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### AN EARLY MORNING HORROR IN CHICAGO.

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### HONORS TO MORTON.

The Vice President Honored by Senators. Washington special: Vice President Levi P. Morton was honored as none of his predecessors have been. The entire Senate, without distinction of party, united in rendering a complimentary dinner and in bearing testimony to the honorable manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the upper chamber of Congress for the past four years.

The banquet, which was held in the beautiful dining hall of the Arlington, was the best that skill and taste could supply, the decorations most effective and the company as distinguished as could well be, inasmuch as scarcely one senator of prominence was absent. Among the other guests who participated in the proceedings were ex-Senators Wm. M. Evarts and T. W. Palmer, General Alger, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. P. V. Deakar, Mr. H. L. West, and Mr. H. C. Clarke.

Senator Henderson, president pro tem of the Senate, was chairman and toastmaster, and his ready wit and graceful rhetoric never once permitted the proceedings to flag. Messrs. Hale, Cockrell, Farris, Vilas, and other orators were fully equal to the occasion.

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An Early Morning Horror in Chicago—Ten Lives Lost.

Chicago special: The north wall of John York's old building at No. 777 South Halstead street, was blown down early the other morning in a sudden gale of wind which arose about 1:45 o'clock. A frame house which stood next to the building was buried beneath a mass of bricks and timbers. Ten people were buried in the ruins and all were killed. Following is the list of killed:

John Smith and wife and three children, hired girl and bartender at 761 Halstead street.

William Kunze, jeweler, wife and one son, William Kunze, Jr., at 763 Halstead street.

At No. 761 South Halstead street was the two-story brick building occupied on the first floor by John Smith as a saloon, while his wife, three children and two servants lived in the rooms above.

The next building to the north, a two-story frame structure was occupied by A. Kunze and family. Mr. Kunze had a jewelry store on the first floor.

### The Adventists.

The National Liberty Religious association met with the Adventists conference at Battle Creek, Mich. Resolutions were adopted making the association international and changing the sessions from annual to bi-annual. Officers were elected as follows: A. T. Jones, Battle Creek, Vice President; A. O. T. Bates, Battle Creek, Corresponding Secretary; A. F. Balding, Chicago, Recording Secretary. No reference was made at this meeting to Sunday closing of the Fair. Encouraging reports were heard from South Africa, Australia, and Central Europe.

### A Keely Graduate Dies.

Mansfield (Wis.) special: Dr. Lyman J. Hills, a young physician of Sperry, a little town near here, died from an over dose of chloral and laudanum. He had been addicted to drink and took the Keely cure which, however, proved ineffectual. When he tried the anti-alkalid dipsomaniac cure at Fond du Lac, this State, which cured him of his love for drink but resulted in the constant use of chloral.

### Fire on the Rail.

A special from Paris, Ky., says: The passenger train on the Kentucky Central branch of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, caught fire when near Talbot station, three miles from this city. The smoking car was destroyed and several passengers badly burned. The fire was caused by the igniting of a can of gasoline.

### Three Killed.

By a collision of two freight trains on the Boston and Maine railway near St. Johnsbury Center, Vt., Fred Clarke, engineer; Charles West, engineer, and Fred Green, firemen, were killed, and William Dowling, brakeman, hurt. The accident was caused by Conductor Drew, forgetting his orders.

### State Quarantines Against France.

Madrid special: The Spanish Government has ordered the inspection and quarantining and fumigating of persons and goods coming over the frontier from France.

### They Surrender.

The populists of the Kansas Legislature, have finally decided to recognize the Republican house. The two houses will be amalgamated.

### Burned by Vitriol.

Jack Cavanaugh, dispatcher at the Wabash office, Peru, Ind., was dangerously burned about the face and eyes by vitriol, which was thrown by Miss Sadie Bachman of Delphi. The girl alleges mistreatment at Cavanaugh's hands nine years ago, and it was her intention to blind him for it. She was arrested and is now in jail. Cavanaugh is in the hospital and he will probably recover his sight, as very little of the vitriol struck him in the eyes. He denies the charge that the young woman makes against him.

### Wreck on the Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia special: The Southern express on the Pennsylvania Road collided with the Morton accommodation train near South Street station, West Philadelphia. Three cars of the accommodation train were wrecked. The crash of the colliding trains and the screams and shrieks of the unfortunate people pinned down beneath the broken timbers of the wrecked car attracted an excited crowd to the scene. Five persons were killed and a dozen injured. The hurt were hurried to the University hospital, two blocks away, and their injuries attended to. The killed were Mr. and Mrs. E. L.

Miner of Media; Miss Maria Read of Media; Rev. James Walker of Lenay.

### A CRANK.

Attempts to Assassinate Millionaire John W. Mackay.

San Francisco special: The life of John W. Mackay, the millionaire mine owner, was attempted by W. C. Ripley, an old man who was undoubtedly insane, and who, after attempting Mr. Mackay's assassination, turned the weapon upon himself and inflicted a mortal wound.

Dr. August A. Drossel called at the ceiling hospital and fully identified the would-be assassin as W. C. Ripley. He said: "I knew Ripley very well. He used to come to my place every day to read the papers before going down town. He did not come in this morning as usual, and he seemed very much depressed over something as he passed, about 9 o'clock. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and leaves a wife and family there. At one time he was worth over \$100,000 and made about \$50,000 on the Comstock. He came to San Francisco and began gambling in stocks. His money soon began to go and then he opened a cash grocery store. That venture failed and about four years ago he was running a bar and dining room on a steamer, which piles in San Francisco and Stockton."

Ripley was unquestionably crazy and as dangerous a crank as the fellow who tried to blow up Russell Sage.

It is said Ripley haunted old Mill-

aire Flood about ten years ago and made desperate attempts to get an interview with Flood, but failed.

### HARPER'S SENTENCE COMMUTED.

The President Says He May Leave the Prison May 1.

The President has granted a commutation of sentence to Edward L. Harper, ex-President of the Fidelity National Bank, of Cincinnati, who was convicted of a violation of the federal banking laws and sentenced Dec. 12, 1887, to ten years imprisonment in the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus. The commutation provides for Harper's release May 1, 1893. The President has twice refused to take action in Harper's case for the reason that reports showed him to be less dangerously ill than it was claimed by those who sought for him a release. Recently, however, physicians who attended Harper have filed statements that he is very ill and is gradually losing strength and flesh. His indorsement on Harper's application is as follows: "I have felt that no reason for clemency was shown in the case except the serious health of the prisoner. Perhaps he is entitled to some relief on that ground. His term would expire in April, 1894, and he has now been six months in jail and six years in the penitentiary. Commuted to expire May 1, 1893."

### JUDGE HANCHETT.

He Succeeds Judge Jackson on the Circuit Bench.

The President has nominated Benton Hanchett of Michigan, to succeed Judge Jackson in the Sixth Judicial District. Mr. Hanchett lives in Saginaw, Mich., and has long been recognized as one of the leading attorneys of the State. He was known to the President and the Attorney-General by reputation but neither of them enjoyed his personal acquaintance. Although he has frequently been named in connection with offices of various character, Mr. Hanchett has steadily declined political preference, his only position of this sort being that of a Republican presidential elector in 1876. When Mr. Stockbridge was making a campaign for renomination to the Senate, Mr. Hanchett was brought forward by the opposition, but withdrew by the time Mr. Stockbridge's case began to grow doubtful. He also declined a proffered appointment to the Supreme Court of Michigan, which was tendered him by Governor Luce.

### A Woman Find.

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### Strikers Derail Passenger Trains.

Two passenger trains were partially derailed by striking Chicago and Western Indiana switchmen at Chicago.

No body was injured. Switches were thrown in front of an incoming Chicago and Erie passenger train and an outbound Wabash train, but both were moving slowly and no damage was done.

### A Fatal Blow.

At San Francisco, William Miller, the pugilist, died from concussion of the brain, caused by a blow received during the fight with D. Hawkins, at the Pacific Club, the night before.

Both feather-weights were 21 years old. The fight lasted fifteen rounds, and Miller was severely punished throughout. All the men interested in the fight are under arrest.

### They Will Strike.

At a meeting of the Marble Polishers, Rubbers and Sawyers' Union No. 4, of St. Louis, it was unanimously agreed to declare March 1 a holiday for the union, and if the employers refuse to yield, to strike for nine hours' work and ten hours' pay on and after March 2. There are several hundred marble polishers in the union.

### The President-elect.

Grayling (Mich.) special: Charles M. Jackson, ex-Treasurer of Crawford County, has been arrested on the complaint of the supervisors, charged with the embezzlement of county funds during his term of office. It is said the shortage will amount to over \$13,000. Jackson had a preliminary hearing, and was remanded until March 8.

### A Terrible Crime.

At Atlanta, Ga., Miss Julia Force, 38 years of age, shot and killed her two sisters, Florence, 30 years of age, and Minnie, 25 years of age. She then walked to the police station and gave herself up, saying she had committed a crime and desired protection. It is believed that the woman is insane. She has been considered irresponsible at times, and had frequently threatened to kill members of her family.

### The Treasury Portfolio.

John G. Carlisle, who will act as Secretary of the Treasury, has filled the public eye for many years, and before

the President-elect appeared on the stage of national politics Carlisle championed in Congress the anti-protection principle, with which Cleveland's name is now so distinctly associated.

Strong in debate, with the courage of his convictions and power of leadership, he was an undoubted element of strength in the coming Cabinet. He was born in Kentucky 58 years ago, and after a brief experience as a pedagogue at Covington, Ky., he engaged in the practice of law. He served several terms in the Legislature of his native State, and from 1871 to 1875 he was Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky. In 1876 he acted as Presidential elector, and was elected to Congress the same year.

### The Secretary of War.

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### Small Pox in Chicago.

James Mullahan, a laborer, living at 28 Shatto street, Chicago, was taken to the pest house suffering from small pox in an advanced stage of development.

The district in which he lived is badly crowded and it is feared that the disease may spread.

### Theodore Roosevelt.

Theodore Roosevelt, the Vice President, has been appointed to the War portfolio.

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### The Postmaster General.

The appointment of Wilson Shannon Bissell is essentially a personal one, and one for which the great friendship ex-

isting between the appointee and the President-elect is responsible. Mr. Bissell has no political record whatever, and his reputation, which is a high one and more than local, is based entirely on his prominence as a corporation lawyer and on his general business ability. He was born in Oneida County, N. Y., in 1847, being taken when six years old to Buffalo, of which he has been a resident ever since. In 1872 he entered into a partnership with Lyman K. Bass, and a few months later Grover Cleveland entered the firm, leaving when elected Governor of the State. Mr. Bissell is a director in many corporations, railroad and commercial.

### The Secretary of the Interior.

The young man in the Cabinet will be Hoke Smith of Georgia, who, like Mr. Bissell, is a large man, weighing

nearly 250 pounds.

A young lawyer in Atlanta six years ago, he leaped to the front by his energetic and successful championing of tariff reform principles in Georgia. He became the Atlanta Journal for a small sum and waged relentless

war on the opponents of Cleveland's tariff views in Georgia. He finally worked the defeat of the anti-Cleveland forces in his State. He is a very successful lawyer, railroad

### DETROIT.

CATTLE—Common to Prime.... \$3.25 @ \$0.00

HOGS—Common to Prime.... \$3.00 @ \$0.10

Sheep—Common to Prime.... \$2.75 @ \$0.10

WHEAT—No. 2 Spring.... \$2.75 @ \$0.10

CORN—No. 2.... \$2.50 @ \$0.10

OATS—No. 2 White.... \$2.50 @ \$0.10

BUTTER—Choice Creamery.... \$2.75 @ \$0.25

Eggs—Fresh.... \$2.50 @ \$0.10

POTATOES—New, per bushel.... \$1.75 @ \$0.05

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