

The Montana Post.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 27th.

A DEMAND FOR REFORM.

The following article from the Independent of the 21st, evidences that the follies and iniquities of Montana legislation are such that even that intensely partisan paper cannot longer withhold censure and recommend revision. Its party proclivities and a fear of utterances that would militate against democratic success in the next campaign, causes it to persistently avoid allusion to the most oppressive, obnoxious and extravagant laws that encumber the statute books, and the article is put mildly as an entreaty to the Legislature to reform ere they inevitably scuttle the party boat. As a candid admission on the part of the Independent, that the legislation of Montana is discreditable and oppressive, we give it below. When the Gazette and Democrat shall have honestly and frankly avowed the same and called for reform, we may expect an effort from our legislature. It is simply criminal complicity against the people for them to longer attempt to palliate or excuse, or to withhold a demand for a radical amendment of the statutes of Montana:

The fifth session of the Territorial Legislature of Montana convenes at Virginia City on Monday, the 7th day of December, and we deem it not only our duty but our right, to call the attention of that body to a few laws that need amending or abolishing.

The law regulating placer mining claims is a disgrace to the statutes of Montana. The miners heretofore, in all mining sections within the jurisdiction of the United States, have invariably made their own laws, applicable to each particular locality. This has been found to work well and is a prerogative that the miners should not be deprived of.

No general law can be framed that will so universally suit the miners as those they themselves make. This law should be stricken from the statutes and the legislature will fall far short of their duty if they fail to do it.

The jury law also needs many important amendments. In our opinion a very beneficial change might be made in that portion requiring a unanimous verdict. In all civil cases three-fourths of a jury should be sufficient to render a verdict. It would, in almost every important case, lessen the cost of litigation, besides saving a vast amount of trouble to parties litigant. It would prevent in a great measure cases from being continued from term to term to the great detriment of interested parties, as well as to the entire Territory.

The law limiting the drawing to the small number of eighteen for the first venire is a serious drawback to economical and speedy litigation. Under this law not one jury in ten can be chosen to try a case of any importance from the first venire, and as a consequence hours and sometimes days pass, before men can be summoned from a distance and the jury empaneled.

Some amendment might be made to the Revenue Law, that would be of great service to the people.

The Civil Practice Act needs careful revision. The Attachment Law should be so amended as to allow attachment to issue on gold dust notes.

As the Legislature will not again convene for two years, we hope and trust the present body will carefully revise the almost numberless laws that now encumber the statute-books. We have every confidence in their ability to frame a code of laws—such as the Territory so much needs—that will be creditable to themselves as well as a blessing to the people of Montana.

We are not a little surprised to see Senator Stewart sloshing around town with a bran new and sensationally dressy suit of store clothes. He has discarded the dusty old suit he wore before the election, but as his present outfit is a trophy won from some Democratic tailor, or whether he has concluded to put on Senatorial airs now that he has won the election, we are unable to say. We consider it, however, a great waste of fine clothes to put them on Bill Stewart's back. He don't look natural in them, and his friends could almost wish the election was not over if it forces him to appear in his present disguise.

Ex-Marshal Holloway, formerly a member of the Colorado Legislature, and a Captain in the Colorado Second, defaulted to his bondsmen for eight or ten thousand dollars. He was a few days since indicted by the Grand Jury in Pueblo for larceny and passing counterfeit money, gave bail in \$2,000, and escaped. The Sheriff is in pursuit.

The whistle of the locomotive of the California Pacific train was heard last evening distinctly, says the Sacramento Reporter of November 7, the terminus of the road, or rather the point of landing, having reached within two and a quarter miles of the city. We understand that the road will be completed and traversable by the cars on Monday next, or on Tuesday at the latest.

We were visited yesterday by David H. Hopkins, Esq., of Virginia City, Montana, who arrived from that place yesterday. Mr. Hopkins was book-keeper in the Omaha Republican in the earliest days of its career, and comes among us again after an absence of many years, to see wondrous changes in the office and our city.

We are sorry to hear of the condition of affairs in Ophir canyon, says the Belmont Champion of October 21. We are informed that the Twin River Company have declared themselves bankrupt. The works are entirely closed and the shaft filling with water.

Whoever else may grumble about the heavy expenditures of the Federal Government, Californians should keep still. Their mouths ought to be closed. Congress gives ten dollars to California for every one that it takes.

THE WEST.

Omaha is to have a horse railroad. Boise City, Idaho, has got the measles. Denver is building a new Methodist Church.

San Francisco now turns out about seven new small-pox patients per day. Two slight shocks of earthquake in San Francisco, Nov. 5th.

The San Francisco Alta, made \$18,000 last year. It was Fremont who gave to San Francisco harbor the name of "the Golden Gate."

\$103,000 in gold coin was bet on the elections in the saloon of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, San Francisco.

"City, county and State—Republican," says the Atchison Champion and Free Press.

Ballingier, who was stabbed in Virginia City on election day by a man named McCune, is likely to recover.

An interesting paper in the November Overland Monthly is "the Dead Rivers of California."

Sheriff Morse, of Alameda county, Cal., has succeeded in capturing Newell, the murderer of Morgan Leighton.

Bugbey, at his Natoma vineyard, Folsom, Cal., expects to make 40,000 gallons of wine this season.

The wheat shipments from San Francisco during the month of October amounted to 556,000 cents, valued at \$1,078,000.

We understand that Wells, Fargo & Co. have secured the contract for carrying the mail on the Smoky Hill route.

Richard Trefall, of Livermore Valley, Cal., has farmed seven thousand acres of land and is not through his threshing yet.

Alaska quartz is being cut and mounted in the East, and is said to make the nearest approach to the diamond of any stone yet found.

At Mokelamne Hill, \$2,000 is offered for the bodies of the murderers of E. Said, dead or alive, or \$500 for each one of them.

Three new locomotives have been put on the track by the Central Pacific railroad company, and some fifty more are on hand or en route.

John Ballenger committed suicide at his school in Marysville, Cal., Nov. 2d, by shooting himself through the head with a revolver.

Thomas Reardon, a laborer in the Blue Gravel mine at Smartsville, California, was killed by a cave on the 23d instant.

Over 1,000 car loads of freight for this mountain region now lays at Omaha waiting transportation over the U. P. R. R.—Frontier Index.

Mr. Joseph F. Nounan identified the man recently found dead near Salt Lake City as one of his laborers, named McGurry.

The Mississippi valley contains 768,000,000 acres of the finest land in the world, or space for one hundred and fifty States of the size of Massachusetts.

Bishop Randall writes to a gentleman in Santa Fe, says the New Mexican, that he has secured \$1,000 towards building an Episcopal chapel in that city.

The posts of the Atlantic and Pacific States Telegraph Company have been set through Virginia City, Nevada. The wires of the line will soon connect that city with San Francisco.

Henry Mulkey was taken to the Insane Asylum yesterday by Marshal Lappe, pursuant to an order from Hon. P. A. Marquam, County Judge.—Oregonian.

At San Jose, Cal., at about 9 o'clock on the evening of November 4, a heavy shock of earthquake was felt. No damage was done as far as heard from. The shock was not felt at Visalia or Los Angeles.

George Yale, the distinguished San Francisco lawyer, who was recently reported prostrated by an attack of paralysis, has recovered so far as to be able to be out on the streets.

The Butte county, Cal., Record of Oct. 24th, says: "Last Monday morning Mrs. Tague, living near Latrobe with her mother, Mrs. Faber, was found dead, lying across her child's crib, in the bed-room they occupied."

The Grass Valley Union says that no less than \$40,000 was staked in that town on the result in the State. The Democratic money was all from Grass Valley; the Republican from all parts of the county.

The Idaho Statesman of the 7th inst., mentions the presence there of Mr. Hudnutt, in charge of eighteen men, exploring the country between Snake River and Boise Valley, in railroad interests. Mr. Hudnutt reports that the route from the junction at Proxontory Rock to the crossing of Snake river, is as good as can be desired, and that the route from Snake river to Boise Valley is nearly if not equally as good. Mr. Hudnutt is under instructions to explore the country as far as possible towards the Columbia river this winter.

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Missouri, it is said, has gained since the close of the war 350,000 in population by immigration.

Mr. Carl Rosa, Madame Rosa, Sig. P. Ferranti and Mr. Brookhouse Bowler left Salt Lake by special coach for Omaha on the 17th of November.

Sunday evening last, about half past five o'clock, Wm. H. Beegan was stabbed by David Porter, and so severely injured that he died last evening about five o'clock.—Enterprise, Nov. 10.

A party of near a hundred miners from the mountains of Montana, arrived in this city last Sunday. They came by mackinaw boats down the Missouri.—Omaha Republican Nov. 11.

Capt. John Wright, one of the oldest and best known steamship proprietors on this coast, died in New York, on the 1st instant. He was formerly known as "Bully Wright," and came here in early times.—Nevada Enterprise.

The banner Republican county of Nebraska is Lou-pul-Court. All but one vote were cast for Grant. This splendid result was achieved through the active efforts of Maj. J. M. Stone, Mr. Loebel and other sterling Republicans of that county.—Kadonian.

The number of tons of ore crushed in Lander county, Nevada, for the quarter ending October 1st, was 2,030; yield, \$503,979.50, or an average of \$247.45 per ton. The total product of the previous quarter was \$410,110.48, all currency. This includes ore from White Pine.—Revelle.

Patsey Cunningham was conducted to bed and robbed of a gold watch and sixty dollars, supposed by C. A. Cliff, who barely escaped the vigilantes. Wm. Wright, real estate agent, died the other day of delirium tremens. He was from Des Moines, Iowa.—Index.

J. W. Crandall, a good old Mormon, was carried to Salt Lake City, Nov. 9th, and robbed, said the Telegraph. It adds, "The garroters are the advance guard of a set of cut-throat scoundrels from the railroad." The next day it stated the whole story has a myth.

The Lewiston Journal of Oct. 24th, reports new diggings which prospect richly on Moose creek, north and east of Pierce City. Water is plenty, there is good dump to the mines, and very little stripping is required. The gold assays about \$17 per ounce.

The Boise City Democrat of last Wednesday says Sim. Walters, charged with the murder of Joseph Bacon, at Five Mile Creek, Oct. 21st, has been committed to Joseph Bellinger, warden of the District Court. Judge Flournoy refused bail in his case.

A 100-pound chunk of black sulphuret ore, from the 850-foot level of the Yellow Jacket mine, is on exhibition at Gold Hill, Nevada. An assay of it shows that a ton of the same would yield, silver, \$3,676.53; gold, \$1,783.61; total, \$5,460.14.

Ten tons of ore from the Bobtail sold the other day for \$2,267 06. The ore assayed 11-4 ounces in gold, and 21 ounces in silver per ton, and 9 1-2 per cent. of its gross weight in copper. This sale allows \$128 gold per ton for smelting.—Colorado Register.

At Yuba Station, a little town at the terminus of the California Central Railroad, a mile and a half from Marysville, a gentleman named Joseph Bellinger committed suicide, Nov. 2d, by shooting himself through the head just above the right ear. Deceased was a single man about 27 years of age.

A special dispatch to the Leavenworth Times and Conservative from Hays City, the 30th inst., says that the Indians tore up the track seventy-five miles west of that place, near Grinnell station, throwing the locomotive, four box cars and one coach into the ditch.

The Indians were on all sides and tried to burn the track and cut off reinforcements. About one hundred shots were fired by the excursionists and the Indians. The Indians fled at the first fire. Colored troops were sent to reinforce. The troops charged on the Indians, driving them back. They have gone South.

The following, concerning San Francisco, is from Langley's Pacific Coast Directory for 1883, just published. Total population, 147,950; permanent, 138,950; transient, 9,000. There are 52,300 males over twenty-one years of age and 30,000 females over eighteen years of age; number of children under fifteen years of age, 39,728. Total amount of city improvements, \$1,911,487. Total number of buildings in the city, wooden, 13,912; brick, 4,097; total 18,009; built last year, 975. 18,000 business firms are classified.

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Burlingame's Mission—England Grows More Cordial.

New York, Nov. 23.—The Herald's London special says that yesterday afternoon Burlingame and the Associate Minister of the Chinese Embassy were presented to the Queen at Windsor Castle by Lord Stanley. Burlingame briefly addressed her Majesty in the name of the Emperor of China, and continued by expressing the desire that the highest and happiest terms of the valuable co-operation she presided, would be long and lasting. He also referred in appropriate and feeling terms to the late Emperor of China, and spoke in the very highest terms of the valuable co-operation rendered him by English representatives. In the course of his address he made graceful allusion to the well known friendship of her Majesty for the United States. Burlingame then presented his letter of credence from the Emperor of China—rather an extensive document, beautifully encased in yellow satin. Her Majesty, evidently pleased, received the document, and addressing Burlingame, said she was glad to welcome the first Chinese Envoy to Britain, and was pleased to greet Mr. Burlingame and the mission. She expressed the belief that his object was a step in the right direction. Burlingame then introduced his associate Ministers and Secretaries to the Queen. The interview was marked by the utmost cordiality. A magnificent luncheon was shortly served. While the company were being seated, Lord Stanley took occasion to express himself as in accordance with the wishes of the British Government. It was true, he said, a certain degree of opposition, originating in ignorance of the real object of the Chinese Mission, coupled with a desire to adhere to the old traditional policy, had retarded the progress of his arrival in England, but this had all passed away. Mr. Burlingame, by his dignified course, and feeling the grandeur and importance of the trust confided to him, had conducted himself in a manner calculated to dispel opposition, and to create, not only a favorable impression for China, but for the United States; for while acting as the representative of the Emperor of China, his distinguished bearing and progressive aims, admitted as a true friend and representative of America. Lord Stanley concluded by expressing his belief that the cordial principles which is fast influencing the nations of the world, have changed foes to friends.

Foreign Miscellany.

New York, November 21.—Foreign papers received to-day, state that the London Standard has been engaged in making false letters of credit on nearly every city in the world, including New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

Edinburg, November 21.—Lord Justice Inglis was today chosen Chancellor of the University of Edinburg over Hon. W. E. Gladstone.

London, November 21.—Attempts have been made to organize anniversary obsequies for the late Emperor of Austria, in Manchester, Dublin, in this city and Dublin, to-morrow. The proceedings will doubtless prove abortive, through the action of the Government officers.

A Giganitic Corporation Rumored. New York, Nov. 21.—Stories are afloat seemingly authoritative, that Vanderbilt and the English stockholders in the Erie company have been negotiating with a view to the formation of a new colossal combination of stockholders to send an agent here with all their proxies to join Vanderbilt and the share holders in this country, to get possession of the Erie, and also to consolidate the Atlantic and Great Western with the Erie, and thus secure the management of the New Jersey Central, and a controlling interest in the Pennsylvania Central, making such a great monopoly as the Hudson river, Harlem and New York Central, and the Erie and Vanier, built, as has never been known on this continent. Vanderbilt claims he can raise here and abroad over one hundred million dollars for the purpose he has in view. This step he regards as the most important of his own interest. Such is the substance of reports in Wall street. Movements of a concerted character are being made to demand an official statement of the affairs of the Erie, with the official register of all shares issued. If no satisfactory result is obtained, it is believed that the Erie will be struck.

Brutal Murder in Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Nov. 25.—Mary E. Hill, a widow residing on the corner of Tenth and Pine streets, was murdered last night by her son-in-law, Geo. S. Twitchell, Jr. Her body was discovered on the second story window. No cause has been assigned for the act. The murderer was arrested. There is much excitement here relative to the murder. Mrs. Twitchell is in custody on suspicion of participating in the murder.

The Fenian Convention. Philadelphia, Nov. 25.—The Fenian convention of the city to-morrow, will probably be the largest meeting of representative Irishmen ever held. Great preparations are being made for a parade on Thanksgiving day.

Miscellaneous News. Portland, Nov. 23.—One hundred hands were thrown out of employment by the submergence of the Cumberland paper mills at Westbrook. The loss by the land-slide is stated at \$200,000.

Lowell, Nov. 23.—General Butler is dangerously ill.

New York, Nov. 23.—9 p. m.—Nothing has been received by cable since early on the forenoon of Sunday. The lines are supposed to be down in Newfoundland.

Portland, Nov. 23.—Dispatches from Westbrook state a land slide took place at five o'clock this a. m., just below the Cumberland paper mill, which comprised about forty acres in area, and completely filled the channel of the Penobscot river. The water backed up within three feet of the top of the dam, and the lower story of the mill is submerged.

New York, Nov. 23.—J. Kelly who was nominated as candidate for Mayor by the democrats city Union, and R. G. Lawrence candidate of the corporation counsel, both declined. The executive committee of that party have decided to tender the Mayoralty to Judge Daly.

Rev. Ward Beecher preached a sermon last night on the evils of stock gambling. After vividly alluding to the prevailing desire of men to grasp riches by all means, fair or foul, the Reverend gentleman forcibly dilated upon the present system of gambling on Wall street, passing severe strictures on speculation, and concluding if the course of such speculators was not put an end to, the most terrible consequences must ensue.

He drew a touching picture of the thousands of honest men, who, tempted by expectations of gold and over swollen by hope, were now wandering about, helpless beggars, through the great pandemonium of swindling and ruin. Wall street was the very sink of iniquity and hot bed of corruption, ruin and desolation.

The Great New York Railroad Frauds. New York, November 23.—The Tribune gives to-day a statement of August Belmont before the Judge, of which the following is

the material portion: "That by closing the books of the company sixty days before the election, instead of thirty days, as usual, and by excluding any stock holders from voting by proxy, and other fraudulent devices, the said Gould, Fisk and Lane, succeeded at the regular annual election on October 13th, of continuing in perfecting their control of the company, and are now wasting and misappropriating its funds, exposing the company to a forfeiture of its charter, and the value has fallen from three millions additional stock. Since then they have issued three millions more. The common stock of the company now exceeds six millions of dollars. The value has fallen from thirty-five dollars per share, down to thirty-five dollars. Said increased stock has all been fraudulently issued and the proceeds thereof now controlled by Gould & Fisk, amounting to about sixteen millions of dollars, all of which, instead of being deposited to the credit of the Company, or standing in its name, is in the individual name and possession of said Gould & Fisk; that said Gould & Fisk are using the resources of said Company in dangerous fraudulent speculation in said Company's various properties, and are now contracting for leases and other purchases, on which said Gould, Fisk & Lane have received private bonuses in fraud of the Company amounting to fifteen millions to their own use." On these statements Justice Sutherland grants an injunction, and orders Belmont to show cause why prayed for.

The case of McIntosh vs. the Erie Company came up to-day before Judge Sutherland. After considerable argument the decision was given vacating the orders issued by Judge Barnard, which appointed James Gould Receiver.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Late and very full information has been received from Buenos Ayres relative to the difficulties between Minister Washburn and the Paraguayan government. As the facts become known the Brazilian press has ceased the attack upon Washburn. Minister Webb defends him, declaring the circumstances, and the letter from Bliss is also published, in which he bears testimony to the unwavering constancy with which Washburn maintained the rights of the legation. A letter from Washburn himself is received, dated October 29, in which he says "When you consider that the men for whom I was fighting were clever, educated gentlemen, and that when they left it was like going to the guillotine, and that toward the last it appeared no executioner would be made in my favor, that I should probably be put to death by torture, that my wife and children would be sent on foot to the mountains to die of want or exposure, you may judge something of our state of mind in Paraguay. Though we escaped, never did persons quit a country with heavier hearts. We felt that all our friends, all who had shown us any particular kindness, would, for that reason be put to death by the hands of Lopez. His plan is that of vicarious punishment. If he can't vent his rage on the person in his power, his plan is to confiscate the property of his relatives, reduce them to beggary and subject them to the same tortures as he himself is subjected to. He is surrounded by police spies, no person, foreign or native daring to visit us, you will understand how we dared to think of all friends we left behind us, victims of the rage of that cowardly, blood thirsty traitor, Lopez. He is made furious with disappointment, and conscious his cause is lost, as his career has been but a series of infamies, he seems intent on destroying the witnesses and blotting out the records. He is the greatest coward, and it was only through fear he let me go."

When Capt. Kirkland of the Wasps, in response to his threat that he intended to hold me, told him if he dared touch me our Government would have his head on a pike. I went to him through all Christendom, he then concluded to let me depart. For his conduct, as you will perceive, I denounce him as the enemy of the human race and Paraguay, and as a cowardly, blood thirsty traitor, Lopez. He is made furious with disappointment, and conscious his cause is lost, as his career has been but a series of infamies, he seems intent on destroying the witnesses and blotting out the records. He is the greatest coward, and it was only through fear he let me go."

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The total election returns now stand, 365 Liberal; 246 Conservatives. Gladstone and his colleagues, Grenfell, have both been defeated in South-west Lancashire. The Pall Mall Gazette urges the Alabama Claims Commission to sit alternately in London and Washington for the convenience of both the British and American claimants.

The French Government continues its prosecutions of the press with unremitting severity. The editors of the Temps, Tribune, Journal de Paris and Revue des Deux Mondes are summoned to appear before a civil tribunal on Friday next to answer charges for promoting subscription for the Baudin movement.

Dublin, Nov. 24.—The corporate authorities of this city have petitioned the Government to pardon an Italian convict.

London, Nov. 21.—The rumor was circulated that Joseph Mazzini, the great Republican leader, died on Friday in Switzerland; but later reports have contradicted the statement. All the great powers united in condemning the course of Wallachia as false to the obligations of her treaties.

Buenos Ayres' letters report President Sarmiento is desirous of having the command given to some distinguished U. S. General.

Mr. Seward Explains the Situation. Washington, Nov. 25.—The new Postal Convention with Great Britain was today signed by the President. It takes effect January 1st.

Secretary Seward authorizes the following relative to Reverdy Johnson's negotiations of the Alabama claims, to correct irresponsible statements: "The Minister's progress in late dispatches to the State Department on the question of the peaceful adjustment of the Alabama claims, and the approaching settlement. All things look favorable, but there has been no definite conclusion reached upon any important point up to this time. Johnson and Lord Stanley have not even settled so far as an agreement on the protocol. There has been a good deal of correspondence between our Minister and the British Foreign Secretary. A very friendly feeling pervades all this correspondence, but the only important fact yet developed, is that the prospect for an amicable settlement is favorable. It will not be wise for the papers of this country to rely upon or publish all the rumors which leak out from the British Foreign Office, and are sent abroad through the columns of the London journals as truth. Mr. Johnson has not been authorized from the State Department, to vary in any particular from the instructions given him on the eve of his departure to assume the duties of his office at the Court of Her Majesty."

Army of the Cumberland Convention. Chicago, Nov. 25.—Active preparations are being made for the great Soldier's Banquet here on the 1st of December. Gen. Sherman will deliver the address and welcome. Generals Grant, Thomas, Sheridan, Slocum, Schofield and others intend to be present.

Vessel Buried at Sea. New York, Nov. 25.—Sir John Young, the new Governor of Canada and several other officials, arrived yesterday. The ship was wrecked from San Francisco to New York burned at sea Sept. 22. The Captain and crew were saved and brought here by the ship Valparaiso.

The Erie Railroad office, on West street, closed yesterday. The clerk told all visiting business was suspended. The transfer office however was open.

It costs \$97 from Central City, Colorado, to New York.

others, the second against Richard Scheel, Daniel Drew and Frank Work. In the first the Company claim one million dollars against defendants for tampering with them in the course of their business by means of suits last spring and those recently begun.

In the other, damages to the extent of \$195,000, claimed for alleged corrupt practices of the defendants in estimating in June, last, said amount having been paid out of the funds of the company by Messrs. Eldridge, Drew and Thompson. Gould also alleges that offers have been made to the Erie company to settle the recent Belmont suit if the company would pay them a large amount of money. Judge Barnard, to-day, issued an order vacating the orders granted by Judge Sutherland yesterday, consequently Judge Sutherland issued an order requiring the defendants to show cause why the order of Judge Barnard should not be vacated. It will be argued to-morrow. Fisk & Gould are entrenched in the Erie R. R. depot at the foot of Chamber street. No person is permitted to approach who cannot prove himself a friend, and even then, there are more keys to turn and bolts to unbar than at the Tombs. There are some deputy sheriffs inside the building, on what business, they refuse to tell.

Trinity Building destroyed by Fire. New York, November 24.—The loss by the fire in Trinity Building is estimated at \$200,000. H. B. H. Co., lithographers, occupied the top floor. They lost one million pounds of lithographic stone, worth \$200,000. They possess and thirty-six thousand copies of Demorest's Monthly, containing colored fashion plates, were also destroyed. The insurance is \$50,000. The building is owned by the Trinity Church corporation, and fully insured.

Domestic News. Louisville, November 24.—By the accidental falling of a brick arch, yesterday, in the lower part of the city, five men were buried in the ruins, one of whom was instantly killed and the others badly hurt.

A prisoner named Frankford, being conveyed to the Frankford Penitentiary, broke his shackles and jumped overboard from the steamer, but was drowned.

Mary Hayes, one of the fraid sisters, has fallen heir to \$300,000, bequeathed by her grandfather.

A man of many fights killed at last. Chicago, November 24.—The Post's special says, if Rev. Pollard, editor of the Southern Opinion, was shot dead in Richmond this forenoon, by a man named Grant, for alleged slanderous publications about the latter's family.

That Railroad Stock War. New York, Nov. 24.—Belmont filed an answer to the complaints of Chas. McIntosh, in the Erie matter, yesterday. He denies the road is managed for the interest of the stockholders and charges Gould Fisk and other directors with combining to use its funds and property in private speculations with the object to defeat, impede and obstruct the legal remedies of the stockholders, whereupon he prays that all orders in this direction be set aside. The complaint was dismissed with costs.

Foreign Miscellany. Berlin, Nov. 23.—Bismark makes no secret of his design to leave the Federal party and join the Liberals.

Madrid, Nov. 24.—The advocates of republican institutions are gaining ground. Barcelona favors a Republic.

Naples, Nov. 23.—The eruption of Vesuvius is subsiding. No fears are now felt for the safety of adjacent villages.

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Southampton, Nov. 24.—The Elkins hotel, near this place, was burned this a. m. Two men were burnt to death. The proprietor and three others so badly burned they are not expected to survive.

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The total election returns now stand, 365 Liberal; 246 Conservatives. Gladstone and his colleagues, Grenfell, have both been defeated in South-west Lancashire. The Pall Mall Gazette urges the Alabama Claims Commission to sit alternately in London and Washington for the convenience of both the British and American claimants.

The French Government continues its prosecutions of the press with unremitting severity. The editors of the Temps, Tribune, Journal de Paris and Revue des Deux Mondes are summoned to appear before a civil tribunal on Friday next to answer charges for promoting subscription for the Baudin movement.

Dublin, Nov. 24.—The corporate authorities of this city have petitioned the Government to pardon an Italian convict.

London, Nov. 21.—The rumor was circulated that Joseph Mazzini, the great Republican leader, died on Friday in Switzerland; but later reports have contradicted the statement. All the great powers united in condemning the course of Wallachia as false to the obligations of her treaties.