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NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

MAJOR WRIGHT, of Carrollton, Mo., has been confirmed as Chief-Justice of Arizona.

THE President has vetoed the bill appropriating $100,000 for a post-office building at Lynn, Mass.

COMMODORE WM. T. TRUXTON, United States Navy, retired, died suddenly at his home in Norfolk, Va., on the 25th.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is receiving many letters from old soldiers indorsing his veto of the Dependant Pension bill.

MOODY and Sankey have concluded to undertake the evangelization of Chicago. Sankey went to Chicago on the 25th to meet Moody.

ADVICES from Washington leave little room to doubt that the President has made up his mind to appoint Colonel Morrison on the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

MARY BAKER, the fasting girl of White County, Ind., who fasted a hundred days, and was thought to be dead, is recovering, being now able to retain food and stimulants.

THE factions of the new Reichstag, out of which the Bismarck strength is composed, it is predicted from Berlin, will go to pieces after the passage of the Septennate bill.

TWO men, disguised and employed as workmen on a branch of the Galician railway, were arrested in Austria on the 25th and confessed to being Russian spies and emmissaries.

THE Pennsylvania Supreme Court has declined to interfere in the case of Wm. C. Cusch who killed his brother Philip last September in Elk County. Busch will be hanged March 24.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FAIRCHILD has asked Congress to amend the Trade Dollar act by providing that the act shall not go into effect for four months and for storage for additional coin.

PATRICK CARROLL, a striker, was sentenced on the 22d to one year's imprisonment at Boston for throwing stones at a street-car with passengers in it. An affecting scene in court was witnessed.

THE West Virginia Legislature adjourned on the night of the 25th from limitation. No United States Senator was chosen. It is believed Governor Wilson will appoint Mr. Lucas, a free-trader.

THE Logan Monument Commission of the Illinois Legislature were in Chicago on the 25th. Mrs. Logan stated to them that she had determined on Chicago as the last resting place for the remains of her husband.

HENRY M. STANLEY thinks Portugal is doing wrong in her present proceedings against the Sultan of Zanzibar. Stanley is pushing through the interior of Africa, and hopes to reach the cape in about one year from date.

WILLIAM ALLEN, a cow-boy, found in a cave near Rapid City, Dak., five mummies, supposed to be the remains of a family belonging to an aboriginal race. They will be sent to the Smithsonian Institution at Washington.

RT. HON. HENRY MATTHEWS, British Secretary of State for Home Affairs, in a speech at Birmingham, on the 22d, intimated that Lord Randolph Churchill would rejoin the government after the adoption of the budget.

THE Secretary of State has transmitted to Berlin a silver vase, presented by the President to Captain H. Bruns of the German steamship Weser, for rescuing the Captain and crew of the American schooner Aurora, March 3, 1886.

A CYCLONE passed near Oroville, Cal., on the night of the 21st for a distance of six miles and carried everything before it, destroying fences and cabins. Its breadth was about forty feet. It is the first ever reported west of the Rocky mountains.

VIRGINIA has made the most considerable entry for the great National drill in Washington next May. An entry was made on the 23d of an entire brigade from that State, comprising four regiments of infantry, three batteries of artillery and two cavalry squadrons.

THERE was great rejoicing at Ottawa, Ont., over the victory of the Government. Sir John MacDonald is sustained by a majority of 15 to 25. The Conservatives paraded the streets, cheeing lustily. The "Riel" cry has failed of its purpose and the French Canadians are greatly discouraged.

SENATOR FAIR, of Nevada, has directed the Commissioner of Agriculture to send 6,500 packages of vegetable seed to the drought-stricken districts of Texas. He sends all the seed that have accumulated during his term, except a liberal supply which he has from time to time distributed in his own State.

THE sale has been consummated of Lookout mountain, celebrated as the scene of the battle above the clouds. A company has been organized to build a broad-guage railroad by July 1, and erect the handsomest hotel in the South on the historic heights. Work on the railroad will commence at once.

THE President's determination last year not to go to the Capitol on the last hours of the session to sign bills, but to receive and examine them as usual at the White House, gave great satisfaction then, and it is confidently expected in Congress that he will observe the same rule at the approaching adjournment.

IT is understood the celebrated Choctaw claim, recently decided favorable to the Indians by the courts, will be provided for in the Deficiency Appropriation bill. It will require an appropriation of $3,000,000 to pay this claim and the disbursement of the money is to be made at Tahlequah in the Indian Territory.

THE Secretary of the Interior has sent to the President, for transmission to Congress, the agreements, entered into some months since, between the Northwest Indian Commission, on behalf of the Government, and the Chippewa Indians in Minnesota, accompanying the same with the recommendation that they be ratified.

MR. MONTGOMERY, Commissioner of Patents, called on the President on the 24th, and notified him of his desire to return to the practice of his profession in Michigan in the early summer. The President expressed regret at losing the assistance of so valuable an officer and requested him to remain in office until he had an opportunity of finding a worthy successor.

THE seismoscope set up in the physical laboratory at the United States Signal Office in Washington was disturbed by and accurately recorded at 7:50 meridian time, February 23, the arrival at that point of the recent earthquake that occurred in France and Italy. A rough calculation gives about five hundred miles per hour as the velocity of transmission.

XLIXTH CONGRESS.

IN the Senate, on the 21st, more Grand Army post petitions were presented against the pension veto. A resolution was offered to inquire why the Governor of Cuba keeps Civilo Poucla, an alleged American citizen, imprisoned. The Nicaragua Ship-Canal bill and the River and Harbor bill were amended and passed. Messrs. Vest, Ingalls and other Senators had some spatting over the Missouri River Commission in discussing the last-mentioned measure. The Senate, by a vote of 42 to 18, refused to adjourn over Washington's birthday.....In the House peace petitions were presented from Rhode Island. The debate over the proposition to repeal the pre-emption, timber culture and desert land laws occupied the entire business portion of the day and was productive of much scathing accusation in different official directions. The House refused to recede from its position on the bill and passed the measure divested of substantially all the Senate alterations, and asked for a further conference.

IN the Senate on the 22d Senator Sherman tendered his resignation as president pro tem., and suggested the election of some one to fill the vacancy before the Senate adjourns by limitation on March 4. A resolution was adopted for the publication of all papers and documents bearing on the rejection of the nomination of Matthews (colored). The District of Columbia Appropriation bill was passed. Mr. McPherson attempted to secure consideration of the Pacific Railroad resolution, but was defeated—33 to 22. The bill to create a Bureau of Agriculture and Labor was considered, but was not disposed of. The Senate refused to concur in House amendments to the Sundry Civil bill, and a further conference was ordered.....In the House Mr. Bland attempted to have the veto of the Pension bill of John W. Farris set aside, but it was defeated—93 to 132. The substitute to the McAdoo bill, to provide for the manufacture of first-class modern guns for the navy and sea coast and other defenses, was debated till the hour for memorial services to the late Senator Pike arrived, when it went over as unfinished business. After the Pike eulogies the House adjourned.

IN the Senate, on the 23d, the Agricultural Department bill was passed. It provides for a Cabinet officer and assistants, and transfers the weather and labor bureaus to it. The Pension bill of Thomas S. Hopkins, of Maine, was passed over the President's veto.....In the House the Retaliation bill on the Canadian fishery disputes was elaborately discussed and brought out a flood of hot sentiment seasoned with war talk toward the Government of Great Britain, Chairman Belmont, of the foreign affairs committee, being very pronounced in his utterances; the House substitute for the Senate bill was adopted—138 to 123—and then the substitute passed—252 to 1. The balance of the day was devoted to consideration of the Post-Office Appropriation bill.

IN the Senate on the 24th the substitute for the Fisheries Retaliatory bill was disagreed to and a further conference was requested. Mr. Van Wyck offered a resolution for a constitutional amendment for the election of United States Senators by a popular vote of the people of the States. A number of Senate and House bills of minor importance were passed. The Senate bill to extirpate pleuro-pneumonia and other contagious and infectious diseases was debated till adjournment. In the House the Senate amendments to the Post-Office Appropriation bill were disagreed to, and a conference requested. The President's veto of the Dependent Pensions bill came up, and a bitter debate ensued, General Bragg (Wis.) leading in defense of the veto, and Republican leaders assailing it. The veto, however, was sustained, cheers, hisses, groans and adjournment following in close order.

IN the Senate, on the 25th, Mr. Ingalls was elected president pro tem. Mr. Hoar's resolution against any negotiations on Canadian fishing troubles pending the negotiation of a new treaty with Great Britian, was debated at length, and finally referred to the finance committee. The Edmunds pleuro-pneumonia substitute, appropriating $1,000,000, to be distributed among the States in the discretion of the President, for the suppression of contagious and infectious diseases, was passed. At the night session the Pacific Railroad resolution was debated at length .....In the House the amendments to the General Retaliation bill were insisted on, and new conferees were appointed. The Senate amendments to the bill creating a department of Agriculture were concurred in and the bill passed. The Naval Appropriation bill was discussed till the regular hour for adjournment, when Mr. Herbert moved to adjournment, which was carried, thus cutting off the usual Friday night session.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

GEORGE WILSON, who murdered Wakefield Gains at Philadelphia, has made a confession.

THE Dominion election returns received up to the night of the 23d show the election of 110 Conservatives, 86 Liberals and four Independents.

A STIR is created in political and labor circles by a letter of Mayor Hewitt of New York to the Southern Society.

EMPLOYERS of spinners at Fall River, Mass., have refused an asked-for advance of wages and a strike is probable.

THE newspapers of Paris are jubilant over the result of the election in Alsace-Lorraine. They say that Germany is not able to obtain the hearts of the inhabitants of the annexed provinces.

SHARP'S stove foundry at Steubenville, O., took fire on the 23d, and was damaged to the amount of $12,000; insurance $3,500. This is the sixth time the foundry has been burned within twenty years.

MRS. LUTHER WARREN, who was shot at Cincinnati by Ed Jordan, died on the 23d. Jordan is in jail, charged with murder. The murderer kicked over Mrs. Warren's baby carriage, and when she remonstrated, shot her through the heart.

IT is understood that the President will sign the Trade Dollar bill, but that he will call the attention of Congress to the necessity for additional legislation to afford facilities for the execution of the law, the Treasury Department not being prepared at present to handle, store or recoin the dollars, as required by the act.

ABOUT fifty representatives of the lumber trade at Lake Erie ports met at Sandusky, O., on the 23d, and held a convention under the auspices of the local Lumber Dealers' Association. The day was spent in discussion of the prices of various grades of lumber, transportation rates, etc.

THE Supreme Court of Indiana decided on the 23d that it had no jurisdiction over the Lieutenant-Governorship contest of Smith and Robertson, and that the General Assembly must decide the matter.

HON. GEORGE BANCROFT, the historian, is said to be seriously ill, threatened with a severe attack of pneumonia.

NATIVES of the Friendly Islands are still greatly agitated over the trials and sentences of the men who assaulted Missionary Baker, and a bloody outcome is feared. A British vessel has sailed from Melbourne, and Catholics are appealing to France for protection.

THE Pennsylvania Board of Pardons has granted a rehearing in the case of Milton Weston, the Chicago capitalist, now undergoing imprisonment in the Riverside, (Pa.) penitentiary for complicity in the Murraysville gas-well riots.

MRS. PAVY, wife of Dr. Pavy, who lost his life in the Greely Arctic expedition, has been in Washington for several days, having gone there to present papers to the Senate committee with a view to defeating the nomination of Captain Greely, the chief of the signal service.

FIRE at Nebraska City, Neb., on the 24th caused a loss of $125,000.

MRS. J. M. BRUNER was burned to death by gasoline at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 24th.

CARDINAL JACOBINI is reported very ill, and on the 24th was thought to be dying.

THE Kansas Legislature has passed a law changing the name of St. John County to Logan.

THERE was a hung jury in the Irish conspiracy trials.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has vetoed the bill for the relief of the sureties of John How, as Indian agent.

WAR has at last been declared between the Amalgamated Association and the Knights of Labor at Mingo Junction.

THE Chinese are killing Christians and creating terror in a remote part of the empire.

GEORGE KLEIN and Jack O'Brien fought a desperate glove match at Brooklyn on the 24th. O'Brien was almost annihilated, but won on a foul.

RUSSIAN and German relations are represented as being of the most cordial character.

THERE was serious trouble in the Indiana Legislature on the 24th when Mr. Robertson attempted to assume the duties of Lieutenant-Governor. A fight occurred.

THE reports from the earthquake in Southern Europe grow more appalling. Over two thousand persons are reported killed.

THE Union Labor party finished its work and adjourned sine die at Cincinnati, on the 24th. A serious split was averted by eliminating nearly or quite one-half of the platform.

IT is reported that three Russian military officers discovered in a recent conspiracy against the government have been executed at St. Petersburg.

A CONVENTION of Pacific and Western railway Managers assembled at Chicago on the 24th to discuss the Inter-State Commerce law. John C. Brown, of the Texas & Pacific, presided.

AN imperial order has been issued setting forth the oath bishops in Prussia must take before assuming their bishopric duties. It is a strong obligation.

MRS. CHRISTINA FREY was crossing the Michigan Central bridge, three miles west of Ann Arbor, Mich., on the 24th, carrying a three-year-old child, when the Grand Rapids express struck them, killing both instantly.

SECRETARY MANNING has requested Assistant Secretary Fairchild to continue to act as Secretary of the Treasury, as he does not care to resume his official duties just at present.

BENJ. F. TAYLOR, LL. D., poet, author and lecturer, died at his home in Cleveland, O., on the 24th, after an illness of only a week. A week previously he was attacked with a chill. His illness became very much worse and soon developed into peritonitis.

ACCORDING to the rules of the House, the last six days of the session motions to suspend the rules and take bills up for passage are in order at any time. It is understood the Speaker has agreed to recognize General Henderson, of Iowa, under this order, to take up the bill giving Mrs. Logan a pension of $2,000 per annum. There is little doubt that if the bill is brought to a vote it will pass.

A SCATHING and rebuking report is made against the management of the Summit County (O.) infirmary by the Board of State Charities, and several removals are recommended.

NEW ENGLAND reports the worst snowstorm for twenty years on the 25th.

GLADSTONE has reduced the rents on his Scotch farm.

MAINE has quarantined against cattle from New York, Massachusetts and Illinois.

JIM STEVENS, colored, was hanged for murder at Princess Anne, Md., on the 25th.

THE Cincinnati trunk mystery has been explained—it was only a corpse for a doctor to dissect.

DARBY & CO.'s candy warehouse at Baltimore, Md., was burned on the 25th, causing a loss of $200,000.

IT is probable a special session of the United States Senate will be called for purposes of confirmation.

FRANK H. RAIFF is under arrest at San Antonio, Tex., charged with embezzlement at San Francisco, Cal.

JESSE W. FELL, a widely-known and public-spirited citizen of Illinois, died at his home at Normal on the 25th.

HON. CHAUNCEY F. SHULTZ is an applicant for the position of United States subtreasurer at St. Louis with strong prospect of appointment.

AN American manufacturer, named Schneider, has arrived at Constantinople to submit to the Porte his recently invented large caliber cannon.

FATHER MAURISE HOWARD, widely known, and one of the oldest priests in in the United States, died at Keokuk, Ia., on the 25th.

GOVERNOR LEE of Virginia has issued his proclamation calling an extra session of the Legislature on the 16th of March.

GOVERNOR HILL'S private secretary has notified Rev. Mr. Powell, spiritual adviser of Mrs. Roxalina Druse, the murderess, that the executive will not interfere with the execution.

GEORGE MIDDOUR, formerly postmaster at Waynesborough, Pa., and recently convicted of defrauding the Government, was sentenced at Philadelphia on the 25th to pay a fine of $500 and costs and to three months' imprisonment.

LAFAYETTE WILLIAM WILDMAN, a miner, was instantly killed at Washington, Ind., on the 25th, by falling slate while at work. He leaves a wife and four children. Miles Street was seriously and perhaps fatally injured in the same way on the 24th.

MR. AND MRS. BARBOUR DRUM, aged about fifty, were burned to death in their dwelling, in the town of Big Flats, N. Y., on the 25th. They were alone in the house and no one knows how the fire started.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

IN the Senate, on the 26th, Mr. Allison, Chairman of the appropriations committee, reported the condition of appropriation bills as very backward and unfavorable. Mr. Ingalls took the oath as President pro. tem., and took the chair. The credentials of Messrs. Reagan, Stewart and Bate were presented. The debate on the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill was productive of some very uncomplimentary criticisms of the United States foreign service.....In the House the Senate amendments to the River and Harbor bill were non-concurred in and a conference asked for. The Naval Appropriation bill was amended and passed. Filibustering tactics were resorted to on the Republican side on the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill, and about midnight they succeeded in forcing an adjournment without any legislative progress being made.

SIX boys were killed by a railroad collision at Easton, Pa., on the 26th.

AN exceedingly violent storm raged on the 26th from the Atlantic ocean to the Rocky Mountains.

CARDINAL JACOBINI, papal Secretary of State, died at Rome on the 26th.

ROBERT BONNER declares that Maud S. is not for sale, and that an offer of $300,000 would be no temptation for him to part with her. He values the Queen of the Turf above money.

THE whites have recently made such violent attacks upon the Chinese at Vancouver that the Celestials have thought it wisdom to emigrate.

A SLIGHT shock of earthquake was felt at Charleston and other points in South Carolina and Georgia on the morning of the 26th.

THERE is a general fear that the clog of business is so great in Congress, that some of the appropriation bills will fail for want of time.

THE Austro-Hungarian war credits asked by the government have been unanimously voted by the parliaments of the two countries.

GOVERNOR WILSON of West Virginia has concluded to call and extra session of the Legislature after March 4, and to appoint a United States Senator before that date.

A SON of ex-Governor English, of Indiana, was arrested at New York on the 26th, just as he was about to sail for England on the steamship Etruria. An Indianapolis widow is the complainant, and she makes some serious charges against the gentleman in question.

THE *North German Gazette* denies that Bismarck ever said that Russia should never take the Balkan States. The *Gazette* says further that Germany will not interfere with Russia's plans in the East.

SECRETARY BAYARD declines to send to the Senate the correspondence relative to the Cutting affair, the resignation of General Jackson, the Minister to Mexico, and other matters called for by Senator Brown's resolution, and the latter is said to be whetting his knife for scalps.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

The State Legislature.

THE Senate was not in session on the 19th ....In the House a resolution was adopted instructing the Adjutant-General to fire a National salute on Washington's birthday. But little business was done other than the introduction of a few bills and the discussion for a couple of hours of the Railroad bill, which was up for engrossment.

IN the Senate, on the 21st, the committee Railroad bill was called up in the order of engrossment, and was considered in committee of the whole, and pending debate on section 3 the committee rose, reported progress and the bill went over. A number of new bills were introduced, among which was one for the creation of a State Civil-Service commission.....In the House Mr. Jewett, of Shelby, introduced an appropriate resolution on the death of Mr. W. M. Dunn, late door-keeper of the House, which was unanimously adopted. A committee was appointed to accompany the body to Shelbyville, the House to accompany the remains to the depot in a body. A resolution to bear the funeral expenses was also adopted. The Chair appointed Messrs. Jewett, Dodd and Headlee as the committee to accompany the remains of Mr. Dunn to Shelbyville, and the House adjourned.

IN the Senate, on the 22d, no business of importance was transacted beyond the discussion of the Railroad bill, which consumed the session. Without coming to a vote the Senate adjourned..... The House held forenoon and afternoon sessions, but devoted most of its time to the engrossing of bills. [The railroad bills are the principal measures of interest pending in each body. The Senate proposes to consider the bill before it from day to day until disposed of, and the House has made the same bill a special order for to-morrow afternoon.]

IN the Senate, on the 23d the committee on railroads reported back the bill regulating the rates to be charged by railroad companies for passenger transportation with an amendment requiring children under six years of age to be transported free. The amendment was agreed to. The committee on appropriations reported back favorably the bill appropriating $250,000 for improvement of the State Capitol building, with several amendments, which were adopted and the bill ordered to engrossment. The bill to establish a normal school at or near Maryville was passed by a vote of 21 yeas to 6 nays. The bill prohibiting any dramshop-keeper from keeping any gaming table, or thing or instrument of amusement whatever in any dramshop, or in any room or building adjacent thereto failed to pass by a vote of 11 yeas to 14 nays, and a motion to reconsider was tabled. The bill providing for the execution of conveyances by sheriffs where the purchase money has been paid, and subsequently the officer who should execute the conveyance dies or becomes disqualified, was passed, as was also the bill to pay McDonald County $1,622.09 deficit of school moneys for 1875, by reason of the failure of the county clerk of that county to properly certify to the school superintendent the enumeration of school children for that year.....In the House Louis. D. Bolton was chosen door-keeper. The bill authorizing Kansas City to extend her limits was passed. The Railroad bill was taken up as the special order, and, pending discussion, went over till the 24th. The entire afternoon session was taken up in discussing the Militia bill, which was finally ordered engrossed. The Chair laid before the House the return to the writ of the House in the Macklin-O'Brien contest. The return shows that Macklin was elected by a majority of nine votes.

THE Senate, on the 24th, after the transaction of routine business, went into committee of the whole on the Railroad bill, which occupied the entire session, the latter portion being taken up in consideration of the third section of the anti-pooling bill of the joint committee, and it was finally adopted without amendment. .....In the House the following bills were passed: The Reform School bill; to authorize the Governor to commute to imprisonment in the penitentiary the death sentence of criminals under eighteen years of age; to allow the transfer of dram-shop licenses; to permit any physician who is authorized to practice medicine to register as a pharmacist or druggist without examination; to require school directors to qualify within three days after their election and to organize within five days, and providing for the filling of vacancies by directors; to provide that the height of hedge fences shall not exceed four feet, and that the posts of wire fences shall be sixteen feet apart; providing that counties, where more than one court is held, shall be entitled to the Appellate Court reports; to quiet titles of real estate at the end of thirty years against non-residents; requiring appellants to the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals to file a transcript ten days before the meeting of the court; authorizing the Governor to appoint county treasurers in case of vacancy; authorizing county clerks to destroy assessment lists, merchants' licenses, petitions for dramshops, etc., at the end of two years; giving county courts power to appropriate money to complete contracts for the improvement of swamp lands; to exempt unplatted land in cities of 20,000 inhabitants and less from municipal taxation; to authorize cities of the fourth-class to publish financial statements in newspapers; to amend the homestead law by providing that homesteads shall be subject to attachment when the party holds under a deed from the time that said deed is filed, but when he holds by descent or devise, from the time he becomes invested with the title.

IN the Senate on the 25th, after the transaction of routine business, the Senate went into committee of the whole on the Railroad bill, and after discussion the committee rose and reported the bill favorably to the Senate, no amendments having been made. The Agricultural College Appropriation bill was passed after a hot debate with only two dissenting votes. The bill appropriating $149,000 for additions and improvements to the Lunatic Asylum at Nevada was passed..... The House spent the entire day debating the Railroad bill and the Buckner substitute therefor, and adjourned without making any progress.

Miscellaneous Items.

The directors of the St. Joseph Inter-State Exposition Association, at a meeting held recently, elected officers for the year 1887, as follows: President, H. R. W. Hartwig; vice-president, D. D. Burnes; treasurer, B. F. Buzard; secretary, Chas. F. Ernst.

A movement is said to be on foot among members of the General Assembly and a number of St. Louis lawyers now at Jefferson City to urge the appointment of Wm. C. Marshall by the Governor to the circuit judgeship made vacant by the transfer of Judge Thayer, of St. Louis, to the Federal bench.

The vote on sending the Militia bill to engrossment in the House of Representatives was 66 yeas; 56 nays.

Herman Effen attempted to shoot a boarder in his house at St. Louis, named Herman Marks, whom he thought was altogether too friendly with Mrs. Effen, and shot the latter instead, not fatally, however.

James Toohey, a St. Louis painter, an old member of the fire department, committed suicide a few days ago with a dose of strychnine.

The Lenten season has begun.

Miss Maud, the only daughter of John Vanderlinde, the newly appointed collector of customs at St. Joseph, died a few nights ago. She was twenty-three years of age and remarkably popular, and her death is universally mourned. She had been ill a year, suffering from pulmonary troubles.

The Salvation Army has settled down to a regular siege of St. Louis, and has succeeded in enlisting the Baptist influence in its cause. An outpost has been established at East St. Louis, and the forces of the evil one are invited to come on and try conclusions. 'Appy 'Arry is in the van.

There will be a grand St. Patrick's day parade in St. Louis.

Lawyer Frank Bowman wants $100,000 damages from the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch* for certain libelous articles published in that paper.

St. Louis boasts a genuine Chinese doctor; but he can not practice, as he can not procure the necessary permit from the Health authorities.

There was a lively contest in progress for the office of door-keeper of the House, made vacant by the demise of Major Dunn.

Judge Treat has tendered his resignation to the President, and Judge Thayer, of St. Louis, has been appointed to succeed him.

It is thought the militia will yet win the fight at the capital.

SEISMIC SHOCKS.

Southern Europe Badly Shaken by Earthquake—Much Damage Done to Property and Many Lives Lost—The Casualties at Cerro, on the Mediterranean, Simply Appalling.

ROME, Feb. 23.—Two shocks of earthquake occurred at Nice at six o'clock this morning. The shocks were very pronounced, buildings were rocked to and fro, walls cracked and some tenement houses of weak construction were thrown down. The shocks caused the utmost consternation among the people, who fled into the streets, invoking Divine assistance and protection. Many threw themselves on their knees and prayed fervently that they might be spared. A number of people were injured. Shocks were also felt in Monte Carlo, Monaco, and as far as Genoa. In Monaco the shocks were very severe, and huge masses of rocks were precipitated into the sea from the overhanging cliffs on the coast. People visiting at Nice are fleeing the place in terror. The Prince of Wales, who has been sojourning at Nice, is safe at Cannes, having left the former place a few days ago.

MANY CASUALTIES REPORTED.

ROME, Feb. 23.—Many casualties are reported from Nice. The residents are panic striken and have abandoned their dwellings. The streets are crowded with people who are flocking to the parks and open spaces with a view to safety. Camps have already been pitched in many places. The railway stations are thronged with people, who have been visiting here and are anxious to leave the city. Two houses and the Maison Bourke have already fallen and many others are so injured that another shock would certainly cause their utter destruction. Three persons are known to be buried in the ruins of the Maison Bourke.

From Marseilles a report comes of an earthquake occurring there, which was violent enough to crack the walls of several buildings, and throw the residents into a state of frenzy.

At Leghorn, Milan and in many places in the provinces of Geneva shocks were also felt, badly frightening the inhabitants. No other damage is reported. The telegraph wires are working badly, and only meagre accounts have so far been received. All the shocks occurred this morning.

LATER ACCOUNTS

from Nice say that the Riviera was crammed with English and American notables and participators in the last carnival ball of the season, en route to their homes. When the first shock occurred, the majority of them were terror-stricken and rushed to open places to be out of the way of falling walls.

THE QUEEN'S ANXIETY.

Queen Victoria this morning telegraphed an anxious inquiry to the Prince of Wales at Cannes to be reassured that his Royal Highness had not been injured, and informing him that the Government requested him to return home at once, so as to allay the anxiety of the people regarding his safety.

At Savonna many houses were wrecked and eleven persons killed.

THE QUAKE IN FRANCE.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Two violent earthquake shocks were felt at Toulon and three at Cannes. The first of the seismatic shocks at the latter place was very violent, and lasted fully a minute. The others were lighter. The people became panic-stricken and rushed to the seashore. Fortunately nobody was hurt.

THREE HUNDRED LIVES LOST AT CERRO—OTHER CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Further details of the earthquakes on that part of the northern shore of the Mediterranean known as the Rivera di Genoa, the eastern part of which is called the Rivera Divante, and the western portion the Rivera di Ponente, show that the disaster was more extensive and destructive to life and property than first reports indicated. At Cerro, a small town in Diano Marino, many houses were overthrown and three hundred persons buried in the ruins, none of whom can be extricated alive. Besides these many others were injured by falling bricks and stones, some probably fatally. Railway traffic west of Savona is entirely suspended, the tracks in many places being thrown out of place or engulfed. The prisoners in the Government jail at Finale Borgo became panic-stricken during the prevalence of the shocks and made furious attempts to escape. They were overpowered by the guards and finally quieted.

TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

ROME, Feb. 24.—The earthquake devastated the Rivera. Several houses were destroyed at Noli. Fifteen people were killed and thirty wounded. At Onegla, a number of people were killed and hundreds were wounded. One-third of the town of Diano Marino destroyed.

An Insane Preacher and His Pistol.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Rev. Charles W. Ward, rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church at Englewood, N. J., shot his wife, fired two shots at his five-year-old daughter, neither of which took effect, and he then shot himself, early yesterday morning, in the rectory near the church. Neither he nor his wife are dangerously wounded, but if the bullet is not speedily removed from his head he may suffer from blood poisoning.

Mr. Ward was a very popular and hard-working minister. He recently married his fourth wife, and seemed to be living happily with her. He had acted strangely for the past few days, and evidently has become insane from over-study. Mrs. Ward says she was lying down with the little girl for a rest when Ward entered the room in great excitement, saying:

"I want to speak to you, and if you don't speak before I count five I will shoot you."

She was paralyzed with fright, and before she could do any thing to save herself he had begun the firing.

Ward is a relative of J. Q. A. Ward, the sculptor, and Mrs. Ward is a sister of Mrs. A. J. Vanderpoel, wife of the well-known New York lawyer.

ENGLEWOOD, N. J., Feb. 23.—The condition of Rev. Dr. Ward, who shot his wife, fired at his daughter without effect, and then put a bullet in his own head, is somewhat improved this morning. The bullet in his wife's cheek will be probed for this evening. The general opinion is that he is insane.

Knights of Labor Multiplying.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24.—The annual report of John J. Cummins, financial secretary of District Assembly No. 1, Knights of Labor, shows a great increase of the order in this city during 1886. Mr. Cummins states that the number of local assemblies attached to No. 1 on January 1, 1886, was fifty-four, membership, 6,550. During the year 1880 local assemblies were added, the total membership being 41,499, but 5,631 members fell away, leaving the total at the close of the year 55,888. Three local assemblies lapsed and twenty withdrew to join trade districts, leaving a total of 211 local assemblies. Mr. Cummins advocates a bureau of labor as an adjunct to the order.

Distillery Enjoined.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 24.—Judge Conrad this morning, in the presence of a crowded court, announced a decree of injunction against the International distillery, owned by G. W. Kidd, of New York. At the hearing by the judge, given last fall, it was held that the right to manufacture spirits for export was recognized in early legislation, and not covered by the acts of 1884 and 1886. The opinion is very long. Judge Conrad says: "I find defendant, for the time claimed in the bill, has been engaged in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors in Iowa for other than medical, mechanical, culinary and sacramental purposes, and in violation of law."

THE WORLD CAN READ IT.

Letter From Mayor Hewitt of New York, Which was Refused a Reading at the Dinner to Governor Hill by the Young Men's Democratic Club of Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The following is a copy of the letter of regret sent by Mayor Hewitt to the Young Men's Democratic Club of Brooklyn on Tuesday, on the occasion of their dinner to Governor Hill, and which, being shown to the Governor by the managers of the banquet for his opinion and advice, led him to make the acceptance of his invitation conditional upon the letter being suppressed.

Governor Hill.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.

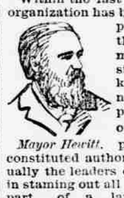
Frederick R. Lee, Esq., 24 Park Place, New York:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., asking me to be the guest of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Brooklyn, on the 22d inst., at its annual dinner.

As you are aware, I am just recovering from a very painful illness, which does not yet permit me to leave my chamber. As a matter of course it will be impossible for me to have the pleasure of dining with you on the 22d, but I send my cordial greetings to the club and the distinguished Democrats who will be present, and trust that the laudable object at which you aim, the protection of the Union and the success of the National Democracy, will be achieved.

The principles of the Democratic party are on trial from a new force, which has suddenly appeared in politics, and which will destroy the party unless it is boldly confronted, and the dangerous and pernicious effects of its doctrines and principles denounced and made clear to the public. The Democratic party regards the individual as the unit of society, the integrity of which depends entirely upon the personal liberty of the citizen. Jefferson and his associates drove the Federal party out of power on this issue, which was fundamental in the struggle, which gave us our free Government and produced the Constitution. Until the civil war broke out, no man questioned the right of the white citizens of the United States to dispose of themselves and their labor in any manner which might seem good. The war extended the same rights to the colored race as the white citizens had previously enjoyed, so that, up to a very recent period, every citizen of this country had been free to employ himself and pursue his happiness in whatever direction might seem to him to be good.

Within the last five years, however, a secret organization has been growing in strength and power, which seeks to enslave the labor of this country and make it subject to the irresponsible domination of men unknown to the people, who are not officers chosen by the people, and who are not creatures of law responsible to free public opinion and to the constituted authorities for their action. Gradually the leaders of this body have succeeded in staming out all personal independence one part of a large number of workmen of the country by refusing to permit any person to earn a living who is not affiliated with this secret organization. In this way the workmen have been coerced into blind obedience to irresponsible power, and the condition of those who have tried to remain outside of the organization is in many cases truly pitiable. They are called by opprobrious names, are hunted from shop to shop and denied employment on the fearful penalty of stopping all work, however pressing and important.



Mayor Hewitt.

This is tyranny, against which the Democratic party has ever struggled, and which it must now confront and denounce in no mistaken tones.

It is true that Democrats holding high positions have coquetted with this new and dangerous element in politics, and even attained offices by submitting to the humiliation of an apparent indorsement of the false and dangerous doctrines which have been put in practice at such a fearful cost in our midst, within this present month.

Unless the Democratic party now and at once absolutely disown and condemn all organizations which seeks to place the individual under any other control than that of the laws, and deprive the citizen of his free action, it will perish, as it ought to do, and will.

I desire on this occasion to emphasize this issue as one to which you and your fellow-members shall direct your attention, in the hope that the next State convention will condemn, as Washington condemned, all secret organizations which undertake to usurp the functions of the law, and destroy the free agency of the citizen. I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

ABRAM S. HEWITT.

ANOTHER MYSTERY.

The Mutilated and Putrefying Remains of a Man Found in an Expressed Box at Pittsburgh—A Horrible Sight.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 25.—A box containing the detached and mutilated remains of an adult was discovered in the office of the Baltimore & Ohio Express Company in this city yesterday morning. Attention was attracted to the box received from Cincinnati yesterday morning bearing the address "John Osborn, Pittsburgh," by the very offensive odor of decaying flesh. Superintendent J. D. Zimmerman ordered the box opened. The first sight of the contents caused the whole office force to recoil with horror. A human skull, sawed through perpendicularly from the summit to base of the lower jaw, divested of its flesh, grinned horribly at them. Flanking the skull were the femoral bones, black and ghastly, to which were attached shreds of putrescent flesh. Under them lay the spine, the articulations of which are still full of flesh and great hunks of gristle, far along in the process of mortification. The remaining bones of the body lay deeper in the box, and to all are attached, to a greater or less extent, the flesh.

The police department and coroner's office were notified, and detectives are endeavoring to find John Osborn, who is unknown in this city. Chief of Detectives O'Mara has telegraphed Chief of Police Deitsch of Cincinnati for any information obtainable in that city.

Three Boys Crushed to Death in a Coal Mine.

TRINIDAD, Col., Feb. 24.—A cave-in occurred at the coal mines of the Colorado Coal & Iron Company, at Eagle, three miles from here, yesterday, by which three boys, Jack Pectora, Frank Scargai and Daniel Conway, were crushed to death. The father of Conway barely escaped, but was badly injured about the head.

The Coming Ocean Yacht Race.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Betting is beginning to get lively on the coming great ocean yacht race between the schooner yachts Coronet and Dauntless, though as yet chiefly confined to yachtsmen. A club man said last night that there was as much as $500,000 upon the race already. At the New York Club-house the Dauntless is the favorite. Several bets of two to one on the Dauntless have been made. Great faith is pinned on Captain Samuels, the old skipper of the Dauntless, but the friends of the Coronet remark that Captain Crosby is something of a skipper himself; has been across the Atlantic in the Coronet and knows what she can do.

An Important Decision.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Judge Ingraham rendered an important decision yesterday in the suit brought by the Commercial Telegraph Company against the Stock Exchange, the Western Union and the Gold and Stock Company to make permanent an injunction granted by the Superior Court, prohibiting the defendant companies from interfering with the Commercial Company in reporting the stock transactions of the exchange. Judge Ingraham has decided in favor of the defendants, holding that, as the Exchange is not an incorporated body, it can exclude such outride parties as it sees fit, and can make such contracts as it pleases.

PITH AND POINT.

—Sometimes it is exceedingly hard to tell where frankness ends and impudence begins.

—"I do not desire wealth for itself," remarked the philosopher. "No," replied the cynic, "I suppose you desire it for yourself."—*The Judge.*

—"Say, do you think it's true that red-headed girls are quick-tempered?" "Um—ah—suppose you ask one of them about it."—*Pittsburgh Dispatch.*

—A pair of strong, big lungs will often win a reputation for statesmanship in spite of serious cerebral deficiencies.—*Washington Republican.*

—People who are always in high spirits soon wear out, says a physician. It may be, but people who are always low-spirited wear other people out.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

—Whoy!—"Whose pigs are those, my lad?" "Whoy, they belong to