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## THE NEWS.

Intelligence Gathered In by Wire from Every Quarter of the Nation.

Also a Few News Sandwiches from Lands Beyond the Broad Ocean.

## THE VERY LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

### BADEAU AND THE GRANTS.

Col. Fred Publishes a Long Reply to the General's Address.

COL. F. D. GRANT makes public a long statement in reply to Gen. Adam Badeau's address to the American people upon the controversy which has arisen between Gen. Badeau and the family of the late Gen. U. S. Grant as to the services rendered by Gen. Badeau in connection with the writing of the "Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant."

Colonel Grant says that it is his last word in the matter prior to the hearing of the case in court, and that for that reason he presents the history of the case in extenso. Under the circumstances, therefore, he goes over much ground which has already been covered by publication in the daily papers, and gives much space to correspondence participated in by himself and the lawyers in the case, chiefly in the negotiations with a view to the settlement of the case without resort to the courts; to personal denunciation of General Badeau, and to arguments going to show that Gen. Badeau's services as a general left a character which Badeau claims that they were. Col. Grant adds that the demand of Gen. Badeau was a source of grief and annoyance to his father for the remainder of his life, and adds that the letter of reply "was written eleven days before my father's death, at a period of keen personal suffering, and when the memory of Gen. Badeau's letter of May 2 made his mental anguish greater than that of the body."

### THE ROCK ISLAND'S ANSWER.

It Charges the "Q" with Trying to Force All Western Roads Into a Trust.

The answer of the Rock Island to the bill filed by the Burlington company in Judge Gresham's court to compel the former to haul Burlington freight and cars is highly sensational in character, says a Chicago special.

The charge made by the Rock Island is, in substance, that prior to the trouble with the Brotherhood engineers and firemen, the Burlington had entered upon a systematic lowering of freight rates with the purpose of forcing all the competing roads, great and small, to form a gigantic railway trust, to be managed by three men vested with absolute power to make and alter rates and control the business of all the roads entering into the combination. It is also charged that the Burlington, founded and built up in the disaffection among its own employes for the purpose of coercing the other roads into joining the trust, and that it has, in pursuance of that purpose, attempted to involve the Rock Island in trouble with its own engineers and firemen. The Burlington officials deny these allegations and characterize them as baseless and absurd.

### The Peace of Europe.

The situation between the Central allies and Russia remains the same. The visit of the King of Roumania to Vienna resulted in a definite treaty under which Austria pledges to resist any violation of Roumanian territory. Leading Roumanian army officers will be replaced by German and Austrian officers. The Emperor's decree of March 21, authorizing Crown Prince William to represent him in the transaction of state business, is now recognized as tantamount to the creation of a co-regency. Besides this decree another exists giving to the Prince fuller powers in the event of the Emperor growing worse.

### THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

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The German Emperor Improving. A BERLIN dispatch says that "a wooden walk is being constructed in the park at Charlottenburg to enable Emperor Frederick to take outdoor exercise. Dr. Bergmann visits the Emperor every Sunday in order to reassure Germans who are opposed to Dr. Mackenzie. Dr. Mackenzie hopes to be able to pay a short visit to his London patients in a week or two. The Emperor has countermanded the order for the spring review of the guards."

### Base-Ball in Australia.

ARRANGEMENTS are in progress for taking a company of at least twenty of the leading ball-players of America to Australia. Mr. A. G. Spalding, the President of the Chicago Base-Ball Club, is at the head of the undertaking, and will accompany the party. Under his direction the great cities of the antipodes will be afforded a fine exhibition of the beauties of American base-ball, compared with which cricket is dull and lifeless sport.

### The Burlington Road's Trouble.

A CHICAGO dispatch of Monday says: "Not a wheel of a freight car turned in the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy yards yesterday. For the second time within a month the freight business of this road is temporarily paralyzed, this time by the action of the switchmen."

### Telegrams in Brief.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, ex-Governor of New York, died last week in Germany, where he was staying for his health.

COLD and sleet are thought to have done serious injury to fruit and other crops in Central and Northern Illinois.

The Central Theater and the Theater Comique, an unused structure adjoining, in Philadelphia, were destroyed by fire.

A JUSTICE at Clinton, Iowa, ordered twelve barrels of beer destroyed, which was found in a wholesale house, in violation of the prohibition law.

A NEW scheme to pipe oil to Toledo, Ohio, and there refine it, has been floated by a syndicate that is determined to compete with the Standard Oil Company.

EMPLOYERS of unskilled labor in California having reached the conclusion that the wages demanded by the Chinese are extortionate, have sent agents to the South to engage negroes to take the place of the Mongolians. The first consignment of negro laborers passed through St. Louis en route to the coast last week.

## WEEKLY BUDGET.

### THE EASTERN STATES.

The purchase of the *Mail and Express*, the leading Republican afternoon paper of New York City, by Elliott F. Shepard, a son-in-law of the late William H. Vanderbilt, is construed as favorable to the interests of Chauncy M. Depew as a candidate for the Presidential nomination. The paper was owned by Cyrus W. Field, and the price paid is understood to have been \$500,000.

### THE WESTERN STATES.

The Insurance Commission of Missouri has brought suit against the Ancient Order of United Workmen, which has refused to comply with the law, on the ground that it is not an insurance company.

EX-SENATOR TABOR, of Denver, owner of the Vulture Mine, near Phoenix, Arizona, has received information that two of his messengers from the mine were murdered near Nigger Wells and robbed of \$7,000 in bullion. He offers a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest of the murderers and \$1,000 for the recovery of the bullion.

A CHICAGO special says: "There has not been such a flurry for several years as is now agitating trades people and bankers over the wholesale shoving of counterfeit \$5 silver certificates during the last three days. The banks have been literally flooded with these certificates."

The Commercial National Bank of Dubuque, Iowa, has suspended payment.

In the tally-sheet forgery case at Columbus the jury disagreed, after having been out four days, and was discharged. The ballot had stood at ten to two for conviction.

### THE SOUTHERN STATES.

At Frankfort, Ky., on Tuesday, Governor Buckner suspended Treasurer of State James W. Tate. Tate is charged with defalcation in his office, and has fled the State. The defaulting official has been Treasurer for twenty-one years. He was considered the soul of honor, and the news will produce a tremendous sensation throughout the State. It is thought Tate's shortage will amount to between \$200,000 and \$300,000. The irregularities seem to run back eleven years.

A REWARD of \$5,000 has been offered for the arrest of Tate, the defaulting Kentucky treasurer. His shortage is between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

A TERRIBLE wind-storm visited Georgia and East Tennessee Wednesday night, causing immense destruction to property and much loss of life. A Nashville dispatch says:

The storm seems to have formed in the vicinity of Calhoun, Ga., and pursued a northeasterly direction through North Georgia and into and beyond East Tennessee, bounding across to the Chickamauga mountains, and was next heard from near London, Tenn., on the East Tennessee road, eighty miles northeast of Chattanooga, traveling from Calhoun, Ga., to London, Tenn., a distance of 100 miles, in about thirty minutes. The path of the tornado from Calhoun to London was through a section remote from railroads and telegraph lines and the damage will not be known for several days, but must have been fearful. The tornado in places cleared the ground completely of grass, and a forest of timber was mown as with a great scythe. The cyclone had a rotary motion, leaving a scene of desolation and destruction in its path. Large trees were twisted from their trunks and others torn up by the roots.

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### THE MARKETS.

the illness of Gov. Larabee, was continued permanent Chairman. Congressman David B. Henderson was, by acclamation, selected a Delegate-at-large to the National Convention, the balloting for the other three delegates resulting in the election of J. S. Clarkson, George D. Perkins, and J. P. Dolliver. The resolutions set forth the qualifications and attainments of Senator William B. Allison, and recommend him as a fit candidate for the Presidency. These were adopted with cheers; Allison songs were sung, the convention joining in the chorus, and an Allison brigade was formed to go to Chicago in June.

WITHIN a week or ten days a letter from Chauncy M. Depew is to be published stating he is not an aspirant for the Republican nomination for President, says an Albany (N. Y.) special. The letter will be sufficiently explicit to check all talk of Mr. Depew as a candidate. Mr. Depew has never encouraged the mention of his name in association with the nomination, and has never had an idea of running for the office. The mention of his name has been gratifying to him as a man who is a little proud of the versatility of his talents. His ideas on the subject have never been a secret to his personal friends and acquaintances.

### THE FOREIGN BUDGET.

The earthquake shocks in Yunnan China, continued three weeks, destroying several towns and causing much damage to shipping at Kien-Shiu, 4,000 persons were killed.

A GAS explosion set fire to a crowded theater in Oporto, Portugal, while a play was in progress, and the building was consumed. Oporto dispatches furnish the following particulars of the awful calamity:

While performance was in progress at the Banquet Theater, Wednesday night, an explosion of gas occurred and the theater took fire and was destroyed. The house was full of spectators at the time. Eighty bodies have been taken from the ruins. Most of those burned were in the third row of boxes and galleries, where whole families were suffocated. There was a terrible struggle at the door when the spectators tried to escape. Large numbers were suffocated and trampled upon. Many on reaching the street were so seriously injured that they vomited blood. Nearly all the victims were spectators. The actors escaped in theatrical costume. Many in the theater, finding themselves unable to reach the doors, jumped from the windows. Some corpses were found in the stage boxes.

A CABLE dispatch from Oporto, Portugal, says it is known that at least 126 people were burned to death in the theater fire.

The fire began by the blowing of an unproctected gas jet against the scenery. The gas shifter saw the accident, and rushed to lower the curtain, but before he could do so the blazing scenes fell on the stage, and the panic began. In the cheaper parts of the house the attendance was principally of the rougher class, including many sailors and dock porters, who crushed down the weaker people in their rush for the doors, using their fists, shoes and knives, and mercilessly slaying their way to the front. Girls, children and women were literally torn to pieces by these panic-stricken brutes in their mad endeavor to get out. Many victims who escaped otherwise, will doubtless be desperately cut in the fight at the doorway. Some windows among those who were within jumped from high windows. Among these was the principal actress in the play. A much shorter and safer way out existed, but many of the people on the stage either did not know of it or forgot it.

A BERLIN dispatch says the Emperor's laryngeal disease is decidedly much less alarming than it has been for many months, and this gives rise to hopes that possibly he may be cured.

### THE WORLD AT LARGE.

GENERAL BRAGG opened his diplomatic career by a speech at a banquet given in his honor by Americans resident in the City of Mexico, in which he said the sympathy of President Cleveland's administration was with the liberal government in Mexico, and that the reactionary party, which has tendencies toward a monarchical regime, would in no event be permitted to carry its design into execution.

In his testimony before the House Committee engaged in the investigation of the sugar trust Claus Spreckels, the California saccharine magnate, told how he had been urged to join the Eastern combinations, but concluded to stay out because he could make more money. When asked if the effect of the trust had not been to lessen the price of sugar Mr. Spreckels replied that trusts were not built that way—not formed to put money into the pockets of the people and keep it out of the pockets of the trust.

### THE MARKETS.

#### NEW YORK.

CATTLE.....	\$ 4.50	© 5.75
HOGS.....	5.25	© 6.00
SHEEP.....	6.00	© 7.25

WHEAT—No. 2 Spring.....	.88	© .89
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No. 2 Red.....	.90	© .91
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CORN—No. 2.....	.59	© .60
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OATS—White.....	.40	© .45
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PORK—New Mess.....	14.75	© 15.50
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#### CHICAGO.

CATTLE—Choice to Prime Steers.....	5.00	© 5.50
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Good.....	4.25	© 4.75
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Common to Fair.....	3.75	© 4.25
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HOGS—Shipping Grades.....	5.25	© 5.75
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SHEEP.....	5.25	© 6.00
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WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	.80	© .81
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CORN—No. 2.....	.48	© .49
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BARLEY—No. 2.....	.29	© .30
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BUTTER—Choice Creamery.....	.50	© .51
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CHEESE—Full Cream, fat.....	.11	© .12
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Eggs—Full Cream.....	.14	© .15
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POTATOES—Choice, per bu.....	.14	© .15
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PORK—Mess.....	13.50	© 14.00
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#### TOLEDO.

WHEAT—Cash.....	.82	© .83
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CORN—Cash.....	.50	© .51
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OATS—Cash.....	.31	© .32
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CLOVER SEED.....	3.75	© 3.80
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#### KANSAS CITY.

CATTLE.....	
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