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NEWS CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week.

EASTERN.

The property of the New York and New England road has gone into the hands of a receiver. Its indebtedness is over \$1,250,000.

The Art Loan exposition in favor of the Bartholdi statue pedestal fund, New York, realized net receipts of \$12,000.

At a point on the river nine miles from Pittsburgh, the tug-boat I. N. Bunton was set on fire by a collision with her tow. Most of the crew sprung overboard, and three are still missing. She soon sank in shallow water, as did three coal-boats. The total loss is \$50,000.

Robert Martin, aged 53, and James B. Graves, 65 years, were hanged at Newark, N. J., for murder. Martin's crime was the murder of his wife, being drunk at the time he committed the deed. Graves had always been regarded as a crank, and the little boys called him "Monkey Graves." He had frequent quarrels with Eddie Soden, aged 13 years, and repeatedly threatened to kill him. On the night of Dec. 20, 1881, Eddie started out to perform his duties as a lamplighter. Graves stealthily followed, and, while the boy was mounted on a lamp-post, shot him down from behind. He was convicted Jan. 19, 1882, of murder in the first degree. His defense was insanity. Dr. Spitzka, the medical expert who testified for Guitreau, assisted by six other doctors, examined into Graves' case. They certified that he was insane. The Court of Pardons refused to commute the sentence. The autopsy, made by County Physician Hewlett, Dr. Spitzka and twelve other doctors, showed that Graves was insane. Signs of insanity more numerous and intense than are found in lunatics who die in insane asylums were discovered. All the doctors were agreed that a lunatic had been hanged.

The resignation of Henry Villard as President of the Northern Pacific road was accepted by the Directors at their meeting in New York last week. Villard is completely ruined financially. The closing act of his business career was the handing over to assignees of his New York mansion and other property, with instructions to dispose of the same, pay a mortgage of \$200,000, and discharge any indebtedness to the Oregon Railway company, the residue to be given to his wife.

Russell Sage dropped \$1,000,000 in Wall street in one day. A great tumble in Union Pacific stock was the cause of the speculator's grief.

Pittsburgh iron mills have plenty of orders on hand, and the outlook for the trade is encouraging.

WESTERN.

A serious railway accident happened on the lower division of the Illinois Central, near Fort Dodge. Three passenger-cars went down a fifteen-foot embankment. Mrs. J. H. Smith, of Bureau county, Ill., was instantly killed, her infant escaping all injury. Seven passengers were wounded, some of them very seriously.

In the United States court at Kansas City, Judge Krekel ordered that Frank James be given to his bondsman in the Blue-cut robbery case, the State tribunal having first gained possession of the prisoner.

The trial of Montgomery, Pettis, and Clementi, for criminal assault upon Miss Emma Bond, was brought to a conclusion at Hillsboro, Ill., on the 2d inst., the jury rendering a verdict of not guilty, after several hours' deliberation. There was a good deal of dissatisfaction over the verdict in Christian county, particularly in the neighborhood where the Bond family live, and some talk of organizing a mob to lynch the acquitted parties was indulged in. Mr. A. D. Bond, an uncle of the unfortunate girl, having lost his reason by the outrage and the prolonged excitement, hanged himself just before the conclusion of the trial. He was a highly respected citizen, and the event added greatly to the feeling against the prisoners.

The dam at the Huron mine, near Hancock, Mich., burst the other evening, demolishing two houses and a portion of a foundry, and killing six persons.

Clementi, one of the men acquitted of the Emma Bond outrage, went from the jail at Hillsboro to Irving, Ill., where the citizens gave him ten minutes to leave.

Charles Deitzler, a barber, shot and killed a saloon-keeper at Weiser City, Idaho, for which he was hanged to a tree by a mob.

In a free fight in a saloon at Denver, Slade, the pugilist, struck an officer, and was placed in the station-house. John L. Sullivan undertook to take a revolver from a hotel proprietor, but was chased out of the building.

In the Ottumwa (Iowa) City jail, a person named Williams shot and killed a turnkey and escaped. He also fired at the Sheriff's wife, who endeavored to stop him, but missed her.

Four prisoners were suffocated in a burning jail at Jerseyville, Ill., their names being Wall Dundas, James Gregg, Emily Kahler, and August Schultz. The court-house was burned at the same time.

A train was wrecked at Charlestown, Southern Indiana, on a spur of the Ohio and Mississippi, running from Vernon to Louisville. A score of people were hurt, including members of the Yale College Glee club.

The polygamous Bishop Sharp informed his priests at Salt Lake City that, from what he had heard at Washington recently, if the Almighty did not pilot the Mormon ship she would surely sink.

Twenty-seven women, five of them religious and twenty-two young lady pupils under their instruction, were burned to death in the Convent of the Immaculate Conception, a Roman Catholic educational institution at Belleville, Ill.

SOUTHERN.

Fritz Halder, County Treasurer at Yazoo, Miss., who was a peacemaker in the recent tragedy, has expired from wounds received.

James A. Wallace, cashier of the Bank of Hopkinsville, in Kentucky, has absconded, leaving a defalcation of \$40,000 to \$50,000.

In the mountains in Arkansas, bear, deer, and wild turkey are exceedingly plentiful. A hunter in Searcy county recently had a desperate fight with a bear weighing 700 pounds, and came near losing his life.

Valmar Rector, a negro, was hanged at Baton Rouge for the murder of Duncan Williams. The condemned man refused to remain on the scaffold, and screamed and begged for life until he was bound. The Sheriff at Eastman, Ga., on opening the cell door of a colored murderer named James Crumbridge, about to be hanged, was attacked with a knife. The doomed man then made himself unconscious by hacking his throat. He was taken to the scaffold on a stretcher, and supported until the drop fell.

A heavy snow storm prevailed last week in sections of Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina, with the coldest weather known for years. At Charleston, S. C., the thermometer registered 13 degrees above zero, being the coldest weather registered in that region for 125 years.

The defunct city of Memphis, Tenn., had a debt estimated at \$5,500,000. Of this amount the funding board of the tax district has secured possession of \$3,500,000 in exchange for new bonds, and two payments of interest have been made.

POLITICAL.

Senator Miller, of New York, is said to be laboring hard for the defeat of President Arthur, and it has been predicted that he will control the delegation from his State in the next National convention. He has stepped into Conkling's shoes as a leader, it is said.

Gov. Hamilton, in his message to the Legislature of Maryland, vigorously denounces the practice of bribery at elections, which he declares has reached the proportions of a State disgrace.

WASHINGTON.

Congressman Browne, of Indiana, has received letters giving details of gross frauds practiced by speculators in timber-lands on the Pacific. It is asserted that certain Senators and Representatives are interested in the profits.

A Washington telegram says: The House Commerce Committee, as it is constituted under the new order of things, will be devoted almost entirely to the subject of interstate commerce. This is a question with respect to which party lines will be drawn.

At the White house reception the question was decided as to whether, in the absence of Mrs. President or Mrs. Vice President, the wife of the Speaker ranked the wives of the Secretary of State and Chief Justice as the first lady of the land. A precedent was established, for when the hour for the reception arrived Mrs. Carlisle came in upon the President's arm and took her place on his right.

Friends of the measure express confidence in the speedy passage of a bill extending the bonded period on whisky.

Following is the statement of the public debt, issued on the 1st inst.:

Interest-bearing debt.	\$ 250,000,000
Four and one-half per cents.....	737,632,750
Three per cents.....	274,172,320
Refunding certificates.....	315,150
Navy pension fund.....	14,000,000

Total interest-bearing debt.....\$ 1,276,885,150

Matured debt.....	\$ 15,198,705
Legal-tender notes.....	245,739,600
Certificates of deposit.....	14,860,900
Gold and silver certificates.....	200,930,531
Fractional currency.....	6,899,428

Total without interest.....\$ 669,219,655

Total debt (principal).....\$ 1,861,243,600
Total interest.....12,172,323
Total cash in treasury.....375,474,290
Net cash held in reserve.....1,049,011,722
Decrease during 1st. June 1, 1881.....11,743,337
Decrease of debt from June 1, 1881.....58,049,483

Current liabilities.....\$ 1,930,222

Debt which has not yet ceased.....15,138,794

Interest thereon.....336,198

Gold and silver certificates.....200,930,531

S. U. notes held for redemption of certificates of deposit.....14,500,000

Total.....\$ 375,674,200

Available assets.....\$ 375,374,200

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

Principal outstanding.....\$ 64,632,512

Interest accrued, not yet paid.....1,875

Interest paid by United States.....59,222,093

Interest repaid by companies—By transportation service.....\$ 17,631,893

By cash payments, 5 per cent. net earnings.....855,198

Balance of interest paid by United States.....40,935,000

The debt of the public debt during December amounted to \$11,743,337. The decrease since June 1, 1881, was \$54,049,483.

The Attorney General has ruled that a Postmaster cannot take from the money order fund of his office sufficient to pay a clerk for issuing the orders.

Commissioner Dudley has discharged from the Pension office three highly-salaried clerks, on charges of frequenting gambling-houses.

The first matter that will be considered by the House Committee on Agriculture will be the suppression of pleuro-pneumonia and other contagious diseases among cattle.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Commercial failures: C. A. Constant & Co., retail dry-goods, Chicago, liabilities \$125,000; Jeffords, Bailey & Co., lounge manufacturers, Jamestown, N. Y., liabilities \$100,000; F. J. Conklin & Co., tobacco, Binghamton, N. Y.; William Carroll & Co., hats, New York city, liabilities \$50,000; Ullman & Lamb, plantation supplies, Natchez, Miss., liabilities \$20,000; Eager, Bartlett & Co., woolen goods, Boston, liabilities \$30,000; Gillies & Bro., tea and spices, New York, liabilities \$75,000; Delos & Pratt, furniture, Toledo, liabilities \$30,000; A. M. Church, jeweler, Chicago, liabilities \$10,000; J. A. Anderson, clothing, Atlanta, Ga., liabilities \$35,000; John D. Leslie, grain, Elkhart, Ind., liabilities \$30,000; Thomas S. Renard, notions, Cincinnati, liabilities \$75,000; Reis Bros. & Co., fancy groceries, Cincinnati, liabilities \$60,000; Isaac Reis, wholesale cigars, Cincinnati, liabilities \$300,000; C. W. Savage & Sons, general merchants, Miles City, Montana, liabilities \$100,000; Jacob Jocoles, fancy goods, Nashville, Tenn., liabilities \$40,000; H. E. Dueming, hardware, Shelbyville, Ill., liabilities \$10,000; J. E. Muselwhite, notions, Peoria, Ill., liabilities \$20,000; Landrum & Butler, dry goods, Augusta, Ga., liabilities \$38,000; Gillison & Donaldson, hardware, Minneapolis, Minn., liabilities \$15,000; A. J. Desfosses, operator manager, New Orleans, liabilities \$75,000.

Fire losses: Burbank's fine jewelry store and five other business houses at Sarnia, Mich., loss \$75,000; the Jackson saw mill, New Orleans, loss \$35,000; a woolen mill at West Chelmsford, Mass., loss \$200,000; six stores and many other structures at Orangeville, S. C., loss \$45,000; a woolen mill at Seaford, Ont., loss \$55,000; the cooper-shop of the Dupont Powder company, Wilmington, Del., loss \$75,000; a flouring mill at Lodi, Ohio, loss \$15,000; Chism's store, Mariana, Ark., loss \$15,000; Quick's furniture factory, Burlington, Iowa, loss \$16,000; the Dakota house block, Jamestown, Dakota, loss \$100,000; Lambert & Bishop's wire-fence manufacturer, Joliet, Ill., loss \$225,000; the Rye Beach hotel at Williams' Bridge, N. Y., loss \$25,000; four stores at Oxford, Ala., loss \$25,000; several business houses at Tiptonville, Tenn., loss \$80,000; a hotel and fourteen stores at Whitesboro, Tex., loss \$35,000; twenty-five buildings at Howard City, Mich., loss \$55,000; a block of business structures at Breckinridge, Minn., loss \$50,000; a portion of the Seipp block, on Van Buren street, Chicago, loss \$50,000; the Atma flour-mills, Akron, Ohio, loss \$75,000; the upholstering shops of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad, at Sedalia, Mo., loss \$50,000; several stores at Tower City, Dakota, loss \$20,000; a cotton-mill at Thorndike, Mass., loss \$50,000; the business part of the village of Middlebury, Vt.; the court-house and records at Brookhaven, Miss.; nine business houses at Joliet, Ill., loss \$80,000; two stores at Longview, Texas, loss \$18,000; an extensive flouring-mill near Newcomerstown, Ohio, loss \$65,000; People's Hardware Store, Bismarck, Dakota, loss \$10,000; two steamboats at St. Louis, Mo., loss \$45,000; a hotel and railway depot at Bonville, Arizona, loss \$30,000; a furniture store at Joliet, Ill., loss \$10,000; Judge Webster's residence at Bay City, Mich., loss \$10,000; a building on Monroe street, Chicago, occupied by Bradner, Smith & Co., paper dealers, the National Printing Co., and Shober & Carquille, engravers, loss \$500,000.

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