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NEWS CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week.

EASTERN.

O'Donovan Rossa is preparing a manifesto, and is also planning a lecture tour.

At a recent conference at the residence of W. H. Vanderbilt in New York, at which George B. Roberts, Dr. Hostetter and George M. Pullman were present, arrangements were made for harmonious relations between the Pennsylvania and South Pennsylvania Roads, and the ultimate acquisition of the West Shore Road by the New York Central.

A special dispatch from New York, based on what is claimed to be reliable medical authority, says:

Notwithstanding the rose-colored report of Gen. Grant's health recently given in a medical journal, the truth is Gen. Grant is a very sick man, and his death is apparently not far distant.

The public have no conception of the shattered condition of his physical system. It is hoped the affection of the tongue may not prove fatal, but there is, as yet, no appearance of its not developing a malignant and fatal disease.

Although somewhat better now than some weeks ago, the enlarged and inflamed tongue continues, making it painful to speak or swallow fluids, the only nourishment he can take.

In addition to this malady Gen. Grant, a terrible sufferer from neuralgia, and it seems to have taken possession of his whole system. He has had most of his teeth drawn to lessen the neuralgic torture, and his injury in the hip, caused by his fall a year ago, is still a source of great suffering and forbids physical exercise.

It is a fact that should no longer be concealed from the country that Gen. Grant is rapidly breaking down and apparently without hope of reaction, and unless there should be some unexpected relief, he will not be long among the living.

The Albany and Susquehanna Railroad freight house, with several adjoining buildings, was destroyed by fire at Albany. The burnt district covers some acres.

It is said that agents of American and foreign dynamite societies have been experimenting in a secluded valley near Huntingdon, Pa., the results of their investigations being the perfecting of a destructive machine of great power which can be timed with the utmost nicety.

At the Court of General Sessions in New York City, Richard Short, who stabbed Capt. Phelan in O'Donovan Rossa's office, pleaded not guilty. His bail was increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Mrs. Dudley, the woman who shot Rossa, was held in \$500 bail. A plea of not guilty was also entered in her behalf.

WESTERN.

Wallace Waterman, convicted of grave-robbing at Geneva, Ill., was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Dynamiters destroyed the house of Neal Shanks at Nashville, Ohio. The outrage is the upshot of a local feud.

The Chicago Relief and Aid Society, in appealing to wealthy citizens for funds to continue its work, reports that in point of destitution this winter is the worst in the history of Chicago.

Two Chinese laundrymen at Bloomington, Ill., committed suicide with opium, becoming despondent because they had cut off their queues.

A new and rich discovery of lead ore has been made by Stephen Klaas, a German miner, on land three miles east of Galena, Ill.

A decision has been rendered by the Attorney General of the State of Iowa that State Oil Inspectors must brand all oil inspected with its actual quality. Inspectors have been recently in the habit of rejecting all oil not up to the test of 10 degrees, and branding the rest with that figure, whatever its quality might be. It is thought that the decision will cost the Standard Oil Company \$500,000 annually.

Thomas Nevins, ex-Mayor of Adrian, and a fugitive from justice, has disappeared from Port Townsend, W. T., where he was known as John B. Voorhees.

The petition of a Chinese artist of Chicago to be allowed to adopt a white babe was denied by Judge Prendergast, for the reason that the child would not receive suitable education and nurture.

Two passenger trains on the Illinois Central Road were telescoped by a freight train near Champaign, Ill., where they had stopped on account of a broken track. John A. McInnes, of Ingersoll, Ontario, was instantly killed. Among the eight persons injured were Captain James Dalton, Rev. J. M. A. Brown, and Dr. Isabella Mitchell, of Chicago.

While at work at Lafayette, Ind., Edward Burkhardt, a teamster, became suddenly and incurably blind from the glare of the snow.

At Toledo, Ohio, the Toledo and Indianapolis Railroad was sold to Francis G. Jillson, of Woonsocket, R. I., acting in behalf of the bondholders, for \$150,000.

Gen. C. R. Woods was found dead in his home in Newark, Ohio.

Workmen at various shops scattered along the Wabash Road have struck because of an increase in the hours of labor or a reduction in wages.

Gas with a pressure of twenty-five feet to the inch has been discovered in a well bored for water on a lot adjoining the Dayton Railway depot in Cincinnati.

Lloyd Breeze lost \$17,000 in Detroit since Christmas by publishing the *Evening Times*, which suspended last week.

In Madison County, Illinois, winter wheat has suffered seriously from the intense cold. One farmer reports that 200 acres of his crop has been killed.

Forty thousand brook trout, destined for streams in Grant County, Wisconsin, were frozen to death while in transit from the State hatchery.

A financial cyclone struck St. Louis last week, resulting in two heavy suspensions of the Merchants' Exchange. B. W. Lewis and E. M. Samuel & Sons were crowded to the wall by a break in May wheat.

A plot to rob the State Treasury of Nebraska became known at Lincoln early in February. One day last week three men stepped to the cashier's window in the State

House, presented pistols at the head of Deputy Bartlett, and took \$400 in coin. As they walked away, a detective fired at them, and killed one named James Griffin. Alva McGuire was captured, and the third party escaped. The robbers named had each previously killed his man, but escaped conviction on the plea of self-defense. There are suspicions that the affair was a clever job engineered by local detectives solely to secure reputation. The revolver of one of the alleged burglars was found to be loaded with blank cartridges only, and there are other suspicious circumstances in connection with the affair.

SOUTHERN.

William Hanna, aged 80, was murdered near Knoxville, Tenn., and his son is suspected of the crime.

Mrs. Frazier, aunt of President Arthur's deceased wife, and mother of Agnes Herndon, the actress, died at St. Michaels, Md.

Warehouses at Norfolk, Va., containing 2,450 bales of cotton, were destroyed by fire, the losses aggregating \$147,000.

Keen & Hargrave, wholesalers at Baltimore of tin and japanned ware, have made an assignment, the trustees' bond being placed at \$400,000. The liabilities are placed at \$350,000.

Before quitting Port Townsend, M. T., Thomas Navin, the abounding Mayor of Adrian, Mich., raised a small amount of money by a forged check. He had reached San Francisco before his absence was discovered, and is supposed to have gone to South America.

Dr. J. H. G. Rogers, whose death occurred at Madison, Indiana, raised a company of volunteers for the Texan war of independence, and fought with them throughout the struggle.

Near Smith's Mills, Union County, Ky., Mose Caton, aided by his sons, took out his wife and hanged her. A posse came to arrest the Catons, but they resisted, when four of them were shot, a son and daughter probably mortally. An attempt was made to take the five prisoners from the posse, but it failed.

In the case of the State against the murderers of A. H. Murphy at New Orleans, the jury returned a verdict of guilty against Pat Ford and Policeman John Murphy, and manslaughter against Judge Thomas J. Ford, W. H. Caulfield, and Thomas Buckley.

Those J. Nevin, ex-Mayor of Adrian, Mich., who absconded in 1882, was arrested at New Orleans last week. He did not attempt to conceal his identity, and consented to return to Michigan without a requisition.

WASHINGTON.

The findings of the court-martial in the case of Judge Advocate General Swain and the sentence as formally approved by President Arthur have been made public.

The court finds Gen. Swain guilty of conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline and sentences him to suspension from rank for twelve years on half-pay.

The Senate Committee on Railways has received a letter from Charles Francis Adams, stating that the Union Pacific would be seriously injured by the construction of a railway from Sioux City to a point west of the 10th meridian, for which a charter is now asked from Congress.

The National Theater at Washington was entirely destroyed by fire, together with some small buildings in the rear. The scenery, properties and wardrobe of the Wallack Company were consumed. Manager Rapley says his loss is \$150,000, upon which there is \$40,000 insurance.

The House Committee on Military Affairs report that there is a shortage of \$211,023 in the accounts of Gen. Butler as one of the managers of the soldiers' homes. Gen. Slocom, one of the members of the House Committee on Military Affairs, admits that there is a serious discrepancy in the accounts of Gen. Butler, but believes that all can easily be explained when the proper time comes.

POLITICAL.

Hon. Robert E. Logan, a Republican Representative in the Illinois Legislature from Whiteside County, fell dead in the State House at Springfield, while climbing the stairs to the Assembly chamber on the 28th ult. When the joint session was held for a Senatorial ballot, the announcement was made that both political parties had agreed to have no decisive vote until March 3. An election to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Logan's death has been ordered by Governor Oglesby for March 21.

Very few Government officials at Washington will resign until they are asked to do so. Some take a hopeful view of the situation and think that while all active partisans and opponents purely political will have to go, valuable and experienced men will be retained.

Following is the reply addressed by Mr. Cleveland to the silver-collage advocates in Congress:

To the Hon. A. J. Warner and others, members of the Forty-eighth Congress:

Gentlemen, the letter which I have had the honor to receive from you invites and, indeed, obliges me to give expression to some grave public necessities, although in advance of the moment when they would become objects of my official care and partial responsibility. Your solicitude that my judgment shall have been carefully and deliberately formed is entirely just, and I accept the suggestion in the same friendly spirit in which it has been made. It is also fully justified by the nature of the financial crisis which, under the operation of the act of Congress of Feb. 28, 1878, is now close at hand. By compliance with the requirements of that law all vaults in the Federal Treasury have been and are heaped full of silver coins which are now worth less than 85 per cent of the gold dollar prescribed as "the unit of value" in section 14 of the act of Feb. 12, 1873, and which, with silver certificates representing such coin, are receivable for all public dues, being thus receivable, while also constantly increasing in quantity at the rate of \$25,000,000 per year, it has followed of necessity that the flow of gold into the Treasury has been steadily diminishing. Silver and silver certificates have displaced and are now displacing gold, and the sum of gold in the Federal Treasury now available for the payment of the gold obligation of the United States, and for the redemption of United States notes called "greenback," if not already encroached upon, is perilously near such encroachment. These are facts which, as they do not admit of difference of opinion, call for no argument. They have been forewarned to us in the official reports of every Secretary of the Treasury from 1878 till now. They are plainly af-

firmed in the last December report of the present Secretary of the Treasury to the Speaker of the present House of Representatives. They appear in the official documents of this Congress, and in the records of the New York Clearing House, of which the Treasury is a member, and through which the bulk of receipts and payments of the Federal Government and the country pass. These being the facts, our present condition, our danger, and our duty to avert that danger, would seem to be plain. I hope you concur with me and with a great majority of our fellow-citizens, in deeming it most desirable at the present juncture to maintain and continue in use the mass of our gold coin as well as the mass of silver already coined. This is possible by the present suspension of the purchase and coinage of silver. I am not aware that by any other method it is possible. It is of momentous importance to prevent the two metals parting company, to prevent increasing displacement of gold by the increasing of the coinage of silver, to prevent the disuse of gold in the custom-houses of the United States in the daily business of the people, to prevent the ultimate expulsion of gold by silver. Such a financial crisis as these events would certainly precipitate, were it now to follow upon so long a period of commercial depression, would involve the people of every city and every State in the Union in prolonged and disastrous trouble. The revival of business enterprise and prosperity so ardently desired and apparently so near would be hopelessly postponed. Gold would be withdrawn to its hoarding places, and an unprecedented contraction in the actual volume of our currency would speedily take place. The saddest of all, in every workshop, mill, factory, store, and on every railroad and farm, the wages of labor, already depressed, would suffer still further depression by the scaling down of the purchasing power of every so-called dollar paid into the hand of toll.

From these impending calamities it is surely the most patriotic and grateful duty of the representatives of the people to deliver them. I am, gentlemen, with sincere respect, your fellow citizen.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

Albany, Feb. 24.

The Michigan House has passed a bill to renew the death penalty for murder in the first degree, and a majority of the Senators are pledged to the measure.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The yacht Atalanta, with Jay Gould and party on board, has reached Havana.

A marked improvement has taken place in the coke trade, and 70 per cent of the ovens controlled by the Penny Vanilla syndicate are now in operation.

Residents of the City of Mexico have forwarded \$150,000 for the sufferers by earthquake in Spain, and the citizens of Vera Cruz subscribed \$9,000.

The electric lighting interests of the United States were represented in national convention at Chicago by over one hundred delegates.

A letter from Mr. Parnell urging immediate action on the establishment of the parliamentary fund was read at a meeting of the Irish National League at New York.

The failures reported for the past week in the United States were 270, of which 85 per cent were petty traders.

Stephen Clarke, afflicted with hydrocephalus, was lodged in jail at Picton, Ontario, where he took every opportunity to tear and bite his own flesh.

The Mexican customs receipts for January show an increase of \$700,000 over the preceding month. The Central Railway is carrying large amounts of American corn to the capital.

The Legislature of British Columbia has passed a bill, to take effect within two weeks, imposing upon Chinamen attempting to enter that province a fine of \$50 or imprisonment for six months.

The death is announced of ex-Gov. Beriah Magoffin, of Kentucky; ex-Gov. Patton, of Alabama; Rear Admiral George H. Preble, of the United States navy; John A. Bean, of Boston, General Eastern Agent of the Burlington Road; Alonzo Flack, D. D., principal of the Hudson River Institute; Mrs. Malinda Evans, of Vincennes, Ind., the oldest woman in that State.

FOREIGN.

Knubley, an English journalist who is supposed to have concocted the reports of the Irish dynamite convention, said to have been held in Paris the 23d ult., has been arrested on the charge of trying to shoot the editor of *La France*, who accused him of fabricating the story.

Commenting on the proposed visit of the Prince of Wales to the Emerald Isle, United Ireland says that if the Dublin Castle functionaries organize mock demonstrations of enthusiasm they may rest assured there will be counter displays which will overshadow any demonstrations Earl Spencer may inaugurate.

Gen. Briere de l'Isle is building a railway from Chu to Langson. Five thousand fresh soldiers have joined his army.

Col. Strangeys, Commandant of the Royal School of Gunnery at Shoeburyness, England, and Col. Lyon, head of the Government Laboratory at Woolwich, died in consequence of injuries caused by the accidental bursting of a shell in the course of some experiments at Shoeburyness. Each had both legs blown off. Capt. Adams, Sergeant Dakin, and a gunner named Underwood have also died from injuries received at the same time.

The British House of Lords, by a vote of 189 to 68, adopted Salisbury's motion to censure the Government for its course in Egypt. The House of Commons, by 302 to 288, rejected a similar proposition by Sir Stamford Northcote.

The British Cabinet after a council of nearly five hours decided to dissolve Parliament soon after the passage of the redistribution bill.

Advised from Durban report that a contingent of 5,000 Zulus is to be organized for service in the Sudan.

A million dollars has been sent by the Italian Government to Massowah for the purchase of camels. This is thought to indicate that Italy intends to take steps for the redemption of the Sudan.

Lord Granville has opened correspondence with the Powers with a view to securing a joint protest against the proclamation issued by France declaring rice contraband of war, which, it is urged, is in direct violation of the resolutions adopted by the Congress of 1856.

Ten thousand people were present at a mass-meeting in Phoenix Park, Dublin, to protest against the action of the Speaker of the House of Commons in suspending O'Brien, editor of *United Ireland* and mem-

ber of Parliament for Mallow. Fierce speeches were made and the prompt reinstatement of O'Brien demanded. The Lord Mayor, who presided, declared that he would haul down the flag on the Mansion House if the arrival of the Prince of Wales, and that he would oppose vigorously any attempt to strike medals commemorative of the royal visit to the Emerald Isle.

Dispatches from Pekin report that the chief dignitaries of the Chinese Empire have been summoned to give an opinion as to the expediency of continuing the war with France.

LATER NEWS ITEMS.

William H. Vanderbilt recently paid a New York banking firm \$9,000,000 for sufficient West Shore bonds to control the road.

One hundred thousand cattle are ready to take the trail north from Southwest Texas if the quarantine laws of other States will permit their passage.

During the season ended March 1, 385,135 hogs were packed at Cincinnati, against 365,451 the preceding season.

W. R. Lemon, a student in a medical college at St. Louis, killed himself because he failed to pass the final examination.

Gen. Francis Darr and other Californians have tendered Gen. Grant and his family, as a loan, a large bearing vineyard in the State, which would be conducted by a skilled viticulturist, with a residence and necessary outbuildings. All the expenses of the General and his party to the Pacific coast would be paid, the Central Pacific Road guaranteeing to send special cars to New York for their conveyance Westward.

Albert D. Gihon, son of a medical director in the navy, was cowhanded in Washington by W. A. L. Gresham, son of Judge Walter Q. Gresham. The latter was arrested.

An order has been issued by the President of the United States throwing open the sale of lands included in the old Winnebago and Sioux or Crow Creek Reservations in Dakota, with the exception of certain specified tracts.

It is rumored that war is imminent between England and Russia. Negotiations between the two powers regarding the Afghan frontier have reached a delicate stage.

Russia has made such sweeping demands that England cannot accept anything approaching them. It is said that the British