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## NEWS CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week.

### THE WORK OF CONGRESS.

Mr. TELLER introduced a bill in the Senate, on the 16th inst., to provide for the free and unlimited coinage of the silver dollar. Mr. Sawyer voted in favor of the purchase of the St. George Bay Canal. Mr. Butler offered a resolution directing the Committee on Territories to report by what authority a Legislature has been organized in the Territory of Dakota. A message from the President was received, asking authority to use certain funds for the relief of the Cheyenne Indians. When Mr. Hoar's Presidential succession bill came up, Messrs. Maxey, Beck, Edmunds, and Morgan voiced their views. The House passed the Senate bill removing the political disabilities of Alexander R. Law of Georgia, and devoted the remainder of the day to discussion of the proposed rules.

Mr. HOAR's Presidential succession bill passed the Senate on the 17th after an able argument in its favor by Mr. Everts. In a debate on the resolution regarding the unauthorized organization of a State government for Dakota, Mr. Butler declared that no question of politics was involved, and asked if Mr. Garrison would sustain similar action by the Territory of Utah. John Hippie Mitchell, of Oregon, was sworn in. Bills were introduced for the sale of the Cherokee reservation in Arkansas, to encourage the erection of monuments on Revolutionary battle fields, to locate a branch soldiers' home costing \$25,000,000, in the Northwest; to provide for the issue of silver certificates; for the warehousing of fruit brandy, and to bridge the Missouri at Pierre. The House of Representatives was principally occupied in the discussion of the revision of the rules. All amendments to the committee's report were voted down by a decided majority, but without taking final action the House adjourned.

A BILL making it unlawful for a Senator or Representative in Congress to recommend or solicit appointments to office, was introduced in the Senate by Mr. Morrison of South Carolina, the author of the bill. A bill was introduced by Mrs. Grant at the rate of \$5,000 per year. Mr. Beck offered a resolution specifying the use to be made of coin received for customs duties. Mr. Sherman introduced a bill to pay royalties to the widow of Admiral Dahlgren for the use of artillery patents. Mr. Beck offered a resolution to allow the widow of Minister Phelps a year's salary for services in Peru. Mr. Ingalls introduced a measure to prevent the illegal inclosure of public lands. The House of Representatives amended the bill in substantial accordance with the report of the committee, and then distributing the appropriation bills among seven committees. The Senate bill to give Mrs. Grant a pension of \$5,000 per annum was passed.

In the House of Representatives, at its session on the 19th, Mr. Morrison of Illinois, from the Committee on Rules, reported a resolution for the creation of the following select committee: On the election of President and Vice President of the United States, on reform in the civil service, on ship building and ship owning interests, on alcoholic liquor traffic, and on ventilation and acoustics of the House. The resolution was adopted. Representative Lovering presented a petition by Col. David P. Hussey, Third Massachusetts Cavalry, and sixty others, survivors of the storming column known as the "Dobson Hope," organized for assault upon Port Hudson, La., June 15, 1863, praying Congress to grant them medals, as promised in the general order of Gen. Banks. The Senate was not in session.

### EASTERN.

A mine of the Susquehanna Coal Company, at Nanticoke, Pa., was flooded by water which broke in from the Susquehanna River. Most of the miners were warned in time and escaped, but it is feared that thirty miners who were in the lower levels were drowned.

The American Base-Ball Association was restrained by order of court in Philadelphia from expelling the Metropolitan Club.

David Miles, of Milford, Conn., was gored to death by a Holstein bull. Edward Miles would have met a similar fate had not a spectator put half a dozen bullets into the brain of the enraged animal.

Edison, the inventor, has resumed his work on the phonograph, which he is confident of perfecting to such an extent that it will take the place of stenographers.

Small-pox has appeared at the lunatic asylum on Blackwell's Island, New York. The disease also exists in New York City, where twelve cases and one death were reported the past week.

### WESTERN.

Two Chicagoans drove a double sleigh through to Milwaukee in two days. D. R. Timothy and a companion drove a 4-year-old team and cutter from Franklin Grove to Dixon, Ill., ten miles, in 36½ minutes, for a wager of \$200.

Two lieutenants of police were dismissed at Cincinnati for drunkenness. They had been paid the previous day and riotously celebrated the event.

Joel Anderson and Laurel Baugh were recently tried for murder at Carrollton, Mo., convicted, and sentenced to life imprisonment. Securing a new trial, they were again convicted last week, and sentenced to death.

Hon. William Pitt Lynde, an ex-tongressman and one of the most prominent members of the bar in the Northwest, and senior member of the law firm of Finches, Lynde & Miller, died at Milwaukee last week. He was 68 years of age. He was a sufferer for almost a year past from a complication of diseases.

Jasper E. Sweet, a printer of Chicago, has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for fatally shooting Dr. Thomas Waugh. On the first ballot seven jurors favored acquittal. One who insisted upon imprisonment for life succeeded in obtaining a compromise verdict. Sweet expressed himself as desirous of hastening to Joliet, and states that his wife and son will have a home with his mother-in-law, at La Porte, Ind.

The hide and tallow warehouse of Oberne, Hosick & Co., on the southwest corner of La Salle avenue and Michigan street, Chicago, was destroyed by fire. The building was valued at \$35,000, and the stock at \$35,000. The same firm suffered a damage of \$70,000 by a fire caused by lightning last August.

A Deming (New Mexico) dispatch says that "near White House, located north-west of Silver City, a company of the Eighth United States Cavalry, under Lieut. Fountain

were ambushed by hostiles with disastrous results. The following were killed in the fight which ensued: Surgeon Maddox, Private Collins, Private Gibson, Private Hutton, Private McMillen, Lieut. Cahill. Corporal McFarland was slightly wounded. The Indians numbered twenty-one. After the fight they headed west in the direction of Clifton. This is the same band with which Fountain had a fight on the 9th inst. No Indians are reported killed."

### SOUTHERN.

The result of the recent temperance election at Atlanta was carried to the Federal Court, where Judge McCoy decided against the liquor interest, but pronounced unconstitutional a proviso in favor of Georgia wines and excluding those from other States.

Fire at Jacksonville, Fla., destroyed several structures, including the Abell Block and the *Herald* newspaper building, entailing a loss of about \$450,000, upon which there is an insurance amounting to \$350,000. Falling walls killed a colored fireman and badly injured three others.

Eighth Chinamen at El Paso, Tex., took out naturalization papers, and it is alleged to be the purpose of the 200 Chinese in that town to become American citizens.

Milton Young, of Lexington, Ky., sold twenty-three thoroughbred horses, for which he realized \$56,000.

A movement is now on foot in Baltimore to procure the passage by the Legislature of a stringent law against the opium joints in that city.

C. L. Green & Co., in their annual cotton crop circular, estimate the yield at 6,900,000 bales for the crop of 1885-86.

### WASHINGTON.

Commissioner of Pensions Black announces that hereafter no application for a pension is to be briefed up, not over two letters are to be written in connection with any one case, and the credibility of a witness shall not be inquired into through postmasters. Hence it has been the custom to have all the testimony of each case digested by competent clerks in brief, and the credibility of the various applicants looked up and reported on by postmasters living in the same towns.

Secretary Lamar has requested the Attorney General to bring suits against cattlemen in forty additional cases for fencing public lands in Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, and Colorado.

Washington telegram: "Western Senators are receiving letters in great numbers urging them to oppose the confirmation of Land Commissioner Sparks because of his recent rulings. Mr. Sparks was confirmed by the Senate as Commissioner of the General Land Office on the 25th of last March."

### POLITICAL.

The voters of Boston, by a majority of 9,900, declared for liquor license and defeated all the women candidates for school offices. Worcester voted for prohibition and Newburyport for license. — The Mayors of the chief cities of Iowa held a convention at Des Moines and agreed upon a local-option bill to be submitted to the Legislature. A table was presented showing that in twenty large towns, under the prohibitory law, the number of saloons has increased over 60 per cent.

Mr. Townsend of Illinois is of the opinion that there is a very even division of sentiment in Congress on the question of suspending silver coinage.

It is believed that the Hoar Presidential-succession bill, which has passed the Senate, will meet with considerable opposition in the House.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

The total number of failures in the United States reported to *Bradstreet's* for the week was 217, against 221 the preceding week, a decline of 4, and as compared with 305 in the like week of December, 1884, 280 in 1883, 236 in 1882, and 165 in 1881. This continues the marked decline in the total number of failures weekly during the last quarter of the year as against 1884. The grand total of failures in the United States from Jan. 1 to Dec. 18 was 10,771, against 11,088 in a like portion of 1884, a decline of 316. The totals for fifty weeks of 1883, 1882, and 1881, respectively, were 9,591, 7,762, and 5,939.

The Camden Consolidated Oil Company, of Parkersburg, W. Va., has suffered a loss of over \$50,000 from forged drafts in the hands of a Santa Barbara (Cal.) bank.

The steamer *Dolphin*, concerning which there has been so much controversy, has gone on a trial trip which is to last sixty days.

Irving Miller has returned to Indianapolis and reports that of the colony of Southerners who emigrated to Brazil after the war only about fifty families remain, and that they have lost all of their means in the attempt to raise cotton.

### FOREIGN.

John and Sarah Magee were arrested in London charged with attempting to procure money from the Prince of Wales by writing threatening letters.

Emigration from Germany during the nine months ending Oct. 1 was \$6,000, as against 135,000 for the same period in 1884.

The French Government has ordered a suspension of hostilities in Madagascar as a preliminary to negotiations for a treaty of peace.

The Liberal press in Russia is urging an alliance with England as the best means of settling the Eastern question and of punishing the perfidy of Germany and Austria.

St. Petersburg dispatches state that a terrible dynamite explosion occurred in the Pierjuchin mine in Siberia. The accounts are conflicting, some placing the number killed at four hundred, and others as high as one thousand.

Stephen Barker Guion, the well-known owner of steamships, died suddenly of apoplexy at Liverpool. He was born in New York in 1820.

### LATER NEWS ITEMS.

Four children who were recently bitten by rabid dogs in Newark, N. J., have been placed in the residence of M. Pasteur, in Paris, who expresses confidence that he can cure them. The funds required for the voyage were contributed by citizens of New York.

The French gunboat *Chamois*, bound for Tonquin, founded off Toulon.

Parnell informs his colleagues that he will oppose all schemes affecting Ireland which do not allow the Irish to control their own police.

Emperor William and Queen Christina sent telegrams to Pope Leo expressing their thanks for his equitable decision in regard to the Caroline Islands.

The names of United States Grand Jurors just discharged at Salt Lake City have been published by the Mormon papers so that they may be boycotted.

Chicago elevators contain 14,404,843 bushels of wheat, 1,073,483 bushels of corn, 169,548 bushels of oats, 300,345 bushels of rye, and 221,080 bushels of barley; total, 16,169,299 bushels of all kinds of grain, against 14,608,543 bushels a year ago.

The Indians in the Province of Ontario, Canada, have been badly duped by a swindler who traded fraudulent Indian Territory land scrip for good Dominion \$5 bills.

Fire at Tarrentum, Pennsylvania, caused a loss of \$60,000, with insurance of \$30,000. The Merrill chemical works at Cincinnati were damaged \$10,000, and Brunot & Brunot's dry goods establishment at Quebec was gutted, resulting in a loss of about \$80,000.

The feature of the Senate proceedings on the 21st of December was the carefully prepared attack of Senator Beck upon the financial policy of the administration. Mr. Beck believes that the word "coin" used in section 3094 of the Revised Statutes means silver as well as gold coin, and he therefore introduced a resolution instructing the Finance Committee to inquire whether the coin paid for customs duties under the section has been set apart for the payment of the interest on United States bonds and to the payment of one per centum of the entire debt of the United States made in each year as a sinking fund, and if this had not hitherto been done to report to the enforcement of the law. The Kentucky Senator spoke for an hour upon the resolution and in the course of his remarks charged that the Secretary of the Treasury had deliberately violated this provision; that he was administering the Treasury in the special interest of national banks, and that he was, also, in the same interest discriminating against silver. The Senator declared, with great earnestness of manner, that he would enforce fine and imprisonment upon any officer who would thus violate the law. Beck was so vehement and so blunt in language that upon the conclusion of his remarks the Senators on both sides were too much struck to make any reply. Mr. Morrill said that the speech practically charged the Secretary of the Treasury with being a thief, and the President of the United States with being in collusion with him; and that, as no Democratic Senator seemed ready to defend the administration against the terrible arraignment, he moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business, which motion was adopted. In the House of Representatives, under a call of the States, a perfect flood of bills rained upon the Speaker's desk. More than 1,000 were introduced, and the most popular were: Maine, \$100,000. Inclosed in the list are the following: For the relief of Fitz John Porter, to suspend the coinage of the silver dollar, to pay Government employees wages withheld in violation of the eighth hour law, to limit the disposal of the public lands, to establish a postal telegraph, for the unrestricted coinage of the silver dollar, for the construction of the Hennepin Canal, to establish a Sub-Treasury at Louisville, to enable the people of Dakota to form a constitution and to create the Territory of Dakota. Two additional bills on the same subject were also introduced. Both houses adjourned until Jan. 5. — The President sent the following new nominations of Postmasters to the Senate on the 21st: At Fairmount, W. Va., Newton S. Barnes; Jackson, Tenn., R. R. Dashiel; Peoria, Ill., John Warner; Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Fred A. Stebbins; Evansville, Wis., James V. N. Sonn; Nevada, Mo., Wm. R. Crockett; Oxford, Pa., Samuel H. Smith; Weatherford, Tex., N. B. Johnson; Waukesha, Ohio, George Haumesler; Canton, Ohio, William Archival; Delaware, Ohio, David A. Starke; Ottawa, Ill., William L. Goss; Batavia, Ill., Willis Grimes; Amboy, Ill., George E. Young; Mason City, Ia., William A. Mahon; Maywood, Ill., Samuel S. Kent; Mount Carroll, Ill., William P. Baird; Mount Morris, Ill., Henry Sharer; Effingham, Ill., Charles Kelly; Macomb, Ill., Thomas Philpot; Hyde Park, Ill., Edwin S. Hawley; Vandalia, Ill., Sidney B. Stout; Shelderville, Ky., Joseph N. Bell; Howell, Mich., Isaac W. Bush; Niles, Mich., William J. Edwards; Stanton, Mich., Patrick H. McGarry; Denison, Iowa, O. B. Keith; Okaloosa, Iowa, William T. Smith; Hampton, Iowa, Oscar B. Hammon; Little Rock, Ark., Thomas W. New-ton.

### THE MARKETS.

#### NEW YORK.

BEEVES..... \$4.00 @ 6.25  
HOGS..... 3.75 @ 4.25  
WHEAT—No. 1 White..... 95 @ .97  
" 2 Red..... 92½ @ .93½  
CORN—No. 2..... 50 @ .52  
OATS—White..... 38 @ .43  
PORK—Mess..... 9.75 @ 10.50

#### CHICAGO.

BEEVES—Choice to Prime Steers. 5.50 @ 6.75  
Good Shipping..... 4.25 @ 5.00  
Common..... 3.25 @ 3.75

HOGS..... 3.50 @ 4.25  
FLOUR—Extra Spring..... 4.75 @ 5.50  
Choice Winter..... 4.50 @ 5.00

WHEAT—No. 2 Spring..... 84 @ .84½  
CORN—No. 2..... 39 @ .39½  
LTS—No. 2..... 28 @ .28½  
RYE—No. 2..... 59 @ .61  
BARLEY—No. 2..... 61 @ .66  
BUTTER—Choice Creamery..... 30 @ .33  
CHEESE—Full Cream, new..... 20 @ .23  
Skinned Flats..... 06 @ .07  
EGGS—Fresh..... 22 @ .23  
POTATOES—Choice, per bu..... 60 @ .65  
PORK—Mess..... 8.75 @ 9.25

#### MILWAUKEE.

WHEAT—No. 2..... 52 @ .83  
CORN—No. 2..... 39 @ .40  
OATS—No. 2..... 27 @ .29  
RYE—No. 1..... 59 @ .61  
PORK—New Mess..... 9.75 @ 10.25

#### ST. LOUIS.

WHEAT—No. 2 Red..... 92 @ .94  
CORN—Mixed..... 32 @ .33  
OATS—Mixed..... 27 @ .28

PORK—Mess..... 9.75 @ 10.25

#### CINCINNATI.

WHEAT—No. 2 Red..... 92 @ .94  
CORN—No. 3..... 38 @ .37  
OATS—No. 2..... 33 @ .32½  
PORK—Mess..... 10.00 @ 10.50

#### DETROIT.

BEEF CATTLE..... 4.50 @ 5.50  
HOGS..... 2.50 @ 2.75  
SHEEP..... 2.50 @ 3.50

WHEAT—No. 1 White..... 90 @ .91  
CORN—No. 2..... 36 @ .37  
OATS—No. 2..... 31 @ .33

#### INDIANAPOLIS.

WHEAT—No. 2 Red..... 90 @ .91  
CORN—New..... 32 @ .33  
OATS—No. 2..... 29 @ .30

CATTLE—Best..... 4.50 @ 5.25  
Fair..... 4.00 @ 4.50  
Common..... 2.50 @ 4.00

HOGS..... 3.75 @ 4.00  
SHEEP..... 3.00 @ 4.00

#### BUFFALO.

WHEAT—No. 1 Hard..... .98 @ .99  
CORN..... .42 @ .43  
CATTLE..... 5.00 @ 6.00

#### EAST LIBERTY.

BEEF CATTLE..... 4.50 @ 5.25  
HOGS..... 2.50 @ 3.50  
SHEEP