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NEWS CONDENSED.

Telegraphic Summary.

EASTERN.

On conviction of criminal libel in a newspaper owned by him, Commodore W. J. Keuntz, of Pittsburgh, was fined \$500 and sentenced to thirty days in jail.

The rear car of a train went down an embankment at North Worcester, Mass. Fifteen persons were seriously injured, among them being Mrs. Arthur Farrar, of Chicago.

Three large cartridge companies in New England have formed a syndicate which will control that interest throughout the United States.

The Bankers and Merchants' Telegraph company recorded a \$10,000,000 mortgage at Lancaster, Pa., in favor of the Farmers' Loan and Trust company.

A. Oskey Hall has abandoned journalism in New York, and will go to London to practice law.

An intimate friend of Samuel J. Tilden states that the latter's Gramercy Park residence has been remodeled as a future gift to the public for a library, under three trustees. The property is valued at \$1,000,000.

WESTERN.

An affray between Jacob Block and Eli Frank, rival clothing merchants of Rushville, Ind., resulted in the death of Frank and the mortal wounding of Block.

The Citizens' Association of Chicago—a self-constituted organization of leading citizens, that exercises a fatherly guardianship over the city and looks after the welfare of the inhabitants—is again prodding up the theatrical managers of that city, with a view of lessening the danger to audiences in case of fire. With one exception all the theaters in Chicago are pronounced faulty in one respect or another, and some of them are veritable fire-traps. McVicker's theater, which is built upon a plan that ought to be forced by law upon all builders of houses of amusement—that is, with a wide alley upon both sides—has some fifteen separate exits, and is so admirable in construction that the committee places it at the head of all as the best building in the city to afford facilities for the safe dispersion of an audience.

No light has, up to this writing, been thrown on the massacre at Jackson, Mich., which bids fair to pass into history as one of the great criminal mysteries of the age. It is pretty well settled that the robbers got no such sum of money (\$50,000 or thereabouts) as was at first reported, as Crouch had very little cash in the house. It is probable that the only plunder they secured was the few hundred dollars which Polley, the blustering visitor, exhibited in saloons and among low company, previous to stopping at Crouch's, and which pieces of foolishness brought about his own death as well as that of his host and the entire family. An examination of the private papers and accounts of the murdered millionaire farmer reveals the fact that some title deeds and other important documents are missing, and there is a lively fight in prospect between the heirs of the dead man.

A passenger on a Cincinnati street car, at a late hour of the night, got into an altercation with the conductor and driver, and shot them both. The driver is dead, but the conductor may recover. There were no witnesses of the tragedy. The passenger claims that he acted in self-defense.

Prof. J. H. Tice, the weather prophet, died suddenly at his home in St. Louis.

The wife of E. T. Johnson, a Special Pension Examiner for the district of East Tennessee, killed herself with a revolver in Indianapolis because her husband remained out all night. She was a woman of rare beauty and high culture, but is known to have been insane.

Four burglars refused to surrender to Marshal Sulter at Shelby, Ohio, and fired at him, wounding him severely. He shot one of the robbers dead, however. Then the other three started off, pursued by almost all the male citizens of the place. One fugitive turned and shot a pursuer dead, but the murderer was later captured and taken to Shelby. Another member of the gang, after forcing people to give up their rigs, and making a desperate attempt to escape, met with a collision on the road, was thrown under a wagon, and was riddled with the bullets of his pursuers before he could arise. The fourth robber was captured at Plymouth.

The Atlantic and Pacific road has completed arrangements with English capitalists for the sale of two tracts of land, each containing 1,000,000 acres, for \$1,500,000 cash.

SOUTHERN.

Another sensational shooting affray is reported from the Blue Grass region of Kentucky. Judge George Denny, a well-known lawyer and Republican politician, who was one of the counsel for the prosecution in the Phil Thompson murder trial at Harrodsburg, shot and killed James H. Anderson, of Lancaster, a young man belonging to a highly respectable family.

Mrs. Riall, of Baltimore, whose relations with her husband were unpleasant, killed two young children and nearly slaughtered herself with a razor.

WASHINGTON.

John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky, was nominated for the speakership of the House of Representatives, by the Democratic caucus on the first ballot. The caucus was called to order by Gen. Rosecrans. Geddes, of Ohio, was chosen chairman. The motion that voting by *non-vote* was carried, 101 to 82, and a motion to reconsider was lost, 113 to 75. Morrison, of Illinois, nominated Carlisle; Curtin, of Pennsylvania, Randall, and Dorschiner, of New York, Cox. On the first ballot Carlisle received 104 of the 118 votes, Randall 52 and Cox 31. On Randall's motion on Carlisle's nomination was made unanimous. Thirteen of New York's members voted for Cox and seven for Randall. Pennsylvania was solid for Randall, as was Connecticut, Maryland and New Jersey. Carlisle's strength was, to a great extent, in the South, which

was not, however, solid. The three candidates then appeared and made speeches, the defeated ones promising to sustain Carlisle in every way. John B. Clark, of Missouri, was nominated for Clark; John P. Leedom, of Ohio, for Sergeant-at-Arms; J. G. Wintersmith, of Texas, for Doorkeeper; Lycurgus Dalton, of Indiana, for Postmaster, and Rev. John S. Lindsay for Chaplain. In the Republican caucus sixty-seven members were present. Ex-Speaker Keifer and the entire list of incumbents were renominated. Hiscock, of New York, made a long speech opposing Carlisle on the especial ground that he had antagonized the press of the country, and the Republican party could not afford to countenance him. There are 187 members of the House of Representatives.

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Richmond Stuart (colored) was hanged for murder at Shreveport, La. He led in prayer on the scaffold, and proclaimed his innocence. At the execution of Ambrose West, an 18-year-old negro, at Isabella Gap, the rope broke at the fall, causing the culprit to tumble under the gibbet. After an hour the youth was again placed on the trap, and death resulted speedily. Joseph Jewell, who was executed at San Jose, Cal., murdered M. P. Renowden to secure \$24,000.

Last week's failures numbered 232, according to Bradstreet's report. The number is very large, being forty-six in excess of the record for the same week in 1882, and seventy-four in excess of the record for the corresponding week in 1881.

A fire broke out in Farwell's block, on Market street, Chicago, and destroyed property to the value of \$175,000. Frances Fairweather and Kittle Hilbert, two of the employees, lost their lives in trying to escape, one by falling from the "fire-escape," and the other by jumping from one of the windows in the general consternation. About the same hour the office of the *Evening Journal*, on Dearborn street, was partially destroyed by fire, the damage being estimated at \$150,000. Other fires of note are as follows: Gusky's clothing store, Pittsburgh, loss \$30,000; four business houses at Centreville, Mo., loss \$15,000; ten stores at Corning, Mich., loss \$15,000; the Masonic Temple, Sixth avenue, New York, loss \$100,000; Hume's sash and blind factory, Oshkosh, Wis., loss \$50,000; Johnson's lumber yards, Menominee, Wis., loss \$20,000.

Judge Keely has prepared for the House a bill limiting the coining of silver dollars to \$1,000 per year until international arrangements for a double standard shall have been made.

POLITICAL.

Hon. W. M. Springer, of Illinois, announces himself a candidate for Speaker of the House of Representatives, and claims three votes from his State.

George L. Ruffin (colored) has been confirmed as Justice of the Charleston (Mass.) District court.

Cornell Jewett, in a New Jersey weekly, is pushing H. A. W. Tabor for President of the United States.

Ex-Senator Blaine is out in a public letter, in which he unfolds a scheme of allied Federal or State taxation, which he claims he has long reflected upon, and the objections to which he is now fully prepared to hear. Mr. Blaine declares that both Protectionists and Free Traders in great numbers now desire the abolition of the entire internal system of Federal taxation. He believes that there will at once be an alliance of legislators in Congress who hold entirely opposite views on the subject of protection, but who will work together for free whisky, tobacco and other things which now afford internal revenue to the Government. But Mr. Blaine is opposed to free whisky. He believes such tax should always exist, to be collected by the nation and given to the States in the proportion of their population—that is, Illinois would pay the most and New York the least.

The Parnell fund amounts to £30,425, of which £25,820 was subscribed in Ireland.

War between France and China is not now a sure thing.

Nordenskiold is planning an expedition to the South Pole in 1885.

Under a decision of Lord High Chancellor Selborne, declaring that Minister Lowell could not hold the Rectorship of St. Andrews, Mr. Lowell has resigned, and another election will be held.

Four rascals agreed to blow up the German Embassy at London. Then each of the four went to the police and "informed," laying claim to a reward. Wolf, the rogue who got caught first at this game, sets up the plea of a conspiracy against him.

In the six days' billiard contest at Paris, Vignaux, the Frenchman, defeated Parnell, the American, by 124 to 124.

A new planet of the twelfth magnitude has been discovered by Baliza at Vienna.

El Mahdi has been denounced as an impostor by the Ulema of Mecca.

Rioting occurred at Newry, Ireland, between Orangemen and Nationalists, in which many persons were injured.

The trial at London of O'Donnell, the slayer of the Irish informer Carey, was of short duration, lasting only two days, and resulted in a verdict of murder and speedy sentence of death, to be carried into effect on the 17th of December. After the verdict of the jury had been read, the Judge asked O'Donnell if he had anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed on him. He made no reply. The Judge then passed sentence of death in the usual form. The prisoner now wanted to speak. The Judge, however, ordered his removal. The police seized him. O'Donnell held up his right hand, his fingers extended, and shouted: "Three cheers for old Ireland." "Good-by, United States." To him with the British and the British crown." "It is a plot made by the crown." The prisoner, shouting, cursing and struggling, was forcibly removed by the police amid most fearful confusion and the slamming of doors. This action of O'Donnell caused the greatest excitement and surprise, as he had previously gained the sympathy of the audience by his good behavior.

The lower house of the Hungarian Parliament has passed a bill permitting civil marriages between Jews and Christians.

Alderman Meagher, a Parnellite, has been elected Lord Mayor of Dublin.

The Orange lodges throughout Ireland continue to pass resolutions strongly condemning the suspension of Lord Rose-

more.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Fritz Rummel, a butcher employed at the Chicago Stock Yards, recently obtained a divorce from his wife in California and engaged himself to Emma Layeue. She slit him because of his intemperate habits, and the other evening he took her life and his own with a revolver.

H. H. Allingham, a telegraph operator at Fort Worth, Tex., and Miss Minnie Odell, employed in the Western Union office at St. John, New Brunswick, have for about eighteen months been using the wires considerably in making each other's acquaintance. Lately an exchange of pictures took place, and soon afterward a proposal of marriage was sent and accepted over the wires. They met for the first time in a Chicago hotel one morning last week, and Rev. Mr. Barrows made them one.

The Windsor—formerly the Stadt—theater in the Bowery, New York, was destroyed by fire, together with the block in which it was situated, and buildings in the rear. The fire broke out after the audience quitted the house, so there were no accidents. The total loss will approximate \$500,000. A damage of \$50,000 was incurred by flames in the Hotel Clifton, at Boston. Stickney's shoe factory at Groveland, Mass., was destroyed by fire. The greater portion of the town of Ocala, Fla., was burned, causing a loss of \$100,000. Simpson's woolen mills, at Salomone, Mass., worth \$200,000, were reduced to ashes. Other losses by fire: The *Democrat* office and Davidson's furniture store, La Salle, Ill., loss \$30,000; thirty-odd stores at St. Paul, Minn., loss \$140,000; an elevator at Leavenworth, Kan., loss \$65,000; the *Times* building and four business houses at San Angelo, Tex., loss, \$45,000; the Lawrence hotel, at Cape Vincent, N. Y., loss, \$75,000; Gray's cotton warehouse, Baltimore, Md., loss, \$95,000; Meyer Brothers' drug

store, Kansas City, Mo., loss, \$175,000; a hotel and other buildings, at Cortland, N. Y., loss, \$40,000.

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