

Downers Grove Reporter. NEWS OF THE WORLD

Industrial, Political, Economic and Foreign Happenings of Major Importance Told in Paragraphs.

Employees of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Wheeling Company at Kingston disagreed with the management over new wage propositions and the Pettibone colliery was closed as a result.

Representative Stapleton introduced in the Montana house a resolution to appropriate \$3,000 for the benefit of triplets born in Butte.

The "union" Republicans of Delaware refused the proposal of the "regulars" to end the senatorial deadlock by electing a senator from each faction.

Cole Younger is home again, after twenty-seven years of exile. An ex-fugitive and several young persons sourian, he crossed the state line.

A large meteor struck the earth in the vicinity of Bingham, Utah. The collision with the earth caused windows to rattle and houses to tremble.

Miss Blanche Boise, who smashed the plate glass windows in four joints and two drug stores at Topeka, Kan., has been released on a bond signed by Dr. Eva Harding.

A bill providing for a compilation of the decisions made in the past by the claims commissioner will be introduced.

A resolution will be introduced, giving the use of Representative Hall next Monday evening for a reception to John Mitchell, president of the Mine Workers' union.

A bill authorizing the city of Chicago to do city work by day labor instead of by the contract system will be introduced soon.

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The coroner's jury at Topeka, Kan., returned a verdict that Amos L. Maxwell, who was killed in the Kansas insane asylum, met his death as a result of his ribs and chest being kicked in.

Fourteen thousand acres of coal land near Housaker Station, Va., have been purchased by Chicago and Pittsburg capitalists.

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Employees of the Massachusetts Electric Company, controlling car lines outside Boston, have been granted increases in wages averaging 12.18 per cent.

In a sermon at Louisville Rev. T. T. Eaton declared that he did not think a murderer could be convicted and sentenced to death in Kentucky even if the criminal himself desired it.

Twenty thrashers met at Kankakee, Ill., perfected an organization and increased the price of thrashing from 1 1/2 cents to 2 cents a bushel for shelling corn.

The greater part of \$10,000 worth of watches and jewelry stolen from the safe of S. Vann & Co., Jewelers of Albuquerque, N. M., Nov. 20, 1902, was found under an old barn by boys hunting for eggs.

The strike which has been declared in the coal mines of the Crows Nest Coal Company at Fernie, Michel, Morrissey and Coal Creek, B. C., will, it is feared, be grave in its indirect effects, which threaten to close every smelter in the Kootenai and boundary counties.

Robert H. Wright of Belvidere, Ill., defeated Charles Whitney of Waukegan in the Republican judicial caucus at Rockford, insuring his nomination to the Circuit bench.

An increase in wages of the 500 telegraph operators employed by the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha road, aggregating \$10,000 a year, has been granted.

The National Association of House Painters and Decorators, in convention at Richmond, Va., re-elected W. D. Edwards of Cambridge, Mass., president.

At Beckman, W. Va., John Frith killed Witten Height and Frank Williams and wounded one of Height's children. Frith escaped. He had had his wife and Height arrested as a result of domestic trouble.

Joseph E. Cot and Juan Gonzales, who killed an old man and robbed the corpse, were hanged at San Quentin, Cal.

Edward Young of Marion, Ind., was elected president by the International convention of the Building Laborers' Protective Union at Fort Wayne, Ind.

One hundred negroes attacked the home of Nathan, head of Minnora, a white woman, and after a fight, which one negro was killed and one wounded, twenty women and children were taken to the asylum.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

Measures Under Consideration in the Capitol at Springfield.

TO WORK IN THE COMMITTEES

Interest in Legislative Affairs for the Remainder of the Session Will Be Shifted to the Doings of the Subordinate Bodies.

Most of the legislative work hereafter will be in the committees. The usual grist of bills will be introduced each day, but the important matters will be the consideration of bills in the various committees.

In the house the only prospect for anything out of the ordinary is the possibility that Mr. Sherman may call up his motion to reconsider the vote by which his resolution calling for an itemization of appropriation bills was sent to the committee on appropriations.

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WESTERN CANADA AROUSING GREAT INTEREST

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MAKES GRAVE CHARGES AGAINST VON HOLLEBEN

George H. Kessler Accuses German Ambassador of Accepting Twenty Cases of Wine as a Bribe.

Milwaukee, Wis., dispatch: George H. Kessler, the plaintiff in the Meteor wine case that has taken the attention of the federal court, says that he intends to bring Ambassador Von Holleben to book for accepting twenty cases of wine to favor a certain brand for the christening of the emperor's yacht, as shown by the testimony taken in the present suit.

The evidence in the case here showed plainly, I think," said Mr. Kessler, "that Ambassador Von Holleben was offered twenty cases of the defendant company's champagne for using his influence to have that brand used for the christening and I have sent a petition to Secretary Hay of the department of state protesting against the ambassador's conduct."

Demands of Latter in Acre Affair Reluctantly Are Granted. La Paz, Bolivia, special: The Bolivian government delivered its reply

To Return Ships. Baron von Sternberg, the German representative, cabled his government

to the ultimatum presented by the Brazilian minister, Santos Lisboa, concerning the Acre dispute. Bolivia accepts unconditionally, but under protest, all the Brazilian demands.

The protocols provide for the return by the allies of all ships, both war and merchant, captured since the blockade was established; for the lifting of the blockade at once, for cash payments of \$27,500 to each of the allies, and for the payment of the remainder of the adjudicated German claims, amounting to \$340,000 in all.

Provisions of Protocols. They also provide for the setting aside, beginning with the 1st of March, of 30 per cent of the customs receipts at the ports of La Guayra and Porto Cabello to be applied to the payment of the claims against Venezuela according to the decision which will be rendered by The Hague tribunal in the event the allies and Venezuela are unable to agree upon the question of preferential treatment, for the collection of customs duties by Belgium in the event Venezuela defaults in any of her obligations, for the President to appoint umpires, for the participation by all creditor nations in any case that may be carried to The Hague involving the payment of claims against Venezuela, including the question of preferential treatment, and for other minor details.

All the protocols provide for the renewal of existing treaties of amity and commerce with Venezuela. The customs receipts to be set aside for The Hague, are to be deposited in the Bank of England at Caracas.

Terms of Payment. It is stated that the original demands of the allies for cash payments from Venezuela amounted to \$1,200,000. The cash payments named in the protocols amount to about \$400,000, which is calculated to be the value of the ships which have been captured by the allies and which will be returned to Venezuela.

In making the payments under the protocols a draft for \$27,500 will be

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