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## NEWS CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week.

### DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

CONGRESS had a dull and uninteresting session on the 5th inst. The Senate passed bills to permit the bridging of the Rio Grande at Eagle Pass and Laredo, Texas. A bill was introduced for the deposit in the Treasury of the receipts of the money-order system and the amount of its expense in the appropriations. After some debate on the naval appropriation bill, Mr. Hale gave notice of an amendment to set aside \$1,750,000 for the erection of two factories for making gunnery, etc., in each of which will be one hundred tons. The House of Representatives passed bills for the appointment of a commission to run the boundary line between Indian Territory and Texas; declaring that the Supreme Court of each Territory shall have jurisdiction over the Indians and their estates; and providing that the Governors of Territories must have been for two years residents thereof before their appointment.

In the Senate on April 9, the whole time was devoted to debate on the naval appropriation bill, during which Mr. Vest created somewhat of a stir by charging that the Secretary of the Navy would allow his personal feelings and partisan bias to do things in a public capacity that the best interests of the country would not warrant. In the House a struggle arose as to which of the many territorial special orders should be given in consideration. Mr. Dickey essayed to bring up the Shipping bill, but the effort was unsuccessful, the motion being defeated—yea 76, nays 156. Mr. Reagan met with fate, his motion to consider the Inter-State Commerce bill being voted down, yeas 156, nays 156. The Senate ruled that the unfinished business was on the Oregon Central Land-Grant bill. Mr. Stockslager, asked the House to consider the public building bills, and moved to go into committee of the whole for consideration of substitutes. The amendment of these measures and the more prominent advocates of the Oregon Central bill united in opposition to the motion, but they were unsuccessful, and the House, by a vote of 160, yeas 61, went into committee of the whole to consider the bill in the chair. Bills for public buildings at Keokuk, Iowa, and Waco, Tex., were passed.

A COMMUNICATION from the Secretary of the Navy, urging an appropriation of \$175,000 for the construction of the state of Alaska, was presented to the Senate on the 11th instant. A favorable report was made on the bill authorizing the bridging of the Mississippi at St. Louis. Bills were introduced to protect employees of railroads engaged in inter-State commerce, and to forfeit the land grant of the New Orleans and Mississippi River Railroad. A bill to debate on the Naval Appropriation bill, the Senate adjourned to the 14th. In the House, Mr. Eaton reported a substitute for the Senate bill governing the election of President and Vice-President. A joint resolution was introduced directing the House to consider generally the most effective means to protect the mails on postal cars from fire. The House went into committee of the whole to consider bills for public buildings. Favorable reports were made on measures for post offices at New Orleans, Pittsburgh, Chattanooga, Atlanta, and Me., but the House adjourned without taking action thereon.

The Senate bill offering a reward of \$25,000 for rescuing or ascertaining the fate of the Greely arctic expedition passed the House of Representatives on the 11th inst. The House adopted a resolution declaring the charges made by Mr. Keffer against H. V. Boynton not sustained by evidence. A bill to prohibit the use of the Northern Pacific land grant was reported. A measure from the President was presented, urging the appropriation of \$15,000,000 for armaments for sea-coast fortifications. An adjournment session was held for the consideration of pension bills. The Senate was not in session.

In the House of Representatives, on the 12th, favorable reports were made on bills to permit fruit-growers to manufacture brandy without the payment of tax, granting letters-carriers a month's leave of absence each year, and for the acceptance of the Illinois and Michigan Canal. Enrolments on the late Representative Herndon of Alabama, were delivered by nine members. The Senate was not in session.

### EASTERN.

Two thieves drove boldly up an alley in Wheeling, at 4 o'clock in the morning, placed a ladder at a second-story window of a dry goods store, and carried off \$10,000 worth of velvets and silks while a clerk lay asleep beneath them.

In front of Bunker Hill Monument, in Boston, in the daytime, Mary A. Ruggles was held up by a thief while his partner ran off with her shopping-bag.

Two prominent citizens of Suspension Bridge, named Van R. Pearson and Thomas Vedder, brothers-in-law, drove over to Goat Island. The corpse of the former was shortly afterward discovered with a bullet-hole in the head, but the only trace of the latter was a pile of clothing. The horse was found tied to a tree, covered with frozen spray. Pearson had of late become so much unbalanced in mind that preparations had been made to place him in an asylum. Vedder's body is believed to have gone over Niagara Falls.

In a speech at Boston President Eliot, of Harvard College, called base-ball a wretched game.

### WESTERN.

In the Sharon divorce case at San Francisco, a female witness undertook to draw a revolver on one of the counsel, and her son made a similar attempt. Judge Sullivan declined to hear further testimony unless the policeman at the entrance to the court-room would certify that no one present was armed.

It was learned in Cleveland that two young scions of wealthy families, named W. H. Boardman and Gusie Bissell, were recently married in a suburban church. The young lady's mother offered to take her to Paris, when she confessed the elopement.

Wheat seeding in Southern Minnesota and Dakota is a week in advance of last year. There will be a substantial increase in the acreage of the Territory.

A tragedy very closely resembling the recent murder of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, near Chicago, was enacted the other day near Charleston, Ill. An aged couple named Fleetwood were found with their throats cut from ear to ear, the bed having been fired by the assassin previous to his departure.

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Hubbard, Cashier of the wrecked First National Bank of Monmouth, Ill., has disappeared, and his family refuse to disclose his whereabouts. It is believed that the private trusts managed by Hubbard have suffered seriously. An attachment suit has been begun by the bank against him for \$114,000. The business of the town for the time is paralyzed.

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progress in her art since her former appearance in that city.

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Seven hundred and ninety-five reports from 600 townships of Michigan indicate that the winter-wheat crop and the clover crop will be about 90 per cent, apples about 90 per cent, and peaches but 50 per cent of an average.

A correspondent in the Idaho gold regions sends the following to a Chicago paper: "The latest excitement here is over quartz discoveries along Eagle Creek. A boy yesterday struck a lead about ten miles up the gulch, and to-day specimens of the rock were brought into camp. Several old miners are wild with delight, and declare that caravans have been found equal to those of Leadville."

Henry's Bank, at Mineral Point, Wis., in which the public funds there were deposited, has closed its doors. The assets are placed at \$100,000 and the liabilities are unknown.

The skull and other portions of the skeleton of a mastodon have been discovered near Buchanan, Mich. The skull measures eight feet in length by three and a half in width. Two teeth found weighed five pounds each.

Fifteen prisoners in the Milwaukee Jail, mostly burglars and highwaymen, have been locked in their cells for an attempt to escape. Jailer Walsh was called to furnish coal, and as he unlocked the grated door he was struck in the face and blinded by ashes. He sprang back and pushed the bolt in time to retain the prisoners.

### SOUTHERN.

A meat and ice company, backed by Eastern capitalists, is to be established at Columbus, Tex., which will ship dressed beef to New York, via St. Louis, and will also manufacture oleo, oil, and butterine. It is said similar establishments will be started in Kansas and Nebraska.

The Pocahontas (Va.) mine was entered last week, and the remains of the victims of the explosion were removed. Some were headless trunks, others had the arms and legs torn away, and all were unrecognizable, save by their wearing apparel or other special marks. Death was believed to be instantaneous in all cases.

Eight prisoners confined in jail at Gainesville, Ark., attacked the jailer, and made their escape. A posse of citizens pursued them, when a pitched battle took place, in which over a hundred shots were fired. A convict named Breckman was killed, three other prisoners wounded, while the rest escaped.

### WASHINGTON.

D. F. Murphy has been official reporter of the United States Senate for thirty-four years. Jeff Davis, Hannibal Hamlin, and Freeman Smith are the only surviving members of the body in which he entered politics.

The House Committee on Public Lands has agreed to report a bill forfeiting the grant to the Northern Pacific road between Wallula and Portland. The company is to be required to construct each year one hundred miles of road, and equip the whole line to Wallula by July 4, 1888.

Col. Aguero, the Cuban leader who crossed from Key West, made his way toward the interior and was joined by numerous factions. The Government has called upon Spain for more troops, and has re-established the censorship over dispatches.

Reports to the department at Washington say the area sown to winter wheat is 27,600,000 acres, and that the average condition of the crop at present is 95, against 80 in April last year.

The Mexican Government having agreed that only goods actually sold shall be stamped, the stamp-act excitement is virtually ended.

Seventeen firms engaged in the manufacture of vapor stoves, with a capital of \$1,500,000, have formed a combination to equalize prices.

During the first quarter of the present year the issue of two and three cent stamps exceeded the issue for the corresponding period of last year by 27 per cent. There has been a falling off in the postal-card issue of 13,000,000 since the inauguration of the two-cent rate.

Charles Reade, the popular English novelist, died in London the other day, aged 70 years. For some months he had been in delicate health. Other deaths among notables during the week were: M. Jean Baptiste Dumas, a French litterateur and statesman; Dr. James G. Ramsey, physician and author, of Nashville, Tenn.; ex-Congressman Charles D. Hodges, of Carrollton, Ill.; Harrison Gray Otis, a distinguished citizen of Boston; ex-Lieut. Gov. Jabez Fitch, of Ohio; Emanuel Gerbel, German poet; James Ward, the old-time English puzzlist; Rev. Thomas A. Cheek, a noted Iowa colored minister; Henry Hitchcock, of Galesburg, Ill., a prominent railroad man; James Lake, of Rockford, Ill., who was Quarter master under Gen. Rosecrans; Gustav Richter, famous German painter; William Procter, the well-known soap manufacturer, and Al Burnett, a noted humorist, both of Cincinnati; ex-State Treasurer John M. Milliken, of Ohio.

The Democratic State Convention of Pennsylvania appointed sixty Randall delegates to Chicago, but left them uninstructed. W. W. H. Davis, a county editor, was nominated for Congressman-at-large.

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Fifth District—Harrison, 2; Sixth District—Edmunds, 1; Blaine, 1; Seventh District—Harrison, 2; Eighth District—Blaine, 2; Ninth District—Unknown, 2; Tenth District—Blaine, 2; Eleventh District—Harrison, 2; Twelfth District—Unknown, 2; Thirteenth District—Unknown, 2.

It is not quite certain that a majority of the Southern delegates will go to Chicago instructed for Arthur. There are many indications that many of them will go instructed and prepared to vote for the man who is most likely to carry Ohio in October and New York in November. So says the Chicago Tribune.

According to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, 11 of the delegates from Missouri to the National Republican Convention will favor Blaine, 9 will vote for Arthur, 7 for Logan, and 5 for Edmunds.

Gov. Sherman, of Iowa, in an interview with a Chicago Tribune reporter, said that the Iowa delegation to the National Republican Convention would be uninstructed.

The prevailing sentiment among the Republicans of the State was in favor of Blaine, and the entire delegation might vote for the man from Maine from the start.

The most reliable political advices from Kansas indicate that Blaine is the favorite Presidential candidate of the Republicans of the State. Edmunds stands next, and then comes Arthur. Logan has a large following, but there is no organization in his interest, apparently.

It is reported from Washington that Senator Riddleberger and Representatives John D. Wise and Benjamin Hooper visited Mr. Blaine at his residence in that city with a view to political negotiations. The straight Republicans, headed by DeZendorf and Wickham, are understood to be for Blaine, and the Readjusters, feeling that he is going to win, are anxious to make terms with him if possible. There seems to be no doubt that the visit was paid. Its purpose is another question.

### FIRE RECORD.

The week's record of fires, where a loss of \$10,000 and upward was involved, is shown in the annexed tabulated summary:

Losses.

Scranton, Iowa, business property.....	\$ 20,000
Aurora, Ind., Freiburg's distillery.....	100,000
St. Louis, woolen mill.....	100,000
Shiprock, N. M., cotton mill.....	100,000
Philadelphia, woolen mill.....	10,000
East Saginaw, Mich., furniture factory.....	15,000
Bertram, Mich., saw-mill.....	20,000
Hamilton, Pa., grain elevator.....	15,000
Atchison, Kan., cotton warehouses.....	15,000
Damascus, Kan., flouring mill.....	10,000
New York, apartment house.....	200,000
Mobley, Mo., railway warehouse.....	30,000
Chatham, Va., business property.....	15,000
Montgomery, Ill., flour and feed store.....	30,000
Baltimore, Md., stores.....	60,000
Post Depot, Md., stores.....	35,000
St. Louis, Mo., business property.....	75,000
Montreal, tea warehouse.....	30,000
Montreal, tea warehouse block.....	30,000
Evansville, Ind., small stores.....	10,000
Munde, Ind., barn and live stock.....	10,000
Waverly, N. Y., railway shops.....	20,000
Churchill, Md., carriage factory.....	15,000
Hubbardton, Mich., ten busines houses.....	30,000
Hampton, Va., thirty buildings.....	125,000
Athol, Mass., Cook's block.....	25,000
Montreal, iron foundry.....	60,000
Corsicana, Tex., wholesale grocery store.....	60,000
Van Alstyne, Tex., first floor, etc.....	25,000
Montgomery, Ill., hotel, post, etc.....	15,000
Angus, Ark., business property.....	15,000
Winnipeg, Manitoba, planing mills.....	20,000
Detroit, "Daily Times" office.....	20,000
Lanesville, Minn., stores.....	10,000
Knowlesville, N. Y., business property.....	15,000

### MISCELLANEOUS.

The complications arising from the collapse of the Garden City Warehouse company were increased by the arrest of H. J. Dike on a capias secured by the First National Bank of Chicago.

The number of persons killed during the Hayton revolution is officially declared to have been 7,000.

The Calumet and Hecla Mining Company has for the first time in seventeen years passed its dividend, causing its stock to drop in the Boston market from 225 to 200.

Majority and minority reports have been prepared by the sub-committee of the House Committee on Pacific Railroads. The former proposes to extend the provisions of the Thurman act to the Kansas Pacific Road, and to withhold from the subsidized lines all payments for services rendered. The minority report states that at the maturity of the bonds issued there will be due the Government \$102,376,312.

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