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NEWS CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week.

EASTERN.

The disaster in New York City a few weeks ago which caused the collapse of the Buddensiek building traps has now been followed by one in Brooklyn with a still more fearful loss of life. A factory which was propped up because it was insecure suddenly collapsed when it was filled with working people. Fire added its terrors to the damage caused by the falling walls, and the result was the death of a large number of operatives and the maiming of still more.

A jury in New York acquitted Richard Short of an attempt to murder Capt. Phelan, of Kansas City.

George W. Tripp, 79 years old, of Freeville, N. Y., hanged himself on being informed that his wife, whose age is 78, had a cancer and could not live.

A verdict for \$400 was rendered last week against Prof. Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen for slapping a boy at West Hampton, L. I., in 1883, causing him to become deaf.

Nearly one hundred deaths have occurred from the epidemic at Plymouth, Pa., and the worst is not over yet. A committee of local physicians has discovered a satisfactory explanation of the epidemic. At the head waters of the mountain stream supplying Plymouth with water is a house in which typhoid has prevailed for the past three months. The excreta of the sick were thrown into a privy forty feet from the stream, and were washed into the stream by March rains. By this pollution of the water supply one thousand persons were poisoned.

It is now ascertained that at least twenty-one lives were lost by the burning of the factory building in Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn.

A New York dispatch says that Gen. Grant's four physicians, at the weekly consultation, found the cancerous spots in his throat unchanged. Roscoe Conkling was among his visitors.

The total imports of merchandise at New York during the week amounted to over \$4,500,000, and of dry goods to nearly \$1,500,000.

Charles Lehman, aged 72, and his wife, aged 71, were found dead in their rooms in New York. The couple had taken paris green. Extreme poverty is supposed to be the cause of the suicides.

WESTERN.

S. W. Tallmadge, the Milwaukee crop statistician, furnishes the Chicago *Inter Ocean* copious reports concerning the present condition of the wheat crop. The reports as a whole show the winter wheat to be in a very unpromising condition; and notwithstanding the recent rains and warm weather have given the plant a better appearance, no improvement can be reported in the promise of the crop. On the contrary, the good weather has developed the actual damage done by winter killing and other causes. Thousands of acres in large winter-wheat producing States have been plowed up and sown to oats and other grains. The decrease in area and damage done by "winter-killing" seems to be general in all the winter wheat States but with one exception, that of Michigan. That State reports but a slight decrease in acreage sown, and no winter-killing whatever, or damage of other kind. With this one exception the loss to the winter wheat States is the greatest ever known, and will prove a serious blow to many of the States that depend largely upon their wheat product.

In Chicago, soon after noon of Friday, the 8th inst., flames broke out in the yards of the Chicago Lumber Company, along the river in the vicinity of West Thirty-fifth and Iron streets. Nearly every engine in the city hurried to the scene, and six hours were required to bring the conflagration under control. Four squares were burned over, the sufferers being the Chicago Lumber Company, Bigelow Brothers, Adams, Hastings & Co., and J. W. Hinckley & Co. The losses aggregate \$600,000, on which there is insurance to the amount of \$483,500, widely distributed.

Wayman Crow, one of the oldest merchants of St. Louis, died in that city last week.

A package shipped by the American Express Company, and supposed to contain \$1,000, was opened at Indianapolis and found to contain only waste paper.

While boring for natural gas at Lima, Ohio, workmen struck a strong vein of petroleum at a depth of 1,200 feet. The quality is found to be equal to the Pennsylvania product.

In the Federal Court at Salt Lake, sentences of six months' imprisonment and fines of \$300 were imposed upon Angus Cannon, Milton Musser, and J. C. Watson, convicted of unlawful cohabitation. Each refused to make any pledge for the future.

The Chicago University was sold at auction last week to satisfy the claim of the Union Mutual Life-Insurance Company for money borrowed and interest accrued thereon. The total amount due on the property was about \$310,000, and it was bought in by the creditors for \$275,000, that being the only bid made for the property.

The register of the Southern Hotel at St. Louis was turned over to the police to compare the signature of Dr. W. H. Lennox Maxwell, murderer of C. Arthur Preller, with the inscription, "So perish all traitors to the great cause," found in the trunk containing the body. Experts in handwriting examined both, and declared they were written by the same man. All testimony necessary for the extradition is now ready.

William Wright, who served in the regular army and has been a cowboy in Texas, has been arrested for the recent train robbery near Harrodsburg, Ind. His photograph was promptly identified by Peter Weber, the baggage-master whom he so nearly murdered. Wright was captured at Terre Haute.

Chicago telegram: The price of hay has already advanced to a high figure in this market as a direct consequence of the unusually cold weather. The grasses as well as the cereals are languishing for want of a little sunshine. Crop reports from Iowa represent that the recent cold weather did little or no damage to the growing wheat in that section. The strawberry crop in Southern Illinois has been badly injured by the recent heavy frosts.

SOUTHERN.

Illinois day was observed at the New Orleans Exposition by ceremonies in Music Hall. The exhibit made by the Prairie State is highly creditable one, and is in thorough order.

At a mass meeting of the Kentucky distillers at Lexington it was resolved for the balance of the season to restrict production to actual demand.

Mose Harris, the Hot Springs editor who was expelled from the town last year by a citizens' committee, brought suit in the Federal Court for \$100,000 damages. A jury has just awarded him \$1,250.

A tornado at Gadsden, Ala., blew over a mill, giving three persons fatal injuries.

A colored man named Jordan was lynched at Tuscaloosa, Ala., for an outrage on a farmer's daughter.

The interstate drill at Mobile closed with a lively sham battle between sixteen companies. The prize of \$100 for the best drilled soldier was awarded to Corporal Talbot, of the Chickasaw Guards, of Memphis. The Houston (Texas) Light Guards took first honors in the free-for-all contest.

WASHINGTON.

White House employees claim that no precaution of any kind has ever been taken to protect the President from assassination.

The count of the cash in the National Treasury is practically completed. The only discrepancy is 2 cents missing from a \$5 package of pennies.

Secretary Manning has that directed the issue of \$1 and \$2 notes be discontinued for the present.

Prof. C. V. Reiley, the entomologist of the Agricultural Department, has prepared a circular announcing that the department will purchase during the coming summer such quantities of silk-worm eggs as may be deemed necessary for the distribution. It is proposed to make for the season of 1886, and, so far as practicable, will purchase them from American producers. Eggs of improved race (preferably of the French or Italian yellow races) will be bought.

Col. De Ahna, a special timber agent, called on Land Commissioner Sparks and asked for his pay, which he claimed was in arrears. He grew impudent and was cast out, whereupon he secured the arrest of his superior officer for assault.

POLITICAL.

The Illinois Legislature has passed into the control of the Republicans. J. W. Weaver having been elected Representative from the Thirty-fourth district by a majority of 300, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Shaw. The district is naturally Democratic by 2,000 majority, and the result creates the greatest surprise. A Republican scheme, secretly arranged, worked successfully. No Republican voters appeared at the polls until 4 o'clock p. m. of the day of election, and then surprised the Democrats by their numbers. The Democrats, thinking they had a sure thing with their 2,000 Democratic majority in the district, were simply caught napping by such shrewd and wily schemers as Daniel Shepard, "Long" Jones and Jake Wheeler, the political lieutenants of Gen. John A. Logan. When the late Representative Logan's seat was to be filled in a Republican district no effort was made by the Democrats to capture the election, although probably every politician in the State had an idea of the possibility of such a coup d'état. It remained for the Republicans to take advantage of a similar opportunity in a Democratic district, and it seems that they laid their plans carefully and secretly, and accomplished the, to them, highly important, and to the Democrats, disastrous result.

Senator Cameron intends to take no part in the pending State contest in Pennsylvania. He has engaged quarters near Los Angeles, Cal., until November, and will remain there, hoping to recover his health.

A. P. Swineford, of Marquette, Mich., has been appointed Governor of Alaska. Mr. Swineford is an ex-Mayor of Marquette, is editor of the Marquette *Miner*, has served as a member of the Legislature of his state, and was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor two years ago. He was appointed State Inspector of Mines and Mining by Gov. Begole, of Michigan.

A divorce on the ground of repeated acts of brutality has been obtained by the wife of Dr. Meire, of Colorado, recently appointed Consul at Nagasaki. As his selection was due to his wife's relatives in Maryland, Secretary Bayard has determined to cancel the commission.

The President has appointed W. A. Seay, of Louisiana, Minister to Bolivia; Albert D. Bissell, Collector of Customs at Buffalo; John H. Oberly, Indian School Superintendent; Lewis C. Bartlett, of Binghamton, Deputy Commissioner of Pensions; A. M. Kuhn, of Indiana, to be Surveyor of Customs for the Port of Indianapolis; Hamilton C. Jones, of North Carolina, to be United States District Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina. Included in the Board of Visitors to West Point are Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia,

and Dr. George L. Miller, of Nebraska. A. O. Graves, Assistant Treasurer of the United States, has been appointed Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and E. B. Ewing, of Missouri, will be Consul General at the City of Mexico.

The President's attention having been called to a bloodthirsty letter written by James Blackburn during the war, in which he desired to cut out the hearts and perform other surgical operations on the Yankees, he made inquiries about the authenticity of the letter. Mr. Blackburn admitted the authorship, and the President had his appointment as Internal Revenue Collector revoked. He is a brother of Senator Blackburn.

Mr. Leeper, the defeated Democratic candidate for the Legislature in the Thirty-fourth Illinois District, has decided to contest the election of Weaver to the House of Representatives, on the ground that lists of registered voters were not posted in accordance with law.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The business failures occurring throughout the country during the week numbered for the United States 225 and for Canada 23, or a total of 248, as compared with 205 the week previous. The movement of general merchandise during the week was less than during the preceding seven days. "The dissolution of the east-bound pool and the freight-rate war in the Northwest," says Bradstreet's, "have failed thus far to stimulate the distribution of goods. In the West the activity of farming operations has contributed to depress business with country merchants. This is particularly the case in the Northwest, where special efforts have been made to increase the acreage of spring wheat. To such an extent has planting been carried that it is now reported that the outlook is for nearly if not quite the acreage of wheat in Minnesota and Dakota this year as last. The general business situation throughout the country is not satisfactory. Even at St. Paul and Minneapolis the movement is below previous expectations. At Chicago it is barely maintained, while at St. Louis, owing to favorable weather, there has been improvement. There is no gain announced from Cincinnati, from Detroit, from Baltimore, or from Philadelphia. At the East there is no more favorable report. The distribution from New York and Boston has been of moderate proportions in leading lines."

Great excitement prevails throughout the State of Coahuila, in Mexico, on account of rich silver discoveries. Thousands are rushing there.

Large orders for goods are being sent from Mexico to the United States, which is the result of visits from American salesmen.

Gen. Middleton's forces have had a brush with the half-breeds near Batoche Crossing, on the Upper Saskatchewan. Several daring charges were made on both sides, and both regulars and rebels suffered severely. It appears, from the telegraphic reports of the affair, that Gen. Middleton advanced on the rebels at 5 o'clock on the morning of the 9th inst. He found the half-breeds firing on the steamer Northcote from both banks, and the boat drifting upon a sandbar. Capt. Howard, with a Gatling gun, twice drove the enemy to flight, but they rallied and fought bravely until night approached. The fight was a general one. Six men are said to have been killed and eighteen wounded, while the rebel loss is estimated at seventy-five. —John McLane, of Bismarck, just returned to St. Paul from Winnipeg, where he was delivering horses, teams, and supplies to the Canadian Government, says the Government has advised that men from Chicago, New York, and Boston are with Riel, and that a master mind, not Riel's, is directing the movements of the rebels. Old-timers regard Middleton's success at Batoche as absolutely necessary to prevent an Indian uprising, which would be disastrous. All supplies are short, and more must come from this side of the line. Northern Dakota is now being drained of horses, hay, oats, etc. It is believed that 1,500 breeds are in the field, and 6,000 Indians are ready to take the war-path. There are but 4,000 troops to oppose them.

FOREIGN.

At a special meeting of the English Cabinet Council, the other day, it was definitely decided to begin the partial evacuation of the Soudan. For the present, however, ample forces will be retained at Suakin and Wady-Halfa.

A report has reached Dongola that the Mahdi's forces have suffered defeat at the hands of the insurgents at Kordofan, aided by the garrison at Sennar. The remnant of the Mahdi's forces has retreated, it is said, to Abu-Haraz. The Mahdi himself is near Khartoum. This rumor is "important if true;" but it is significant that for many months past every announcement of the Mahdi's discomfiture has been followed by authentic reports of victories which he has achieved.

The British Cabinet is reported to be divided on the question of renewing the crimes act in Ireland. Gladstone favors a modified act, and in view of the situation in regard to the matter it is believed that Earl Spencer, the Lord Lieutenant, will resign. The report that the Government favored a wide measure of local government for Ireland and the abolition of the Viceroy is said to be untrue and alleged to have been started by Chamberlain, President of the Board of Trade, and Mr. Parnell for the purpose of learning how such a scheme would be received.

The plan for the arbitration of the Russo-English dispute is believed to have been abandoned, says a London dispatch. At a long session of the British Cabinet the other day it was proposed that if further evidence disproves Sir Peter Lumsden's charges against the Russians for responsibility for the Penjdeh incident, this evidence shall be accepted as conclusive, and the project of submitting the question to arbitration shall be abandoned.

LATER NEWS ITEMS.

Ex-Gov. Gilbert C. Walker, of Virginia, died in New York, at the age of 52.

Before the Languages Club, at New York, David Dudley Field made an argument against the prevailing verbosity in legal documents.

The Congo State has been reorganized with Henry M. Stanley as Governor.

The foreign dispatches bring the intelligence of the death of Ferdinand Hiller, one of the oldest and most esteemed of the German musicians, teachers, and composers.

Official statements were made in the British Parliament, on the 11th inst., to the effect that representatives of England, Russia, and India had reached a satisfactory agreement as to the Afghan boundary, and that Great Britain had decided to abandon the advance on Khartoum and make Wady-Halfa the seat of permanent defense in the Soudan as soon as the Nile rises.

In the German Reichstag, the other day, it was voted to impose a duty of three marks on wheat imports, and Bismarck announced that Spain had formally renounced the fixed duty on wheat adopted by Germany. The duty of three marks per 100 kilogrammes is equal to about 19 1/2 cents per bushel. It is worthy of note in this connection that the total shipments by this country to Germany in 1884 included only \$86,000 bushels of wheat and 34,000 barrels of flour. Our annual exports to that country for eleven years past have averaged \$30,000 bushels of wheat and 16,000 barrels of flour.

Dwight Bros. & Co., Chicago paper dealers, have made an assignment. Their liabilities are about \$85,000; assets, \$50,000.

St. Louis and Pittsburgh capitalists have decided upon the erection at Belleville, Ill., of a \$100,000 mill for the manufacture of Bessemer steel.

The Kansas Prohibitionists have received a set-back by a decision of the State Supreme Court that the law granting unusual powers to the County Attorney is unconstitutional.

A dispatch from Terre Haute, Ind., announces the insolvency of the United Order of Foresters, whose liabilities are \$40,000, chiefly in unpaid death losses. The Vigo County Court appointed J. E. Somes receiver. Loss of membership alone caused the collapse.

The steamer *Helvetia*, from Antwerp for Montreal, was sunk in deep water off Cape Breton. Her passengers and crew were rescued by the *Arcadian*. The cargo was valued at \$400,000. A sealing steamer reports an unprecedented quantity of ice off the coast.

Prestan, the Colombian rebel, is besieging Cartagena. A battalion of Government troops has arrived at Panama with 100 prisoners taken at Colon, who were falsely reported as having been cast into the sea.

Ex-Gov. Thos. C. Reynolds, of Missouri, says he has been promised the Spanish Mission.

Henry B. James, Chief of the Customs Division of the Treasury Department, has resigned, to take effect the 1st of June.

President Cleveland has appointed Charles M. Shelley, of Alabama, Fourth Auditor of the Treasury. B. W. Beebe, Postmaster at Broadhead, Wis., was suspended for negligence in his accounts and failure to make reports.

An affray between a party of negroes over a game of draw poker, at Waltham, Ga., resulted in the killing of five of the dusky sports and the wounding of four others. Armed with pistols and razors, they fought with the ferocity of tigers.

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

REEVES.....	5.25	@ 6.25
HOGS.....	4.50	@ 5.00
WHEAT—No. 1 White.....	1.03	@ 1.03 1/2
No. 2 Red.....	1.01	@ 1.02
CORN—No. 2.....	.57	@ .59
OATS—White.....	.46	@ .50
PORK—New Mess.....	12.50	@ 12.75
LARD.....	.07	@ .07 1/2

CHICAGO.		
BEEVES—Choice to Prime Steers.....	5.50	@ 6.00
Good Shipping.....	.23	@ 5.75
Medium.....	4.75	@ 5.25
HOGS.....	4.25	@ 4.75
FLOUR—Fancy Red Winter Ex. 450.....	4.50	@ 5.00
Prime to Choice Spring.....	4.00	@ 4.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring.....	.88 1/2	@ .89
CORN—No. 2.....	.48	@ .48 1/2
OATS—No. 2.....	.34	@ .35
RYE—No. 2.....	.70	@ .72
BARLEY—No. 2.....	.61	@ .65
BUTTER—Choice Creamery.....	.21	@ .23
Fine Dairy.....	.15	@ .17
Skinned Flat.....	.10	@ .11
EGGS—Fresh.....	.10 1/2	@ .11
POTATOES—Choice, per bu.....	.49	@ .48
PORK—Mess.....	11.00	@ 11.25
LARD.....	6.	