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## BEECHER.

### Judge Porter Continues His Argument.

### The Court Room Resonant With Words of Learned Length and Thundering Sound.

### Attempted Suicide by Mrs. Abraham Lincoln.

### A Determined Effort to Destroy a Hopeless Life.

### A Chapter of Crimes, Casualties and Fires.

### Interesting News From All Sections of the World.

NEW YORK, May 20.—There was a full attendance this morning at the scandal trial, and the jury were early in their places. Bessie Turner sat with the women facing the Plymouth gathering, which included the defendant, his wife, sons and daughter-in-law.

Judge Porter apologized for the low tone in which he spoke yesterday and said he would endeavor to speak today and afterwards so that they all could hear. Weakness of voice he ascribed to an attack of the lungs he had shortly after opening of the trial. Then resuming his address he continued his remarks in regard to the letters which passed between Tilton and his wife. He referred to letters of March 8th, 1868, as shedding a flood of light on the relations between them six months before that Christian man and loving woman were presented as having these relations to one another, that they were charged with. Counsel quoted from letter: "An inexpressible tenderness has grown up in my soul, and I never saw my path so clear as now." He spoke of Tilton as having genius at that time, which, if it had not been misused, would have raised him to a lofty position. Counsel quoted letters of Tilton to his wife dated February 14th, 1867, in which he said he had been speculating on the life of Jesus, and asked her how he would have appeared in the character of a married man. Jesus undoubtedly loved some woman devotedly, perhaps passionately. That is the language, said counsel, in which Theodore Tilton wrote to his devoted wife of his God; and counsel commented severely upon it. Counsel then reviewed the letter written on the 13th of the same month by Mrs. Tilton, in which she took to herself the blame of all the unhappiness which had occurred in the family, which his learned friend on the other side said had been caused by the entrance of the cold, calculating and diabolical seducer. She appealed to her husband's better nature, which was planted in his breast by an ever-living God, and which she could not believe was altogether dried up. Counsel quoted further from the letter in which she urged that they should neither of them allow a shadow of doubt about the other. In November, 1869, continued counsel, the year after the death of his son Paul, when he alleges his wife was the mistress of the honored pastor of Plymouth church, Tilton wrote a letter to his wife in which he says that her affection touched his deepest nature, and he wished he was more worthy of it. We will now turn, said the counsel, to the 17th October, 1868, for there the issue of this case hinges. On the 9th of that month Henry Ward Beecher delivered one of his brilliant addresses at the academy of music, and the accusers thought they could safely fix on the next day, the 10th, as the date of the first commission of the act. Counsel could imagine what hunting through almanacs there was for this day by both Moulton and Tilton, so there would arise no danger from an alibi. The next date fixed upon was between Friday evening prayer meeting and the following Sunday. Seven years ago, this crime was said to be committed. Gentlemen, would you believe that this man goes for the first time in his life at the age of sixty to commit an act of debauchery? In order for Theodore Tilton to wreak his vengeance on Henry Ward Beecher, he walks over the

body of his wife. Counsel then commented on the witnesses for the defendant, among whom he said were men of eminence and popularity, who transacted business with all parts of the world and whose word in commercial circles was never doubted, and whose deaths, if they occurred together, would cause the city of Brooklyn to go into mourning. There is in the breast of each of us a tenderness excited towards women, remembering our wives, mothers and sisters. There was a day when such tenderness rested in the breast of Theodore Tilton, but it had now taken its flight. Counsel then spoke of Bessie Turner, assisting in roasting children in Tilton's household and loving the company of Mrs. Tilton, wherever she went commanding respect and reverence. This girl, then, growing in that household to a state of womanhood she often was made the object of approachment on the part of her adopted father. She gave incidents of these approaches, and she had at the time no thought nor could she be led to believe that the man whom she was taught to honor and respect by Mrs. Tilton, was endeavoring to destroy her for time and for eternity, and blast her future life. This will show the heart of the man in whom the accusations against Henry Ward Beecher and his (Tilton's) wife had their origin. Counsel read testimony of Bessie Turner in relation to approaches, and said there is a simple, child-like narrative told by her, and no man who heard her speak doubted its truthfulness. The might of this girl's testimony was felt by Theodore Tilton, and as conscience makes cowards of us all, he could give no other than qualified denials while on the witness stand. Mrs. Tilton told Mrs. Putnam of these stories and got her to question Bessie Turner about them. How happened it, if these stories were lies, that Tilton told his wife of them, and she told Mrs. Putnam, and it was from this friend that Bessie Turner first learned that Tilton sought her room for the purpose of debauching her. At this point the usual recess was taken.

#### AFTER RECESS.

Mr. Porter referred to Mr. Richards as the dastard who went before the church committee to put his own sister in a false attitude by his pretended solicitude. Instigated by Tilton, and under the malign influence of Bowen, this man has come into this court room to make a buffoon of himself, which only Tilton could have equalled. How had this man contradicted Bessie Turner? He could not deny that she told him what she said she did; but Mr. Richards denied the immaterial statement that she visited him at the Arcadian building.

He did what was in his power to assist Theodore Tilton and commend himself to Henry C. Bowen. There ought to be some cipher mode of alphabet by which to designate such men. Mr. Porter then spoke in scathing terms of Martin, whom he declared to be Tilton's miserable perjured spy, in comparison with whom he respected even Moulton. This man Martin, who was sent to pry into Mrs. Tilton's conduct, and report her language, had been put upon the stand to swear down Bessie Turner upon the point of what took place at Mrs. Orlington's. This man, who had scaled walls and houses where carpenters never built them, and had cast into protecting shadow a place fully exposed to the blaze of a torrid sun. These men had been put forward to swear down Bessie Turner, but a girl who could stand the fire of a most brilliant cross-examination, and a girl who could defy Mr. Fullerton, even after the latter had been obliged to call to his assistance the most brilliant advocate in this country or elsewhere; this girl who could withstand the combined attack Fullerton and Beach, had but little to fear from Joe Richards, even when supported by Tilton or the spy Martin. Mr. Porter then urged the impossibility of any girl, 22 years of age, being able to fabricate the narrative. Tilton's whole character rendered probable the language attributed to him by her. Counsel then referred to the question of Tilton to Bessie Turner whether she did not think his wife crazy, and said it plainly indicated a purpose. Why should Tilton fear this girl if he was innocent, and why reproach Mrs. Tilton for bringing her to use against him? The plaintiff's counsel had had access to to all persons by whom Bessie Turner had been employed and to all with whom she had been associated, and yet not one had been placed upon the stand to testify against her truthfulness or purity. Continuing his comments on the interview in question, he urged that every word told by Bessie Turner bore the stamp of probability; such consistency never had been imagined. Counsel then referred to Bowen's testimony. Bowen's memory was very treacherous; he did not remem-

ber that Beecher slandered Tilton nor what was said, though they had a long conversation. After all this, said Mr. Porter, turning around to plaintiff, don't you think Bowen made a poor witness not showing as Moulton and Tilton did; not that he was treacherous, but his memory was carried in another direction. Counsel referred to the testimony when Tilton came into his house and announced that he was ruined. The man who was at the head of the leading newspaper of the country, and in receipt of \$15,000 a year, announced himself a ruined man! Court then adjourned.

## FROM NEW YORK.

### EPISCOPAL CONVENTION—DENUNCIATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

NEW YORK, May 20.—The feature of the Long Island diocese Episcopal convention in Brooklyn yesterday was the reports of the committee on Christian education, which was read by Rev. Dr. T. Stafford Brown. The report urges the establishing of a system of Episcopal schools in which church children may obtain a religious culture, not possible in public schools of the state. In the public schools, the report says, there is excluded on compulsion the absence of all exposition or enforcement of definite faith. Now, while there is loud boasting in some quarters of this as a happy achievement, it is known abroad and stigmatized with some justice as "the American system." Being professedly a Christian country, it is true, the attempt is occasionally made to put a religious gloss over the secularism of our school system by reading a few verses of the Bible without note or comment. But such mechanical act, unaccompanied by any culture of conscience or dogmatic teachings, does not much relieve the matter. The report uses strong language in the denunciation of public schools, and urges the establishment, by every possible effort, of numerous diocesan institutions of acknowledged excellence.

#### AWARD OF GOLD.

NEW YORK, May 20.—The government awarded one million and a half of gold at \$116 16-100 to \$116 26-100.

#### BIDS FOR GOVERNMENT GOLD.

Bids for government gold to-day aggregated \$5,480,000, at from 115.80 to 116.23.

#### SHARKY AGAIN ESCAPES.

Steamship Crescent City, from Havana, picked up at sea a disabled schooner, the Carrie Bell, from Savannah for New York, lumber laden, and towed her in to Charleston yesterday. The Crescent City was short of coal and commenced taking in a new supply, during which operation Sharky, the murderer, who escaped from the Tombs and was returning here in the charge of a detective managed to get away.

## FOREIGN.

LONDON, May 20.—Bullion in bank increased 37,000 pounds during the week; bullion gone into bank on balance to-day, one hundred and seventeen thousand pounds. Proportions of bank reserve to liabilities, which last week was thirty-six and seven eighths per cent. is now 40 1/2 per cent.

#### RUSSIA WILL WAIT.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says Russia will await replies to its communication relative to conference upon usages of war.

PARIS, May 20.—Two commissioners to represent France at the Philadelphia centennial, one to reside in the United States and the other in France, will be appointed.

PARIS, May 20.—Specie in the bank of France increased 16 million francs the past week.

List of Revenue Officers Dismissed. WASHINGTON, May 20.—The following is a list of internal revenue officers recently dismissed: In first district Illinois—store-keepers James Miller, John Steinmeth, Henry Wend, J. A. Forsyth, and Nathan Goth. Grangers—B. Miller, Matt A. Work, R. B. Watsman, R. B. Oake, G. F. Robinson and D. T. Lord.

#### Billiard Match.

TOLEDO, Ohio, May 20.—The billiard match for the championship of Ohio and a purse of \$500, 400 points French carome, between Carter, of this city, and Henry Cleveland, was won by the former. Score 400 to 353.

#### Obituary.

CINCINNATI, May 20.—Rev. Erwin House, assistant editor of the Western Christian Advocate, this afternoon dropped dead in his office of heart disease. For years he has been a prominent Sunday school worker in the west.

## CRIME.

### ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., May 20.—Great excitement exists here in relation to the murder of Miss Whitley on Tuesday, and Thos. F. Curley, a boy of 18, employed in the family, and a tramp named Herfst, have been arrested on suspicion.

### A PROMINENT WHITE BECOMES A DEFaulter.

BOSTON, May 20.—This evening's Journal states that one of the most prominent lawyers of this city, and formerly president of the safe manufacturing company, disappeared from this city last Friday. An investigation into his affairs since then develops the most startling dishonesty on his part, involving heavy losses to many for whose funds he acted as custodian. The Journal adds, without giving the name of the party, that he has been noted as a conservative, steady-going man, whose counsel was sought by investors, and who, as guardian of trust property, stood second to no one in the confidence of the community.

### LAWLESSNESS IN MEXICO.

NEW ORLEANS, May 20.—Mexican cavalry have been stationed at various points between Camargo and Matamoras.

Gen. Cortina had a difficulty with Senor Trevino, living near Rimosa, originating about some cattle. The latter undertook to arrest some of the servants of the former and take them before the Alcalde, when he was fired upon by them. He returned the fire, killed one, wounded another, and took prisoner the head man of Cortina's ranch. Cortina went with 135 men and demanded the prisoner with Alcalde, but could not obtain him. He hung the Alcalde and afterwards shot Senor Trevino. Yesterday Cortina received an order to report to the city of Mexico for duty, but he declined, stating that his resignation had been forwarded to the proper officers. His friends justify him.

Capt. McNally's company is stationed at Elzenbury. The captain is here and has information of the crossing of three droves of stolen cattle within the last week. Same depredations reported from Rignoll to Fort Brown.

## FIRES.

### IN TRENTON.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Spelt's pottery works, at Trenton, N. J., was burned to-day. Loss \$20,000.

### IN THE COAL REGION.

TYRONE, Pa., May 20.—A large fire is raging at Ocooca. Western Union telegraph office burned, and telegraphic communication severed. Fire engines have been sent from this place.

TYRONE, Pa., May 20.—The fire this morning at Shenandoah originated in a lumber mill, and 15,000,000 feet of lumber burned. The fire spread to nearly every part of the town. About \$20,000 property destroyed, and 1,200 people are homeless. The fire department could not reach town on account of the railroad track being burned. Only about twenty houses left standing in the town.—Fire still raging at 4 p. m. It is reported that in the vicinity of one and two hundred thousand is the loss.—Insurance light. All roads between Tyrone and Shenandoah are on fire. Shenandoah mine No. 4 destroyed.

LATER.—About 100 tons coal burned with saw mill and a large amount of lumber.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 20.—An attempt was made this morning to burn Shenandoah. At Pyles hotels coal heap and lighted matches were discovered just in time to prevent a conflagration. A few minutes afterwards fire broke out in several localities of the town. Fires on the mountains have been spread by heavy winds in several directions.

#### LATER

Stapleton, a small mining village has been entirely consumed. Fire is raging in several mines in this vicinity.

A dispatch from Mahaony City says miners have decided to accept operators offers and resume work.

Award of Bridge Contract. PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 20.—The contract for the construction of a new bridge over the Monongahela river at this point in this city was yesterday awarded to the American Bridge company, of Chicago.

Fined for Contempt. PHILADELPHIA, May 20.—Mr. Henepin, counsel for the ex-prizee Gudemann in his late trial on the charge of embezzlement, has been fined one hundred dollars by Judge Briggs for contempt of court.

## CASUALTIES.

### FOUR MEN DROWNED.

DETROIT, Mich., May 20.—By the capsizing of the yacht Cora this forenoon near the lime kiln crossing of Detroit river, K. C. Barker and three others, the names of whom are yet unknown, were drowned. Only Mr. Barker's body has yet been recovered.

#### LATER

The names of the three persons drowned with K. C. Barker this morning are Fred Budgeon, Frank Welch, and a boy named Milton. The name of the capsized yacht was Mattie. She was loaded with ballast for the yacht Cora, lying at Gibraltar. No bodies except Barker's recovered.

QUEBEC, May 20.—A letter received to-day from a light house keeper at south point of Anticosti Island, says that on the 22d of November last a frigate ran ashore seven miles from that Island. The Captain and seven men were frozen to death on the island, and six men perished in attempting to reach shore. Joyce, the chief mate and Mr. Adeck landed safely, but badly frozen.

St. LOUIS, May 20.—A Jerseyville, Ill., special to the Democrat, says the second floor of the Miller Bros. flour mill fell in. Two young men from Bunker Hill were seriously injured.

## COUNCIL BLUFFS.

### THE TERMINUS QUESTION.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, May 20.—It is understood, by information received in this city to-day, that the Union Pacific company will abide by the decision of the U. S. circuit court in the mandamus case to compel the company to operate its bridge as a part of its road and the whole as a continuous line to Council Bluffs.

#### RECEPTION.

Hon. J. N. Rogers, of Davenport, Iowa, was to-day the guest of the city, and was the recipient of a hearty greeting at the Exchange club rooms. Hon. B. F. Montgomery, president of the club, welcomed him in an appropriate address, and introduced him to the club. Mr. Rogers responded in a most happy manner, reviewing the history of the contest, and expressed his decided opinion of the finality of the decision.

#### SHOOTING MATCH.

In the match game shot to-day at 20 single birds, New York rules, John F. Oliver won the elegant gold medal, killing 19 birds. Col. Hoffmayer killed the same number, one falling out beyond the boundary.

### Mrs. Lincoln Attempts Suicide.

CHICAGO, May 20.—The Times has information that Mrs. Lincoln to-day attempted to commit suicide by poisoning. After being removed from the court room where she was adjudged insane yesterday, she was put under the strictest surveillance, it being feared that she might do injury to herself. To-day she escaped from her room and hurried to the drug store of Frank Square, under the Grand Pacific hotel. She asked for compound of camphor and laudanum ostensibly for neuralgia. The clerk informed her that it would take about ten minutes to make it, whereupon she took a carriage and drove to two other drug stores. She was followed by Mr. Square who, in each case, prevented the druggists from giving her the compound. She finally returned to the first place and procured a mixture which she supposed was what she wanted, but which was harmless. She drank this as she left the store. As it had no effect she tried to leave her room again to obtain a larger dose, but was prevented. She was removed to a private hospital at Batavia, Ill., where she will have every attention.

The Mecklenburg Centennial. NASHVILLE, May 20.—The Mecklenburg-Centennial was celebrated by several speeches, which were enthusiastically received.

#### The Weather To-day.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Probabilities for Mississippi and lower Missouri valley: Increased temperature and pressure, variable winds, mostly northerly; generally clear weather.

CHARLOTTE, S. C., May 20.—The Mecklenburg centennial was celebrated here to-day. Stores were draped, flags displayed, etc.

CHICAGO, May 20.—O'Leary still continues his walk, and is now far ahead of time, and will undoubtedly accomplish his task.

#### Merchant Tailor.

P. CAYALIE,  
Merchant Tailor,  
2123 1/2 STREET, YANKTON, S. D.

## MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

### Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 20.  
FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged.  
WHEAT—Opened fairly active, unsettled and 1/2c lower; closed firmer and higher; No. 1 Chicago, \$1.04 1/2; No. 2 regular, 99 1/2c; @ \$1.03 1/2; closed outside cash and May; \$1.01 1/2 @ \$1.02 1/2; closed \$1.02 for June; \$1.04 1/2 @ \$1.05 1/2; closed \$1.05 1/2 @ \$1.05 1/2 for July; No. 3, 97c; rejected, 89c.  
CORN—Opened steady and a shade lower; closed firm and a shade higher; No. 2, 67 1/2 @ 68 1/2; closed 68 1/2; bid cash or May; 68 1/2 @ 69 1/2; closed 69 1/2; bid cash for June; 72 1/2 @ 73 1/2; closed 73 1/2; bid for July; rejected, 65 1/2 @ 66c.  
OATS—Opened fairly active and a shade higher; closed weak and lower; No. 2, 62 @ 62 1/2; closed at 62c bid cash or May; 62 1/2 @ 63c; closed 62 1/2; bid for June.

RYE—Dull, neglected and unchanged; No. 2, \$1.05.  
HAY—Active and higher; No. 2, \$13 1/2 @ 13 3/4; cash, according to location; \$1.40 for May.  
PORK—Fairly active, firm and 20 @ 30c lower; \$20.50 cash; \$20.55 for June; \$20.85 for July.  
LARD—Active, steady and 15 @ 20c lower; \$14.75 cash; \$14.25 for June; \$14.97 1/2 @ 15.30 for July.  
BULK MEATS—Quiet and easy; shoulders, 8 1/2c; short ribs, 11 1/2c; short clear, 11 1/2c; all low shoulders.  
WHISKY—Nominal, at \$1.17.  
BUTTER—Extra prime, 11 1/2 @ 12c.  
EGGS—Eggs, 13 1/2 @ 14 1/2c.

#### LATER

On Call Board—Wheat steady at \$1.02 for June, \$1.05 1/2 for July. Corn firm at 67 1/2c for June, 73c for July. Oats, 63c for June. Pork stronger at \$20.87 1/2 for June. Lard higher at \$14.85 for June, \$15.00 for July.

RECEIPTS. SHIPMENTS.  
Flour, bbls. .... 10,000 6,000  
Wheat, bu. .... 71,000 28,000  
Corn, bu. .... 75,000 68,000  
Oats, bu. .... 47,000 51,000  
Rye, bu. .... 1,000  
Barley, bu. .... 2,000 3,000

#### LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, May 20.  
BREADSTUFFS—Steady. Corn, 32s 9/16 @ 32s.

#### MILWAUKEE.

MILWAUKEE, May 20.  
FLOUR—Unchanged.  
WHEAT—Firm; No. 2, \$1.01 1/2 @ 1.02 for June, \$1.04 1/2 for July.  
OATS—Unsettled; No. 2 in store, 62 @ 63c.  
CORN—Unchanged.  
RYE—Weak and lower.  
BARLEY—Nominal and scarce; No. 2, \$1.35 @ 1.36.

### New York Money and Stock Market.

NEW YORK, May 20.  
Money easy at 2 @ 3 per cent.  
Gold 110 1/2.  
Government bonds firm.  
U. S. 6 per cent. bonds of 1881 ..... 124 1/2  
U. S. 5 1/2 bonds of 1881, May ..... 117  
U. S. 5 1/2 bonds of 1881, May ..... 118  
U. S. 5 1/2 bonds of 1881, July ..... 120 1/2  
U. S. 5 1/2 bonds, new ..... 123 1/2  
U. S. 5 1/2 bonds of 1887, July ..... 124 1/2  
U. S. 5 1/2 bonds of 1887, July ..... 125 1/2  
U. S. 5 1/2 bonds, new 5 1/2 ..... 116 1/2  
U. S. 5 per cent. 30-40 bonds ..... 117 1/2  
U. S. currency 4 1/2 ..... 124 1/2  
Stocks opened heavy and lower, and closed weak and lower.  
W. U. T. .... 7 1/2 @ 8 1/2  
Pacific Mail ..... 34 1/2 @ 35 1/2  
N. Y. Central ..... 100 @ 101  
Erie pd. .... 20 @ 21  
N. W. pd. .... 28 1/2 @ 29 1/2  
Rock Island ..... 70 1/2 @ 71 1/2

#### NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, May 20.  
FLOUR—Favier.  
WHEAT—Heavy, lower and a moderate demand; No. 2 Chicago, \$1.17 @ 1.19; North western, \$1.17 @ 1.18; Iowa and Minnesota spring, \$1.15 @ 1.14; winter red western, \$1.35 @ 1.40.  
RYE—Firm.  
BARLEY—Quiet and firm.  
CORN—Heavy and lower; mixed western, 85 @ 85 1/2; yellow do, 95 @ 96c.  
OATS—Heavy and lower; mixed western, 75 @ 76c.  
PORK—Lower, at \$21.50.  
LARD—Firm, at 15 1/2c.  
WHISKY—\$1.80 @ 1.90 1/2.

#### Live Stock Markets.

##### CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, May 20.  
CATTLE—Receipts, 2,000; market rather dull and steady; common to extra shipping, \$5.50 @ 6.75; good steers sold at \$5.50 @ 5.80; butchers, \$5.30; stockers, \$3.25 @ 4.75; real calves wanted at \$3.50 @ 5.50.  
HOGS—Receipts, 18,000; moderate and active; prices reduced all round for common grades; common to choice, \$7.00 @ 8.10; chiefly, \$7.25.

##### ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, May 20.  
CATTLE—Steers, \$4.50; cows and steers, \$3.25 @ 3.50.  
HOGS—Receipts, 1,250; lower; shipping, \$6.50; bacon, \$7.00 @ 7.50; good to extra, \$7.60.

##### St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, May 20.  
FLOUR—Unchanged.  
WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red winter, 1.37 1/2 @ 1.39 for May, \$1.41 for June; No. 3, \$1.30 @ 1.31; No. 2 spring, \$1.00 @ 1.01; soft do, 95 1/2c.  
CORN—Lower; No. 2, 68c cash; 67 1/2 @ 68c for June, 75 1/2c for July.  
OATS—Unsettled at 66 @ 65 1/2c.  
BARLEY AND RYE—Unchanged.  
WHISKY—Steady at \$1.20.  
PORK—Lower at \$21.75.  
BULK MEATS—Nominally lower; nothing done.  
LARD—Dull at 15c.

#### Partner Wanted.

A partner, with two or three thousand dollars capital, wanted to engage in a well established and paying business in Yankton. Address P. O. box 67, Yankton, D. T. dl-14