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CURRENT NEWS.

WASHINGTON. Secretary Sherman has appointed Wm. Strecher Chief of the Loan Division of the Treasury Department...

The following have been nominated Postmasters by the President: George R. Blocker, National, Millersburg, Ohio...

The conflicting testimony of the officers of the Army in favor of the transfer of the Indian Bureau has materially changed the opinion of several members of the committee...

The House Committee on Appropriations on the 14th agreed to recommend the appropriation of \$450,000 for expenses of fast mail service...

WEST AND SOUTHWEST. It is reported that Jerry Little, famous in the Breathitt County (Ky.) vendetta, has been killed...

Six miles north of Memphis, on the 9th, John H. Little, a desperado, was shot and killed by Joe Davidson...

Ham, the notorious Texas land-title forger, has compromised with the State and been sentenced to prison for two years...

Two negroes, Henry Jackson and Henry Martin, who had entered the house of a poor old couple, Chas. Stearns and wife...

The Kansas City Price Current, says that packing operations at that point continue very active...

The cotton work in the West is reported to have been very active, and the crop is expected to be a heavy one...

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ESTIMATES FOR 1879-80.

The following are the estimates for 1879-80, as compared with the appropriations for the current year:

Table with 3 columns: Department, Estimated, and Appropriated. Includes items like Army, Navy, War, and Miscellaneous.

Examination and surveys of South of the Missouri River, improvement of navigation, etc.

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PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

With 1879 Littell's Living Age begins its one hundred and fourth volume.

Dr. John B. Wood has been elected President of the New York Press Club.

Dr. Mary Walker was arrested in New York City recently for appearing in male attire.

The Duke of Argyll, Princess Louise's papa-in-law, is suffering so badly from gout that he can not attend Parliament.

Byron, the English playwright, is writing a play called "My Uncle."

James Mace, the bruiser, has two sons in the ministry, "one them," the London World says, "is a man of striking ability."

Rocheffort is straitened pecuniarily, owing to the failure of his pamphlet publications, which have all fallen still since Napoleon III. died.

Lieut. James H. Holbert, U. S. A., and author of several beautiful poems, died at Freeport, Ill., the night of the 8th, in his 39th year.

William plays on a Stradivarius violin 15 years old. It cost \$3,000, and double that sum would not tempt the artist to part with it.

Mr. Frederick Leighton is now Sir Frederick Leighton, the Queen having knighted him when she gave him the gold medal and chain of the office of President of the Royal Academy.

Mr. Salkinson, who translated Milton's Paradise Lost and Shakespeare's Othello into Hebrew, has just published a version in that language of Romeo and Juliet.

Ex-Confederate Gen. Hood, who is minus one leg, has just returned from Texas with his children, three pairs of twins, to New Orleans, where he proposes to settle permanently.

A biography of Lord Beaconsfield, which calls him a "lying Braggart," and a man "destitute of truth, honor and principle," has attained in England to the sale of 100,000 copies.

William Sackville Gordon, employed as a letter-carrier in Australia, died recently. He was a son of the late Lord Henry Gordon and a cousin of the Marquis of Huntley.

The report that Whitelaw Reid is going to marry Anna Dickinson is on its return again, and "a friend of one of the editor's intimate friends of the event not a surmise."

About three-fourths of the Christmas trees that are sold in New York are imported from Maine.

The Chicago water department, during November, took in \$199,898, and in spite of the fact that, living by the regulations and imperfections of law, they had to pay out \$199,898.

The costliest switch of hair ever made in Paris was sold the 14th, for \$500. It was snow white, and a yard long, and had the children were found in a sack.

Columbia College, New York, has put a case of three through three machine-shops of that city in one week.

American fruit to the value of over \$3,000,000 was exported last year. In 1868 the entire produce of such exportations amounted to but \$269,000.

Application for a patent made by Thomas A. Edison for his electric light was favorably passed upon by the Patent Office, and the patent will be issued.

The taxable valuation of Tennessee for 1878 is \$223,212,153, a decrease of \$1,696,695 since 1877, and involving a percentage of 6-78 in the total State tax.

There has been no less than 10,000 new buildings erected in Philadelphia during the past two years, notwithstanding the depreciation in real estate.

The West Hartford (Conn.) reservoir, with a capacity for 400,000 gallons, now contain 275,000 gallons of water, with which the city hopes to get through the winter if there is a January thaw.

The Sixth Avenue Railroad Company, New York, reports a decrease of 584,635 in number of passengers carried this year as compared with 1877, and the Ninth Avenue Railroad Company a decrease of 138,816.

Most of the Paterson, N. J., silk mills are running to the fullest capacity, and are making two or three hours over time every night. The greatest demand is for ribbons, and more than 8,000,000 yards of seven layers of ribbons are made daily.

From the debris of the coal-mines France makes annually 700,000 tons of excellent fuel, and Belgium 500,000 tons. In England where there is not so much waste in coal-mining, and where coal is much cheaper, the manufacture of artificial fuel is only about 200,000 tons a year.

SUCKED IN.

The Fate of a Boston Combination Which Invested \$5,000,000 in Nevada Stocks. [From the San Francisco Evening Post.]

When the recent excitement in Sierra Nevada and other north-end stocks got fairly under way, a syndicate of prominent Boston capitalists was formed for the purpose of investing themselves in our market. This syndicate had its headquarters with Stone & Donner, leading bankers on State Street in that city, and about \$5,000,000 was put up by the members for operating uses.

The Boston firm bought largely on telegraphic orders to this city of Sierra Nevada, Union, Mexican, and Ophir. The purchases were not confined to these stocks alone, however, for they carried quite a quantity of such colliers as Gould & Curry, Savage, Hale & Norcross, Bullion, etc., with the view of making a general market. Sierra Nevada must cause a vigorous appreciation all along the Comstock line. The syndicate received the best information obtainable by telegraph from day to day regarding the condition of the various Nevada, etc., and the internal forces at work in the market. Having purchased most of the stocks before they were generally known to be in the market, the syndicate could have cleaned up and retired from the field before the final crash came, had they been so conservative.

But like a great many syndicates and combinations formed for the same purpose on this coast, these capitalists were thoroughly enthused and carried away by their first success. They had had such a glorious opportunity to get money so good, and were going to do it, and they were going to take advantage of the occasion. They were advised that some kind of a fight was going on in the market between two rival syndicates, struggling for power, but they placed very little importance upon the fact, feeling, like thousands of others, that none of the heavy holders of the favorite stock would be able to hold out for long, and that the Sierra Nevada was going to realize all the sanguine expectations of its friends, immediately when cross-cutting commenced.

The great crash, therefore, took the Boston syndicate unawares. It came as stealthily as a thief comes in the night, and as a thief comes in the night, it happened so suddenly that they were unable to dispose of securely any stock. Their profits were destroyed.

But deeming that the decline was merely a temporary fluctuation, they entered a fight between Flood and Skae, and the showing of the mine was not responsible, they did what a great many other people nearer at home have done, they bought more shares on the decline. Two or three days of ascending prices, in the face of a general decline, and a contact call for money caused the Boston syndicate to realize that they were in a bad way, and they themselves looked to the guards. They suspected that something was going on, and they were greatly surprised when they saw that the market was still falling.

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