out of every five deserters is arrested and brought to trial.

MEXICAN PRODUCTS.

MINISTER RYAN'S REPORT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

Thomas Ryan, U. S. Minister to Mexico, in a report to the Department of State on Mexican products and exports, says:

The production of sugar, corn and wheat are remarkably small; the average value of the sugar product is about 54 cents per pound and the export thereof 14 cents per pound.

The native sugar product coming into the City of Mexico has steadily decreased from 8,584,538 kilograms in 1884 to 4,681,297 kilograms in 1888.

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WORKING TOGETHER.

KNIGHTS AND FEDERATIONISTS AGREE ON THE EIGHT-HOUR QUESTION.

The action taken by the General Assembly, at Atlanta, on the eight-hour question, shows that the Knights of Labor and the American Federation of Labor are working in harmony.

Mr. Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, forwarded a letter to the Convention in which he said that his men were opposed to a general strike, but would undertake one unless the manufacturers agreed to the reduction of labor hours.

The Committee on the State of the Order made its report on the question, and it was decided not to endorse any general strike. The Committee, besides its report, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That we coincide with the last expressed views of the President of the American Federation of Labor, expressing the sentiments of that organization that no general strike should be inaugurated upon May 1, 1890, and that the movement should be confined to such trades as are in condition to put the plan in operation on May 1, 1890.

Resolved, That we call upon the President of the American Federation of Labor to indicate the trade or trades organized within the folds of that society which is or are prepared to successfully inaugurate the 8-hour movement May 1, 1890, provided that the Knights of Labor will lend their moral support to the movement in favor of such trade or trades.

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TWO VESSELS WRECKED AND A LIVES LOST.

The tug Fearless, of Cooz Bay, Capt. James Hill commanding, ran onto the North Spit, at the mouth of Umpqua river, Tuesday evening and soon went to pieces, not one of the crew or passengers escaping.

The Fearless was on her return trip from Astoria, where she had gone to take a lot of Chinamen lately discharged from the canneries on Cooz Bay. At 3 P. M. Tuesday she was seen off Upper Ten Mile, steaming slowly down the coast, just outside the breakers, which were running very high, and at 6 o'clock her whistle was heard off the mouth of the Umpqua.

The first fast mail train from Omaha to Portland made the trip in fifty hours and twenty-four minutes, the best time ever made between the two points.

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SNAP SHOTS.

HOME AND FOREIGN JOTTINGS.

THE FITE OF MANY MATTERS OF MOMENT BRIEFLY TOLD.

The captors of Holzhay, the lone highwayman, are now fighting for the reward offered for him, \$2,000. There are five claimants.

Charles Larkin, of Stamford, Conn., professional base ball player, was found dead at the Occidental Hotel in Quincy, Ill.

The grand jury at Washington, D. C., refused to indict Mrs. Annie M. Rowland for embezzlement while acting as matron of Dr. Hammond's sanitarium.

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Fred Brunnig and wife, a dissipated couple, were found dead in their house at Proctor, Ont. Brunnig is supposed to have killed his wife and then took poison.

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OUR NEW NAVY.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND WHAT IS CONTEMPLATED.

Commodore Wilson, Chief of Bureau of Construction and Repair, in his annual report gives the following statement of the condition of the navy:

The United States has at present four steel cruisers and a steel dispatch vessel in commission. The Baltimore, Vauvuis, Petrel and Charleston have had their trial trips and may be expected soon to take their places in the cruising fleet.

The progress made on the armored cruiser Maine at the New York navy yard deserves special mention and is very creditable to that yard. It will thus be seen that as far as lies within its power the Department is vigorously endeavoring to satisfy the popular demand and establish a navy worthy of the United States and commensurate with its importance as a maritime power.

The estimates for the coming fiscal year include \$4,000,000 on account of hulls and outfits for new ships heretofore ordered by Congress; \$750,000 for repairs and improvements at navy yards, including \$5,000,000 for League Island; \$1,000,000 to complete vessels on stocks, labor in navy yards, etc.

The Commodore in urging increased efficiency of navy yards, says that after eight or nine years there will be no wooden vessels remaining in active service. A deficiency appropriation will be necessary in order that the work of construction and repair may be carried on during the remainder of the present fiscal year without interruption.

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THE MORMON OATH.

INVESTIGATION AS TO THE FITNESS OF LATTER DAY FAITHS FOR CITIZENSHIP.

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THE CONDITION OF TRADE.

AN ENCOURAGING FINANCIAL REPORT BY R. G. DUN & CO.'S WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE MARKET.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of the Market says: The Brazilian revolution has had a surprisingly little influence in the market.

The great industries are making progress. Through the sale of steel at \$33, reported last week, was of small utility and to a speculator, and the market next year have not yet reached the point needed for renewals only, yet the market is undeniably strong, and pig and iron are at previous quotations.

The accounts from other cities and states of business are almost uniformly favorable character recently. The wool market is active, but there has been no great activity in the woolen market.

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