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## NEWS CONDENSED.

### Concise Record of the Week.

#### EASTERN.

Eliza Weathersby, wife of Nat Goodwin, the comedian, died at New York from the effects of a surgical operation for the removal of a tumor.

The pork-packing establishment of John Taylor & Co., at Trenton, N. J., was destroyed by fire. The loss will reach nearly \$250,000.

Fire broke out in the shaving house of W. S. Weed & Co.'s planing mill at Binghamton, N. Y., and the mill was soon a mass of flames. From the mill the flames spread to the immense lumber yard. The loss amounts to \$110,000. A large number of workmen are thrown out of employment.

James Kearney, a New York attorney, is missing, and so is about \$80,000 in cash belonging to the firm with which he was connected.

The Government tried a dynamite gun in New York, and it threw a conical shell, weighing 15 pounds, over 2½ miles.

Gambling implements to the value of \$25,000 were, on Saturday, burned by the New York police authorities.

Ira Shafer, the counsel for Alderman Cleary of New York, who made such an irate and inconsiderate tirade against the press, has made a qualified apology for the same to John A. Greene, President of the Press Club of New York, who had sent him a very pointed remonstrance on the subject.

#### WESTERN.

Dispatches from the West report that great suffering and considerable loss of life have been entailed by the flood in the Upper Missouri River. A Bismarck special says:

Reports from remote districts intensity the stories of suffering and loss of life, as man was seen riding down the river on a cake of ice, frantically calling for help, but it was impossible to assist him. Twelve families near Livonia, after being on the roofs of their houses for twenty-four hours, walked two miles to the shore on a thin crust of ice that had formed during their imprisonment. Fort Lincoln officers here believe that the people on the lowlands opposite the post perished in the flood. It is believed at Bowdell, above Bismarck, that several Indians have been drowned. The family of Garrett Barry barely escaped with their lives, and lost cattle and household effects. The steamer Gen. Tompkins is in the ice, a total wreck.

A coroner's jury exonerated every one connected with the Bessemer (Mich.) boarding-house, by the burning of which twelve human lives were sacrificed. Frank Miller, the manager, was the only one of the persons who escaped from the building that was examined. He explained the arrangements of rooms, stoves, lamps, etc. A fire was kept in the front sitting-room until after midnight, when he retired. Two boarders had just come in and were preparing to retire. Both of them were drunk. One of them was a newcomer, who perished. Mr. Miller had no notion how the fire originated, but thought that it started in the front part of the building, as his room in the back of the building was the last to be entered by the flames. He thought that those who perished must have been suffocated in their beds. They could have escaped through the windows.

A Bowdell (D. T.) dispatch says: "Last reports from Legrane and LeBeau say that great damage has been done by the high waters of the Missouri River. At LeBeau people from the bottoms were compelled to flee to the high bluffs. Barthel Olson was on the roof of his building all night, and was rescued next day. Jacob McCarthy, Mr. Kirkland, and three others were drowned on the bottoms south of Legrane. Wilkins & Skimmers ranch near Legrane is under several feet of water."

Jackson Marion, for the murder of John Cameron, fifteen years ago, was hanged last week at Beatrice, Neb.

Near Leetonia, Ohio, a freight train dashed into the rear of the Chicago express, which had been stopped for the purpose of repairing the air-brake hose. The sleeper and one coach were wrecked, the engineer of the express killed, and seven persons wounded, two of whom may not recover.

The court-house and jail at Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois, was destroyed by fire. The public records were saved and the prisoners safely removed.

At New York Mills, Minn., Mrs. Joseph Mattson murdered her little girl, 1 year old, by severing the jugular vein with a pair of sharp shears. Then she committed suicide in the same manner.

Thomas H. Harding was hanged at Dillon, Mont. Ter., for the murder of William Ferguson, a young stage-driver, committed while Ferguson was driving his stage from Melrose to Glen-lake on May 29, 1886.

The Grand Jury at Chicago on Saturday returned indictments against the following persons for malfeasance in office and conspiracy to defraud the county: Daniel J. Wren, County Commissioner; Adam Ochs, ex-County Commissioner, Chairman of the board in 1884-'85; John E. Van Pelt, ex-County Commissioner; Harry Varnell, Warden of the Insane Asylum; William J. McGarigle, Warden of the County Hospital; Charles Frey, Warden of the Infirmary; Elisha A. Robinson, grocer, furnisher of county supplies. The parties were arrested and gave bail.

Mr. John McGovern has been called to Omaha to conduct the editorial columns of the *Evening Bee* in that city. He has been identified for many years with the newspapers of Chicago, having held and filled with fine ability responsible positions on the daily press, but it was perhaps as editor of the *Current* and as the author of several popular books that he became best known to the literary world. The Chicago *Daily News* says: "We doubt not that Mr. McGovern will be cordially welcomed by his professional brethren in Omaha—he certainly carries with him to his

new field of labor the best wishes of the many Chicagoans who recognize his personal worth no less than his intellectual attainments and abilities."

The steamer *Chesapeake*, valued at \$70,000, was burned at New Madrid, Mo.

The horse Oliver K., which was to have trotted Harry Wilkes for \$10,000, April 2, strained a tendon at Los Angeles, and the race is off. Oliver K. pays a forfeit of \$2,500.

The Hon. Samuel H. Treat, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, died last week at Springfield, Ill., aged 75. He had for some years suffered with Bright's disease, and his death was the result of complications growing out of that disease. He had been confined to his room but a few days.

Judge Treat was born in Otsego County, New York, in 1812, and was admitted to the bar in that State. In 1814 he came to Illinois, and settled in Springfield. He formed a law partnership with George Forquer, a half-brother of Thomas H. Forquer, who became Governor of the State in 1842. Mr. Forquer had been Attorney General of Illinois during the term of Governor Edwards, and was subsequently Register of the Land Office at Springfield. The death of Mr. Forquer left Judge Treat in sole possession of his law practice. In 1851 he was elected Judge of the Circuit Court, and Stephen T. Logan was put on the bench. After serving about three months he resigned, and Judge Treat was appointed by Gov. Carlin to fill the vacancy. He was afterward elected to the same bench, serving till 1854, when he was transferred to the Supreme bench of the State, serving continuously until March 3, 1855, when the old United States District of Illinois having been divided into the Northern and Southern Districts, he was appointed Judge of the Southern District by President Pierce.

#### SOUTHERN.

A dispatch from Richmond, Va., says that a train went through a bridge nine miles from Liberty, on the Norfolk and Western Road. The bridge was in process of repair. Eight or nine workmen were killed and several others wounded.

The Governor of Virginia has been advised by cable that the London holders of State bonds are to appoint commissioners to proceed to Virginia and arrange with representatives of the State for a settlement of the debt. In consequence, a joint resolution for the creation of a commission has been introduced in the Senate at Richmond.

Owing to scarcity of grass in the Rio Grande districts in Texas, thousands of sheep have perished of hunger. One firm lost 30,000 head.

Trouble with the cotton-handlers in New Orleans is seriously interfering with the trade.

A colored man named Johnson was executed at Marion, Arkansas, in presence of fifteen hundred persons, for an outrage on a young white girl left in his charge.

Veterans of the Union and Confederate armies in Virginia are contributing liberally toward the erection of a monument to Gen. John Sedgwick, killed near Spotsylvania.

#### WASHINGTON.

It is stated that Commissioner of Patents Montgomery will be appointed Judge of the District Court of the District of Columbia.

Col. Lamont says that the fears recently expressed by Dr. Sowers as to the President's health are not shared by Mr. Cleveland's family and intimate friends.

The contract to erect the new aqueduct bridge across the Potomac at Washington has been awarded to the Mount Vernon (Ohio) Bridge Company at \$80,000.

Oscar S. Strauss, a prominent importer of New York, has been appointed Minister to Turkey.

J. Sterling Morton, of Nebraska, is likely to be appointed a member of the Pacific Railroad Commission.

The Treasury Department reports 634 distilleries in operation throughout the country, Kentucky leading with 156.

J. R. Doolittle, Jr., of Chicago, has applied to President Cleveland for the vacant Judgeship of the District Court at Washington.

Instructions have been issued to department commanders to exercise strict economy in the matter of orders involving travel of army officers.

The President has appointed James F. Benedict to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Colorado.

The new extradition treaty between Great Britain and the United States has been submitted by President Cleveland to the Senate. It calls for extradition for such crimes as manslaughter, burglary, embezzlement or larceny of the value of \$50 or upward, and malicious injury to property, but makes a decided exemption in favor of merely political offenders.

#### RAILROAD INTELLIGENCE.

The New York *Herald* publishes a number of interviews regarding the effect of the interstate commerce act. The general opinion seems to be that express companies are exempt from its operation, also that the great railway systems will consolidate and make such tariffs as will crush out the lesser lines. It is said that the Pennsylvania, St. Paul, and Northern Pacific systems will consolidate; that the Vanderbilt roads will be put under one management, and that the Baltimore and Ohio deal is the first outcome of the bill. Commissioner Fink said that while some sections of the bill were admirable, the greater portion of it was impracticable. He thought the effect of the bill would be to drive producers in the far West to the wall or to the slow export via the lakes. He believed the law would ruin a great many railways, and the many branches of industry that have thrived on competing rates. Vice President Thompson of the Pennsylvania Road expresses great confidence in the Interstate Commission, and thinks the members will consider the best interests of the country in applying the law. The Pennsylvania Company will advance the rate for quarterly commutation tickets 2½ per cent.

A contract has been made at Mexico, Mo., for boring a well three thousand feet, in search of oil.

Agents of California roads have announced that in future rates on wool to Boston

will be \$5.40 per 100 pounds, an advance of \$4.77½. This, it is said, will make it impossible for Boston dealers to handle California wool.

The Railroad Commissioners of New York have presented to the Legislature a report against the heating of cars by stoves.

A mass meeting of commercial travelers held at the Palmer House in Chicago, decided to adopt no aggressive or boycotting tactics toward the railroads on the mileage ticket and baggage question, but appointed a committee to co-operate with the similar committee of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association in bringing their mutual grievances before the railroad managers.

#### POLITICAL.

The Republicans of Cincinnati have nominated Amor Smith, Jr., for Mayor, and Gen. F. W. Moore for Judge of the Superior Court.

The Democrats of Chicago have nominated Carter H. Harrison for Mayor, John H. McAvoy for Treasurer, C. F. M. Allen for Attorney, and Henry Stuckert for Clerk.

The New Jersey House unanimously passed the bill giving women the right to vote for school trustees in school districts.

A bill has passed the Wisconsin Legislature awarding life imprisonment to persons who shall have carnal knowledge of girls under 14 years of age.

Senator John H. Sherman of Ohio delivered a political speech at Nashville, Tenn., before a very large audience, speaking on the invitation of the Republican members of the Tennessee Legislature.

A bill to punish murder by hanging failed of passage in the Michigan House by one vote.

Mayor Carter H. Harrison positively declined the Democratic nomination for Mayor of Chicago.

New York telegram: "James G. Blaine's Western trip is entirely for business and recreation. He will visit his daughter, Mrs. Lieut. Col. Coppinger, at Fort Wichita, I. T., and will put in a day at least in Chicago."

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. Lawrence Barrett, the actor, has instructed his counsel, Colonel Ingersoll, to bring suit for \$50,000 damages for malicious prosecution against the President of the American Exchange, its Directors, and General Manager.

Col. Isaac Warming, a veteran of two wars, died at Salem, Ill. Among his eleven surviving children is Henry C. Warming, ex-Governor of Louisiana. Philip O'Brien died at Chicago at the extreme age of 103 years. He was born in Waterford, Ireland, in 1784. He had been a resident of Illinois fifty-three years. Mrs. John Farnham died at Utica, N. Y., at the age of 108.

The Scotia, from Marseilles to New York, went ashore on Long Island. The 1,200 passengers, however, were rescued without the loss of a single life. A tempestuous voyage is reported.

President Fitzgerald of the Irish National League in America has issued a long address calling upon the Irish people to rally once more to the support of the cause of Irish nationality and asking the American people and the American press to lend the Irish their moral support by denouncing the proposal of the British Government to re-erect coercive legislation. In his address Mr. Fitzgerald says:

There is no law, human or divine, that compels a nation to passively accept annihilation, and if these British Tories are permitted to heap additional wrongs on the Irish people despair will nerve the Irish to active resistance and wild retaliation. The very dear turn on their pursuers when driven to bay, and if nothing will satisfy the British Government but the destruction of the Irish people Ireland will be justified before God and man in selling her life at the heaviest price she can obtain, and in using every weapon the ingenuity of man can place within her reach.

#### FOREIGN.

An official in the French War Office has been dismissed on suspicion that he has been supplying secrets to foreigners.

Father Keller writes from prison that he does not regret his loss of liberty and will not do the infamous thing the Judge asked of him if he is kept in jail until he dies.

The Chinese have an effectual way of dealing with tramps. Three hundred of the wanderers invaded a village. The inhabitants lured them into a temple, fired it, and only forty escaped.

The Cambridge crew defeated the Oxfords by three lengths in the annual rowing match on the Thames.

The great ocean yacht race between Coronet and Dauntless was ended at 12:50 noon, Sunday, March 27, when the former boat passed the winning point off Queenstown, the run from New York having been made in fourteen days, nineteen hours, three minutes, and fourteen seconds. The Dauntless had not been sighted when its rival reached the goal. The whole number of nautical miles sailed was 2,949. The longest day's run was 291.5 miles, made on Saturday, March 26, and the shortest 38.8 miles, made on Tuesday, March 22. The weather was uncommonly stormy. No less than seven heavy gales contrived to keep the sea in a foment for eleven days of the trip, and for two days the weather was so severe as to make the question of the yacht's living through them somewhat doubtful.

She behaved splendidly, however, in all sorts of weather, and proved herself one of the stanchest, if not one of the fastest, vessels of her size afloat.

Mgr. Rampolla del Tinduro, Papal Nuncio at Madrid, has been invested with the Cardinal's hat.

Fears of a revolution in Spain have caused the issuance of orders to keep the garrisons at Madrid and the other chief cities in readiness for immediate action.

A convention has been signed between the Portuguese and Chinese Governments, in which China recognizes Portugal's right to the possession of Macao.

Orders have been given at St. Petersburg to place in a state of readiness for services eighty-seven torpedo vessels belonging to the Baltic fleet and the Fifteenth Division of the army.

#### LATER NEWS ITEMS.

The Governor of Missouri has signed a bill which places St. Louis under the operation of the Downing law. This statute demands the closing of beer gardens and saloons, and prohibits the running of streetcars, the publication of newspapers, and all kinds of traffic on Sunday.

The differences between the old and new Cotton Men's Council at New Orleans, resulting in a strike, have paralyzed the trade, and no cotton can be shipped or sold. The old council of workers refuses to disband and join the new organization.

Paul Tulane, the philanthropist, died at Princeton, N. J., aged 87.

Mrs. Mary Manning, who was born in Ireland in 1782, died last week at Wakefield, Mass.

Hon. John H. Reagan met with a severe accident at his residence, near Palestine, Texas. The Senator is in the habit of taking horseback exercise every morning before breakfast. One morning, in mounting his horse for his customary ride, the saddle, being insecurely fastened, turned with his weight, throwing him violently to the ground, inflicting a severe injury to his spine. While his injuries are serious, no fatal results are anticipated.

The first application on the files of the interstate commerce commission is from the associated roads of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama, asking exemption from the short-haul clause of the law, because of river competition.

It is stated that the Directors of the Union Pacific Railroad will go before the interstate commission with a distinct and definite proposal for the readjustment of the road's financial relations.

Emperor William received 1,648 congratulatory telegrams on his recent birthday. Sixty of the number were sent from the United States.

Mr. Parnell considers the Irish criminal law amendment bill one of the strongest coercive measures ever proposed in Parliament.

Father Ryan, of the Herbertstown branch of the Irish National League, has been arrested and taken to Dublin for refusing to testify in relation to the plan of campaign.

The yacht Dauntless passed the finishing line at Queenstown at 6:45 o'clock Monday evening, March 28, her actual time on passage being 16 days, 1 hour, 45 minutes, 13 seconds. All on board were well, and the yacht was in as good shape as when she left New York. A London dispatch says: "The officers of the Coronet and other yachtsmen are greatly pleased with the result of the race, and say it has served to show admirable qualities in both yachts. Considering the difference in the tonnage, the length of the two yachts, and the extraordinarily heavy weather which prevailed during the voyage, the Dauntless is thought to have done as well as her competitor."

Sentences of imprisonment for from one to twenty years have been imposed upon thirteen anarchists at Vienna who plotted to fire the city and blow up the imperial palace with dynamite.

Inquiries set on foot by the Navy Department a year ago show that the railroads can transport boats 110 feet in length, and by way of the Erie Canal torpedo boats 100 feet long can be taken from the Atlantic Ocean to the upper lakes.

Last week there were 432,387 standard silver dollars issued.

EXPERIMENTS tried with a new electrical device for use in feeding sheets of paper to printing presses prove quite successful. It is automatic, and notice of any trouble is signaled at once by ringing a bell.