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## OWEN BROTHERS.

Indications.  
WASHINGTON, March 21.—For Tennessee and Ohio Valley—Partly cloudy weather, local rains or snow, slightly colder in extreme west portion, warmer in central portions.

## EXACTLY SO.

You simply want to buy a suit, the exact kind of a suit, a well-made suit, proper fitting suit, stylish-looking suit, such a suit as we can recommend, such a suit as you are not ashamed to wear, or we are not ashamed to meet on the street.

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We are manufacturers and retailers of such suits, and only await opportunity to take you through and prove our ability in suiting the most exacting want.

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You want a new Spring Hat; a Hat to fit your head, your mind, your pocket; a stylish Hat; a becoming Hat; a Hat to keep its place no matter at what angle you may choose to carry your head—exactly so; such hats are here. They're new. They're Spring shapes. They're cheap: \$2.50 for \$1.75, \$3 for \$2, \$3.50 for \$2.25, and so on.

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Manufacturers of Clothing and Only One-Price Retailers in Springfield, Ohio, 25 and 27 West Main Street.

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These renowned pianos are kept in all styles at the above Piano and Organ House. Some new styles just arriving for spring trade.

Write for Prices and Catalogue.

We Have Some Rare Bargains

In Second-Hand Pianos. We must make room for our spring stock that has commenced to arrive. Good reliable agents wanted to sell our entire line of Pianos and Organs in every city and town in Southern Ohio. Address,

**R. F. BRANDON & CO.,**  
74 ARCADE,  
Springfield, Ohio.

Two young fellows named Billy Parsons and Myers, accompanied by two girls of this city, whose names could not be learned, ran off yesterday morning and took a train for Cincinnati. A brother-in-law of one of the girls took the 2:40 train this morning for Cincinnati in search of the elopers.

## NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

TRANSMITTED BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

**Heavy Bank Failure—General Grant's Condition—Political Changes in England—The Land Boomers—British Losses and Further Movements—Death of Dr. Griffith—The Railroad Cut Fares—India Pleads for Safety—The Queen Objects—Jay Gould at Ft. Monroe.**

**AGONY, N. Y., March 21.**—Great excitement in Scherrie Village over the failure of Scherrie National Bank. The failure was immediately caused by a great run on Thursday, which was probably the result of a rumor that the Middleburg Paper Mill Co., of Middleburg, composed of Franklin Gram and Joe Williams, had made an assignment to the bank. There was no excitement, and the fact of the run being made would have been unobserved, by outsiders, under other circumstances. By night \$200,000 had been withdrawn with indications of a continuation over on the following day. Farmers in the vicinity were unable to reach the village, the roadway in every direction being obstructed by immense snow drifts. Every business man in the village had money in the bank. President Krum states that the cause of the suspension was the depression of real estate.

**Political Changes in England.**  
LONDON, Eng., March 21.—Both the Liberal and Conservative political agents are manifestly preparing for the general election in November next. They almost unanimously concur in reporting that of the present members of the House of Commons almost half will decline to stand re-election. In this calculation prove accurate, the next Parliament will be the product of one of the most thorough political changes ever witnessed in England. The majority of these members of the House, it is thought, who will decline renewals of candidacy are of the older Tories and Whigs. Singular as it may appear, the bulk of these will not retire from active politics, because of their present disability, but they will do so because of the profound discontent in Great Britain.

**Champaign County Prohibition Convention.**  
URBANA, O., March 20.—The Prohibitionists of this county held a convention at the city hall today for the purpose of organizing the county for active, progressive work during the coming campaign. The attendance was large and of a very satisfactory nature. After addresses by Wilbur Colvin, Rev. J. C. Fernald and E. O. Stuart, of Springfield, and Mr. Barnham, of Urbana, a county central committee was selected and strong resolutions adopted. In the evening a mass meeting was held in the city hall, addressed by Wilbur Colvin and Rev. Dr. Leonard. The prohibitionists feel highly encouraged with the spirit manifested and the numbers present.

**British Losses and Further Movements.**  
STRAIM, March 21.—Corrected returns of British losses in yesterday's engagement show twenty-one killed, including seventeen of the India troops; forty-two wounded, sixteen being India contingent. The troops in Zereba, under Hazen, at daylight this morning shelled and dispersed several bodies of rebels on the adjacent hills. All except the guard will advance tomorrow. The purpose is to reach Serbas Points seven or eight miles from camp. The Berkshire regiment and marines will be left to garrison Zereba, the remaining troops returning to Suakin.

**Escape of Convicts.**  
ST. LOUIS, March 21.—A Houston, Texas Post-Dispatch special says: Captain Hutchinson, this city, owner of a large ranch in Gaines county, has just received private advices from his foreman of the ranch, of an attempt of six white convicts to escape early this morning. Two named Poll, from Hidalgo county, and McLean, from Lampas county, were shot down by the guard and four escaped. Blood hounds have been started in pursuit.

**General Grant's Condition.**  
NEW YORK, March 21.—After a visit to General Grant to-night, Dr. Douglas said: The General did not have a good night last night as on Thursday night, but he rested fairly well. He was very quiet to-day. He did no work on his book, and suffered no pain. He took liquid food during the day, and had dinner to-day in his room, and afterwards went up stairs and sat with the family.

**The Land "Boomers."**  
COFFEYVILLE, Kas., March 21.—The "boomers" are gathering from various points at Coffeyville, and leaving in squads as fast as they arrive for Oklahoma. A number of teams arrived today, and will probably leave on Monday. The Coffeyville colony has a number of detachments now in Oklahoma, and more on the road notwithstanding the President's proclamation.

**The Railroad Cut Fares.**  
CINCINNATI, March 21.—The Pan Handle and Bee Line roads have been selling tickets to New York, today, for \$15 with rebate, \$8 at New York. The New York, Penna. & Ohio sells for \$7, without rebate, and announces that they will sell lower than any other road.

**Death of Dr. Griffith.**  
LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 21.—Dr. David Griffith, at one time one of Louisville's most prominent citizens, died of paralysis. He was medical director of Sheridan's army corps, and was with General Nelson at the battle of Shiloh.

**India Pleads for Safety.**  
LONDON, England, March 21.—Sirdar Dilar Jung, the political secretary to Nizam of Hyderabad, states in a letter that all native Indian chiefs are eager to save India from recent despotism.

**The Queen Objects.**  
LONDON, March 21.—General Baker, the hero of the R. R. apartment scandal, has been nominated by Lord Wolsey to serve on his staff, but the Queen has frowned down the appointment.

**Jay Gould at Ft. Monroe.**  
FORTRESS MONROE, March 21.—The Yacht Atlanta, with Jay Gould and party on board, arrived this afternoon.

## After the Copper.

BALTIMORE, March 21.—Arizona Copper Company, of Edinburg, Scotland, has sued out two replevin in the United States Circuit Court to recover possession of copper, valued at \$16,200. The plaintiffs are owners of mines in Arizona, and shipped crude copper to Pope, Cole & Co. The replevin is to recover possession of the copper in consequence of the failure of that firm. The United States Marshal seized the copper.

**Convention of Miners.**  
PITTSBURGH, March 21.—The Railroad Coal Miners' Convention here today was largely attended. It is said by delegates that everything is encouraging to the strikers. Of thirty-seven pits along the railroad, twenty-two are closed on account of the strike. Coal is getting scarce every day and a number of manufacturers are compelled to close for want of fuel.

**Judge Lawrence Still on Deck.**  
WASHINGTON, March 21.—Judge Durham, newly appointed First Comptroller of the Treasury, will take charge of the office early next week. He requested Judge Wm. Lawrence (of Ohio) to serve until his arrival and that gentleman consented to do so.

**The Bismarck Testimonial.**  
BERLIN, March 21.—The Bismarck testimonial committee, after purchasing the Schoenhause estate, will devote the surplus of the fund to establish a Bismarck foundation for some patriotic object of national importance.

**Annexation.**  
LONDON, March 21.—A Wellington, New Zealand, dispatch states that the authorities have received an official copy of the act passed by the Samesan Parliament for the annexation of Samesan Island to New Zealand.

**Fatal Explosion.**  
PINE BLUFF, Ark., March 21.—This morning at eight o'clock the boiler in a saw-mill, five miles from town, exploded, fatally wounding one man. Several mill hands were severely scalded.

**Arabs Discouraged.**  
LONDON, March 21.—The British forces were not disturbed through the night. The troops infer from this that the Arabs are discouraged by the results of yesterday's engagement.

**Legislative Foolishness.**  
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 21.—Twenty Senators and Representatives answered roll-call in joint assembly today. Absentees received 19, and Streeter voted for Judge A. M. Craig.

**The Emperor's Birthday.**  
ROME, March 21.—Prince Ferdinand, uncle to King Humboldt, has gone to Berlin to attend the celebration of the 88th anniversary of the birth of Emperor William.

**EMMA ABBOTT IN SPRINGFIELD.**  
With Bellini and Annunziata—Seventy-Five People in the Company and a Grand Orchestra.

We take pleasure in announcing to the Springfield public that the peerless Emma Abbott has been engaged to appear in the well known and popular opera, "Mignon," at Black's Opera House, March 30th. The appearance of Emma Abbott in Springfield will be the event of the season in the amusement line, and the lovers of the opera may be assured that Mr. Waldman will make every effort to present ample means for the full enjoyment of the unusual attraction. Miss Abbott's manager says: "We will give you the finest opera with great reputation and draft, with three prima donnas, Abbott, Bellini and Annunziata in the cast and seventy-five people in the company, including a grand orchestra. Mr. Waldman has canceled all engagements for his home for the present, as he closes the house on Thursday of this week, in order that the necessary preparations may be made for the grand opera. Nothing will be left undone or any expense spared to make this the historical and highly successful event in the history of popular entertainments in this city."

Mr. John B. Bartlett, business manager arrived in the city, last night, and the necessary preliminary arrangements have been made. The bare announcement of the coming of Emma Abbott will be met by the lovers of the Opera with enthusiastic pleasure, and the date fixed will be awaited with the greatest interest by the people of Springfield.

**Prohibition Central Committee Meeting.**  
The recently appointed Central Committee of the Prohibitionists of this county met in Robt's Hall, Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of organizing and consultation with the present situation. Organization was effected by electing the following officers: President, Wilbur Colvin; Secretary, E. O. Stuart; Treasurer, R. H. Young. These officers, together with A. B. Ludlow, O. M. Sellers, S. W. Martin and George W. Crowell, forming the Executive Committee. Nearly the entire committee was present, but two townships and one city ward not being represented. A large amount of routine business was transacted, and the sentiment of the convention was that it was advisable to put in nomination full township and ward tickets; the time having come when it was the duty to have full tickets in the field at every election. An aggressive and vigorous campaign both in the spring and coming fall elections is promised in behalf of Prohibition.

**German Speaking, Etc.—Knowledge of German in Five Weeks.**  
Prof. A. P. Haupt, the originator of "Haupt's New Method of Acquiring a Practical Speaking, Reading and Writing Knowledge of German" in a course of five weeks' lessons from him, was in the city yesterday. He came from Dayton, where he is now giving a course to a class exceeding 100. He gave his lecture course to a class of 300 in Rochester, 250 in Buffalo, 400 in Cleveland, 350 in Detroit, 150 in Columbus. All of our citizens desiring Prof. Haupt to give his course in Springfield are requested to address him, at Dayton, at once for further particulars, as an earnest of their desire to have him give his excellent course in Springfield immediately on the close of his course in Dayton.

**Fourth Ward Democratic Caucus.**  
The Democrats of the Fourth ward are requested to meet next Tuesday evening at 7:30, at Todd's Hall, on Clifton street, to nominate candidates for Council, Board of Education and Assessor.

By order of the Committee.

## DOINGS IN SOCIETY.

PICKED UP BY A SUNDAY GLOBE-REPUBLIC SOCIETY REPORTER.

**The Ketter Banquet—Two of Springfield's Most Popular Male Members Soon to Depart for the Far West—Miss Laura Slack's Reception to the Young Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society of the Central M. E. Church—Mrs. A. P. Trout's Musical Entertainment—The Irving Club—Personal Mention.**

The banquet given in honor of the Hon. J. Warren Keifer on last Thursday night was the event of the week, although no specimen of the genus woman was admitted within the charmed precincts where it was held. It is to be hoped that the gentlemen present had eyes for beauty and artistic effect and were able to appreciate the elegant manner in which the banquetting board was arranged. The tables were set in the form of a cross, in the center of which a floral ship was safely anchored in a bed of smilax, red and yellow tulips, and chrysanthemums. The hull of the vessel was composed of red and white carnations, the rigging entirely of white carnations. Floating from the mast was the national flag in miniature, and streaming pennons of our trinity of colors, in narrow ribbons. At one end of the table was a large crescent composed of calla lilies, roses, and red and white carnations. At the opposite extreme was a maltese cross in white carnations, the ends capped with crimson flowers of the same kind, and the center, or heart, composed of a cluster of Marshal Nil buds. The *boutonnieres* for the gentlemen, one hundred and twenty-three in number, each consisted of a single rosebud. The chandeliers were draped in smilax, and there was bloom and beauty everywhere.

All accounts which have been read concerning floral decorations at our national capital since society began to flutter under the new administration, ward toward us the perfume of white hyacinths. Nothing can be lovelier than these pure odorous spikes filled with a wealth of fragrance; not even "The hyacinth, for constancy. 'Tis its changing hue."

At the President's reception given to the diplomatic corps, last week, one feature of the showery display was a mantle piece on which these "milky-bellied" beauties shouldered each other in erect phalanx, like so many blossoming bayonets in line.

Misses Luce and Nellie Baldwin spent several days in Cincinnati last week.

Miss Nora White has returned from Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. J. H. Lyday, of Newton, Iowa, and formerly a well-known lady in Springfield, is the guest of Mrs. John Chorpeng, of the North Side.

Miss Binnie Cooper, who has been spending the winter in Memphis, returned home last week.

Captain and Mrs. A. S. Bushnell are at New Orleans.

Miss Lizzie Steele, lately the guest of her cousin, Miss Grace Whitehead, of Washington, D. C., is at home again.

Miss Georgia Valentine of the High School spent her spring vacation at her home in Richmond, Ind.

Dr. and Mrs. Falconer are visiting friends in St. Louis.

Mrs. Maggie S. Fuller, of the College of Shorland, left on Thursday for New Orleans, in company with friends from Austin, Texas.

Miss Florence Douglas, of Jackson, O., was the guest of her brother, Mr. Jas. Douglas, on Thursday last. Miss Jessie Douglas returned home with her sister.

It is widely reported in young society circles that two of its most popular male members are sighing for "a lodge in some vast wilderness," and it is threatened, at an early day, to establish themselves as ranchers in the far-distant West. And the question has been mooted whether or not the same qualities which make Messrs. Will Kilder and Frank Bartholomew each a splendid partner at cards and desirable *vis-a-vis* in the dance, will eminently fit them for stock-raising.

Mrs. Tatham, formerly Miss Hattie Holloway of this city, is visiting her father, Mr. B. Holloway.

Miss Laura Slack, of S. Market St., gave a very dainty reception to the Young Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society of the Central M. E. Church on Thursday evening, last. Messrs. Sara Burbank, C. C. Kilmer, Lute Frankenberg and Mr. Putnam rendered some very excellent musical selections. Miss Esther Simpson's sweet voice, supplemented by Miss Florence Luce's accompaniment, was heard with pleasure.

The refreshments rated high in the *cuisine* scale, and Miss Slack's reputation as a gracious hostess is firmly established.

Last evening Mrs. A. P. Trout, at her handsome West High street residence, tendered a delightful little musicale to a few lady and gentleman friends. Mrs. Charles Yezell, whose voice is one of rare sweetness, was present and graciously assisted at entertaining.

The corsage bouquet of the moment is a cluster of callulenas, whose delicate yellow color contrasts tastefully with the black and white; and the time having come when it was the duty to have full tickets in the field at every election. An aggressive and vigorous campaign both in the spring and coming fall elections is promised in behalf of Prohibition.

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