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THE NEWS RECORD.

A SUMMARY OF THE EVENTFUL HAP- PENINGS OF A WEEK.

The Latest News as Flashed Over the Wires from All Parts of the World—Regarding Politics, Religion, Casualties, Commerce, and Industry.

MANY APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

Closing Work of the Senate and House Before Adjournment.

In the Senate on the 21st Senator Hoar introduced a bill to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States. After conferring a large number of appointments in executive session the Senate adjourned to Jan. 6. In the House a resolution was introduced questioning the Treasury of the United States to take into custody all monies and other assets placed by J. P. Leedom in the safe of the Sergeant-at-Arms, and to safely keep them as a special deposit until further order of the House. The joint resolution to pay the House employees of the last Congress one month's pay was rejected. Speaker Reed then announced the House committees, and adjournment was taken on Jan. 6.

MILLERS TO FORM A TRUST.

St. Louis Flour-Producers Think of Pooling Their Interests in One Concern.

The owners of the flour-mills of the St. Louis district are deliberating on the question of forming a trust. The millers on Change have been very much exercised over a report that five or six of the leading local flour-mills are to be combined into one large stock company and placed under one management. The success of the United Elevator Company, which is composed of eleven elevator companies that pooled their properties and formed a joint concern a few months ago, suggested the idea to the millers, some of whom have been earnestly at work on the scheme for several days. The estimated total value of the nineteen mills controlled in St. Louis is in the neighborhood of \$2,675,000, and a stock company composed of all of them would probably be capitalized at about \$3,000,000 in round figures.

EATEN BY CANNIBALS.

Four of the Crew of the Ship Enterprise Killed and Roasted.

The Sydney (N. S. W.) Herald of Nov. 5 says that according to a letter received from Captain Woodhouse, of the trading schooner Elma Fisher, Boat Steerer Nelson of the schooner Enterprise, of Sydney, and three of the native crew of the Enterprise were killed and eaten by the cannibals of Solomon Islands. The Enterprise was trading among the islands, and the natives from Hammond Island, one of the Solomon group, induced Nelson and the others to go ashore to purchase some copra. Once on shore they were knocked on the head, and it is reported that the bodies were then roasted and eaten. The letter states that her Majesty's ship Royalist shelled the village on the islands when Captain Hand learned the particulars.

MURDERED BY HIS DOUBLE.

What One of the Mollie Maguire Gang Says of Gowen's Death.

A Philadelphia dispatch says: "An ex-body master of the Mollie Maguires has sent a letter to a Wilkesbarre paper saying that Franklyn B. Gowen was murdered by his double. The Mollies, he said, had been on Gowen's track these ten years. A man who looked like Gowen was selected to do the work. He bought a pistol and watched Gowen when the latter left his hotel the day of the murder. The double went into his room and waited. Gowen came in and the Mollie threw a coat over Gowen's face and shot him, escaping afterward by the window.

MURDERED HIS FAMILY.

Terrible Deed of an Ohio Father Who Drank Heavily.

The dead bodies of Charles Sheilar and wife and three children, all with their throats cut, were found in their house at Niles, Ohio, the other day. Sheilar and his wife were lying across the foot of the bed and the children were lying on the floor in different parts of the house. Sheilar of late drank heavily. It is said that he and his wife did not live happily together. The theory is that Sheilar cut the throats of his wife and children and then his own. He used a razor purchased of a hardware dealer the evening previous to the murder.

Appointed to Office.

The President has sent to the Senate the following nominations:

Milton Weidler, Collector Internal Revenue for the District of Oregon; Sergeant Lunsford, Second Artillery, to be Second Lieutenant Sixth Cavalry; Thomas W. Lord, First Lieutenant retired list, to be Captain on the retired list.

The Fishing Industry in Maryland.

Fifty millions of shad were hatched and distributed in Maryland waters during the year now closing, say the Maryland State Fish Commissioners in their annual report. There are now engaged in the fishing industry in Maryland 23,750 men, and a capital invested of \$2,100,000.

Discoverer of Ohio Gas Dead.

Dr. Jacob Carr Findlay, the discoverer of natural gas in Ohio, has died at Findlay, Ohio. His name became famous throughout the country for his untiring efforts to secure capital with which to prosecute his theory that natural gas existed there in paying qualities as early as 1836.

Murderers Sentenced.

—At Glenwood Springs, Colo., Robert Holmes has been sentenced to be hanged. William Chambers to a life sentence, and Joseph Holmes to ten years' imprisonment for the murder of Henry Holmes, at Cache Creek, last June.

New Railway Shops at Chattanooga.

The Cincinnati Southern Railway will build shops at Chattanooga, Tenn., at once, and employ 500 men.

DISCUSSING THE CRONIN VERDICT.

The Decision of the Jury Causes General Dissatisfaction.

A Chicago dispatch says public interest in the Cronin case has not abated one whit. The verdict returned is the subject of general discussion, and the comments made on it as a whole are by no means favorable to the jury. The almost universal opinion is that the result of the long trial came little short of being a gross miscarriage of justice. Everybody seems to think that the death penalty would have been all too light a sentence for men found guilty of being participants in such a brutal murder as was that of Dr. Cronin. There were not a few who advocate the propriety of the prosecution in the case not resisting the motion of a new trial but allowing it to be granted, in the hope that the result of a second trial would be that the three men who received life sentences in the penitentiary, should be given the death penalty. The prisoners, if they secure a new trial, must be tried on the same charge of which they have been convicted, but a heavier punishment may be visited upon them if the jury before whom they are tried so decides. In the case of Kunze, on the other hand, he could only be tried for manslaughter, but he might receive a longer sentence for that crime than this jury gave him. The prisoners deport themselves as men who have been relieved of an overpowering dread of something terrible to happen.

JEFFERSON DAVIS' WILL.

The Estate of the Confederate Leader Left to His Wife and Daughters.

The will of Jefferson Davis has been filed for probate at Mississippi City, Harrison County. It is free from political allusions and is confined entirely to the disposition of his property. After the usual formal opening the document continues:

I give and bequeath to my wife, Varina Anne Davis, all the other property—real, personal, and mixed—which was inherited by me from Mrs. Sarah A. Dorsey, deceased, and of which I may be seized and possessed; to my wife, Varina Davis, and her daughters, Margaret Davis and Varina Anne Davis, as residuary legatees. I give and bequeath all the property, real, personal, and mixed, of which I may be seized and possessed and which has not been disposed of by the preceding articles.

BIG CATTLE FIRMS CONSOLIDATE.

The Hammond Company and the Munroes of Boston Unite Their Interests.

A Chicago dispatch says: It is now a settled fact that two of the biggest beef and cattle firms in the country—the Munroes of Boston and the Hammond Company of Hammond, Ind.—have united, and that in the amalgamation the live-stock industry has lost one of the heaviest dealers, while the dressed-beef industry has been increased by one. The Boston dressed-beef plant has, it is understood, been turned into the new company, and it is also understood that Munroe will be one of the Eastern representatives of the Hammond Company. The Hammond concern has its plant at Hammond, Ind., and is one of the most extensive in the country. It is one of the alleged "big four."

SHOT HER INSULTER DEAD.

A Missouri Farmer's Daughter Takes Revenge on One of Her Father's Help.

Julius Hofer, young German whose parents reside in Cole County, Missouri, was shot and instantly killed by Louisa, the nineteen-year-old daughter of Abraham Epperson, a Callaway County farmer. Hofer worked for the girl's father. Sunday night she had company, and next morning Hofer made some remark about her and the young man who visited her, at which she became greatly offended. At noon he repeated the remarks, and she shot him through the head with a revolver. He died instantly. The facts of the tragedy were learned from a brother of the deceased, who had just arrived in town, and the statement made is his story of the killing.

WEALTH OF SOME WESTERN STATES

Figures Showing a Wonderful Increase Within Nine Years.

In its estimate of the present wealth of the United States the New York World publishes the following figures secured from official sources to show the wealth of the States named:

	Assessed valuations in millions.	Per cent. in millions.	True valuation in millions.
State.	1880. 1889.	wealth.	1880. 1889.
Illinois....	\$ 787 \$ 792	25.44	\$3,092 \$3,112
Indiana....	728 770	48.55	1,499 1,586
Low....	382 552	28.71	1,413 1,586
Wisconsin....	161 361	27.94	575 1,200
Michigan....	518 954	37.79	1,040 2,501
Minnesota....	258 567	40.44	698 1,402
Nebraska....	91 176	31.24	290 503
Ohio....	1,534 1,732	46.81	3,301 3,792
Wisconsin....	430 577	45.30	969 1,273

BIG FIRE AT ST. LOUIS.

A Loss of a Quarter of a Million Dollars to a Couple of Printing Establishments.

A St. Louis, Mo., dispatch says: Fire broke out in the Commercial Printing Company's establishment at Third and Locust streets. The loss to the Commercial Printing Company and the Woodward & Tierman Company, in the adjoining building, will aggregate \$250,000. The insurance is said to be very small on the material and a third of the property value. Rumors are current that two lives have been lost, those of the janitors. One of the city firemen was seriously injured by the falling of the inner walls.

TO FIGHT THE RAILROADS.

Charles H. Aldrich Appointed Special Assistant Attorney.

Attorney General Miller has appointed Charles H. Aldrich, of Chicago, a special assistant attorney of the Department of Justice to have charge of suits to be instituted against a number of subsidized railroad companies under the provisions of the act of Aug. 7, 1888, for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws under

which they were chartered in respect to the maintenance and operation of separate telegraph lines, and in respect to reporting to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

MORMON OFFICIALS ARRESTED.

Six Indictments Charging Maladministration and Conspiracy.

City Marshal Solomon, County Recorder Cannon, Selectman Weiler, and Brigham Hampton, all Mormon officials, have been arrested at Salt Lake City. There are six indictments against Solomon charging him with misappropriating public funds, and one indictment against each of the others, charging them with conspiracy. They were released upon furnishing bonds to secure their appearance in the District Court. The officials are all prominent Mormons, and their arrest created sensation.

A BIG SCHEME REVIVED.

Water Front Acquired to Build Wharves and Warehouses on Staten Island.

A New York dispatch says: The scheme of President A. B. Stickney, of the Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City Railroad, to establish extensive stock yards and build warehouses and wharves on Staten Island and to run a steamship line to England is apparently about to be carried out. After months of negotiation and litigation, sufficient water front has been acquired immediately south of the Clifton station of the Rapid Transit Road for the wharves of the steamship line.

PROHIBITION FOR NORTH DAKOTA.

An Air-Tight Law Passed by Both Branches of the State Legislature.

A Bismarck (N. D.) dispatch says the ironclad prohibition measure has passed both houses of the Legislature and awaits the signature of Governor Miller. The law goes into effect July 1, 1890.

Destitution in Dakota.

A Pierre (S. D.) dispatch says Gov. Mellette has returned from a tour of the dry districts. He says there are two centers of the dry districts, Miner County in the south and Faulk County in the north. Excepting a light crop in western Faulk there was almost a total failure of crops in these counties and in portions of the adjacent counties, except to the west, making in each case a dry district somewhat greater than double the area of each county. There are many cases of absolute destitution, and there would have been suffering but for the prompt assistance furnished from all other parts of the State and also adjoining States. The railroads are donating coal and hauling articles free to unlimited extent. The people are unusually healthy and in good spirits.

The Deed of a Maniac.

Dear Jesus, I will send you my children for a Christmas present," yelled Joseph Kracks at his home, No. 139 Avenue A, New York City. He and his wife and three children occupied the third floor. Mr. Kracks had suddenly become insane. He threw his three children, aged respectively 1, 5 and 8 years, and his wife out the window, inflicting injuries from which they may die. The baby cannot recover. All would have been killed instantly but for a fire-escape breaking the force of their fall on the way down. It took several policemen to overpower and place the maniac in a strait-jacket. He is in the insane department at police headquarters. His wife and children are in the hospital.

Oil Ablaze on the Seine.

A Paris cable says: Several explosions occurred on board the British tank steamer Ferguson, lying at her wharf at Rouen. One man was killed, four wounded and the vessel and docks were damaged to the extent of \$150,000. The Ferguson took fire and burned to the water's edge. The petroleum freed by the explosion spread out upon the bosom of the Seine and blazed freely for two hours, when the flames died out for lack of combustible matter to feed upon.

English Capital in Texas.

An English syndicate, headed by A. B. Fries, of London, has purchased the flour mills and elevators of Cameron & Tatum, at Fort Worth, Texas, and in Waco, and will invest \$5,000,000 in them. The syndicate proposes to build a system of elevators along the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad, with great central elevators at Fort Worth. The Englishmen will incorporate under Texas laws as the North Texas Grain Milling and Elevator Company.

Canada's Debt Increasing.

An Ottawa (Que.) dispatch says: The public accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889, are just out. The total receipts for the year on account of the consolidated funds amounted to \$33,782,870, the total payments to \$36,917,834; surplus at \$1,865,036. The last budget estimated the surplus at \$2,675,000. The net debt of the Dominion of Canada at the close of the year was \$237,537,241, an increase of \$2,998,633 during the year.

Nominations Sent to the Senate.

The President has transmitted to the Senate the following nominations:

Second Lieutenant Edwin B. Abbott, Fifth Artillery, to be First Lieutenant in the Ordnance Department; First Lieutenant Ormond M. Lassak, Fourth Artillery, to be First Lieutenant in the Ordnance Department; Sergeant Daniel Lunsford, Second Artillery, to be Second Lieutenant in the Sixth Cavalry; Sergeant Frederick S. Wild, Seventeenth Infantry, to be Second Lieutenant in the Seventeenth Infantry; First Sergeant Robert Alexander, Fourth Infantry, to be Second Lieutenant in the Fifth Infantry.

The Electric Sugar Swindlers.

At New York, Recorder Smyth handed down a decision in the case of the electric sugar swindlers—Mrs. Friend, Mrs. Howard, Orin Halstead, and George Halstead—refusing to accede to the motion of District Attorney Fellows, that sentence upon their pleas of guilty should be suspended, and that they be discharged on their own recognizances. He gave them permission to withdraw their pleas of guilty.

Fleming Declared Elected.

A Petersburg (W. Va.) dispatch says: The Gubernatorial Contest Committee has filed their report in favor of seating Fleming (Democrat) by over 200 majority, while the minority find Goff (Republican) elected by

nearly the same number. Governor Wilson will call the Legislature immediately in extra session.

Manitoban Forests Burned.

A Winnipeg dispatch says that a practical lumberman who has explored the whole northern region is authority for the statement that the Canadian Government has lost \$3,000,000 in timber dues alone since 1882 through fires set by Indians to drive out game and signal friends.

Roasted on the Wires.

Robert S. Dalton, a painter employed by the Lake Shore Road, met a horrible death at Toledo, O. He went to the top of a train shed to measure a skylight, and two hours later was found lying on his back across two electric light wires, the smoke curling from his burning clothes and flesh.

Americans in Danger.

The Moorish Government has cabled the Washington Government demanding the recall of Consul Lewis. There is great excitement in Tangiers owing to his actions relative to the seizure of a case containing firearms. The lives of the American residents are in danger.

Gas-Stokers Willing to Work.

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Charity a Cloak for Theft.

Miss Maud Curran,