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NEWS CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week.

EASTERN.

Three hundred employees of the Union Stove Works, at Peekskill, N. Y., have struck for an increase in wages.

Richard Howell broke the mile record for safety bicycles at Springfield, Mass., doing the mile in 2:43, and lowering the record 5:5 seconds.

Robert Pierce, a Boston manufacturer of felt goods, failed. He had indorsed for the Willowdale Company, which recently suspended, for \$50,000.

The Insurance Commissioner of Connecticut has made an application for a receiver for the Charter Oak Life Insurance Company.

A receiver was appointed for the Howe Sewing Machine Company on the application of the principal stockholders. The secured debts amount to \$600,000 and the unsecured to \$150,000, of which \$30,000 is for pay of employees. The nominal assets are \$1,110,000.

The United States Circuit Court of New York denied the application of James A. Hinckley for a writ of quo warrant against the National Civil Service Commissioners. The motion was an attempt to abolish the commission on the ground that it was unconstitutional.

James E. Wilson's blind factory, in Forty-second street, New York, was destroyed by fire, involving a loss of \$60,000, with partial insurance. A fire broke out in Schleipmann & Spelter's brewery at Fair Haven, Connecticut, and the building was totally destroyed. The loss is \$80,000; partly insured.

WESTERN.

A dispatch from Omaha says the Knights of Labor have served their ultimatum upon the Union Pacific Railroad Company, demanding, among other things the dismissal of B. O. Clark, Superintendent of the Coal Department, and the discharge of all Chinese employees. The dispatch states that the officials of the company do not believe that these demands will be pressed. Quiet prevails at Rock Springs, and the working force at the mines is increasing. The troops will not be withdrawn for the present.

A St. Louis policeman who had been whipped several times by people who objected to being arrested, killed himself while insane from injuries and fear.

According to an enumeration just taken, the population of Des Moines, Iowa, is 32,469, an increase of 10,061 since 1880.

Strong opposition to the proposed sale of the lands known as the "Oklahoma and Cherokee strips" has developed among the Seminole, Creek, and Cherokee Indians.

Joseph Fisher and his three children were burned to death in their farm dwelling near Waubec, Iowa. A dispatch from Anamosa, Iowa, gives the following particulars of the shocking affair:

About midnight Mr. Fisher was aroused by the crackling and glare of flames, which were eating their way through the lower portion of the house and enveloping the stairway. Taking an infant child from his wife's arms, he attempted to descend the stairway with it, but was driven back by the fire and smoke. A second effort also failed; then he attempted to cross a small corridor and enter the room where the other two children slept, to rouse them, but was suddenly overpowered by the smoke, and fell to the floor with the child in his arms and utterly unconscious. His wife endeavored to wake him from this deadly stupor, but it was in vain. With the energy of desperation she rushed into the room where the children were sleeping, intending to drop the children upon it. She was also overcome by the heat and smoke, and when her senses returned, she found herself lying upon the ground near the smoldering ruins of her home, bereft of husband and children. The charred remains of Mr. Fisher and the infant child were found in the ruins, but no trace of the bodies of the other two children has been discovered.

A special from Fargo (Dakota) says: "Prairie fires are still spreading over a vast scope of country between the Red and James Rivers, as well as farther west. The past few days' losses have been heavy in Barnes and Stutsman Counties, and the fires are going south into Lamoure and Dickey. Only a heavy rain, apparently, will stop them. It is impossible to give total losses, but they must be a good many hundred thousand dollars in North Dakota."

Mitchell (Ind.) dispatch: "The bond swindles of R. B. Pollard and his gang involve nearly \$1,000,000. This amount in Indiana township bonds is known to be on the market, and how much more may be involved is only a matter of guesswork, and the full extent of the swindle will probably never be known. Eleven township trustees are involved, and their issues of bonds will average over \$50,000 each."

A locomotive spark ignited a pile of lumber in the heart of the lumber district at Chicago, and started a conflagration which lasted for six hours and destroyed over \$100,000 worth of property.

The mare *Adelaide*, record 2:18, has been purchased by Mr. Schwartz, of Chicago for \$12,000.

Eight thousand people attended the Sam Jones camp-meeting at St. Joseph, Mo., Sunday.

James C. Pusey, the defaulting Chief Clerk of the Kansas penitentiary, has been sentenced to eight years' imprisonment.

At Cottonwood Point, Mo., two farmers quarreled. They clasped their left hands and exchanged seven shots with revolvers held in their right. Both were killed.

The Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Company has declared a quarterly dividend of 2½ per cent. on its preferred stock and of 2½ per cent. on its common stock.

Judge Powers, of Provo, Utah, instructed the Grand Jury that a separate in-

dictment could be found for each day during which a polygamist had lived with more than one wife since the passage of the Edmunds act.

A serious riot occurred between rioters and non-union hands employed in Laughlin's mill, near Martin's Ferry, Ohio. A large party of men armed with shotguns attacked the mill hands, and some hundreds of shots were exchanged between the forces. A number of the hands were wounded. The rioters retired after the conflict, and their losses, if any, are not reported.

Near Xenia, Ohio, Mrs. Parsons missed her four-year-old daughter, after having seen her playing in the yard. Making search, she found the child's dead body beneath a bulldog, that had killed her and was eating her flesh. The dog had to be killed before the child's body could be recovered. The brute belonged to a neighbor.

A citizens' meeting at Seattle, in Washington Territory, adopted strong resolutions in favor of the vigorous enforcement of the Chinese restriction act, deplored the presence of the Mongolians, and urged the use of all lawful means for their removal.

SOUTHERN.

At Johnston, S. C., an alleged murderer was taken from the Sheriff by a mob, shot several times, and left for dead. He subsequently revived, made a statement implicating several of the lynchers, and died.

Ten convicts escaped from a plantation near Hearne, Texas, visited the latter town, and entering a hotel purloined the garments of the male members of a theatrical troupe, leaving their striped suits behind. A large posse started in pursuit, and reports have reached Hearne that four of the criminals had been recaptured.

New Orleans finances are at a very low ebb, in consequence of wasteful expenditures. The city employees have not been paid since June and the teachers since April.

A dispatch from Cumberland, Md., says that "while Sheriff McMillen was absent from the jail, Peter Baker and Emanuel Johnson, prisoners, made an attack on the turnkey and broke out of the building, accompanied by George and Charles Baker, Peter Krutzer, William V. Dye, Daniel Davis, and Henry Kennedy, white, and Gertrude Sellers and John Thomas, colored, all of whom were confined on various charges. The turnkey was badly beaten."

Three cars of a passenger train were thrown over an embankment near Wren Springs, N. C., twenty persons being injured, three fatally.

The cotton crop of Arkansas has been seriously damaged by unfavorable weather, and will fall below that of 1884.

A vein of ore has been struck in Davidson County, Tenn., which yields 80 per cent. of silver. A company has been organized to develop it.

WASHINGTON.

John W. Mackay is at Washington urging the allowance by the General Land Office of \$250,000 to the Bank of Nevada for money advanced on surveying contracts. Commissioner Sparks refused to pay the claim until a thorough investigation can be made into the matter.

Imports of merchandise for the year ended Aug. 31 reached \$571,235,943, against \$657,811,316 for the previous year.

Secretary Lamar is still kept to his room. He has relays of stenographers and type-writers, and is doing a good deal of work while propped up by pillows in his bed.

During the eight months ended Aug. 31, 241,035 immigrants arrived in the United States, exclusive of those coming by way of Canada and Mexico, a decrease of 61,939 as compared with the arrivals for the corresponding period of 1884.

The Postmaster General has decided to continue the steamboat mail service between Louisville, Ky., and Evansville, Ind. The contractors have agreed to reduce the charge for this service \$5,000 per year, making the annual expense \$10,000.

Secretary Manning has ordered that all moneys due or to become due to the Central Pacific Railroad Company for Government transportation be covered into the Treasury and applied toward the extinguishment of the indebtedness of that corporation to the Government.

POLITICAL.

In the Dakota Constitutional Convention it was decided to let the first Legislature arrange for submitting the question of woman suffrage to the people.

The Republicans of Maryland, in convention at Baltimore, nominated Francis Miller for Comptroller and William M. Marine for Clerk of the Court of Appeals. The resolutions pay a tribute to the memory of Gen. Grant, demand a protective tariff, commend civil-service reform, and denounce the appointments of Higgins, Thomas, and Mason.

The Colorado Republican State Convention, in session at Denver, nominated the Hon. Samuel H. Elbert, of Denver, for Judge of the Supreme Court.

The New York Democratic State Convention met at Saratoga Sept. 24, George Raines acting as both temporary and permanent Chairman. David B. Hill, the present incumbent, was nominated for Governor on the first ballot by an overwhelming majority. The convention then adjourned the next day, Roswell P. Flower was nominated for Lieutenant Governor by acclamation.

The ticket was rapidly completed as follows: Secretary of State, Frederick Cook; Comptroller, Alfred C. Chapin; Attorney General, Denis O'Brien; State Treasurer, Lawrence J. Fitz Gerald; State Engineer and Surveyor, Elzathan Sweet. The platform endorses the administrations of President Cleveland and Governor Hill; approves the spirit of the national and State laws for the regulation of

the civil service, while condemning the manner in which the former were executed when the Republicans were in power, and demanding that the commission be reorganized so that its majority shall be in sympathy with the administration; advocates the repeal of the compulsory silver-coinage act; calls for a revision of the tariff upon the principles laid down by the last National Democratic Convention; expresses opposition to contract convict labor in any form; urges the enactment of Sunday laws for the benefit of the working classes, and denounces sumptuary legislation.

Prof. Alex. Agassiz has been tendered the superintendency of the coast and geodetic survey, vice Professor Hilgard, resigned by request. Daniel O'Finch of Des Moines has been appointed United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa.

Ex-Congressman Flower has declined the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor of New York.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The small-pox epidemic is unabated at Montreal, and the provincial authorities have ordered a general vaccination.

An effort will be made at the approaching convention of the Irish National League of America to raise \$225,000 to enable Mr. Parnell to guarantee ninety members of Parliament £100 each annually for five years.

Several changes have been made in the Canadian Cabinet, but Sir John A. Macdonald still remains Premier, and fills the offices of President of the Council and Chief Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

There were 140 failures in the United States reported to *Bradstreet's* during the week, against 143 in the preceding week, and 201, 164, and 173 in the corresponding weeks of 1884, 1883, and 1882, respectively. *Bradstreet's Journal*, in its commercial summary, says:

The movement of general merchandise throughout the country during the week has been about equal to the volume of preceding weeks, though distributed somewhat differently. *Ward's* reports from New York, South West, where the activity reported has not been proportionate to that recorded at Eastern points of distribution, there has been a large inquiry in the East the movement of goods to the interior is smaller. Illustrating this it may be specified that at Boston the sales of dry goods have fallen off somewhat from the late heavy volume, and that the existing demand there is less than had been expected. The situation is therefore considered one for critical examination, and the succeeding few weeks will be closely observed to determine whether the result, as has been alleged, is to be a dull trade during the winter, succeeding an autumn spirit.

Mormon emissaries have made heavy land purchases in Chihuahua.

In a battle in the Cananea Mountains in Sonora, between Capt. Hatfield's command and renegade Apaches, seven of the latter are reported to have been killed and thirty-five, including women and children, captured.

A bill for the gradual abolition of slavery has passed both houses of the Brazilian Parliament.

An estimate based upon abundant data places the corn crop of the country at 1,679,636,000 bushels, an increase of 184,610 bushels over the yield of last year.

FOREIGN.

Prince Alexander of Bulgaria offers to abdicate in favor of any person the Czar may select, if the latter will guarantee to maintain the union between Roumelia and Bulgaria. A warlike feeling prevails in Russia. The Sultan has formed a new Ministry, with Kianul Pasha as Grand Vizier. The feeling at Philippopolis in favor of revolution is reported to be dying out. Traffic between Servia and Roumelia has been suspended, and warlike preparations are in active progress in the former country. Great excitement over the situation prevails at all the European capitals. The signatory Powers all favor a conference for the settlement of the existing complications. Grecian forces are massing on the frontier bordering on Thessaly.

In an address before a great crowd at London Mr. Chamberlain said he would never become a member of a Cabinet which did not adopt reform measures. Newman Hall's complimentary reference to the royal family brought forth a storm of derision which lasted several minutes.

Pope Leo has agreed to mediate between Germany and Spain with regard to the Caroline dispute, subject to certain conditions which have not yet been promulgated. The Turkish Ministry has been dismissed and a new Cabinet formed. The new Ministry is said to be in favor of a compromise in order to secure a peaceful settlement of the questions at issue. Kianul Pasha, the new Grand Vizier, was formerly Turkish Ambassador to Russia, and maintains friendly relations with the Czar's ministers.

Thomas W. Stead, editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, Gen. Booth of the Salvation Army, and the other defendants in the Eliza Armstrong abduction case have been committed for trial.

Archbishop Walsh has sent circulars to the priests in the various parishes of Ireland advising them what course to follow in a political way. The Archbishop admits that in taking this step he has incurred a serious responsibility.

The coming Parliamentary elections in Great Britain and Ireland continue to be the principal matters to which the people are devoting their attention. The Liberal Association has instructed its candidates to avoid, as far as possible, discussion of the church disestablishment. It is, however, being forced upon them by parties attending their meetings.

In his speech opening the Reichstag the Emperor of Austria declared that the great powers were in full accord for the preservation of the peace of Europe. Russia is said to favor the holding of a congress at Constantinople to settle the pending difficulties upon the basis of accepting the union of Roumelia and Bulgaria as an accomplished fact. In a circular note to the powers, Greece urges that the treaty of Berlin be enforced.

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LATER NEWS ITEMS.

The President has appointed the following-named Presidential Postmasters:

B. J. Sheridan, at Paola, Kan., vice J. L. Perry, resigned; Robert F. Chilton, at Santa Ana, Cal.; Vice Charles E. French, resigned; Edward Van De Peere, vice De Peere, Ia., vice P. R. Proctor, resigned; Harry S. Parker, at Farmington, N. H., vice William H. Hay, resigned; F. H. Spinney, at Medford, Mass., vice J. H. Eames, resigned; Burritt B. Breed, at D. T. Lake, suspended; Milton B. Westbrook, at Lyons, Iowa, vice J. R. Beers, suspended; Jas. B. Blackwell, at Marietta, Ga., vice A. Fletcher, suspended; John Shearman, at Monroe City, Mo., vice B. H. Tucker, suspended; Thos. A. Garey, at Galveston, Tex., vice Wm. C. Grinnell, resigned; E. E. Waggoner, at Shelbyville, Ill., vice S. L. Webster, suspended; John A. Collins, at Washington, Mo., vice D. O. Gale, suspended; E. P. Mathews, at Bowling Green, Mo., vice William J. Shepherd, suspended; John Flynn, at Duluth, Minn., vice Joe E. Knowlton, suspended.

The President has appointed the following Indian Agents:

W. L. Powell, of Virginia; Nehay Bay Agency, Washington Territory; John V. Summers, of Missouri, at Quapaw Agency, Indian Territory; Marion W. Stevens, of Michigan, at Mackinaw Agency; Michael Charles Hill, of Nebaska, at Santee Agency, in Nebraska; James Spanning, deceased; Moses Neal of Kansas, at Sac and Fox Agency, Indian Territory, vice Isaac A. Taylor, resigned; Henry E. Williamson, of Mississippi, at Crow Agency in Montana, vice Henry J. Armstrong, resigned; Fletcher J. Cowart, of Alabama, at Mescalero Agency in New Mexico, vice W. H. H. Llewellyn, resigned.

The opening of the Theater Royal at Montreal has been indefinitely postponed owing to the small-pox epidemic, there being at least 4,030 cases of the disease in the city.

In a street fight at Abingdon, Virginia, Judge George W. Ward, editor of a Democratic newspaper, was fatally shot by Dr. W. M. White, Independent candidate for State Senator, and two of his relatives, all of whom were arrested and admitted to bail. The first shot was fired by Dr. White, who had been lying in wait for Judge Ward.

A Socialistic riot, in which many persons were injured, occurred at Amsterdam, says:

Rumors that Italy intends to seize Tripoli have alarmed the Turks, and the strength of the garrison in that dependency is to be raised to 15,000 men.

O'Donnell, the Home Rule member of Parliament for Dungarvan, Ireland, has withdrawn from the canvass for re-election, owing to a breach with Parnell, whose policy he vigorously denounces.

Hog cholera is doing much damage in the vicinities of Red Wing, Minn., and Janesville, Wis.

At Saybrook, McLean County, Ill., Dr. Harris shot and killed Dr. Barton. Both were prominent practitioners in that locality.

Judge Chipman, of the Detroit Superior Court, in a decision just rendered, holds that newspapers are not privileged to print complaints filed in court, and in doing must assume the responsibility for all the allegations contained therein.

The Postmaster General decides that the salaries of postal employees can not be attached for debt.

Statemen's prepared at the Treasury Department show that the amount of silver dollars put in circulation directly from the mints during the past two or three months is nearly double the amount similarly coined during the corresponding period of last year. The issue from the mints during the week ended Sept. 26 was \$738,577, as against \$455,895 issued during the corresponding period of last year.

The Cape May challenge cup was won by the English yacht *Genesta*.

Coleman S. Adams, cashier of the Framingham (Mass.) Savings Bank, who committed suicide a month ago, was a defaulter to the extent of \$228,000.

The Attorney General of New York decides that the State of Georgia is a defaulter, and prohibits savings banks from investing in Georgia