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## NEWS CONDENSED.

### Concise Record of the Week.

#### DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

Mr. VAN WYCK introduced a bill in the Senate, Dec. 15, to reduce by one-half the freight rates on the Union and Central Pacific roads. Petitions were presented for a constitutional amendment to grant to the Government the power to colonize families to lay out villages on public lands. There was considerable discussion on Mr. Anthony's resolution concerning the propagation of American meats in Europe. Mr. Logan moved to retain it. Messrs. Vest and Ingalls thought a thorough system of inspection by the Government would have a salutary effect, while Mr. McPherson explained the system of slaughtering American cattle at British ports. The report of the committee, adopted in February, 1883, to examine the work of improvement along the Mississippi river was presented to the Senate. The system in use between St. Paul and the mouth of the Illinois is commendable, and should be adopted, according to the views of the committee, to be pushed to completion. The committee recommend that suitable appropriations be made; that the right of the Government to make laws on land and water be distinctly defined; that control be retained over reclaimed lands; and that persons interfering with the channel of any Government work be properly punished. In the House of Representatives, bills were reported for the retirement of Alfred Pleasanton, Major General, proposed to be used to close the gaps of the Mississippi and to make all public roads and highways post routes. Mr. Townsend introduced a bill to authorize the President, during the recess of Congress, to appropriate money to the public health by way of regulation. There was a spirited debate on the bill appropriating \$1,000,000 to continue Mississippi river improvements.

A bill restoring to the public domain the lands granted to the Iron Mountain railroad, because the route diverged from the contemplated line, was passed by the Senate Jan. 16. Mr. Miller introduced a bill to provide means to extirpate the cattle in India. During the consideration of the joint rules, Mr. Teller said that any person can walk into the Congressional restaurant and purchase whisky by the cup. An order was therefore passed excluding intoxicating liquors from the Capitol restaurant. Mr. Teller was condemned. Senator Col. Robert M. Tisdale called up his bill providing for the counting of the electoral vote, being the same as that passed by the Senate of the Forty-sevens. Congress was again passed without debate. In the House a bill was introduced appropriating \$1,000,000 to improve the Erie canal and maintain it free to commerce, and to authorize the construction of a ship canal around Niagara Falls. Resolutions were passed authorizing a bill to appropriate the necessary money to claim for reburial of the Apache, calling for a report of the earnings of each United States Marshal, Attorney, and Clerk for the past ten years, and permitting students from Guatemala and Nicaragua to receive instruction at West Point without payment of tuition. After a long discussion, the House and Senate bills appropriating \$1,000,000 for improvements on the Mississippi river were reported from the committee of the whole.

A MEMORIAL from William Pitt Kellogg, asking an investigation of the charges brought against him in connection with the Texas and Pacific land grant, was presented in the Senate Jan. 17. Petitions were presented for an appropriation of \$500,000 to improve the entrance to Columbia river, and for the appointment of a commission on the liquor traffic to inspect and regulate interstate commerce, and to secure reasonable rates of transportation over railroads added by the Government. The executive session was devoted to the Mexican treaty. The House by a vote of 215 to 64, passed the Senate bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for continuing the improvement of the Mississippi. A communication was received tendering the Marine hospital at Erie to the Government for a home for soldiers and sailors. Mr. Morgan introduced a bill to the surviving grandchildren of George Jefferson. Senator Folger reported to the House that within the past eighteen months the issue of gold certificates was \$107,000,000, and during three years the value of silver certificates put out was \$119,740,000.

The Senate received a message from the President, Jan. 18, recommending that a relief expedition be dispatched for the Greely party, and asking that immediate action be taken in the matter. A bill was favorably reported to carry out the supplement to the existing law, by prohibiting the traffic in arms between the two countries. In executive session the Mexican treaty failed for lack of one vote. The Senate in executive session rejected the Mexican treaty. A motion was made to reconsider, pending which it was adjourned until Monday, 21st. In the House, Mr. Bayne introduced a bill for a public building at Allegheny City. The remainder of the day was consumed in debate on the Fitz John Porter bill in committee of the whole. Messrs. Slocum and Lyman spoke in favor of Mr. Steele in opposition to the bill.

The House of Representatives devoted its session on Jan. 19 to debate on the bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter. Messrs. Slocum and McCauley made speeches in favor of the measure, while Messrs. Cutcheon, Brown and Taylor opposed it. The final vote on the bill was a remark made by Gen. Sloane. He charged President Garfield with having introduced the claim, and ironically referred to the party which made the members, which provoked hisses and groans from the members. Mr. Cutcheon said Porter's action could be explained only by his hatred of Gen. Pope, and made the point that not even cowardice could be alleged as an excuse for inaction. The Senate was not in session.

#### EASTERN.

Godfrey Eistenberger, a guest in Carsten's hotel, at Elizabeth, N. J., shot dead a waiter named Beuhler, who entered his room with a lighted candle.

James Egan, ex-Speaker of the New Jersey House, has been sentenced to a month in the penitentiary and \$500 fine for attempting to bribe an Assemblyman at the last session of the Legislature.

Edward Tappan, in prison at Hunter's Point, L. I., for the Townsend outrage, confessed that his brother, Mr. Tappan, on the evening of Nov. 17 last, killed Mrs. and Anna Maybee by strangling them to death on the bare floor, then assaulted Mr. Maybee and robbed the premises.

Another appalling marine disaster is reported. The steamer City of Columbus, bound from Boston to Savannah, with eighty-two first-class and twenty-two steerage passengers, was wrecked on a ledge of rocks off the Island of Martha's Vineyard, at a point thirty miles directly south of New Bedford, Mass. All the boats were swamped. Many persons left the vessel in various descriptions of floating devices, but all lost their lives save seventeen. About 130 lives were lost.

Three men were killed by an explosion in a dynamite factory at Allentown, Pa., and three small buildings were destroyed.

By the explosion of a boiler in the shoe factory of E. Y. & E. Wallace, at Rochester, N. H., four men were killed and six injured. The engineer had weighted down the safety-valve with a brick. A portion of the boiler went through the base of a chimney ninety feet high, which toppled over upon the factory.

Two persons were killed by a bursting boiler at Hunter's Point, L. I.

A special Treasury officer in New York seized a mail package from Amsterdam which contained diamonds valued at \$20,000.

The firm of Williams & Guion, New York, has been dissolved because of the financial embarrassment of Wm. H. Guion,

who made an assignment, and has liabilities approaching \$2,000,000. Other members of the house, or the company itself, are not involved, and a new firm has been organized under the name of Guion & Co. It is stated that Wm. H. Guion has no assets.

#### WESTERN.

Amelia Olsen, an attractive young seamstress of Chicago, was the victim of an outrage by unknown persons, her corpse being found at a lonely spot on the prairie. She had evidently been strangled with a cord and conveyed to a snow-bank. Her money and jewelry were left by the murderer.

A bronze statue of the late Oliver P. Morton, over eight feet in height, for which \$12,500 was raised by popular subscription, was formally unveiled at Indianapolis.

After paying expenses and taxes, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad earned last year \$8,218,859.

Eight men were horribly scalded by the explosion of a boiler in a grist-mill at Columbia, Mo.

John Elfers was hanged in Washington Territory. He killed a man who would not pay a debt of 50 cents.

Leroy Donovan, supposed to be a son of the Mormon Bishop John D. Lee, was hanged at Rawlins, Wyoming, for killing a barber of Rock Springs, named William Leighton.

Thirty-nine Indian children, twenty-seven of whom were girls, reached Milwaukee in charge of Father Malo. The boys will be placed in Eastern institutions and the females in the House of the Good Shepherd, at Milwaukee.

Near Ouray, Col., Mike Cuddihie and his wife, who had been arrested for the murder of Rose Mathews, a little girl whom they had recently taken from a home in Denver, were taken from the officers by vigilants and hanged. The child's body was found covered with knife-wounds, a leg had been broken, her skull was crushed in, and her limbs had been frozen.

#### SOUTHERN.

At Weatherford, Tex., the west-bound Texas Pacific passenger train was wrecked by a broken rail. Thirty passengers were injured, some very seriously.

A bill has gone through the Texas Senate to punish fence-cutting by imprisonment for two to five years.

In a row at Dallas, Miss., one man was killed, two mortally hurt, and several others seriously injured.

The first Jewish temple at Memphis, erected at a cost of \$40,000, was dedicated.

An elevated road, adapted both to passengers and freight, is to be constructed along the levee at New Orleans within two years.

#### WASHINGTON.

The annual report of the Agricultural Department at Washington puts the corn crop of Illinois at 8,151,463 acres, yielding 203,786,500 bushels, being an average of twenty-five bushels per acre. Illinois is the banner State, no other having as large an acreage or producing as many bushels. The next highest is Iowa, which has 666,621 acres, though Kansas, which has 478,473 acres, has a larger number of bushels than Iowa, her total being 172,800,000, against Illinois' 169,630,000. Illinois has almost one-eighth of the total corn acreage of the entire country, and over one-eighth of the total yield, the yield running 23.10 bushels per acre, which is above the average. It is, however, a curious fact that the New England States have a higher number of bushels per acre than Illinois.

The bill of Representative Townsend for the adoption of retaliatory measures against France and Germany was defeated in the House Committee on Commerce.

C. P. Huntington made his appearance at Washington before the House Committee on Public Lands, in behalf of the California and Oregon railroad, as the representative of company which always performed its contracts within the specified time, and argued against the forfeiture of the land grant.

The Garfield Memorial church at Washington was dedicated last Sunday. The corner-stone of the new church was laid on the first anniversary of the assassination of the late President. The dedicatory sermon was preached by President Pendleton, of Bethany College. Ex-Gov. Bishop, of Ohio, also spoke. President Arthur, Secretary Frelinghuysen, and several prominent public men were present.

C. P. Huntington, before leaving Washington for New York, revealed to an interviewer some of the intentions of the Southern Pacific monopolists. He virtually threatens that if Congress forfeits the old Texas Pacific land grant he and his associates will, by protracted litigation, prevent the people from settling on the lands for the next twenty years, even if the railroad does not, by its peculiar methods, succeed in securing a favorable decision.

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Messrs. John and William Redmond, members of Mr. Parnell's Parliamentary party, who have been in Australia for nearly a year organizing Land leagues, are now on a speech-making tour through the United States. They repudiate the dynamite policy of the Irish extremists, and say that nearly all the people of Ireland have the greatest confidence in Mr. Parnell.

tral committee will meet at Topeka on Feb. 8 to call a State convention to select delegates to the National convention at Chicago.

The Indiana Republican State Central committee has ordered the holding of a convention in Indianapolis for nominating four delegates from the State at large to the National convention, April 17 being fixed upon as the date. The State convention for the nomination of a ticket will be held at Indianapolis June 19.

Judge E. K. Wilson has been elected United States Senator from Maryland, to succeed James B. Groome.

Some of the Democratic members of the Appropriations Committee, says a Washington telegram, are opposed to voting money at this session for completing the new cruisers and the dispatch-boat now in course of construction. The reason alleged is that John Roach, who is doing the work, is likely to make extravagant charges for extras, which may be allowed by Secretary Chandler, who is said to be on too friendly terms with him.

Speaker Carlisle was entertained by the Commonwealth club, at Philadelphia. Congressmen Randall, Morrison, Curtin and many other prominent Democrats were present.

#### BUSINESS TROUBLES.

The commercial failures were neither so numerous nor heavy the past week as during the previous seven days. Following embrace the business collapses of note reported by telegraph:

Nesbit & Co., cotton, Savannah, Ga., \$100,000. S. B. Beschor, groceries, Marion, Ind., \$100,000. J. H. Yellman, hemp, Lexington, Ky., \$30,000. Duncanson & Goss, leather, New York, \$50,000. H. B. Dessoir, furniture, New York, \$10,000. J. C. Haage, boots and shoes, Aherden, Dakota, \$10,000.

P. W. Gerhard, agricultural implements, Isaac & Samuel's, clothing, New York, \$20,000. Bloch & Co., printers, Cincinnati, \$35,000. Thomas, Puryear & Doomb, hardware, Evansville, Ind., \$30,000. Kelly, Gilchrist & Co., hardware, San Francisco, \$10,000. J. H. Wilson, general store, Waukesha, Wis., \$20,000. Quayle, Pa., tobacco warehouse, St. Paul, Minn., hide and fur store, \$25,000. Memphis, Tenn., two stores, \$20,000. Green Bay, Wis., Klaus block, \$25,000. Savery, Pa., two hotels, \$30,000. B. B. Dessoir, hardware, New York, \$10,000. Pittsburgh, Pa., steamboat, \$35,000. Fayette, Pa., a block of stores, \$75,000. East Claire, Wis., clothing store, \$45,000. Suwanee, Fla., hotel, \$125,000. Las Vegas, N. M., hotel, \$300,000. New York, dry goods, building, \$15,000. Canada, N. Y., stores, \$100,000. Providence, R. I., bank building, \$100,000. Lockport, N. Y., paper-board mill, \$60,000. Junction of Kanawha and two stores, \$21,000. Portersville, Pa., four mills, \$10,000. Toledo, O., cornice works, \$10,000. Leipzig, O., twelve shops and stores, \$35,000. Lucknow, Ont., grill mill, \$12,000. New York, N. Y., wooden hills, \$60,000. Individual, St. Louis, hotel, \$10,000. Toronto, Canada, Presbyterian church, \$150,000. Memphis, Tenn., business block, \$45,000. Hot Springs, Ark., two stores, \$15,000. Corfu, N. Y., a manufactory block, \$50,000. Corfu, N. Y., clothing store, \$10,000. Bow, Mich., twenty small stores, \$53,000. Minden, La., 1,150 bales of cotton, \$33,000. Racine, Wis., drug store, \$10,000. Minneola, Texas, thirteen stores, \$41,000. Cilia, Tex., several stores, \$35,000. Elgin, Ill., school, \$10,000. St. Paul, Minn., Holt & Paar's store, \$30,000.

Jay Gould is said to contemplate another exhibition of the contents of his huge tin box, to allay public distrust as to his standing. It is believed to hold \$30,000,000 in Western Union, \$15,000,000 in Missouri Pacific, \$20,000,000 in Texas Pacific, and a large amount of Wabash and Union Pacific.

By a railway accident on the Wabash road near Macon, Mo., six passengers were seriously injured.

Highwaymen robbed the stage between Wickenberg and Prescott, Arizona, killing the letters in the mail-pouches.

Some orange groves in the vicinity of Mobile were touched by frost, but no one will admit that trees were killed.

SEVERAL petitions were presented in the Senate, Jan. 21, asking an investigation of the divorce legislation of the respective States, and others praying for a law to give ex-prisoners the benefit of the public lands. In secret session a resolution to discuss the Mexican treaty with open doors was defeated. Mr. Edmunds introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the Union and the Mexican roads, and to secure the payment of the United States' indebtedness of the companies. Mr. Morgan offered a resolution, which was agreed to, that the Committee on Foreign Relations inquire into the subject of settlements in the valley of the Colorado, Africa, and related countries, and to recommend a bill to amend the act relating to the Union and the Mexican roads, and to secure the payment of the United States' indebtedness of the companies. 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