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Miss Jessie Raymond has withdrawn suit for seduction against Senator Hill, of Georgia, and signed a paper acknowledging that she has no claim against that gentleman, that he is entirely innocent, and that the suit was begun by Miss Belle Lockwood, the woman lawyer, without (Raymond's) knowledge or consent.

The people of Western Missouri and Eastern and Southern Kansas are greatly agitated over the military preparations to prevent incursions of settlers into the Indian Territory. Indication meetings are being held, at which the President's course is vigorously denounced.

Chief Douglass, one of the Ute prisoners confined in Fort Leavenworth, escaped from the guard-house by jumping from a second-story window. He was pursued for half a mile, and recaptured after a desperate struggle.

A bill to restore capital punishment in Wisconsin has been defeated by the Wisconsin Legislature.

A violent wind-storm or series of storms swept over a wide section of the West on the night of the 4th inst., causing immense destruction of property and considerable loss of life. Indianapolis, Cleveland, Toledo, and Louisville suffered severely by the blow.

Charles Colby was hanged at Santa Cruz, Cal., on Friday the 5th inst. On the same day two Missouri murderers paid the penalty of their crimes—Walter Kilgore at Mexico, and Joseph Clark at Lebanon.

Much of the fall-sown winter wheat in Central Wisconsin has been ruined by the alternation of freezing and thawing weather the past winter.

A man died in Chicago, the other day, of hydrocephalus, communicated two months before by the bite of a dog.

A 15-year-old son of Prof. Willard, of Chicago, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a pistol.

The Stockmen have reorganized the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Louisville Railroad Company, and changed its name to the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

The Maine delegates to the Chicago Convention have been instructed by Blaine and Logan as the ticket will be nominated for the Cincinnati Convention.

The Washington Post, in an "inspired" editorial, double-headed, announced that Samuel J. Tilden will, without doubt, be a candidate for the Presidential nomination before the Cincinnati Convention.

The Greenback National Convention, under the auspices of Brick Pomeroy, met at St. Louis last week, and nominated Stephen D. Dillaye, of New Hampshire, and B. J. Chapman, of Texas, for President and Vice President.

A lad of 18, of Columbus, Ohio, has been insane from the bite of a dog received over a year ago.

Thomas W. Keene, who was the most popular leading man ever in San Francisco, has made himself entirely popular in Chicago during his engagement in a school capacity with the audience. He is producing a new play called "The Two Mothers," playing the principal part himself. This play is produced at McVicker's this week to first-rate houses. In substance the play revolves around the well-known Tichborne case, varied sufficiently to meet the requirements of a good acting piece.

A State Convention of the Iowa Democratic party was called to meet at Burlington, April 7, for the choosing of delegates to the National Democratic Convention.

The Kansas Democrats will hold their State Convention at Topeka, on the 30th of May.

The Kentucky Democratic Central Committee has called a State Convention of the party to meet at Lexington, June 17.

The Ohio Prohibitionists met in convention at Columbus, last week, and nominated candidates for State officers and Presidential electors.

Representative Fort, of Illinois, is confident that a majority of the delegates to the Chicago Convention from Illinois will be for Grant.

A State convention of Young Republicans of Massachusetts was held at Boston yesterday. Resolutions were adopted to support the nomination of either Grant or Greeley, according to the wishes of the party.

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An appalling tragedy was enacted in Nowbury county, S. C., the other day. A farmer named Sherman, while laboring under a temporary fit of insanity, murdered his wife and brother by cutting their throats with a keen-edged knife, and then ended his own life in the same manner.

Four men living near Careysville, Ky., opposite Shawneetown, Ill., were drowned in the Ohio river, last week, by the capsizing of a skiff.

The sale of the New Orleans and Mobile railroad has been ordered by the court for the district of Kentucky, is dead.

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