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THE NEWS RECORD.

A Summary of the Eventful Happenings of a Week, as Reported by Telegraph.

Political, Commercial, and Industrial News, Fires, Accidents, Crimes, Suicides, Etc., Etc.

THE VERY LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

DEATH OF A FAMOUS TROTTER.

Dexter, Once King of the Turf, Dies of Old Age and Exhaustion.

Dexter, the famous trotter, died at the stable of Mr. Robert Bonner, in New York City, last week. He died of old age and exhaustion. The body was buried at Mr. Bonner's farm, at Tarrytown, N. Y. For years the glory of the best trotting record fell to the honor of Flora Temple, and she held it until Doble took it from her with Dexter in 2:17 1/4. That was the best time until Doble beat it with the same horse, whose record he finally worked down to 2:17. Subsequently he lowered that record with Goldsmith Maid, who went the mile in 2:14. She remained the queen of the turf until the advent of St. Julien, who in turn went down before Maud S., who has the present and best trotting record ever made, 2:08 3/4. Dexter was 30 years old when he died. Except as an advertisement he was never of much use to Mr. Bonner, who seldom ventured to drive him. The proprietor of the Ledger paid \$35,000 for the horse, but very soon afterward his record was beaten. In temper Dexter was always eccentric and vicious.

DETAILS OF THE CHINESE EARTHQUAKE.

Terrible Loss of Life and Property in the Province of Yunnan.

By the arrival at San Francisco of the steamer City of New York from China, we get details of the earthquake in Yunnan. The Prefect of Lin An, with Chi Hien of Shih Ping and the Kien Shui under him, has reported to the Governor of Yunnan as follows: From the second day of the twelfth month of the last Chinese year till the third day of this year there were over ten shocks of earthquake, accompanied with a noise like thunder. Yamen, in the City of Shih Ping, and Kien Shui were either knocked down or split right down and the temples likewise. On Shih Ping eight or nine-tenths of the houses in the south fell down and half those in the east; in the northwest about 1,000 were cracked or bent out of the perpendicular. Over 200 people, men and women, old and young, were crushed to death and over 300 wounded and injured. At Tunc Hiang over 800 were crushed to death and about 700 or 800 wounded. At Nan Hiang over 200 are dead, and over 400 injured. At Si Hiang over 200 were killed and over 300 injured. At Peh Hiang about 100 were killed and the same number injured. [The above four places are suburbs.] In the town and suburbs over 4,000 people were either killed or wounded. Eight or nine tenths of the houses have fallen down, and the rest are cracked and leaning over. In the northwest suburb 300 to 400 houses were overturned, killing 249 people, and wounding 150 to 160.

The Emperor Better.

The doctors attending the German Emperor declare the published descriptions of the Emperor's sufferings, with the exception of the difficulty in breathing, are exaggerated. He suffers from no local pain whatever. Absolute rest is still imperative. It is impossible to predict whether or not the present improvement will continue. The favorable turn in his condition, however, has awakened but slight hopes of recovery.

Tate, the Defaulter.

The amount of ex-Treasurer Tate's defalcation, with all credits made, is now placed at \$150,000. It is learned that just before leaving Louisville, Tate sent the negro porter to the bank for a large sum, saying he wanted to pay a school claim. As no such school claims were due this is evidence that he took with him \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Minister Pendleton Recovering.

UNITED STATES MINISTER PENDLETON is rapidly recovering. He is attended by his daughter, who hurried to his bedside at Berlin from Italy, where she was on a tour for her health. Mr. Pendleton's physician advises him to abstain from work for a long time.

Telegrams in Brief.

THE dry-goods firm of Marks & Hyman, of Tyler, Texas, has failed for \$50,000.

AUGUSTIN DALY'S theatrical troupe has sailed from New York, on the Servia, for England.

HOTEL men at Springfield, Ohio, were fined and imprisoned for passing off oleomargarine as pure butter.

HENRY E. ABBEY has released M. Damala, Sarah Bernhardt's husband, from his contract for a tour in America.

At Austin, Texas, the new State House has been opened. Thousands of people were present at the dedicatory exercises.

ROBERT DE FAUCONNET and Comte de Kellman fought a duel at Meudon, near Paris. The Comte was wounded. The duel arose from a dispute about Gen. Boulanger.

A Day in the House.

THE Breckinridge copyright bill was reported to the House by Mr. Collins from the Judiciary Committee on April 20. The Dunn free ship bill was also reported to the House by the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. It is identical with the bill reported to the last Congress with the exception of two amendments limiting the business of the foreign built vessels admitted to American registry to the foreign trade and expressly prohibiting them from engaging in the coastwise trade of the United States. The majority report is also similar to that which accompanied the bill when it was reported during the last Congress. A minority report was also presented. The House spent the day on the river and harbor bill, and the committee proved that it had the House under good control, for as each item was read the member from the district in which the work was located got up and moved the appropriation, after explaining that that particular item was quite exceptional and ought to be increased for reasons that did not apply to any other item, and regularly the House voted down the amendment and sustained the committee.

WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE EASTERN STATES.

THE new building of the Consolidated Exchange, at New York, has been opened.

ELIZABETH ARNOLD, a colored woman, has just died at Pittsburg, at the age of 118.

DR. AGNEW, the celebrated New York physician who was the first to be called to attend Roscoe Conkling when the latter entered upon his final illness, is dead. He had been very dangerously ill for some days. An abscess formed in the peritoneal cavity, and the delicate operation of laparotomy was performed. After the operation the patient rallied, and, though suffering considerable pain, seemed relieved, but he later grew worse, and was unconscious for some time before he died.

FIRE at North Braddock, Pa., caused a loss of \$30,000. Fifty persons were rendered homeless.

A WOMAN who was wounded in the hand by a rooster on the farm of Ephraim Hershey, at Lancaster, Pa., died from lockjaw.

THE funeral services over the remains of the late Roscoe Conkling took place in Trinity Chapel, New York City, Rev. Morgan Dix officiating. The remains were taken by special train to Utica, where the burial services and interment were held.

AT Newark, N. J., the planing mill of Jarvis & McCure was destroyed by fire, at a loss of \$50,000, partially insured.

THE WESTERN STATES.

FIVE railroad laborers were fatally injured by the premature explosion of a blast at Labadie, Mo.

A NEENAH, Wis., special says that on the upper Wolf river, near Embarrass, an entire family named Lathrop, comprising father, mother and three children, were drowned in the flood. They lived in a small shanty near the bank of the stream, and though they had been warned to leave their dangerous abode, they neglected to do so, and the floods swept the building and occupants down the stream.

FIRE destroyed the Findlay, Ohio, window-glass factory. Loss \$35,000; fully insured.

THE Standard Oil Company's plant at Fort Wayne, Ind., has been destroyed by fire. Loss about \$12,000.

AT Cincinnati, Ohio, the Betts Street Furniture Company's factory was burned, causing a loss of \$63,000; fully insured.

THE stove works of J. T. Jackson, at Mentor, Ind., were destroyed by fire, with a loss of from \$15,000 to \$20,000, and no insurance.

THE Consolidated Tank Line Company's building, near Cincinnati, Ohio, has been destroyed by fire. The loss of \$30,000 is partially insured.

THREE bodies have been taken from the ruins of the Bethel Home at St. Louis, which was destroyed by fire. Four other persons were badly hurt. The loss is \$10,000.

EIGHT horse thieves were caught by an armed posse thirty miles from Purcell, I. T., after a running fight, and strung up without confession or prayers. Some of the posse were killed.

THE SOUTHERN STATES.

MAJOR JOHN S. RUD, member of Long-street's staff during the rebellion, committed suicide with chloroform at Coal Valley, West Virginia.

A STRANGE story of murder and swift retribution comes from Calhoun County, West Virginia. Jacob Hollis returned home late at night, accompanied by George Freeds, a peddler, and on arriving at the house they saw through the window that Mrs. Hollis and her three children lay dead on the floor, and that four men who killed them were still in the house. At Freeds's suggestion Hollis made a noise at the back door, while the peddler stood near the front door, and as the murderers came out of the house he shot three of them dead, and severely wounded the fourth.

J. S. HAMILTON, on trial at Brandon, Miss., on a charge of having murdered Roderick Dhu Gambrell, at Jackson, Miss., last fall, has been acquitted.

ISAAC KIRKPATRICK and his wife Puss, both colored, living near Gallatin, Tenn., were taken from their house by a mob. The woman was first hanged in her night dress, and the man was then shot to death. The woman was suspected of arson.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

THE national legislative, judicial, and executive appropriation bill, as agreed upon in the House committee, appropriates \$20,472,394, which is \$937,006 less than the estimates and \$200,246 less than the current appropriations for the same service.

THE President has vetoed the bills granting pensions to Hannah H. Langdon, Betsy Mansfield, and Laura A. Wright, on the ground that the deaths did not result from injuries received during the war, or sickness incident to army service; and until it is established as a policy that all soldiers' widows shall be pensioned, it is unfair and unjust to make exceptions in favor of only such as procure the passage of special acts.

SECRETARY BAYARD is to marry Mrs. Forsom, the mother of Mrs. Cleveland.

COMMISSIONERS of Arbitration, whose duties are to investigate the causes of labor troubles between interstate common carriers and their employees, are provided for in a bill which has passed the House at Washington. These commissioners are also to act as arbitrators when requested to do so by both parties to the dispute.

THE Metropolitan Club House in Washington has been damaged by fire to the extent of \$10,000 or \$15,000.

THE POLITICAL FIELD.

A NEW ORLEANS dispatch says that "further returns from the interior of the State show unexpectedly heavy Democratic gains. Nichols' majority will probably reach 75,000 or 80,000. Parishes that never failed to go Republican heretofore are Democratic for the first time. In New Orleans the regular Democratic ticket has been beaten clean out of sight by that of the Young Men's Democratic Association, the majorities ranging from 8,000 to 12,000.

THE Ohio Republican State Convention, at Dayton, was presided over temporarily by ex-Speaker Keifer, who yielded to the Hon.

E. I. Lampson as permanent Chairman. The following State ticket was nominated: For Secretary of State, Daniel J. Ryan; for Supreme Court Judge, J. P. Bradbury; for member of Board of Public Works, W. R. Jones. Gov. Foraker, ex-Gov. Foster, and Congressman McKinley and Butterworth were nominated delegates-at-large to the National Republican Convention. The resolutions were read by ex-Gov. Foster, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions. The platform denounces the Democrats for "suppressing votes in the South and nullifying the war amendments of the Constitution"; declares it the duty of Congress to pass a comprehensive pension bill; condemns the Democrats in Congress for not passing the direct-tax bill; and declares in favor of such economic legislation as will protect all American industries that can be profitably pursued by American citizens. John Sherman was endorsed for President in the following resolution:

THE Republicans of Ohio recognize the merits, services, and abilities of the statesmen who have been mentioned for the Republican nomination for the Presidency, and loyal to anyone who may be selected, present John Sherman to the country as an eminently qualified and fitted for the duties of that exalted office, and the delegates to the Republican National Convention this day selected are directed to use all honorable means to secure his nomination as President of the United States.

AN Indianapolis dispatch says that "conventions were held in each Congressional district in Indiana on Thursday for the selection of delegates to the National Republican Convention. The result was a sweeping victory for Gen. Harrison. The Tenth district delegates were given no instructions, but they are Harrison men. The conventions were almost unanimously in favor of the nomination of the Hon. A. G. Porter for Governor."

THE FOREIGN BUDGET.

MR. MATTHEW ARNOLD, the noted English poet, scholar, and critic, whose recent article on "Civilization in the United States" attracted much attention, died suddenly in Liverpool, from heart disease. Mr. Arnold went to Liverpool to meet his daughter, who was on her way to England from New York. He was still in high spirits. Soon after leaving the house he suddenly fell forward and never afterward spoke. The daughter arrived at Liverpool an hour after his death. Mr. Arnold was 67 years of age.

THE Bundesrath has voted to expel from Germany Herr Bernstein, the editor of the Social Democrat, together with the publisher and two sub-editors.

MR. PENDLETON, the American Minister, was stricken with apoplexy on the train while traveling from Wiesbaden to Frankfurt, Germany. He was immediately taken to the hospital at Wiesbaden, where the paralysis was found to be slight and to be confined to one side. He is reported much better, and his complete recovery is expected.

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

THE City Brewery of Peoria, Ill., was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$100,000. R. G. Dux & Co., in their last weekly trade review, say:

There are higher prices in speculation, but the business outlook is distinctly less favorable. Stocks are stronger, and breadstuffs are rising with oil and provisions; but purchases for consumption are so restricted that almost every important branch of manufacture feels the check, and the volume of business recorded in bank clearings outside of New York is smaller by 6 per cent. than at the same time last year, with a decline of over 12 1/2 per cent. at New York. Prices of manufactured products and the chief materials tend downward, so that, in spite of a material advance in speculative prices since Jan. 1, and in vegetables, the average of all prices is a shade lower than at the opening of the year. Wheat has risen 2 1/2 cents, corn 2 cents, pork 50 cents per barrel, lard nearly 1 cent, hogs 39 cents per 100 pounds, and oil 7 cents.

THE base-ball season of the National League has opened. In the opening games the Chicago defeated the Indianapolis team 5 to 4; Pittsburg vanquished Detroit in twelve innings, 5 to 3; Boston overcame the Philadelphia, 4 to 3, and New York calmed the Washington, 6 to 0. An event of the Chicago-Indianapolis game was a fist fight between Esterbrook and Sullivan, in which Mr. Anson and certain police officers became verbally involved. A fine of \$25 was imposed by the umpire upon the combatant, who were arrested after the game.

THE MARKETS.

CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Choice to Prime Steers	\$5.00 @ 5.50
Good	4.25 @ 4.75
Cows and Heifers	2.50 @ 3.50
HOGS—Shipping Grades	5.25 @ 5.75
SHEEP	5.50 @ 7.00
WHEAT—No. 1 Red	82 1/2 @ 83 1/4
CORN—No. 2	35 @ 35 1/2
OATS—No. 2	31 1/2 @ 32 1/2
BARLEY—No. 2	78 @ 80
BUTTER—Choice Creamery	23 @ 26
Eggs—Fresh	22 @ 24
CHEESE—Full Cream, Nat.	11 1/2 @ 12
POTATOES—Choice, per bu.	95 @ 1.05
POK—Mess	14.00 @ 14.25
WHEAT—Cash	78 @ 78 1/2
CORN—No. 3	33 @ 34
OATS—No. 2 White	34 1/4 @ 35 1/4
RYE—No. 1	61 @ 63
BARLEY—No. 2	74 @ 76
POK—Mess	13.75 @ 14.25

ST. LOUIS.	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	84 @ 84 1/2
CORN—Mixed	33 @ 33 1/2
OATS—Cash	33 @ 33 1/2
RYE	62 @ 63
BARLEY	80 @ 88
POK—Mess	14.25 @ 14.75

NEW YORK.	
CATTLE	5.00 @ 5.25
HOGS	5.50 @ 6.00
SHEEP	5.50 @ 6.00
WHEAT—No. 1 White	87 1/4 @ 88
CORN—No. 2	35 1/4 @ 35 3/4
OATS—No. 2	31 1/2 @ 32

DETROIT.	
CATTLE	4.00 @ 5.25
HOGS	5.00 @ 5.50
SHEEP	4.00 @ 6.00
WHEAT—No. 1 White	87 1/4 @ 88
CORN—No. 2	35 1/4 @ 35 3/4
OATS—No. 2	31 1/2 @ 32

INDIANAPOLIS.	
CATTLE	4.50 @ 5.25
HOGS	4.50 @ 6.00
SHEEP	4.50 @ 6.00
WHEAT—No. 1	84 @ 85
CORN—No. 2 Yellow	31 1/2 @ 32 1/2

EAST LIBERTY.	
CATTLE—Prime	5.00 @ 5.25
Common	4.25 @ 4.75
HOGS	5.00 @ 6.00
SHEEP	6.00 @ 7.25
LAMBS	5.00 @ 7.00

ROSCOE CONKLING DEAD.

His Last Hours Painless, and Weeping Friends Watched His Slow but Sure Decline.

Pathetic Scenes in the Sick-Room—Biographical Sketch of the Famous Ex-Senator.

[Special (New York) telegram.]

Roscoe Conkling, the famous ex-Senator, died in his room in the Hoffman House annex at 1:15 o'clock Wednesday morning. He began declining rapidly early in the day, and was but slightly conscious during the forenoon, sinking swiftly into the coma that precedes death. When his breath left him, and he was still, there were beside his bed his wife, his daughter, Mrs. Oakman; Judge Cox, his nephew; Dr. Anderson, and the colored nurse, Mr. Conkling passed away without moving a limb. He looked as though peacefully sleeping. There were a number of persons outside



in the street waiting to catch the last report. Within doors there were between forty and fifty persons, also waiting to hear the worst. They were composed chiefly of representatives of the press and friends of the dead Senator. It was a dreadful struggle that the patient fought against grim death, but at last his end was peaceful and unaccompanied by pain. His sorrowing wife and daughter were weeping at his side, but the once keen eyes were glazed and dead in the unequal struggle. Mrs. Conkling and her daughter both bore up bravely, but the elder lady was the most prostrated. Mrs. Oakman supported her mother. The ashen pallor deepened upon the emaciated face of the sufferer. Mr. Conkling gasped three or four times and passed away. In death the lines about his mouth and on his face seemed slightly drawn, but still his face seemed natural.

It was a sorrowful group that surrounded the sick man's bedside, and tearfully watched the passing away of the great Senator. The strong frame that in his delirium required the stoutest watchers to hold, even while wasted by disease, and now lay in the hands of the Great Destroyer. The breathing of those powerful lungs, whose musical but somnolent sound reverberated through the halls of Congress, was weak and difficult, and gradually ceased.

A premature announcement of Mr. Conkling's death was made in the New York Assembly, whereupon the House passed resolutions expressive of its regret and ordered a committee for him, suggesting a joint memorial committee of the House and Senate, and adjourned out of respect to his memory.

Biographical Sketch.

Roscoe Conkling was born in Albany, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1829. His father, Albert Conkling, was a Representative in the twentieth Congress, and afterward filled the positions of United States Judge for the Northern District of New York and Minister to Mexico. Roscoe received a common school and academy education, and moving to Auburn and Geneva with his father he studied law three years under his tuition. In 1846 he entered the law office of Spencer & Kernan in Utica, and in 1849 was appointed by Hamilton Fish, District Attorney of Oneida County, several months before he attained his majority. On the day he was 21 he was admitted to the bar. During the next decade he disclosed rare qualities of management, and became a leader in local politics. In law he ranked with the first of the profession as an advocate. 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