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## CURRENT NEWS.

WASHINGTON.

The Supreme Court of the United States has rendered a decision sustaining the constitutionality of the Pacific Railroad Funding law passed in May, 1873, by which the Pacific Railroads which are in arrears upon their obligations to the United States Government are required to set apart a certain portion of their earnings each year for the extinguishment of such debts. Dissenting opinions were filed by Justices Strong, Bradley, and Field.

President Hayes has sent a telegram to General Grant, inviting him to be a guest at the White House when he visits Washington.

The National Fair at Washington, D. C., opened on the 28th ult. An industrial procession four miles long was a portion of the display. The President and other officials were present on the Fair Grounds.

WEST AND SOUTHWEST.

A band of regulators, about 200 strong, surrounded the jail at Martinsburg, Elliott County, Ky., on the night of the 20th, and taking therefrom two prisoners, John W. Kendall and William McMillan, after a brief and somewhat informal trial, hanged them both to a neighboring tree. The two men hanged were said to have been members of an organized band of criminals, who have for a long time terrorized the county in various ways, but whose punishment through the regular courts of justice it is alleged could never be accomplished, on account of other members of the gang always coming into court and swearing to an alibi. Other suspected members of the gang have been whipped by the regulators, who declare their intention to rid the county of their presence.

A most terrible crime was committed in Strongsville Township, Cuyahoga County, O., on the morning of the 22d. Gotlieb Nuller, aged 35, Mrs. Nuller, and their son, an idiotic boy, were shot seven times each and left for dead, their assassin being George Nuller, aged 30, the eldest son of the murdered family. George had been living for some time in Toledo, and was employed as fireman on the Lake Shore Railroad. On the night previous to the murder he paid a visit to his home, driving out from Berea. According to the murderer's own story, he and his father had quarreled some about money matters, and the old man ordered him to leave the premises. This inflamed the son, who had been drinking some, but who claims he was not drunk. He does not give the particulars of the killing. The father was evidently shot while sitting up in bed, his body being fairly riddled with bullets. The mother was shot three times, in the head, the hip and the breast. The young son received a shot in the left breast and another in the forehead. Mother and son, strange to say, both revived enough to call for assistance. The murderer drove back to Berea and thence took the train to Cleveland, where he was arrested. He had in his possession two revolvers, every chamber of both of which was empty. When arrested he seemed somewhat frightened, but did not appear to realize the enormity of his offense. His previous reputation is that of an industrious, hard-working man, and his crime seems unaccountable.

The National Board of Steam Navigation met in annual session at Cincinnati on the 23d. About 120 delegates were present from various parts of the country.

On Sunday night, October 19, some villains in disguise called at the residence of John Whipple, near Wilber, Saline County, Neb., took Mrs. Whipple from the house, stripped her stark naked, and applied coal-tar and feathers to her. The poor woman almost perished from exposure and rough treatment. The only supposed cause is that she is a witness in a criminal prosecution soon to come off. One of the perpetrators of the outrage is believed to have been a woman in disguise.

A dispatch from Tucson, Ariz., 21st, gives further particulars of the recent Indian fighting in Southwestern New Mexico. In the fight on the 18th a Mesilla and Las Cruces company numbering 30 were massacred by 100 Indians, only one man escaping. Twenty-one persons, settlers and ranchmen, were killed by the Indians in one locality. W. C. Hinds, United States Collector, is reported among the slain. The Indians are reported to have taken refuge in the Mimbre Mountains. Col. Morrow says he has troops enough to whip Victoria, but it will take two months to do it.

Another alleged case of arsenic poisoning by a dental operation is reported from Lexington, Ky., the victim being a young married man named William Hale. He had an aching tooth treated for destruction of the nerve, the dentist putting in a plug saturated with arsenic. Suppuration ensued, bone and muscle and finally the whole face and head became involved and the patient died in great agony. A similar case, by which a well known Brooklyn gentleman lost his life, has recently attracted much attention in the East and elsewhere.

The total vote cast in Ohio on October 14, for State officers, has been officially counted, with the following result: Total vote for Governor, 668,667, divided as follows: Foster, Rep., 336,261; Ewing, Dem., 319,132; Stewart, Pro., 4,146; Piat, Nat., 8,129. Foster's majority over Ewing, 17,129.

Fred. Biebusch, a well known dealer in counterfeit money, together with a number of accomplices, were arrested in St. Louis on the 23d by U. S. Secret Service detectives.

General Grant has returned to California from his northern trip. On the 24th he had a grand reception at Sacramento.

Governor Pitkin of Colorado telegraphs Secretary Schurz that he is convinced most of Ouray's warriors were in the Thornburgh fight; that to surrender the criminals Ouray must surrender his tribe, which he is pow-

erless to do; neither will they surrender the White River Utes. Unless the troops move against the Indians, he says, the Indians will move against the settlers, and further massacres will ensue. He complains that the General Government is doing nothing to defend the settlements, and says that the State can not defend all its border without attacking the enemy. Secretary Schurz replies that Special Agent Adams, a gentleman fully endorsed by Gov. Pitkin himself, has been commissioned to deal with the Utes and is now among them. Mr. Adams says: "None of the Southern and only a portion of the White River Utes have been engaged in the trouble, and all rumors of depredations of the reservation are untrue." Secretary Schurz in conclusion says: "We are endeavoring to prevent a general war with the whole Ute tribe, which will be a better way to protect your border settlements than by a general attack upon the Indians by armed citizens, as your dispatch seems to suggest. It is, therefore, earnestly hoped that every effort will be made to prevent an unnecessary extension of trouble, which may be precipitated by inconsiderate action."

The body of George Burr of St. Louis, the companion of Prof. Wise in his last aerial voyage, was found on the lake shore near Miller's Station, Ind., 30 miles east of Chicago, on the evening of the 24th. This settles the fate of one at least of the two men who went up from St. Louis in the balloon Pathfinder on the evening of Sept. 28. It was at Miller's Station that two employees of the Lake Shore Railroad observed the balloon passing over in the direction of the lake about midnight on the 28th, which is the last authentic information regarding the missing Pathfinder. At Lake Station, but a few miles distant, a package of circulars from the balloon were found subsequently.

Lieut. Wm. B. Weir, Ordnance Officer of Gen. Merritt's command, was shot and killed by the Indians while hunting some miles from the camp on White River on the 21st.

All the proposed Constitutional Amendments voted for at the recent Ohio election were lost, none having received a majority of all the votes cast.

The Ohio River at Louisville was reported on the 24th to be lower than at any recorded time, there being scant two feet of water in many places.

Secretary Schurz on the 25th received a dispatch from Special Agent Adams, conveying the gratifying intelligence that all the women and children from the White River Agency had been delivered to him without conditions. They were then en route to Lake City. They stated that during their captivity they had been well treated and had not been subjected to any insult or injury. Gen. Adams reports that the camp of the hostiles is between Grand and Gunnison Rivers. It was his intention to return there immediately, with the confident expectation of arranging matters so as to avoid the necessity of further hostilities. Secretary Schurz warmly commends Gen. Adams for the intrepidity, skill and good judgment displayed by him in carrying out his delicate and somewhat dangerous mission.

A canvas of the vote for members of the Ohio General Assembly, cast October 14, shows that the Republicans elected 68, and the Democrats elected 45 members of the House; the Republicans elected 22, and the Democrats 15 members of the Senate. The Republican majority on joint ballot is 31.

A San Francisco dispatch of the 24th gives the following programme of Gen. Grant's intended future movements: Leave San Francisco on the 25th, proceeding to Carson, Gold Hill and Virginia City, Nev., making stops at each place named of sufficient duration to inspect the mines and other objects of interest. Leave Virginia City November 8 and proceed eastward direct to Galena, Ill., his old home, where he will remain until the Chicago Army Reunion, Nov. 12th and 13th. On the 26th he will attend the Army Reunion at Indianapolis. He contemplates passing the winter in the South, visiting Florida, Cuba, and possibly also Mexico.

Reports of depredations by the Uintah Utes and Snakes in Southwestern Wyoming were prevalent on the 25th, and caused great excitement throughout the Territory. Advisers from the Uintah Agency, dated the 26th, state that there had been no trouble with the Indians there up to that time. A Sioux City (Iowa) dispatch of the 27th reports that Spotted Tail's Indians in Southwest Dakota had gone upon the war-path, killed one of the Agency men and committed other depredations.

At Fredericktown, Knox County, O., on the 25th, a party of 15 women, all armed with hatchets, made an onslaught upon Kelly's and O'Connor's saloons, broke open the doors, smashed all the decanters, and knocked in the heads of the liquor barrels and poured the contents upon the floor.

They then visited the drug-stores and other places where liquor and beer were sold, and admonished their proprietors that unless the objectionable articles were removed from town within 48 hours they would forcibly seize upon and destroy them.

The town is torn asunder by these somewhat high-handed proceedings, each side having its adherents. The saloon-keepers whose property was destroyed have sued out warrants against the avenging fair ones, and a lively legal contest is likely to follow.

At Atchison, Kansas, on the 28th, Police Officer Lewis Chew attempted to arrest a drunken and disorderly negro named Monroe Amos, on the public street, when the latter, who had a revolver in his hand, took deliberate aim at the officer and fired, the ball taking effect in the latter's abdomen.

Chew fell, but recovered himself sufficiently to draw his revolver and put a bullet through the negro, the ball penetrating very near the heart. The negro died almost instantly. Officer Chew lived several hours, when he died.

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## EAST AND SOUTHEAST.

A preliminary celebration of the anniversary of Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown took place at the scene of the surrender on the 28th. Many thousand people were present and there was a grand military and naval display.

Mrs. Mary E. Lounsherry has been indicted for the murder of her husband, Rev. Dexter L. Lounsherry, at Stratford, Conn., on the 26th of September last.

A reunion of Federal and Confederate veterans was held at Salisbury, N. C., on the 24th. Many thousand people were present and the exercises were quite interesting.

The first snow-storm of the season occurred in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and the New England States and Canada on the night of the 24th. Six inches of snow fell in some localities.

James H. Riddle, President, and his son, George D. Riddle, Cashier, of the defunct Franklin Savings Institution of Pittsburgh, Pa., have been found guilty of embezzlement and conspiracy by which they obtained from the institution named \$106,000. The prosecution was made by the Board of Directors, who aver that all of this amount, excepting \$15,000, was illegally drawn from the bank without their knowledge or consent.

Charles E. Schuyler, who a short time since became notorious by the abduction of the daughter of Townsend Davis of Buffalo, N. Y., pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to the Auburn Prison for seven years.

Frank Boynton, Receiving Teller of the North National Bank of Boston, pleaded guilty to embezzling \$25,351, and has been sentenced to five years at hard labor.

## FOREIGN.

A careful computation of the lives lost by the recent floods in Spain makes the number in excess of 2,000. The property loss is estimated at 60,000,000 francs. There were 3,500 houses and 120 mills destroyed by the flood. Large subscriptions are being made for the relief of the sufferers.

Charles Tomlinson, a prominent Liverpool cotton broker, has committed funds to the aggregate of £40,000 against Liverpool and London banks. He is under arrest.

Five men have been hanged at Cabul for complicity in the massacre of the British Embassy. They include Kotwal of Cabul the head of the City Mullahs, and two Generals, one of royal blood.

Rosenberg, proprietor of London *Times-Talk*, has been sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for publishing defamatory libels against Mr. Langtry and Mrs. Cornwallis-West—the "Jersey Lily" and the "Welsh Rose."

At the opening of the Prussian Diet, on the 28th, the Emperor William read his speech in person. It was exclusively confined to subjects of a financial nature, no allusion whatever being made to political affairs, either at home or abroad.

## THE YELLOW FEVER.

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John Johnson, Superintendent of Quarantine, recommends the removal of all quarantine restrictions, as being no longer necessary.

The yellow fever epidemic at Memphis on the 24th was virtually declared at an end, President Blumetti of the State Board of Health having ordered the disbandment of the entire corps of freight and passenger inspectors on duty in and around the city.

A large number of Memphis refugees returned home on the 25th, by the steamer Hard Cash from St. Louis, the first steamer that had landed at Memphis in 90 days. It was expected that the great bulk of the refugees would put in an appearance during the following week.

## The Paradise of Babies.

The real "Paradise of Babies" is Japan—as has been said many times—for not only do the children have every imaginable toy, but many persons get their living by amusing them. Men go about the streets and blow soap bubbles for them with pipes that have no bows as ours have. These young Japs have tops, stilts, pop-guns, blow-guns, magic lanterns, kaleidoscopes, wax-figures, terra cotta animals, flying-fish and dragons, masks, puzzles, and games; butterflies and beetles that flutter about; turtles that move their legs and pop out their heads; birds that fly about, and peck the fingers and whistle; pasteboard targets that, when hit, burst open and let a winged figure fly out; and—most wonderful of all, perhaps—little balls looking like cherubs, which, thrown into bowls of warm water, slowly expand into the shape of a boat, or a fisherman, a tree, flower, crab, or bird.

The girls of Japan have dolls' furniture and dishes, and, of course, dolls. They have dolls that walk and dance; dolls that put on a mask when a string is pulled; dolls dressed to represent nobles, ladies, minstrels, mythological and historical personages. Dolls are handed down for generations, and in some families are hundreds of them. They never seem to get broken or worn out, as yours do; and, in fact, they can hardly be the dead playmates that yours are.

They are kept as a sort of show; and, though the little owners play with them, they do not dress and undress them and take them to bed, as you do. A good deal of the time they are rolled up in silk paper and packed away in a trunk. On the great festival day of the Japanese girls—the Feast of Dolls, of which no doubt you have heard—there is a great show of dolls and toys, and it is the event of the year for the queer little black-eyed maidens. The Feast is the boys' great day, and they have banners, flags, figures of warriors and great men, swords, and other toys suitable for boys.

—Olive Thorne, in *St. Nicholas* for November.

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