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PACIFIC COAST.

PROBABLE MURDER BY CHINESE IN YOLO COUNTY.

Floods in Mexico—A Hunter Killed—Fatal Railroad Accident—Missing Man Found.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

WAS IT MURDER?

Suspicion Concerning a Sudden Death Near Davisville.

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DAVISVILLE, October 31st.—There was a post mortem examination held last night on the body of Homer Hallock, reported dead yesterday from heart disease at Brigg's ranch. Dr. Bates examined the body thoroughly, but found nothing indicating heart disease. Upon dissecting the body he found traces of poisoning, and is now analyzing the stomach, which showed this morning strong evidences of poisoning, and there is

SUSPICION OF FOUL PLAY,

As the party was last seen Saturday night, October 29th, at 12:30 o'clock, and then on his way home. It has been ascertained that at 12 o'clock he was at the cabin of a Chinese employed on the vineyard in picking and packing grapes, also that he had considerable trouble with the Chinese, and the supposition is they have poisoned him for revenge. Some of the Chinese state that he took a drink with them before he left their cabin, while others indignantly deny that he drank or that he was at their cabin.

Homer Hallock was a member in good standing of the order of Knights of Pythias of Davisville, of which he was Secretary. The people here are quite indignant over the supposed murder, and should it be proved Davisville will certainly be too hot to hold any of the suspected Chinese murderers, as there is trouble anticipated.

YOLO NOTES.

Citizen Hollingsworth Found—A Forger Sentenced.

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WOODLAND, October 31st.—Greene Hollingsworth, who on Thursday morning mysteriously disappeared from his home here, was arrested at Suisun and brought home to-day in a demented condition.

W. H. Geary, who about a week ago forged a check upon a Capay fruit-raiser, was brought before Superior Judge Garoutte to-day. He plead guilty, waived time, and was sentenced to Folsom prison for two years. Had it not been for other cases in the Court, Geary could have been lodged in the State prison within thirty-six hours after the commission of the crime.

MORE RAILROAD.

Southern Pacific Officials Looking Through the South.

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LOS ANGELES, October 31st.—Charles Crocker and A. N. Towne, of the Southern Pacific, appeared this afternoon before the City Council in reference to granting the railroad the right of way for switches on Alameda street. The Board of Public Works some time ago recommended that the franchise asked by the Southern Pacific Company be denied and their action was approved by the Council. Crocker and Towne, still wanting that franchise, got the Council to-day to refer the matter again to the Board of Public Works. Mr. Crocker and Mr. Towne both made some remarks on the subject.

The visiting officials of the Southern Pacific left this evening in their special car over the Ventura division of the Southern Pacific to Santa Barbara, from where they will proceed to San Francisco. It is generally understood that the visit of Messrs. Towne and Crocker to this city at this time means the immediate extension of the Southern Pacific from Santa Ana to San Diego.

AFRAID OF CALIFORNIA.

Hawaiian Planters Alarmed Over Beet Sugar Prospects.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 31st.—[Special.] Owing to the brilliant prospects of California as a beet-sugar producing section, the Hawaiian planters are becoming alarmed over the prospect of losing their market for sugar, and the Planters' Labor and Supply Company, one of the largest companies in the Kingdom, are talking strongly of substituting coffee for sugar as the staple production.

FATAL COLLISION.

One Man Killed and Several Injured in Siskiyou County.

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REDDING, October 31st.—[Postal Press.]—Another accident took place at 7 o'clock this evening, near Dunsmuir, between a work train going north and the southbound freight train, killing one man and injuring seven others. The news is rather meager yet. They are bringing the wounded to Redding for treatment.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

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REDDING, October 31st.—About 5 o'clock this afternoon a light train ran into a work train above Dunsmuir, near Upper Soda Springs, killing one man and wounding a number more. The dead man and six wounded were brought here at 8:45 by an engine and caboose. Those not so seriously wounded were left behind.

PISCATORIAL NOTES.

Wholesale Destruction of Food Fishes by Mongolians.

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MARYSVILLE, October 31st. — [Postal Press.]—From Fish Commissioner Sherwood, who has returned from a trip to Southern California in the interest of fish preservation, it is learned that much illegal fishing has been going on in San Diego bay, which he took measures to have stopped. Great quantities of some small fish were destroyed by Chinese.

Within the past two months the Commission has distributed young trout as follows: 10,000 in the vicinity of Santa Cruz, 10,000 in Ventura county, 10,000 near Colton, and 10,000 near Los Angeles.

MURDER, NOT ROBBERY.

Rumor of a Confession Made by an Oregon Tough.

REDDING, October 31st.—A report comes from Sheriff Sloan of Lane county, Or., that one Spangle has confessed to murdering Henderson, who was shot a week ago on the stage near Redding. Spangle is known here as a hard case. The shooting was the result of a personal feud. The case was reported at the time as an attempted stage robbery, although no effort appears to have been made to molest anybody except Henderson. Palmer, the stage-driver, had a close call, the bullet passing in front of him and fatally wounding Henderson, who sat on the same seat. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s detectives have since the shooting been searching for a clue to the supposed highwayman.

BAY NEWS.

A Man's Terrible Fall—Another Jury that Could Not Agree.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 31st.—[Special.] Cornelius J. Hanrahan, a brick-layer, aged 17 years, fell from the top of the Enterprise Brewery, on Folsom street, to the ground this afternoon.

The jury in the case of Minnie Wegener tried for the murder of Rosina Doerr, by malpractice, retired this evening. When they returned they said they could not agree, and were discharged. The accused was admitted to bail.

MEXICO.

The Future of Sonora—More Floods in Sinaloa.

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GUAYMAS, October 31st.—Hon. W. H. Sutton, United States Consul-General at Matamoras, who has visited the United States Consulate on the northern frontier of Mexico, was here on Saturday, the 29th, and returned yesterday highly pleased with his visit through Sonora, predicting a very fine future for our State, but is particularly delighted with Guaymas' prospects.

DISTRESS IN SINALOA.

News has just been received from Mazatlan of the report of another severe rainstorm last week in southern Sinaloa, flooding that whole part of that State and causing great general damage. Subscriptions on behalf of the sufferers were opened throughout Mexico, and were liberally contributed to by the General Government, State officers and private individuals.

MONTANA.

Fifty Pounds of Giant Powder Explodes with Fatal Results.

BUTTE, October 30th.—One of the most terrific explosions that ever occurred in a mine happened last night at the Anaconda, which resulted in the death of two men, Jeremiah Lynch and Daniel O'Brien. It seems these two unfortunate men went where fifty pounds of giant powder was deposited, and by some mysterious means the destructive element was exploded. Their bodies were literally torn to shreds. Not enough of either body was recovered to show the semblance of a man. Both were married and had families living in this city.

WAR-DRUMS.

Indian War-Alarms Sounding Along the Big Horn River.

ST. PAUL, October 31st.—The *Pioneer Press'* Fort Custer special says: Orders have been issued for the troops to move tomorrow. A courier from the Crow Agency reports a large and very noisy gathering of Indians near the Agency, and Indian war-drums can be heard to-night all along the Big-Horn River. The Indians are all ordered to be in camp by Friday night, and all out after then will be treated as hostiles.

OREGON.

A Damage Suit Grows Out of the California Butter Case.

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PORTLAND, October 31st.—Wm. Dunbar, the commission merchant recently charged with selling alleged adulterated California butter, and who was acquitted, brought suit to-day against Albert Sunderland, Dairy Commissioner, to recover $10,000 damages for malicious prosecution.

Large Granary Destroyed.

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CHICO, October 31st.—A fire occurred about 9 o'clock last evening on the ranch of D. M. Reaves, four miles west of this place, which destroyed the immense granary wherein were stored about 350 tons of grain. The granary stood too far from water to be saved by any means at command. The total loss is $13,000; insurance, $7,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

A Wretch Convicted.

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REDWOOD CITY, October 31st.—William Hines, arrested at Petaluma in August charged with abducting Miss Leary, aged 17 years, of this place, was convicted in the Superior Court to-day. He will be sentenced on Saturday.

Sale of the Horse Wells Fargo.

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SAN FRANCISCO, October 31st.—[Special.]—Jane L. won the race postponed from Saturday at the Bay District Track, Black Diamond second, Wells Fargo third. Wells Fargo was sold after the race to General Eman, from Australia, for $1,500.

Fire at San Jose.

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SAN JOSE, October 31st.—[Postal Press.]—At 4:30 this afternoon Lake's box factory and residence, near the railroad depot, was entirely destroyed by fire. The buildings covered half a block. Much valuable machinery was lost. Loss $5,000; insurance $2,400.

A Stockton Hotel Burned.

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STOCKTON, October 31st.—The Pacific Hotel, a two-story frame structure situated near the Southern Pacific depot, was burned Sunday night. Most of the furniture and effects of the hotel were saved. The loss is about $4,000.

Accidentally Shot.

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NAPA, October 31st.—Frank A. See, aged twenty-six, single, went hunting yesterday in Capell valley and returned with a deer. While taking it from his shoulders his rifle was discharged, and the ball, entering the middle of his neck, killed him instantly.

Injo Criminal Matters.

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BRIDGEPORT, October 31st.—The jury in the Mellville case disagreed after being out since Friday morning. Five were for acquittal and seven for conviction.

A jury has been summoned for the Laughlin trial.

The Governor's Policy.

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LOS ANGELES, October 31st.—In an interview with M. D. Boruck by the reporter of the *Telegram*, he says the Governor will be conservative in his course and will not remove anybody on party issues.

Another Stockton Boom.

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STOCKTON, October 31st.—Arrangements are being made for a telephone line between this city and Tracy, and connection will be established within two weeks.

Wants an Investigation.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 31st.—[Special.] John Foley, Superintendent of the House of Correction, has asked for an investigation of the charge of cruelty to prisoners.

"LIVE JOURNALISM."

How Blaine is Persecuted by a Chicago Newspaper.

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WASHINGTON, October 31st.—Several gentlemen returned from Europe, personal friends of Mr. Blaine, and who saw much of him, are emphatic in expressions of indignation over the conduct toward him of a Chicago newspaper. This paper put on the track of Mr. Blaine, from the moment he planted his foot on the other side of the Atlantic, a detective writer. This detective has dogged his footsteps all over Europe and has sent almost daily reports of his movements, based in a limited degree on facts, but to a large extent on malice and imagination.

Mr. Blaine has made no attempt to conceal from his friends that he has felt excessive annoyance and irritation which this "shadowing" has caused him, and he has more than once appealed in vain to his tormentor to relinquish his persecution. As Mr. Blaine once said to one of his friends, the consciousness that his every movement and every utterance was liable to be misconstrued and misrepresented by a malevolent person was detracting immensely from that enjoyment which he had anticipated when starting on his trip.

A HEAVY DEBT.

A California Firm Figuring in a New York Case.

NEW YORK, October 31st.—Judge Donohue, sitting in the Supreme Court chambers to-day, granted permission to Thomas F. Gilroy, receiver of Mitchell, Vance & Co., to consent to the proposition of Nye & Co., of San Francisco, who are debtors to Vance & Co. in the sum of $190,000, to go into the hands of a trustee to be selected by the creditors. Nye & Co. were agents for Mitchell, Vance & Co., and owed them $65,000 in cash and the balance in commercial paper accepted by the latter firm.

Nye went into insolvency under the California laws, which permit him to withdraw his insolvency. He has consented to this, on consideration of his being released from his indebtedness to them, and they have appointed a committee to select a trustee.

T. W. Wilmarth & Co., of Chicago, also agents for Mitchell, Vance & Co., owed them $10,000 in goods, but these were found to be unprofitable stock, and Judge Donohue authorized the receiver to compromise the claim for $3,500 cash.

Frank Moxie, of Dakota, was about to be married, but was busy with a game of poker. The minister who was to perform the ceremony went to inform him that the company was waiting, got interested and took a hand, and the wedding had to be postponed.

HOME AFFAIRS.

LONDON MERCHANTS ASKING FOR CALIFORNIA RAISINS.

Terrible Dynamite Explosion—Coast Defenses—The Lake Disaster—A Costly Fire.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

THE LAKE HORROR.

Further Evidence of the Fate of the Steamer Vernon.

SHEBOYGAN (Wis.), October 31st.—The fishing tug Welcome returned at half-past one o'clock with the life-raft of the lost steamer Vernon, which she picked up about fourteen miles northeast. On the raft were a coat, vest and soft felt hat, which evidently belonged to a seaman. The hat was ripped through the crown, and had been sewed up, and the life-raft had two air chambers and bore the name "Vernon."

The fishing tug Sheboygan has just started on a cruise down the lake. She will go as far as Two Rivers Point.

FURTHER CONCERNING THE WRECK.

MILWAUKEE, October 31st.—Every vessel known to have passed the scene of the propeller Vernon's wreck, off Two Rivers Point, last Saturday, has undoubtedly reached port by this time, and as none have reported picking up anybody on the lake, there is now no doubt that everyone aboard of her when she left Glenhaven is dead, as no one would have survived exposure to the intense cold more than a few hours. The crew numbered twenty-six, and it is believed the passengers did not exceed ten in all, as the low stage of the water prevented the Vernon from landing at her two principal ports, Charlevoix and Frankfort.

The only names additional to those previously given are those of Wm. Albers, of Saukeville, Wis.; Miss Dunlevy, of St. James, Beaver Island, and Dutcher, a deckhand.

Five fishing tugs left Two Rivers this afternoon, and eight miles off the life-saving station one of them encountered a mass of wreckage. It included a yawl-boat with the name "Vernon" painted on it, a piece of an ice box and a piece of the cabin. Five oars were strapped to the yawl, which was bottom-side up, and had two holes in her bottom.

Another tug found some of the Vernon's buckets floating about.

COAST DEFENSES.

Expenditures Contemplated by the Board of Engineers.

WASHINGTON, October 31st.—General Duane, Chief of the Board of Engineers, in his report to the Secretary of War, concludes as follows: The plan of coast defenses by mortar and gun batteries recommended by the Board involves an expenditure, during the next fiscal year, of $2,840,000, which it is proposed to divide among the ports as follows: New York $690,000, San Francisco $660,000, Boston $280,000, Hampton Roads $250,000, New Orleans $210,000, Philadelphia $21,000, Washington $80,000, Baltimore $80,000, Portland $200,000, Narragansett Bay $200,000.

The plan also contemplates the preparation of casements, cable-shafts, etc., to the number of twenty-six, distributed as follows: At New York 5, at San Francisco 5, at Boston 5, at Hampton Roads 2, at Philadelphia 2, at Washington 1, at Baltimore 1, at Portland 3, at Narragansett Bay 2.

UTTERLY DEFENSELESS.

Admiral Porter Says One Ironclad Could Take All Our Ports.

WASHINGTON, October 31st.—Admiral Porter has made his annual report to the Secretary of the Navy. In considering the question of coast defenses, the Admiral states that the following harbors are entirely defenseless against a single ironclad: New York, Boston, San Francisco, the lake ports, Hampton Roads, Norfolk, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Portland, Me., the Rhode Island ports, Key West, Charleston, Mobile, Savannah, Galveston, Pensacola, Wilmington, N. C., San Diego, Cal., Portsmouth, N. H., to say nothing of many other places of greater or less importance. Two heavy ironclads could commence at the Eastern most point and proceed along the coast to Texas, laying them all under contributions in time of war.

Says the Admiral: "A torpedo system will be useless for defense in the absence of the proper fortifications and guns; for, in the event of war, we are no more prepared than we were a year ago, although we have made a beginning to repair simply the waste in our navy for the past twenty-five years."

In the opinion of the Admiral, the first step toward protection of the coast should be the construction of a squadron of heavy ironclads. He urges at length in favor of subsides for shipping, and points to the success of the system in England, Germany and France.

NAVY INTERESTS.

The Possible Retirement of Secretary Whitney Generally Regretted.

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WASHINGTON, October 31st.—[Special.]—Whether Secretary Whitney's retirement will prove to be permanent, or only temporary, his absence from the Navy Department at this time will be seriously felt. The Secretary has been devoted to the one object of building a fleet of vessels of war which would compare favorably with the floating property of foreign countries. Success has thus far attended his efforts. Congress had confidence in his ability, and amply provided him with means to carry out his plans. He made a thorough study of ship-construction, as well as steam engineering, and all his acts were based upon his own knowledge. His retirement at this time is regarded as almost a calamity. It was expected that his personal influence would secure further appropriations from Congress during the coming winter for building vessels.

ANTI-WAR.

The English Peace Commission Interview the President.

WASHINGTON, October 31st.—The President this afternoon received a deputation from Great Britain who desire his co-operation in securing a treaty between that country and the United States, which shall provide for the amicable settlement of all disputes by arbitration.

The members were introduced to the President by Mr. Carnegie. Mr. Playfair addressed the President, stating the object of the visit and the circumstances connected with the appointment of the Commission, and presented the memorial adopted by those in England who are interested in the movement.

The President promised a faithful and careful consideration of the matter.

The deputation having been invited by Mr. Carnegie to visit Pittsburg, will leave here on a special car to-morrow morning for that city.

THEY ALL WANT THEM.

Inquiries from London for Pacific Coast Raisins.

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NEW YORK, October 31st.—Inquiries are here from London soliciting quotations for California raisins laid down at that market. The inquiries at first were for consignments thither, but these being declined, the prices of goods are now asked for. W. T. Coleman & Co. were exhibiting this morning samples of their new crop of Coleman Flag and Riverside raisins. These brands have been well sold up for future delivery.

MEN MUST EAT.

A Grain of Comfort for the Cattle-Growers of the Country.

KANSAS CITY, October 31st.—The Consolidated Cattle-Growers' Association of the United States assembled in annual Convention this afternoon. N. J. Coleman, Commissioner of Agriculture, addressed the Convention. He said the cattle industry of this country, representing $120,000,000, was under a cloud of misfortune at present, but he was satisfied the population of the country is increasing far more rapidly than is the beef supply, and that this circumstance would rectify matters.

TERRIBLE DISASTER.

Several Men Blown to Atoms by Exploding Dynamite.

NEW YORK, October 31st.—A disastrous explosion occurred at 10 o'clock this morning at one of the packing-houses of the Atlantic Dynamite Works, near McCainsville, N. J. Four men were instantly killed, and three are missing. The names of the dead men are: John F. Ancher, H. Todd, Fred McDeed and his brother Philip. The missing men are believed to have been in the vicinity of the mill at the time of the explosion, and they cannot now be found.

Racing in the East.

WASHINGTON, October 31st.—The weather to-day was cool and bright, and the track good. The one mile Hanover won, Ovid second, Lelex third. Time, 1:41¾.

The mile heats had as starters Stuyvesant and Windsail. Stuyvesant won. Time, 1:45—1:47.

The one mile Pasha won, Tenstrike second, Nellie Van third. Time, 1:43¾.

The three-fourths of a mile Kingston won, Telie Dal second, Sam Harper third. Time, 1:15.

The steeplechase, full course, Wellington won, John Henry second, Jim McGowan third. Time, 4:25¼.

AT NASHVILLE.

NASHVILLE, October 31st.—At to-day's meeting the seven and one-half furlongs Cupid won, Roddy Pringle second, Skowleboff third. Time, 1:37.

The one mile Climax won, Florence E. second, Dousman third. Time, 1:44.

The six furlongs Cruiser won, Orange Girl second, Roundabout third. Time, 1:17.

The mile and half a furlong Poteen won, Osceola second, Little Minch third. Time, 1:48.

That Infernal Machine.

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NEW YORK, October 31st.—The Brooklyn police continue to search for clews to detect the person or persons responsible for sending the infernal machine to Joseph Wechsler last Friday night, which seriously injured his wife and child. Half a dozen suspected persons have been arrested and discharged for lack of evidence. The police are now puzzled over a letter addressed to Wechsler, the author of which says: "I wanted to kill you because you are a mean man." A variety of theories have already been built upon this.

Guarding Against Cholera.

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NEW YORK, October 31st.—The *Commercial Advertiser* has interviewed President Bayless of the Board of Health concerning port quarantine against cholera. Bayless says the quarantine officer was offered the services of two physicians, to be stationed at Hoffman Island, but that their services were refused. Bayless thought this precaution desirable. At the same time Bayless says everything possible is now being done for the protection of the public health.

The Atchison and Topeka Road.

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NEW YORK, October 31st.—Reports from Kansas point to the effect that work on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe's new line through the State of Missouri will be commenced within ten days. The route of the line will be from Fort Scott, Kansas, to which point the Atchison already has access, directly eastward through southern Missouri.

No Decision in the Anarchist Cases.

WASHINGTON, October 31st.—The Supreme Court made no decision in the Anarchist cases to-day. The Chief Justice announced that a decision would be rendered on Wednesday or Thursday.

The failure of the Court to render a decision to-day is though to indicate nothing more than the preparation of a more or less elaborate opinion. It is almost the universal belief of the lawyers who practice at the Supreme Court Bar, that the petition for a writ of error will be denied.

A Tribute to Nast.

DENVER, October 31st.—Naste the famous caricaturist, opened his western tour last evening before one of the largest and most distinguished audiences ever assembled in the city. Hundreds were turned away unable to get standing-room. Nast, at the rise of the curtain, was presented with a magnificent floral tribute, in the shape of the letter "T," seven feet high and surmounted by the word "Nast."

Father McTighe Resigns.

PITTSBURG, October 31st.—Rev. James J. McTighe, the Catholic priest whose election to the principalship of the Third Ward public school caused such a stir recently in religious circles, has tendered his resignation and ordered Catholic children to return to the parochial school. Father McTighe refuses to give his reasons for resigning, but it is intimated that he was advised to do so by the members of his congregation.

Gotham's Expense Account.

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NEW YORK, October 31st.—The *Evening World's* editorial says: The provisional estimates of the expenses of New York for the ensuing year amount to $36,689,186. This means the expediture of over $45 an hour, day and night. This is an enormous burden even for a metropolis.

Gauger at Oakland.

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WASHINGTON, October 31st.—The Secretary of the Treasury to-day appointed James M. Brady to be gauger at Oakland, Cal.

Will Visit in Washington.

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WASHINGTON, October 31st.—[Special.]—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Whitney, of California, will be guests next month of Senator McPherson, of New Jersey.

Postal Telegraph Gossip.

NEW YORK, October 31st.—The *Tribune* says: Among the Senators and Representatives who have visited Washington in the last fortnight a considerable sentiment has developed in favor of a Government postal telegraph. Among the most recent expressions in favor of such a system is one by Senator Cullom of Illinois.

The Gould-Sage Case.

NEW YORK, October 31st.—This evening District Attorney Martine said he had decided to defer taking action in the Gould-Sage case until next month. Lawyer Delaney requested that he be given an opportunity to answer the briefs of Gould's counsel.

Uncle Sam's Cash Account.

WASHINGTON, October 31st.—The receipts of the Government for October amounted to $31,803,172, and the expenditures to $12,474,652, being an excess of receipts of $19,328,520. The decrease of the public debt for October is estimated at $14,000,000.

The Funeral of Admiral Nicholson.

NEW YORK, October 31st.—The funeral of Rear-Admiral J. W. Nicholson, of the United States Navy, took place to-day, and the ceremony was a very imposing one. The pall-bearers included the most prominent naval officials. The body was buried in Woodlawn cemetery.

Great Fire at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, October 31st.—A great conflagration is in progress this afternoon in the mills of the American Cotton Seed Oil Company. One mill is already destroyed.

LATER.—After 3 o'clock the flames were under control. The estimate of the loss is $100,000, with good insurance.

The Butler Independents.

BOSTON, October 31st.—The State Committee of Butler Independents this afternoon nominated the following ticket: For Governor, Henry B. Lavering; Lieutenant-Governor, J. O. A. Bracket; Secretary of State, Henry S. Pierce; Treasurer, Charles P. Thatcher; Auditor, Charles R. Ladd; Attorney-General, Andrew J. Watterman.

Mrs. James Brown Potter.

NEW YORK, October 31st.—Mrs. James Brown Potter made her American debut at the Fifth Avenue Theater to-night. She was received with much warmth and was frequently recalled.

A Queer Celebration.

CHARLESTON (S. C.), October 31st.—Charleston's gala week opened to-day. The city is brilliantly decorated and preparations are being made for the celebration of the earthquake jubilee in grand style.

Perfect symmetry never produces the effect of vastness. It is only by studying the details that we comprehend the character of the whole.—*Bayard Taylor.*

FOREIGN TOPICS.

EXCITING SCENES IN AN IRISH COURT-ROOM.

A Judge's Ruling Ignored by a Magistrate—London's Unemployed—Rebellion Suppressed.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

AFFAIRS IN IRELAND.

Stirring Scenes at the Commitment of O'Brien to Prison.

DUBLIN, October 31st.—The appeal of William O'Brien, editor of *United Ireland*, against the sentence of three months' imprisonment imposed on him by the Mitchelstown Court, has been refused and the sentence of the lower Court confirmed.

On the announcement of the decision the Court-room was immediately in an uproar and the people clustered around O'Brien to prevent the officers from arresting him.

A terrible struggle took place between O'Brien's friends and the officers. Ladies screamed and fainted, but the officers finally succeeded in arresting him.

The latest advices from Middleton state that the people are fearfully excited over the arrest and that 20,000 persons are gathered around the Court-house and rioting is feared.

MANDEVILLE SENTENCED.

The sentence of Mandeville, Chairman of the Board of Poor Law Guardians of Mitchelstown, was also confirmed, and he was taken into custody. Mandeville was jointly indicted with O'Brien for using seditious language at the meeting at Mitchelstown, and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

O'Brien and Mandeville, guarded by hussars, were placed in a car. The crowd cheered them as they emerged from the Court-house. The police cleared the streets, and prevented any attempt at rescue. Priests assisted to keep the people in order. The prisoners were taken to the Cork jail.

DEMONSTRATIONS ALONG THE ROUTE.

On the way to Middleton O'Brien alighted from the train at Queenstown Junction, where he was greeted by an immense crowd of League members with bands and banners. Some of the crowd were mounted and all displayed in their hats the green cards of membership of the League. The cavalcade lined the roadside far beyond the depot. O'Brien drove to Carrigwo Hill, where there was another imposing demonstration in his favor. An address was presented to him, and in his reply O'Brien said he never saw such striking evidence of the unconquerable spirit which animates the Irish people. He thought that such an inspiring spectacle would compensate him for the wretched three months he should have to spend in prison, and for his life-long labor for the Irish cause. He asked the people to show a spirit of discipline, and to refrain from their purpose to march to Middleton.

AT MIDDLETON.

Reaching Middleton, there was a further demonstration. The police, however, interfered and suppressed it.

As soon as O'Brien entered the Court the case for the Crown was opened by Carson. O'Brien interrupted him, and addressing the Recorder volunteered to make a statement which he said would shorten the proceedings of the Court. He was not represented by counsel, he said, and he asked permission to explain why he was not.

Carson objected, and the Recorder said he preferred to hear evidence proving the Crown's case. Carson then continued for the Crown.

A SCENE IN THE COURT-ROOM

Resulted from O'Brien's attempt to leave the building in order to speak to his friends. The Inspector of Police refused to let him go. O'Brien insisted upon his right, and had a struggle with the police. Harrington lent him assistance, but finding it was useless to resist the police, he returned to the solicitors' table and shouted for justice, declaring that O'Brien could not be legally arrested, as no warrant had been signed.

The Recorder sided with Harrington, and said that O'Brien should go. Stokes, the Magistrate, thereupon shouted: "Do not let him go! I will be responsible for the consequences."

Harrington then exclaimed at the top of his voice: "See how justice is done! The Judge's authority is defied!"

There were cries of "Let him out!" and a fierce struggle ensued between the people and the police guarding O'Brien. Meanwhile the Magistrate had signed the warrant for the arrest of O'Brien, and he was removed to the rear of the Court-house in custody.

ANOTHER HOME RULER IN TROUBLE.

DUBLIN, October 31st.—Joseph R. Cox, Member of Parliament for East Clare, has received three summonses for attending proclaimed meetings in County Cl