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MR. GLADSTONE is a great statesman among soldiers.

IF GORDON is dead his blood is on his government's head.

BABYLON has fallen, and the Mahdi's men are going to occupy the land.

IF it be ransom that the Mahdi wants for Gordon, he may be allowed to take it out in blood.

IF Mrs. Yseult Dudley is as homely as she is pictured, she just couldn't help shooting Rossa—that's all there is about it.

THERE were two undignified spats in the House of Representatives yesterday, which may have interested the members, but which will disgust the country.

THE False Prophet is moving on with the Koran in one hand and the sword in the other. Conversion or blood! is his cry. The British troops will have some scruples on this score.

GENERAL LOGAN'S West Virginia friends are hoping that he may break the deadlock in the Illinois Legislature and retain the seat which he holds with honor to his party and his country.

IT IS to be hoped that we shall have no more newspaper assaults on State Senator McCreery. The Senate has declared officially that he doesn't deserve it. This must be regarded as closing the case.

CLEVELAND takes for breakfast ham, calls, eggs, callers, a few callers done rare, and then retires to receive the beefsteaks in waiting for him. This is what we make out of the published leaves from his diary.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR may be trusted to keep an eye on the graceful things of the social side. The state dinner in honor of the President-elect will be a fitting introduction of Mr. Cleveland to the official society of the Capital.

CO-EDUCATE or no-educate—that is the question. If there are West Virginians who want to run the University as they have been running it, they might also like an opportunity to pass around the hat among themselves for its support.

IT requires a good deal of money to go into the business on the Mahdi's scale. The slave-owners and the slave-hunters would contribute; religious fanaticism would be a paying lead, but these sources do not seem to account for it all. It would not be strange if Russia's hand and money bags were back of this enterprising child of the desert.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Louisville *Courier-Journal* writes of Mr. Tilden: "His voice is nearly gone now and the whisper has sunk into a faint hush. It is with great difficulty that, even with his mouth close to the ear, his words can be distinguished." Yet there were Democrats who wanted to make him President though his corpse had to be paraded up Pennsylvania Avenue on inauguration day.

NOW General Wolseley is to "let slip the dogs of war" and clean out the Mahdi at any cost of men and money. If the ministry had said this six months ago the Mahdi would have been broken and Gordon safe with his garrison. Delay has been more than dangerous; it has been disastrous, and only a country of the vast resources of England could now prevent a fatal termination of the inconceivable blunder.

SOME one ought to muzzle an old idiot who is a member of the West Virginia Senate. His name is McCreery, and he shall have our attention as soon as we can get a little more of his record.—*Morgantown New Dominion.*

This is not kind. More than that, "old idiot" is actionable. It is by the reckless use of such expressions that the press has its pay for county advertising assaulted in the Legislature. Senator McCreery is not that kind of a man at all. He is a good-humored, kind-hearted man who may have gone wrong in this one instance; but as an authority on fox-scalps he is believed to have no equal outside of Raleigh county.

RANDOLPH COUNTY takes another whirl at the October returns, knocks off the three hundred votes present but not accounted for, and reduces Wilson's majority below the high-water mark of the betting. How did this "clerical error" happen? and who did it? The INTELLIGENCER advised stakeholders to pay no bets on the face of these delayed and obviously inaccurate returns. There is an inside of all this, and it may be possible to uncover it. Clerical errors are not made as that alteration was made. Wilson's friends were determined to give him 5,000 majority and gather in the stake money if they could. This is very clear on the face of the returns.

WHEN in a calm and, as was thought, inoffensive reply to the inquiry of a reader the INTELLIGENCER drew some inferences from Mr. James M. Mason's active co-operation in the business of the Legislature, it was not even suspected that the *Register* would break out in a fit of Wall street agony. It was not the intention of the INTELLIGENCER to draw blood, least of all to spatter it over a column of an esteemed cotemporary's valuable space.

If the Democratic majority in the Legislature is being scooped in with the Wall street drag-net, as we infer from the *Register*, would it not be more creditable to a newspaper which aspires to be the party organ to sound the note of warning? Might not that be more profitable to the State than to suggest, however darkly, that the INTELLIGENCER and its party need watching, lest at any time they dash the Wall street syndicate's head against a stone?

If the tax laws of this State are to be juggled in the interest of Wall street, men and newspapers of all parties should present a solid front in behalf of the State. We cannot help thinking that if the manager of the *Register* had not been otherwise employed that peculiar editorial article would not have been able to smuggle itself into his columns.

MAHDI'S MIGHT.

It Will Take General Wolseley Five Weeks to Reach Khartoum,

When He Will Have to Fight the Fevered Heat of the Desert

As Well as Combat the Deadly Spears of Islam's Hosts.

The Perils of the Contest Increased an Hundred-fold

By the Disastrous and Halting Policy of the Gladstone Ministry.

The Cabinet, Awakening From its Long Nap, Rubs its Eyes

And Hastens to Retrieve Losses by Giving Wolseley Carte Blanche

In the Conduct of the March Against the Victorious False Prophet.

He Will Rescue Gordon, if Alive, and Avenge Him if Dead.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—General Wolseley telegraphs from Korti to the war office this afternoon that a courier arrived from the British camp near Metamneh, who reports that the rebels at Metemneh have become defiant since hearing of the fall of Khartoum. The courier also says an attack on Gubat may be looked for at any moment, as the rebels expect reinforcements from Khartoum.

Gen. Wolseley states he will remain quiet and wait further orders from the Government.

Another telegram from General Wolseley late this afternoon states that he has been informed that Col. Wilson had one man killed and five wounded while returning down the Nile from Khartoum. A messenger from the Mahdi summoned Col. Wilson to surrender, and at the same time stated Gen. Gordon was wearing the Mahdi's uniform. It is the general opinion in military circles that Gen. Gordon is dead.

GIVEN CARTE BLANCHE.

Wolseley's Instructions From the Government—Joy in London.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—It is understood the cabinet council to-day decided to give Lord Wolseley *carte blanche* to take any measures he deems necessary for the rescue of General Gordon if alive, and make use of such military operations he considers advisable to regain the ground lost in the Soudan by the fall of Khartoum. Among the alternatives suggested by General Wolseley are the immediate recapture of Khartoum and the employment if necessary of Indian troops on the European border route.

The announcement is confirmed that at the Cabinet council it was decided to give Gen. Wolseley complete discretion as to the course to be pursued in the Soudan. He has been instructed to take all measures necessary to a successful campaign. The Government will give him any assistance he may need by dispatching troops from Suakim to Berber. General Wolseley will make every effort possible to save General Gordon if alive. The wildest rumors are afloat in London relative to affairs in the Soudan. It is said by some that General Gordon was shot during the attack on Khartoum. The latest authentic news from there is contained in Col. Wortley's report. The government continues to monopolize the wires and even private messages either way are refused transmission. The decision of the cabinet in giving General Wolseley carte blanche caused the liveliest joy everywhere. Groups of people gathered in the streets eagerly reading the latest issues of the evening papers.

WILSON'S TRIP TO KHARTOUM

And His Return—Particulars of That Disastrous Journey.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Colonel Wortley, in charge of the only one of Colonel Wilson's three steamers which succeeded in reaching Gubat from Khartoum, the two others having been wrecked, furnishes a detailed report of the movements of this expedition. This shows the three steamers in command of Col. Wilson reached Khartoum January 28th, following the course of the White Nile. On reaching Khartoum he found it to be utterly impossible to land the troops. Then follows a description of the firing by the rebels and the return of the steamers as given in yesterday's press reports.

Continuing Colonel Wortley says: The Government house at Khartoum appeared to be wrecked. One man was killed and five wounded during the attack on the steamers. Colonel Wilson's steamer was wrecked four miles above the enemy's position, below the bottom of the Shubleka cataract. The second steamer was wrecked January 29th. We reached Gubat in small boats the same day. That Khartoum fell January 26th is certain. General Gordon's fate is still in doubt. Reports in regard to him are conflicting. It is the general opinion, however, that he was killed. Some say he is with the Greeks in their church at Khartoum.

The fall of Khartoum has decided the Shukrigeh tribes to join El Mahdi, which places both banks of the Nile under the control of the enemy. The natives really fear the English, and the advance of Earle's column is awaited with anxiety by them. The natives say El Mahdi is hard pressed for supplies, and that he had great difficulty in persuading the Emirs to attack us. A message from El Mahdi reached Colonel Wilson January 29. He said Gordon had adopted the Mahdi's uniform. The courier brought the following from El Mahdi: "I call upon you to surrender. I shall not write again. If you do not become Mohammedans, I will wipe you off the face of the earth."

The statement is confirmed that Foraz Pasha treacherously made terms with El Mahdi, whereby the latter was enabled to capture Khartoum.

General Wolseley sends the following dispatch:

"Talbot's convoy reached Gubat safely. The enemy at Metemneh is entirely active since January 28. The rebel force there is estimated between two and three thousand, of whom 250 are horsemen and 500 rifles. Our men are in good health. The wounded are doing well. The Kabbabick tribes are still carrying messages and supplies for us to Gakdut wells. A messenger has been sent to ascertain the fate of General Gordon.

Gravity of the Situation.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Astonishment has been caused by the report that the Cabinet at its session to-day considered a despatch received from Wolseley asking instructions. In this despatch Wolseley informs the government he will not be enabled to reach Khartoum in less time than five weeks, when the hot season will have commenced. He assures the ministry he feels still confident of his ability to successfully attack Khartoum and defeat the False Prophet, but he says the operations necessary to achieve these results now will be difficult and hazardous.

HOW THE TRAP WAS SET.

What an Emissary of El Mahdi Said Some Months Ago.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Arabi Pasha, it seems, had something to do with bringing about Gordon's downfall, if the story told by a prominent clergyman be credited. This clergyman published a letter this afternoon in the London *Globe* about meeting in this city last November an Egyptian, who had been prefect of police under Arabi. This Prefect and the preacher became well acquainted. On Christmas last they had a long conversation concerning the Egyptian situation. The clergyman expressed the hope that Lord Wolseley would soon enter Khartoum. At this the prefect laughed, and said General Gordon was perfectly safe where he was, and Wolseley would not enter Khartoum. Wilfred Blunt, the prefect continued, is the only living man able to effect for England a peaceful solution of the Soudan question. El Mahdi had confidence in him and would accept him as a mediator.

So far as Lord Wolseley's expdeition was concerned, the prefect said, El Mahdi had arranged to allow it to approach Khartoum without any regular opposition. The Prophet might fight at or near Shendy, but if he did it would be merely for the purpose of tempting Wolseley on into further and greater risks. On no account, however, would El Mahdi fight a decisive battle until the British forces were massed in the vicinity of Khartoum. General Gordon, the prefect insisted, was already, at the time of the conversation, virtually a prisoner. His so-called defense of Khartoum was a mere form, as El Mahdi was not engaged in any attack upon the town because it was practically in his power, and he could take it whenever he pleased. The Prophet's plan was to allow Lord Wolseley's army to approach Khartoum, then to enter the city, take possession and fight Wolseley from that great point of vantage.

The prefect always insisted that Gen. Gordon would not be killed by El Mahdi. The clergyman says he recalls this almost prophetic discourse by Arabi's prefect of police with a clearness of revelation, now especially that it has been ascertained that the man when in London was there as an emissary of El Mahdi. The last thing the prefect said to the clergyman was: "General Gordon will not be killed. *Le Mahdi vous fera payer par le nez pour Gordon.*" ["The Mahdi will make you pay through the nose for Gordon."]

EXCITEMENT ABATING

In London Over the Fall of Khartoum—The Relief Measures.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The excitement over the fall of Khartoum is subsiding. Military critics now consider the troops at Metemneh safe if General Earle's advance to Berber is hastened and reinforcements hurried on from Korti. The decision of the cabinet to give General Wolseley free power to act has calmed the public. Orders were sent to Gibraltar and Malta to prepare for the immediate despatch of all the available troops to the Soudan. General Wolseley has adopted Gen. Stephenson's advice, and sent a strong force to Suakim. It is reported the Indian troops will garrison at Suakim, while a force of six thousand British will advance upon Berber. The expedition will be composed of drafts from the Indian regiments and the acclimated British troops now in Egypt, who will be replaced by drafts from England and the Mediterranean. The Government decided to maintain the full strength of the garrisons in Egypt. The Indian Government expressed readiness to embark from Bombay a force of Goorkha Infantry and Sikh lancers within a fortnight.

WOLSELY'S PROCLAMATION.

To the People of the Soudan—Asking Them to Submit.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The following dispatch has just been received:

NEAR METEMNEH, February 6.

General Wolseley has issued the following proclamation:

To the Notables and Inhabitants of the Soudan:

England has sent me with an army to restore peace, not collect taxes, or injure any one. I will pay you for all supplies and guarantee to execute General Gordon's promises. Only those deserving punishment at our hands will receive it. I call upon you to submit and not listen to evil advisers. Come into my camp and see my officers. No one shall harm you either coming or returning."

General Wolseley reports to the government that although the Mahdi's regulars are reported gathering round the point where the English are wrecked, no suspicion of treachery is entertained.

COL. STEWART'S FATE.

The Story of the Massacre Recited by one of the Party who Escaped.

KORTI, Feb. 6.—Hussein, the stoker, who escaped the massacre perpetrated by Suielman Wad Gamz upon Col. Stewart and his party, says the murders were not committed in the vicinity of Berber, as has been reported, but on the Nile below Abu Hamed. He gives the following account of the circumstances attending the assassination:

Col. Stewart's steamer, the Abbas, when it left Khartoum, had aboard, besides Stewart, two European consuls, Power and Herbin, Hassan Bey, twelve Greeks and a number of natives.

WRECKED ON AN ISLAND.

He had not gone far when the steamer struck a rock two feet under the surface of the water. The result was that when Col. Stewart got back to the island he found himself the only man in his entire party who possessed any weapons, and he had nothing but a small revolver in his belt. Meanwhile a large crowd of natives had assembled on the right bank of the Nile. They shouted in concert to the English, "Give us peace and grace!" "Give us peace and grace!" This demonstration somewhat reassured the Colonel and his comrades. Accordingly he received with welcome an Arab who approached them and said he bore a message from Suleiman. This was a friendly invitation to Stewart to go with his entire party to Suleiman's house and there become the chief's guest.

MURDERED WHILE AT LUNCH.

The invitation was accepted and the entire party crossed the river with the messenger to the bank where the natives were assembled. Suleimen met them, and he took Colonel Stewart and the two consuls and Hassan Bey to the house of a blind man named Etman Fakri, where coffee was prepared for them. While Colonel Stewart and his companions were in the house Suleman went out and gave a signal to his followers. They were all armed with swords and spears, and they at once formed themselves into two bodies. One party entered the blind man's house and attacked the guests. Col. Stewart and the two consuls were killed. Hassan Bey was wounded, but he managed to escape.

While this bloody work was being done in Etman Fakri's house the other party of Suleimen's men closed in around the rest of Stewart's defenseless comrades. The men fought as best they could in the hopeless struggle, but all with the exception of the narrator and seven others were either killed where they stood or were drowned in the Nile in their attempts to escape.

THE BODIES THROWN INTO THE NILE.

Hussein managed to swim across to Wady Gamz and hide himself upon the island until dark. He was, however, discovered next day and made a prisoner. He was taken to Birti, and remained there until the place was captured by Gen. Earle's men. Hussein says that after Col. Stewart was killed his body and the bodies of all his murdered compasions were thrown into the river by order of Suleiman. The chief and his followers then divided all the money they had found on the persons of the wounded men or in the steamer, and sent the rest of the plunder in a box to Berber. The seven men who, besides Hussein, escaped the masacre, were two sailors, two artillerymen and three Egyptians, all of whom, Hussein says, were subsequently captured by Suleiman and taken to Berber, where they remain prisoners.

A BOLT FROM THE "THUNDERER."

The London "Times" Speaks its Mind in Very Plain Terms.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The *Times* editorially discussing the late news from Egypt says: "No word of ours is adequate to express *the mingled feeling of dismay*, consternation and indignant disgust which has been universally evoked by this news. The present situation is lamentable, the result of a long course of disregard of the elementary maxims of statesmanship. The country is obliged to confess that everything has been done that could be done to add to the risks of defeat; advice has been spurned, time wasted, opportunity lost, and the splendid valor of our soldiers, which offered the last chance for retrieving the mistakes of the policy handicapped by a choice of line of march which, was at the same time long and difficult, and without the means of communication, and without a base of supplies. By the loss of Khartoum, which was his objective point, Lord Wolseley's whole expedition is in the air.

A concentration of his forces is the first necessity which confronts Wolseley. But where shall he concentrate? The only effective base is Suakim, and to make this available Osman Digna must be vanquished, and the road to Berber opened.

General Gordon must be saved or avenged. The honor of the country must be vindicated at whatever cost."

In another place the *Times* says: "The fall of that solitary figure, Gordon, holding aloft the flag of England in the face of hordes of the sons of Islam, will reverberate through every bazaar of Cairo and Calcutta. The result will be a deliberate abandonment of respect for the British Government and its officials by the followers of Islam. But England will save General Gordon, if alive, and if slain, will avenge his death. Woe to his murderers, if he has been killed."

Notes on the Khartoum Affair.

The residence of Premier Gladstone, at Hawarden, has been placed under special police protection.

Ten thousand British troops at stations on the Mediterrenean are available for service in Soudan.

Advices from Korti state that a number of spies have been despatched to Khartoum to ascertain the fate of Gen. Gordon.

General Wolseley's reply to the dispatch of the government giving him carte blanche to operate in the Soudan is expected by noon to-day.

Russia Recognizes the Congo.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 6.—Russia has recognized the International African Association, and yesterday signed the convention with the Associaton in regard to the proposed free State of Congo. This convention is similar to the one exchanged with Austria.

Trouble Apprehended.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegraph Company from St. Paul, Delonda, states that on January 15 four Portugese men-of-war occupied the mouth of the Congo. Dutch and other resident merchants protested. The British cruisers Forward and Rapid are off the coast.

PHELAN'S ASSASSIN IN COURT.

The Would be Murderer Held for Examination To-day.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—A large number of dynamiters were in attendance at the Tombs Police Court to-day, to see the arraignment of Richard Short, who committed the assault on Captain Phelan in O'Donovan Rossa's office. Phelan was brought from the hospital and a moment or two later entered the court room and took a position before Judge Patterson. Phelan was pale and thin. His left arm hung in a sling.

"Yes, I feel pretty weak," he said to a reporter, "but I am mighty glad to get out of doors once more.'

In the affidavit which the clerk of the court made out Phelan states that Richard Short did wilfully stab and wound the deponent with a certain dirk knife which he, Short, held in his hand; that deponent was so attacked by said defendant at and within the office of Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa; that then and there he received eleven wounds in the body at the hands of said defendant. While Phelan was making his statement Short was led in the room and placed at the bar, looking much better than when committed to prison four weeks ago.

"Do you see the man in Court who assaulted you?" inquired Justice Patterson of Phelan. When the latter had completed his statement he replied by pointing at Short, who stood directly behind him.

"I shall hold you for examination, Short, under $3,000 bail," said the Judge to the prisoner.

"Judge, I should like to ask for the protection of the police while I remain in the city," said Phelan with a show of hesitancy. "I do not feel safe from the attacks of that man," pointing to Short.

"I am sorry I cannot give you a body guard," replied Justice Patterson, "but I cannot."

"If you will give me the privilege of carrying weapons I can defend myself," remarked the Captain with some pride.

"Apply to the police, they will grant you permission."

The police court squad determined to see that Capt. Phelan got home in safety, so they sent two police officers as a body guard to the Captain and his wife. The examination will take place to-morrow.

Exulted Over Winning a Law Suit.

KENNET SQUARE, PA., Feb. 6.—Patrick McGinley was fatally shot by Chas. Ames. Ames gave bond for his appearance but his whereabouts are unknown. Ames was living as a hermit. He won a law suit over McGinty and hoisted a flag. McGinty undertook to chop down the tree. Ames warned him to stop. McGinty refused and Ames shot him.

THE Lord Mayor of London was only a porter in a warehouse, but he persevered in the face of opposition and rose rapidly. It is only persistence and merit that has made Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup the greatest family remedy for coughs and colds now offered to the suffering public.

"YOU ARE ANOTHER."

THE AMENITIES OF HOT DEBATE

In the House of Representatives—Two Warm Colloquies in Which the Dignity of the House Was Greatly Strained, But Which Ended All Right.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The House in Committee of the Whole resumed the consideration of the River and Harbor bill to-day.

The appropriation for the improvement of Buffalo harbor was increased from $75,000 to $100,000.

Mr. King offered an amendment appropriating $1,500,000 for the improvement of Sandy Hook channel at the mouth of New York harbor, and advocated its adoption as benefiting the commerce of the entire country.

Mr. Hiscock said he had seen in the public press the statement that he was going to make an assault upon the Jettie system at New Orleans, and denied he had ever had such intentions.

Mr. King—"The allusion of the gentleman is directed against me."

Mr. Hiscock—"I beg the gentleman's pardon. I say unqualifiedly it was not directed against the gentleman."

Mr. King—"I say unqualifiedly it was. I understood the gentleman from New York himself to state in private conversation it was his purpose to say on this floor that the jetties had been of no commercial value to New Orleans."

Mr. Hiscock—"I desire to contradict the statement that I have ever advertised that I had that purpose, just so far as I can go within the rules of the House in saying that I have never said I was going to do any such thing."

Mr. King—"And I state as far as I may go within the rules of the House that that statement is false."

Mr. King's amendment was rejected.

Mr. Young offered an amendment appropriating $75,000 for the improvement of the Memphis harbor. Mr. Young then proceeded to advocate his amendment, pointing out that the work already constructed at Memphis would be endangered if an appropriation were not made.

I SAY YOU'RE ANOTHER.

Mr. Willis said the committee had concluded not to make any special appropriations for harbors on the Mississippi river. In reply to the gentleman's (Young's) statement taxing him with the entire responsibility for the action of the committee he would say it was untrue, unjust and ungenerous in the extreme.

These remarks aroused the attention of the House and the two gentlemen were surrounded by their fellow members, anxious to hear the words, which were uttered in such low voices as to be almost indistinguishable.

"I do not think," said Mr. Young, "that the gentleman intends to apply to me the language he uses. Was that his purpose?"

"I say," replied Mr. Willis, "that when the gentleman undertakes to put upon me the responsibility of refusing this appropriation he does state what is untrue."

"I made a statement," continued Mr. Young, "that you were the only one who did not disavow it. I do not want any member to stand on the floor and say I told what was not true. I can take care of myself here, but I do not want that statement to go to the country under a misunderstanding."

Mr. Willis—"If the gentleman undertakes to say that I was the only member of the committee who opposed the appropriation for Memphis, and to rest the responsibility of its rejection on me, he states what is not true."

Mr. Young—"Then I have to state, that if under his assumption, he undertakes to brand me with falsehood"—

Mr. Willis—"The gentleman need not go to that point. If you stated what I said I stand by what I said."

Mr. Young—"You said under a hypothetical case that I have stated a false thing."

Mr. Willis—"If you have not stated it."

Mr. Young—"You know I have not. If the gentleman had 'come to me'—at this point the confusion became so great the Chairman directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to see that the members were seated, and the quarrel was not resumed, though the angry feelings of the two men was not abated. Mr. Young finally withdrew the amendment.

The appropriation for the Oswego harbor was increased from $50,000 to $85,000.

The committee then rose and the House took a recess until the evening session for the consideration of Pension bills.

Wont Accept the Reduction.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 6.—The miners in the Tuscarawas Valley have refused to accept the reduction of ten cents a ton and it is probable that a strike will follow. Three thousand men are interested. The executive board of the State Miners' Union recommended the reduction be accepted, but the recommendation is unheeded.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Edward W. Fillmore, cousin of ex-President Fillmore, died at Elgin, Ill., last night of consumption.

The Opera House and several business houses of Mt. Sterling, Ky., burned last night. Loss $60,000.

James S. Stocking was yesterday confirmed by the United States Senate Postmaster at Washington, Pa.

Nine business buildings were destroyed by fire in Tuscola, Illinois, last night. Loss about $20,000; insured for $7,300.

D. W. Miller, proprietor of the D. W. Miller Carriage Company, Cincinnati, assigned yesterday to Henry A. Gibson. Assets estimated at $125,000; liabilities $100,000.

A house occupied by Mike Burns, a few miles from St. Charles, Minn., burned last night. Mrs. Burns saved two children, but two girls aged 7 and 11 perished in the flames.

Wm. Thorpe, chairman of the Town Board of the village of Eau Clair, Wis., was shot and killed last night by his son for abusing his family. The son is held for trial.

A freight train on the Cincinnati, St. Louis & Toledo Narrow gauge ran off the track near Cincinnati last night, killing brakeman Jack Squires, and seriously injuring engineer James Flanagan. The engine and six cars are a total wreck.

Two robbers broke into a country residence near Dayton, Ohio, last night, bound and gagged Phil Glass and sister, but succeeded in getting only $5. One thousand dollars was secreted, and they attempted to force Glass by threats to divulge. He refused and they departed.

The failures of the week reported by R. G. Dun's mercantile agency are: For the United States 314; Canada, 32; total 346, as against 354 the previous week, and 411 the week preceding. Failures are still numerous in the Western and Southern States. In other sections of the country the figures are about up to the average.

For seven years Allen's Brain Food has stood the strongest tests as to its merits in curing nervousness, nervous debility and restoring lost powers to the weakened generative system, and in no instance, has it ever failed; test it. $1; six for $5—At druggists, or by mail from J. H. Allen, 315 First Avenue, New York City.

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THE STATE SOLONS.

Gossip About the Sessions and the Members of the Two Houses.

The Senate refused twice yesterday to adjourn over till Monday.

Delegate Robertson did himself proud on his Penitentiary bill, but it was no go.

Dr. Rusmisel, of Barbour county, was summoned home yesterday by a serious accident to a member of his family.

Dr. McClung, of Greenbrier county, who was called home last week by sickness in his family, returned to the House yesterday.

The galleries are still well filled daily with spectators, but the lady visitors on the floor are not so numerous as usual. One bevy of fair young ladies were in the House a little while yesterday forenoon.

Several matters which were expected to provoke considerable discussion—notably the Scott Insane Asylum bill and the Blair bill joint resolutions—were passed over in each House without a word of debate.

Mr. Dean caught the peculiar wording of the title of House Bill 25 in time to prevent the perpetuation of the ridiculous title in the Acts. It originally read: "A Bill prohibiting the use of Ferrets in hunting, catching, killing, *or in any other way destroying* rabbits or other small game."

The resolution to investigate Senator Floyd's right to his seat in the Senate was predicated on the idea that he has removed to Charleston. Mr. Floyd says he still has a legal residence in Logan county and nowhere else; has always exercised *the rights of a citizen* there, and not elsewhere, and is regarded by himself and his constituents as a resident of Logan county.

Senator Morris achieved quite a victory yesterday in securing the reconsideration and passage of his bill to make an appropriation for the Glenville Normal School building. He stated the claims of that community on the State very strongly. The building now used is an old frame, and never cost the State a cent. The school is in a region which needs it badly, and fosters it generously, and the institution is a credit to the State. These facts were well and eloquently stated by Mr. Morris, and had the desired effect.

DEFENDING SENATOR M'CREERY.

Yesterday afternoon, on motion of Senator Switzer, the Senate

Resolved, That the Senate deprecates the manner in which many of the newspapers of the State have spoken of the Hon. John W. McCreery in connection with Senate Bill No. 9, and would like for the people and papers to understand that the bill offered by the Senator made no attack on the rates of publishing the annual statement in said bill, and that it is the sense of this Senate that nothing has been said or done in this chamber by the Senator from Raleigh justifying such attacks.

THE ROLLER RINKS.

A Private Party Last Night—What is Being Done on the Wheels.

Messrs. Rose & Entler have been congratulated on all sides on their handsome rink and the success of their opening. They have already secured a nice class of patrons and will have more.

The Capitol rink has been doing a good business dring the week. The surface has been well filled at every session. "Her Atonement" band will play twice a day at this place of amusement next week, and the attendance will no doubt be increased.

To-night at the Island rink a large and handsomely decorated cake is to be given to the most graceful couple. The cake is on exhibition at Durst's. It is fancily decorated with frosting and surmounted with a lady and gentleman skating. It is well worth looking at. It is expected there will be several entries. Wheeling has a number of graceful skaters and a number of them are regular patrons at the Island rink.

Another large crowd filled the Chapline street rink last night. Over 500 people were present, and all were pleased with the new rink. "The Midgets" gave another wonderful performance. Edna, the oldest one, did several fancy movements that almost took the spectators' breath away. To-day these little people make their last appearance here. They will skate this afternoon and evening and Edna will do some dancing on skates.

Last night at 10:30 o'clock when the Island rink was closed to the public a large crowd comprising fully fifty couples were given the place for a private skating party. The rink band was engaged for the occasion and for three or four hours a most delightful time was had. Those present were from the very best society in town. The surface was in its usual splendid condition and there was nothing wanting to make the occasion a pleasant one for all. The management exerted itself to make it such.

The Opera House Band Objects.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR: In your report of the opening of the Chapline Street Skating Rink the undersigned believe that so much of the report as reflects on the "section of the Opera House Brass Band," was not just to the musicians.

While we appreciate just criticisms and endeavor to proffer by them, we nevertheless feel compelled to draw attention to the injustice done us in the columns of your paper in this report.

The music furnished at the opening of the Chapline street rink was rendered by a part of our band, consisting of our oldest and best members. The music was new and especially adapted to skating rink entertainments, and was rendered to the entire satisfaction of Messrs. Entler & Rose and the audience generally.

Believing that you are ever ready to correct an unintentional wrong,

Yours Respectfully,

OPERA HOUSE ORCHESTRA AND BRASS BAND.

Wheeling, February 6.

"The Little Joker."

The sale of reserved seats for the engagement of Carrie Swain, the inimitable and charming little actress, at the Opera House next Tuesday night, will commence at Baumer's music store this morning. Miss Swain will render her new play, "The Little Joker," which is said to furnish unusual opportunities for the display of her talent. Carrie Swain has been compared to Lotta, Minnie Palmer, Annie Pixley and even Maggie Mitchell, and no one person has ever aroused more enthusiasm on the part of the newspaper critics than she. She is pronounced full of life, overflowing with fun, vivacious, bright, sparkling, and at times pathetic, an excellent singer, a pretty dancer, and possesses a sprightliness that, added to her expressive face, is captivating.

Rev. Dr. Stone off for India.

Rev. E. J. Stone arrived home yesterday from New York, where he was summoned last week by the sudden and severe illness of his son, Rev. Dr. Sumner Stone, who was about to sail for India when he was attacked with acute rheumatism. He fully recovered his health, however, and sailed on Wednesday on the Cunard steamer Scythia for Liverpool, en route for Bombay, his mission field. He was accompanied by his wife, *nee* Miss Kate Elson. The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Stone will be rejoiced to know that both were in the best of health and spirits when they set sail for their distant home.

The Grau Opera Company.

Charley Shay is apparently determined to stun this community. He has this season played a succession of attractions all first class in every respect, and really comparing favorably with those booked at any house anywhere. He now announces for next week, six nights and two matinee performances, the Grau English Opera Company. The company has already appeared in Wheeling, and left a favorable impression. It was then a strong and capable organization and it is said to have been strengthened since.

BELLAIRE.

The Suit Against the School Board—The Library, etc.

Rev. J. K. McKallip is home.

G. S. Evans will move to Uhrichsville in the spring and go into business there.

Nelson Hopkins is back at his mother's, near town, after a residence of a year in Utica, Nebraska.

Dr. F. S. De Hass and wife arrived here yesterday on their way home from the New Orleans Exposition.

Rev. M. Heinze expects to accept a charge in Buffalo, N. Y., and has offered his resignation to the German church here.

The Benwood ferry boat made a few trips yesterday forenoon and then was compelled by the increasing quantity of floating ice to go below the bridge for safety.

The C. & P. railroad has again gained its case in the suit brought for damages in the killing of Mr. Meek. Judge Kelly instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for the defendant.

The School Board in the case of D. E. Andrews, discharged as teacher of the high school, has offered to confess judgment for $76 40. Mr. Andrews sued for the year's salary.

The School Board has *abolished* the office of librarian for the present, but a committee will endeavor to have something done to increase the library's usefulness. It might be made the nucleus for a public library, which is badly needed here. The public library that has been kept at the Fourth ward school house for years has had very little patronage of late, notwithstanding the large number of excellent books of all kinds that are free to all. It is supported by the State.

The German Oil and Gas Company, of Bellaire, incorporated in November with a capital stock of $25,000, has commenced the work of erecting a derrick on the farm of Isaac Ramsey, on Captina Creek, and the work of drilling will be commenced as soon as Mr. D. W. Faus, who is erecting the derrick, gets it up. The following are the stockholders: F. Jahnke, J. C. Tallman, A. Faupel, John A. Steele, A. C. Robinson, C. Rumbach, S. Weimer and A. R. McClure. The paid-up capital is $14,000.

BRIDGEPORT.

New Rink Opening—Other News Items from Over the River.

Mr. Jake Heinline was in Bellaire yesterday.

A little son of Levi Lannan yesterday broke his leg while skating.

Mr. J. Forbes funeral will take place at 10 o'clock A. M. to-day. Interment at Mt. Wood.

The biggest thing in Bridgeport one year ago to-day was the rolling waves. Will Dinsmore says to-day it is the opening of the new rink.

The Mammoth rink will open this afternoon. The skating surface will be 135 by 55 feet. A full rink band will furnish the music. One of the entertaining features will be a turkey race. A turkey will be suspended from the ceiling and four contestants will be blindfolded and started to hunt him. The one who finds the turkey first will get it. The gentlemanly proprietors, Messrs. Harrison & Sebring, will spare no pains to accomodate the skaters.

The Meek case against the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad was terminated Thursday by Judge Kelly's decision that the plaintiff had failed to make out any case, and he therefore ordered the jury to render a verdict for the defendant. This is the fourth trial of this case. First the jury disagreed, then they found for the plaintiff, then the case went to the District and Supreme Courts, and was finally remanded for trial with the above verdict. Mr. Meek was injured at Bellaire some years ago while carelessly walking on the track, and ultimately died.

MARTIN'S FERRY.

The Excelsior Rink Opening—Gossippy News and Personals.

Mrs. M. A. Greer is on the sick list.

Mr. James A. Gray is improving slowly.

The Reilly Comedy Company drew a very slim house Thursday night.

Mr. C. N. Mercer is traveling in the interest of Mr. William R. Moore, of this place.

Mr. John Seamon was called to East Liverpool yesterday by the sickness of a relative.

A select crowd of the best young skaters here will open the Excelsior rink to-night. This rink is one of the largest if not the largest in this part of the country.

The ladies of the Benevolent Society desire to tender their thanks to the members of the Excelsior Band for the services rendered t e night of the carnival.

There will be a half mile race at the Eureka rink Monday night. The one who gets two out of three heats wins the prize, which is a fine pair of Henley club skates.

Quite a number of Martin's Ferry people were summoned to appear before the Grand Jury at St. Clairsville in the case of Rev. Mr. Walker against William Davies.

Miss Dennis, of Webster Grove, near St. Louis, a graduate of Wellesley College, has obtained the position formerly held by Miss Loftus, as teacher of German in the High School.

Two good show cases for sale very cheap; enquire at Charley Green's.

Ohio County Notes.

Mr. Homer Gibson is pursuing his studies in the college at New Concord, O.

Prof. Burke's singing class has employed him for another year. He is also instructing a band at Claysville, Pa.

The Liberty Central Republican Club will hold a series of meetings this winter, commencing on Thursday evening of next week, at Valley Grove.

A series of interesting meetings are in progress at the M. E. Church at Triadelphia, of which the Rev. Mr. Cotton is the pastor. There has been some thirty accessions on profession of their faith.

Mr. Philabaum, of the vicinity of Valley Grove, met with a serious accident on last Monday night while returning home from visiting a sick friend. In coming down a hill road near Dunsfort, Pa., the driver crossed a sheet of ice that overturned the sleigh and precipitated him and Mr. Philabaum over an embankment. Mr. Philabaum sustained severe injuries.

Italy in the Red Sea.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—It is announced that Italy has replied formally to the protests of the Porte against the occupancy of Egyptian ports along the Red Sea by the Italian forces. In reply Italy admits the claims of the Sultan to suerzainty over the Red Sea, but declares she felt obliged to occupy certain ports in order to protect Italian subjects. By the withdrawal of the Egyptian garrisons Italy will, the reply conclues, allow the Egyptian flag to remain by the side of the Italian flag at every occupied point.

A Priest Killed in Church.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—A dispatch from Gibraltar says the Vicar General of that diocese has been murdered. The details of the assassination are not given further than the statement that a butcher, supposed to be insane, attacked the priest in the sacristy of the Cathedral and stabbed him to death.

ONE FROM THE SOUTH

SURE OF A PLACE IN THE CABINET.

Although Cleveland Has Not Said "Thou Art the Man," it is Pretty Well Settled That Jonas Will be Called Out of the Many to be Chosen From.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—A gentleman prominently connected with the Democratic National Committee during the recent campaign said to a reporter this morning: "I have good reason to believe Cleveland has made up his mind about at least one member of his Cabinet. The choice will give general satis