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NEWS CONDENSED.

Telegraphic Summary.

EASTERN.

On conviction of criminal libel in a newspaper owned by him, Commodore W. J. Kneutz, 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. Oakley 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 buildings of houses of amusement—that is, with a wide alley upon both sides—has come fifteen separate exits, and is so admirable in construction that the committee places it at the head of all the best buildings 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 Policy, the plavishing visitor, exhibited in saloons and among low company, previous to stopping at Crouch's, and which place 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 Butler 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 killed by 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 be *à la voce* was carried, 101 to 82, and a motion to reconsider was lost, 113 to 75. Morrison, of Illinois, nominated Carlisle; Curtin, of Pennsylvania, Randall, of Dorsheimer, of New York, Cox, On the first ballot Carlisle received 101 of the 118 votes, Randall 52 and Cox 31. On Randall's motion 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. Clarke, of Missouri, was nominated for Clerk; 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 Kiefer and the entire list of incumbents were renominated. Hisecock, of New York, made a long speech opposing Kiefer 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 137 candidates for the position of second assistant doorkeeper, which pays \$2,000 per annum.

The public debt decreased during the month of November \$1,721,676, and, deducting the cash in the treasury, now aggregates \$1,509,785,000. Appended is the official debt statement issued on the 1st inst:

Public debt:	
Four and one-half per cents.....	\$ 250,000,000
Four per cents.....	787,524,100
Three per cents.....	290,000,250
Refunding certificates.....	318,450
Navy pension fund.....	14,000,000
Total interest-bearing debt.....	\$1,301,040,800
Matured debt.....	6,455,233
Legal-tender notes.....	\$ 846,739,816
Certificates of deposit.....	14,155,000
Gold and silver certificates.....	157,115,731
Fractional currency.....	6,900,000
Total without interest.....	\$ 535,910,850
Total debt (principal).....	\$1,836,950,650
Total interest.....	10,254,988
Total cash in treasury.....	\$64,766,513
Debt, less cash in treasury.....	1,772,184,137
Decrease during November.....	1,721,676
Decrease of debt since June 30, 1881.....	41,465,146

Current liabilities:

Interest due and unpaid.....	\$ 1,973,699
Debt on which interest has ceased.....	6,645,335
Interest thereon.....	321,815
Gold and silver certificates.....	397,751,731
U. S. notes held for redemption of certificates of deposit.....	14,450,000
Cash balances available.....	15,844,974
Total.....	\$364,766,513
Available assets—	
Cash in treasury.....	\$ 314,766,513

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

Principal outstanding.....	\$ 64,633,512
Interest accrued, not yet paid.....	1,615,487
Interest paid by United States.....	\$9,222,068

Interest repaid by companies:

By transportation service.....	\$ 17,631,493
By cash payments, 5 per cent. net earnings.....	655,198

Balance of interest paid by United States..... \$9,935,000

Judge Keley has prepared for the House a bill limiting the coinage 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 would get the most. The gist of Mr. Blaine's plan is, first, to find that the nation can spare \$80,000,000 of tax on whisky; then to pay this sum to the States, and thereby lift that amount of tithe from farms, homesteads and shops. Mr. Blaine has figured the plan out and appends a table, two items of which show that under his apportionment of the \$80,000,000 Illinois would get \$25,285,000 and New York \$8,805,000. Such is a brief sketch of the leading features of Mr. Blaine's scheme.

Recent elections in Spartansburg, Winnabow, Orangeburg and Marion, S. C., turned on the question of license or no license. The no-license party succeeded through the co-operation of the colored voters.

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 Layevue. She jilted him because of his intemperate habits, and the other evening he took her 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. Late in 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 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 \$400,000. Simpson's woolen mills, at Salomville, 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. Francis, Ohio, loss \$140,000; an elevator at Leavenworth, Kan., loss \$65,000; the Times building and four business houses at San Antonio, 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.

While attending Thanksgiving services at the Methodist Episcopal church at Dixon, Ill., James L. Camp died of apoplexy. A. Rev. Warren H. Cudworth was leading in prayer at a union service of Thanksgiving in Boston he was seized with apoplexy and fell dead in the pulpit. Charles Nickleson, well known to horse-breeders throughout the country, died at Jackson, Mich. Other deaths chronicled are those of Hon. William L. Greenly, of Adrian, Mich.; ex-Gov. William E. Stevenson, of Virginia; Lieut. Col. George B. Carse, U. S. A., retired; and Prof. Samuel K. Hoshour, A. M., of Indianapolis, Ind., who celebrated his golden wedding in 1870.

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 Ga., 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 Hilgert, 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, Pittsburg, loss \$30,000; four business houses at Centerville, Mo., loss \$15,000; ten stores at Corning, Mich., loss \$15,000; the Masonic Temple, Sixth avenue, New York, loss \$100,000; Hume's cash and blind store, Oshkosh, Wis., loss \$50,000; Johnson's lumber yards, Menominee, Wis., loss \$20,000.

Commercial failures: B. F. Dow & Co., agricultural implements, Peru, Ind., liabilities \$150,000; J. B. Kirby & Co., tanners, Rockcastle county, Ky., liabilities \$40,000; D. S. Wisheart, general merchant, Decatur, Ill., liabilities heavy; W. B. Jarvis & Co., general merchants, Greenville, N. C., liabilities \$80,000; George Ryall & Co., fancy goods, Chicago, liabilities \$30,000; Albert Webb, flour and grain, Portland, Me.; Tracy & Comstock, general store, Oregon, Wis., liabilities \$20,000; O. S. Whitman & Co., Cadillac, Mich., liabilities \$90,000; G. M. D. Little & Co., canned goods, New York, liabilities \$114,000; the Londonderry Iron and Steel Company, Halifax, Nova Scotia, liabilities \$172,000; Robert McKim, cattle exporter, Hamilton, Ontario, liabilities \$40,000; Samuel Isaac, clothing, Mattoon, Ill., liabilities \$60,000; C. Lameroux, furniture, Montreal, Canada, liabilities \$38,000.

FOREIGN.

In the Parliamentary contest for the city of Limerick McMahon, the Parnellite candidate, had a majority over Spaight, Conservative, of 488 votes.

By the failure of Dobie & Co., Glasgow shipbuilders, 1,200 men have been rendered idle.

The French Cabinet Council has rescinded the decree forbidding the importation of American pork.

The Dutch bark Judith was wrecked on the Norwegian coast, and fourteen persons perished. Twelve passengers and four seamen went down with the schooner Buso in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Parnell fund amounts to £80,435, of which £25,820 was subscribed in Ireland.

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

Nordenskiöld 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. Andrew's, 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 Schaefer, the American, by 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 judge seized him. O'Donnell held up his right hand, his fingers extended, and shouted: "Three cheers for old Ireland."

"Good-by, United States." "To h— 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 Rosemore.

In the event of a war between China and France England will co-operate with Germany to protect their mutual interests in China.

Sir Charles Dilke has stated that three great measures will be introduced by the Government of which he is a member during the next session of the British Parliament. These are the bill extending household franchise to the rural districts, a bill for the reform of the London municipal government, and one restraining the London guilds from disposing of their property pending future legislation.

LATER NEWS ITEMS.

Salmon, the Laconia (N. H.) butcher, has made a full confession. He says Mrs. Ford was killed in a drunken squabble; that he cut up the corpse, put it in the trunk and carried it to Rudy's to dispose of, but, finding no opportunity, determined to murder the Ruddy's and burn their house to conceal his crime.

A hurricane off the coast of Newfoundland caused much damage to shipping. The new government steamer Princess Louise was lost on the rocks with her captain and eight men.

A pastoral by Cardinal McCabe, of Dublin, strongly denounces secret societies. Wexford, Ireland, was the scene of quite serious religious riots Sunday.

The Austrian Consul telegraphs from Khartoum that but a third of Hicks Pasha's forces were killed in the conflict at El Obeid, and that the remainder are encamped at Rahad, and demand reinforcements.

A silver mine of great richness has been discovered near Boyd, Wis., by William Newell. The Eau Claire Silver company is being organized to work the lead.

Two women made a claim for the bodies of the burglars killed at Shelby, Ohio, at the Western Reserve College, Cleveland, white; they had been conveyed. Mrs. Tom Roland was one of the parties, and obtained the corpse of her dead husband after identification; but the other woman, who would give no name, but claimed the robber was her brother, failed to obtain the corpse.

A bill for the retirement of trade dollars has been prepared by Senator Warner Miller.

Three colored children perished in a burning building in New York, their mother having locked them indoors while she went out on an errand.

The first session of the Forty-eighth Congress convened at Washington at noon, on Monday, the 3d day of December. The Senate was called to order by Mr. Edmunds, the President pro tem, who administered the oath of office to twenty-five new or re-elected members. Hand-some bouquets adorned the desks of Messrs. Voorhees, Harris, Logan, Mendenhall, Blair and Wilson. A floral piece representing the coat-of-arms of North Carolina was presented to Senator Ransom. A sword in red and white flowers stood on the desk of Senator Mahone, and three large baskets of flowers were sent to Senator Riddleberger. No business whatever was transacted. The House organized by the election of Charles C. Spurgeon as Speaker, he receiving 104 votes against 112 for Kiefer and 2 for Robinson, of Massachusetts. On being elected to the chair Mr. Carlisle expressed his thanks for the honor conferred upon him, and asked the aid of members in facilitating business. He was presented by George Washington's hatchet, composed of flowers and satin, with an inscription in illuminated letters. The House got into a wrangle over the Manning-Chalmers certificate from Mississippi, and failed to complete its organization.

Origin of the Word Mississippi. The Mississippi is a good instance of the variations through which some names have passed. Its original spelling, and the nearest approach to the Algonquin word, "the father of waters," is Meche Sebe, a spelling still commonly used by the Louisiana Creoles. Tontis suggested Miché Sebe, which is somewhat nearer to the present spelling. Father Laval still further modernized it into Michisipi, which another father, Labatt, softened into Missipi, the first specimen of the present spelling. The only changes since have been to overload the word with consonants. Marquette added the first and some other explorer the second "s," making it Mississippi, and so it remains in France to this day, with only one "p." The man who added the other has never been discovered, but he must have been an American, for at the time of the purchase of Louisiana the name was generally spelled in the colony with a single "p."—*Magazine of American History.*

A FASHION paper says "waists are to be full." [Especially after dinner.]

THE MARKET.

NEW YORK.	
BEVERES.....	\$ 6.00 @ 7.00
EGGS.....	4.50 @ 5.35
FLOUR.....	4.50 @ 5.35
WHEAT—No. 1 White.....	1.00 @ 1.05
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.11 @ 1.11 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....	.38 @ .38 1/2
PORK—Mess.....	14.00 @ 14.25
LARD.....	.08 @ .08 1/2

CHICAGO.	
BEVERES—Good to Fancy Steers.....	6.10 @ 7.00
Common to Fair.....	4.40 @ 5.40
EGGS.....	4.50 @ 5.35
FLOUR—Fancy White Winter Ex.....	4.25 @ 5.50
WHEAT—No. 1 Spring.....	.97 @ .97 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2 Red Winter.....	.99 1/2 @ 1.01
OATS—No. 2.....	.55 @ .55 1/2
RYE—No. 2.....	.57 @ .58
BARLEY—No. 2.....	.65 @ .66
PORK—Mess.....	13.50 @ 14.00
LARD.....	.08 @ .08 1/2

ST. LOUIS.	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.01 @ 1.03
OATS—Mixed.....	.40 @ .40 1/2
RYE.....	.58 @ .58 1/2
BARLEY.....	.60 @ .60 1/2
PORK—Mess.....	12.50 @ 12.50 1/2
LARD.....	.08 @ .08 1/2

CINCINNATI.	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.04 @ 1.05
OATS—No. 2.....	.50 @ .51
RYE.....	.58 @ .58 1/2
BARLEY.....	.60 @ .60 1/2
PORK—Mess.....	12.50 @ 12.50 1/2
LARD.....	.08 @ .08 1/2

DETROIT.	
WHEAT—No. 1 White.....	1.00 @ 1.05
OATS—No. 2.....	.50 @ .51
RYE.....	.58 @ .58 1/2
BARLEY.....	.60 @ .60 1/2
PORK—Mess.....	12.50 @ 12.50 1/2
LARD.....	.08 @ .08 1/2

INDIANAPOLIS.	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.01 @ 1.02
OATS—No. 2.....	.50 @ .51
RYE.....	.58 @ .58 1/2
BARLEY.....	.60 @ .60 1/2
PORK—Mess.....	12.50 @ 12.50 1/2
LARD.....	.08 @ .08 1/2

EAST LIBERTY, PA.	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.01 @ 1.02
OATS—No. 2.....	.50 @ .51
RYE.....	.58 @ .58 1/2
BARLEY.....	.60 @ .60 1/2
PORK—Mess.....	12.50 @ 12.50 1/2
LARD.....	.08 @ .08 1/2

ST. LOUIS.	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.01 @ 1.02
OATS—No. 2.....	.50 @ .51
RYE.....	.58 @ .58 1/2
BARLEY.....	.60 @ .60 1/2
PORK—Mess.....	12.50 @ 12.50 1/2
LARD.....	.08 @ .08 1/2

DETROIT.	
WHEAT—No. 1 White.....	1.00 @ 1.05
OATS—No. 2.....	.50 @ .51
RYE.....	.58 @ .58 1/2
BARLEY.....	.60 @ .60 1/2
PORK—Mess.....	12.50 @ 12.50 1/2
LARD.....	.08 @ .08 1/2

INDIANAPOLIS.	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.01 @ 1.02
OATS—No. 2.....	.50 @ .51
RYE.....	.58 @ .58 1/2
BARLEY.....	.60 @ .60 1/2
PORK—Mess.....	12.50 @ 12.50 1/2
LARD.....	.08 @ .08 1/2

EAST LIBERTY, PA.	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.01 @ 1.02
OATS—No. 2.....	.50 @ .51
RYE.....	.58 @ .58 1/2
BARLEY.....	.60 @ .60 1/2
PORK—Mess.....	12.50 @ 12.50 1/2
LARD.....	.08 @ .08 1/2

LARD.....68	@	.68 1/2
CHICAGO.				
BEEVES—Good to Fancy Steers..	6.10	@	7.00	
Common to Fair.....	4.40	@	5.40	
Medium to Fair.....	5.45	@	6.00	
HOGS.....	4.45	@	5.50	
FLOUR—Fancy White Winter Ex	5.25	@	5.50	