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NEWS CONDENSED.

Telegraphic Summary

EASTERN.

An inquest on the body of Capt. Webb was held at Niagara Falls. His widow, several physicians, his manager, and various persons who witnessed the swim gave their testimony. The jury returned a verdict that Capt. Webb had come to his death while attempting to swim the whirlpool in the rapids of the Niagara river. They were unable to determine the immediate cause of death.

John D. & Charles King's hide mill, Johnson, N. Y., was burned. Loss, \$50,000.

John Walter's oil-cloth factory, Albany, N. Y., was partially consumed by fire. Loss, \$25,000; insured.

Edward Swartz, residing near Reading, Pa., recently suffered a dislocation of the neck by the falling limb of a tree. Eight doctors found the fourth joint fractured, and four of them are said to have reduced the fracture and saved the patient's life.

Charles H. Ward & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, Boston, have failed. The liabilities are about \$750,000.

By the neglect of the telegraph operator at Petersburg Junction, Vt., freight trains on the Troy and Boston road collided on a curve near Pownal. Eight men were killed, and the engine and cars were wrecked and burned. The damage is estimated at \$75,000.

E. T. and J. D. Phinney, manufacturers of boot and shoe counters, at Boston, have suspended with liabilities of \$400,000. They were on Shaw & Bros' paper to that amount.

The first bale of new hops arrived at New York from Oneida county. It was sold for 50 cents per pound.

The shoe factory of Charles W. Clements, at Dover, N. H., has been attached by Boston bankers. He had shops in six cities, with Fayette Shaw as a special partner, and his liabilities are \$500,000. The creditors of Shaw & Brothers have been informed that the total indebtedness is \$2,200,000 and the convertible assets are \$1,000,000. The shoe and leather firm of Herzy, Whittier & Wyman, doing business on Federal street, Boston, has permanently closed its doors, with debts aggregating \$500,000.

WESTERN.

The Commercial Flouring Mills, in Detroit, were swept away by fire, causing a loss of \$75,000.

Leading Irishmen of Kansas City believe that the man who killed Informer Carey is Capt. Thomas Phelan of that place. He left for Dublin about two months ago, and the description given by the cable is exact.

Capt. Beffel, of the wrecking schooner *Experiment*, found near Picture rock, Lake Superior, an iron door from the steamer *Superior*, which was sunk in 1854 with \$20,000 in specie. Clinging to the door were a dozen silver pieces.

Ninety-six performances of "The World" have been given at McVicker's Theater, Chicago. It has been withdrawn and "Youth" substituted, the members of the Boston Theater Company interpreting the characters. Miss Margaret Mather will commence her season in Chicago, at McVicker's, Aug. 27 in "Romeo and Juliet." This highly-successful star played Juliet 122 times during her last season with unanimous praise from press and public wherever she appeared.

Fire at San Francisco destroyed a block of thirty buildings, among them the Winter Garden Theater and Druid's Hall. Loss, \$300,000.

Flowing oil wells have been developed in Washington county, in Southwestern Ohio.

On the arrival of the Presidential train at Cheyenne, a large number of people were at the station, and during the short time a stop was made the President, Secretary Lincoln and Senator Vest made a few remarks, and were introduced to the officials of the Territory. Eighteen miles west of Cheyenne, the summit of the Black Hills of Wyoming, the highest point on the Union Pacific was passed. There the recently-erected monument to Oakes Ames, one of the original projectors of the road, was seen in the moonlight. The run from Omaha to Green River, 845 miles, was made in thirty hours. Very few stops were made on the route, and every hamlet feels that it was slighted by the Chief Magistrate. At Green River the disengaged party took the spring wagons for Fort Washakie, a distance of 150 miles.

SOUTHERN.

Reports from Northern Texas state cotton is well advanced, but will be greatly retarded should rain not fall within a few days. There will be an average yield of wheat.

The Sheriff's posse which was routed by a band of outlaws they were hunting in Yell county, Ark., with the loss of two men killed, caught and hanged a farmer named Coker, who led them into the deadly ambush.

The buildings of the Nashville Cotton Compress and sheds, at Nashville, Tenn., were destroyed by fire, together with 400 bales of cotton and a large amount of hay and grain. Loss, \$65,000; fully insured.

The Southern Exposition at Louisville was formally opened by President Arthur, on the 1st of August. The ceremonies passed off with great eclat. The Louisville Legion escorted the Presidential party to the Exposition building, where the dense crowds sent up a cheer of welcome. Gov. Blackburn introduced the Chief Magistrate of the country, who spoke briefly. As he closed his remarks he reached up, and amid the deafening cheers of the crowd, pulled a silken cord, which dangled above the stand, thereby opening the throttle of the great Reynolds Corliss engine, putting in motion all the engines to the machinery department.

A white man aged 65 years was lynched at Maryville, Miss. He had been

guilty of a villainous assault on a white girl.

C. H. Lee was executed at Richmond, Va., for the murder of Daniel Miller. A prolonged prayer-meeting was held in his cell in the forenoon. After the hanging the Sheriff took up a collection to enable Lee's parents to remove the body to their home.

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WASHINGTON.

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In the abandoned-property division of the Treasury Department are stored \$50,000,000 in Confederate money. In view of the purchase of bonds for shipment to England, an effort will be made in the next Congress to secure authority to destroy the financial relics in the hands of the Government.

Following is the regular monthly statement of the public debt issued the 1st inst.:

Interest bearing debt—	
Three and one-half per cents.....	\$ 291,450,000
Four and one-half per cents.....	230,600,000
Four per cent.....	737,467,380
Three per cent.....	304,341,700
Refunding certificates.....	337,700
Navy pension fund.....	14,000,000
 Total interest-bearing debt.....	\$1,383,239,000
Matured debt.....	7,267,765
Legal-tender notes.....	846,733,925
Certificates of deposit.....	12,710,000
Gold and silver certificates.....	172,723,451
Fractional currency.....	6,699,241
 Total without interest.....	\$539,721,618
Total debt (principal).....	\$1,884,977,388
Total interest.....	9,554,578
Total cash in treasury.....	351,836,345
Deficit, less cash in treasury.....	1,543,190,536
Decrease during July.....	7,900,510
Decrease of debt since June 30, 1881.....	7,900,510

Current liabilities—

Interest due and unpaid.....	\$ 2,556,231
Debt on which interest has ceased.....	7,267,765
Interest thereon.....	361,311
Gold and silver certificates.....	172,723,451
U. S. notes held for redemption of certificates of deposit.....	12,710,000
Current cash available Aug. 1.....	165,171,145
 Total.....	\$81,536,345
Available assets—	
Cash in treasury.....	851,285,345

Bonds issued to Pacific railway companies, interest payable by United States—

Principal outstanding.....	\$ 64,635,512
Interest accrued, not yet paid.....	323,117
Interest paid by United States.....	59,222,093

Interest repaid by companies—

By transport, ion service.....	\$ 16,777,380
By cash payments, 5 per cent net earnings.....	655,198
Balance of interest paid by United States.....	41,789,514

The total collections from internal revenue during July were \$9,278,835, which is \$3,200,000 less than the total collections in July, 1882.

A Washington paper publishes a story that Mexico has secretly made an offensive and defensive alliance with Germany, by which the latter country receives more advantages than are conceded in the convention with the United States.

POLITICAL.

The Democratic State Convention of Pennsylvania, met at Harrisburg. When the roll was called it was announced that for the first time in many years there were no contested seats. Robert E. James was elected Permanent President. Jacob Ziegler, of Butler county, was nominated for State Auditor, and Joseph Powell, of Bradford county, for State Treasurer.

The platform advocates an honest civil-service system; condemns unnecessary taxation; demands a tariff that will encourage productions and industries at home, and afford just compensation to labor, but which will not create or foster monopoly; denounces the Republican party for raising a surplus tax to be divided among the States; recommends that the surplus be applied to the extinguishment of the public debt; calls for the abolition of the present internal system, and insists that public lands be held for actual settlers; that every legitimate effort of labor to better itself commands sympathy; that the "vested rights of capital" shall be recognized, and that legal arbitration is a proper means of settling disputes between employers and employed.

The Executive Committee of the Irish National League, in session at New York, discussed, among other subjects, the "land-grabbing in the Southern and Western States and Territories by English aristocrats and English corporations."

The Democrats of Minnesota assembled in convention at St. Paul and nominated W. W. McNair for Governor, R. L. Fraze for Lieutenant Governor, J. J. Green for Secretary of State, John L. Dwyer for Treasurer, and J. W. Wilds for Attorney General. Resolutions opposing prohibition and favoring a tariff for revenue only were passed.

Austin F. Pike (Republican) was elected Senator from New Hampshire, the announcement being greeted with the wild applause by the Legislators. Harry Bingham (Democrat) received 112 votes on the final ballot. Mr. Pike is a leading lawyer, 64 years of age, residing at Franklin, and bears a marked resemblance to Senator Edmunds.

Department employees at Washington will no longer be allowed fifteen days' time in which to go home to vote.

MISCELLANEOUS.

President Arthur and party arrived in Chicago on the evening of the 2d inst., and were accorded an enthusiastic reception. The President was accompanied by Secretary of the Treasury Folger, Secretary of War Lincoln, Postmaster General Greenham, Judge D. G. Rawlins, of New York, an old-time friend of the President, and Col. Jameson, of the United States Railway Mail Service. All along the route from Louisville to Chicago, crowds gathered at the railway stations, and were rewarded by the sight of the Chief Magistrate, who invariably came upon the platform, hat in hand, and made the regulation bow to the assembled people, and, in a few cases, making very brief remarks. Arriving at Chi-

cago, the distinguished guest was received by a committee of prominent citizens and escorted through a dense throng to the Grand Pacific Hotel, where a reception was held. After remaining in Chicago twenty hours, the Chief Magistrate left by the Northwestern road for Omaha and the Yellowstone country.

Ex-President Hayes and other prominent men unite in a call for all persons interested in prison reform to meet at Saratoga, Sept. 7.

There has been no rain in British Columbia for two months, and the air is dense with the smell of forest fires. The heat ignited over 800 cases of giant powder in a mill near Yale, which was destroyed by the explosion.

The New Postal Telegraph Company announces that its lines between Chicago and New York are now completed and working satisfactorily. The company is prepared to receive, transmit, and deliver all messages between the two cities with promptness and dispatch. The rates are 25 cents for twenty words and 10 cents for each additional ten words or less. All messages must be prepaid.

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