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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, 18.—Frelinghuysen introduced a bill to secure a more efficient and honest administration of Indian affairs, providing that all records of contracts and other papers relating to or connected with the official duty of any Indian superintendent, agent, or sub-agent shall be open to public inspection during all reasonable business hours; that distributions of Indian goods and supplies shall be made in public, and, among other things, that no vouchers or receipts shall be signed that are not fully filled up. Referred.

WASHINGTON, 19.—The bill allowing women in the Territories to vote and hold office is reported adversely from the Judiciary and placed on the calendar.

Sherman, from the finance committee, reported a substitute for the bill prohibiting the sale of liquor in the District of Columbia and other Territories.

EASTERN.

NEW YORK.—The second trial of Stokes began this morning, Judge Boardman, of Ithaca, presiding. The jury is now being impanelled.

ST. LOUIS.—In the Circuit Court, yesterday, George A. King, conductor, Wm. O'Brien, engineer, and J. W. Hastings, fireman, of the construction train, entered suit against the St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern Railroad, for damages, aggregating thirty thousand dollars, for injuries received in consequence of a collision of their train with a passenger train, resulting from alleged negligence of the company, in not showing signal lights and flags at the station where the accident occurred, to notify them of the approaching train. The Missouri and Pacific recently brought a suit against one of its conductors for the wanton destruction of railroad property by a collision, caused by disobedience to orders. This suit can be sustained under the law of this State, provided the facts, as stated, are proven.

WASHINGTON.—The House bill passed, authorizing the Comptroller of Currency to examine the condition of savings banks in the District of Columbia.

The House resumed the bill up yesterday, concerning the settlement, with the States of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois of five per cent. land claim, under the act of March 3d, 1857. At the close of the debate the bill passed, 103 to 52.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—Charles S. P. Bowles, of the Paris banking house of Bowles Bros., was arrested at Ingleside, six miles from this city, last evening, at the suit of Jno. H. Huber, of this city, for \$6,985, funds deposited with the firm of Nathan & Appleton, Boston, special partners of Gordon Bowles Bros. The case will be heard before the Master of Chancery, this p.m.

Chas. S. P. Bowles was arraigned this afternoon. He gave temporary bail to appear within thirty days.

CONCORD.—The New Hampshire State temperance convention, held here to-day, re-nominated Rev. John Blackburn for Governor and Asa S. Kendall, R. R. Commissioner; prohibiting resolutions were adopted. The convention subsequently resolved itself into a District convention and nominated candidates to Congress—First district, Rev. A. G. Corning; second, J. M. Fletcher; third, A. C. Hardy.

WASHINGTON.—The Secretary of the Treasury gave notice to-day that he would commence payment of interest due January 1, 1873, on Saturday 21st, without rebate.

The President visited the Capitol this afternoon and held a conversation with several Senators on business matters. It is inferred that it was in reference to the Vienna exhibition, as it is known that he had expressed a desire to have American productions largely represented, but he feared that an appropriation of only one hundred thousand dollars, as proposed by the committee on foreign affairs, was insufficient for the purpose. He also spoke on the importance of an early appropriation to enable the commissioners to resume their investigation of the outrages on the Texas border. Though he made no special recommendation, in transmitting to Congress the report of the commissioner, he has personally interested himself on the subject of obtaining additional information, with a view to such action as may protect the border.

The Postmaster General has made a very important decision in relation to

the responsibility of postmasters under their bonds for the loss of registered letters. He has decided that postmasters are responsible, and he will hold them accountable. This construction has never been made before. It is contrary to the opinion of many eminent jurists, and greatly increases the responsibilities under postmasters' bonds.

The House committee on post offices this morning overruled the ruling of the Postmaster General relative to the collection of double postage on unprepared matter.

The committee to-morrow will report a bill specifically constructing the new code, and declaring the present ruling a strained construction.

OMAHA, Neb.—Jesse Turner, receiver of public lands at Grand Island, Nebraska, accidentally shot and killed himself to-day while cleaning his gun.

A public meeting is to be held at Cheyenne, Wyoming, to-night, in opposition to the proposal to divide that Territory among adjoining Territories. Reports from Laramie City and other points represent public sentiment as pretty equally divided.

PORTLAND.—Wm. Wirt, Virginia, has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the Maine Supreme Court.

BOSTON, 19.—Sumner's oblivion resolution was condemned by resolutions in the Senate by 20 to 9, 14 in the House by 104 to 76.

NEW ORLEANS, 19.—The building on Dryades street, occupied by the Shakespeare Club, has been burned, loss \$50,000.

CINCINNATI, O., 19.—Geo. G. Mullaly, Postoffice clerk, charged with abstracting money from letters sent to the agent of the Louisville public library concert, was to-day held in \$2,500 bonds.

LEAVENWORTH, 19.—The epizootic prevails here to a great extent. In 18 livery stables 500 animals are sick. Half of the private horses of the city are affected. The street cars are withdrawn from the Fort Leavenworth road.

NEW YORK.—In the Surrogate's court, Westchester Co., proceedings were resumed in proving Greeley's last will. Origin Hart was the first witness. He went to Dr. Choate's on the afternoon of Nov. 29, at the request of his witness, father to ascertain if the will had been executed, accompanied by Mr. Haines. On reaching the house he saw Ida Greeley and Mr. Stuart. Witness and they went into Greeley's room. Greeley recognized witness. Stuart had in his hands the last will of Greeley, written Nov. 9. Showing it to Greeley, he asked if it was his last will. Greeley answered, "No." Hart spoke to Greeley, calling his close attention to the will. Greeley raised his head from the pillow, looked at the will and said, "Yes." Greeley requested that Hart and aunt Lamson should be subscribing witnesses.

Counsel for contestant asked for the modification of the deed, which had been made by Ida Greeley, in favor of her sister Gabrielle. It was produced. It deeds half the property to Gabrielle.

Wm. E. Robinson examined. He produced the will written by Greeley in Sept., 1857.

A letter from Francis P. Blair, jun., will appear in the *Chronicle* to-morrow, correcting the statement in that journal to-day that Gen. Blair was so seriously ill as to leave little hope of his resuming his seat in the Senate. Blair says the report is circulated to affect Gen. Blair's election, and he gives extracts from late letters of Col. Gault, General Blair's neighbor, and friend, saying, the Gen. is so much better that his cure is steadily and rapidly advancing.

A number of members of Congress intend leaving for their homes to-morrow.

The funeral of John F. Rensett to-day, from the First Presbyterian church, was numerously attended by friends and associate artists.

Vice-President Colfax has accepted the editorship of the *Tribune*. His salutary may be looked for in a few days. It is said Orton has offered the position of managing editor to Hazard, and he will probably accept.

Three jurors have been obtained in the Stokes case. Judge Ingraham to-day denied a stay of proceedings in the case of King, the murderer of O'Neil, but granted a commission to procure testimony in England. King's trial follows that of Stokes.

The defence of Simmons for the murder of Duryea will be that he was in a paroxysm of insanity when he committed the act, having been excited to frenzy by Duryea's taunts and his knowledge of his straitened money condition. It is said the quarrel grew out of Duryea's refusal to pay a debt which he owed Simmons.

PROVIDENCE.—Rhode Island Medical

Society has admitted the first female member, Anita E. Tyng.

NEW YORK, 19.—Goat Island will soon be referred to the Pacific railroad committee on Stewart's motion. The lobby is beginning an active campaign, with a strong probability of it passing the Senate immediately after the holidays. California members of the House persistently urge that the adverse excitement has subsided, intimating that the California hostility is practically over. In proof they cite the present inactivity of the opposition. The San Francisco monopoly surely wins, unless the people awake immediately.

NEW YORK, 19.—Seventeen bids for gold to-day amounting to less than four millions, at 11 to 11.56.

It is stated that the suits of the Erie Railroad against Jay Gould will be abandoned, he agreeing to refund \$9,000,000 to the company.

Two gold brokers' firms are reported suspended to-day.

Six jurors have been obtained in the Stokes case.

WASHINGTON, D. C., 19.—The report that Colfax has accepted the editorship of the *Tribune* is erroneous. He has to-day replied to many inquiries that the negotiations on the subject have not resulted in any agreement, and that yesterday, by mutual consent, they were regarded as terminated. He leaves to-morrow to spend the holidays with his family in the west.

NEW YORK, 19.—S. L. M. Barlow says that if the Erie company accepted any proposition from Jay Gould for the settlement of claims against him, it would not be for a less sum than nine millions.

Yesterday Cyrus W. Field bought out the interest of a considerable number of holders of stock in the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Co., amounting in all to about three millions of dollars. The price is ninety cents on par value of stock.

At Flushing, L. I., last night, a large amount of valuable property was burned. During the fire a chimney fell and one man was killed and a boy seriously injured. The greatest excitement prevailed among the people, who feared a general conflagration. Five buildings at one time were demolished to stay the flames. Loss not known.

The various rumors current that the Erie Co. would vacate the Grand Opera House appears to be groundless.

NEW YORK, 21.—The German Democratic general committee last night adopted for its principles the Cincinnati platform and took steps to organize.

At Washington it is thought that the polygamy problem will soon be settled by the Administration. The delegations in the interest of Young in that city, who are recently from Utah, are working with less hope to avert the coming storm. President Grant has recently expressed his determination to put an end to the "Mormon" institution. After the holidays the necessary laws will be presented in Congress. Rumors of an impending change among the high officials of Utah are current.

CHICAGO, 21.—A New York special says the latest report in regard to the *Tribune* is that Orton has tendered the chief editorship to the Hon. James B. Blaine, Speaker of the House of Representatives. It is said that Mr. Blaine was Orton's first choice, and that the negotiations with Colfax were due to Sinclair. Blaine has the proposition under advisement.

The weather is intensely cold through the northeast.

NEW YORK.—In Oyer and Terminer George Francis Train plead guilty to publishing a paper called the *Train Ligue*, which, according to the indictment is an obscene publication, but exonerated Nichols from complicity. The latter was bailed, but Train was remanded to the Tombs.

EUROPEAN.

LONDON, 19.—The *Times* assizes column this morning which contains six verdicts of murder with sentence of death in each case.

Robert Bowles has been released on \$20,000 bail.

PARIS, 19.—The Seine has overflowed, the quays are flooded, and the stores near them are closed, all the traffic in that quarter of the city is carried on by boats. Beyond the Bercy suburb, on the right bank of the Seine, the houses in the vicinity of the river are standing in a vast lake of water.

BRUSSELS, 19.—Dispatches from Ghent report the streams in that section risen above the embankment, the country inundated, and water three feet deep in some streets of Ghent.

LAFAYETTE, Md.—About five o'clock

this morning a switch engine standing on the track at the corner of Union and 5th streets, exploded with terrific violence. David McHarry, engineer, was found dead, fifty feet from the engine. A youth named Kelgore, who was the only other person on the engine, was blown some distance and badly injured, but will recover. Houses either side of the street opposite the scene of the accident were badly shattered and there were a number of narrow escapes from death from flying pieces of the engine, which crashed through windows and doors. Cause of explosion, unknown.

The ship *Matchless*, of Boston, was wrecked off the coast of Northumberland; all aboard lost.

PARIS, 20.—The committee of thirty have appointed two sub-committees, which sit separately. The members of the committee express a great desire to come to an agreement with the government. The Monarchists no longer insist on confining the action of the committee to the relations of the executive and the legislature.

All the members of the Municipal Government of Nantes have resigned in consequence of the removal of the Mayor. The Paris press generally regard the course of the President in this matter as an indication of a conservative policy. The radical papers do not attempt to conceal their indignation.

The Minister of the Interior is consulting with the Prefect and Mayor of Lyons upon the expediency of suppressing the existing Municipal Government of that city, on account of the pronounced radicalism of its members, and of dividing the city organization into several Municipalities.

LONDON, 21, 6 a.m.—The river Cam has overflowed. The vicinity of Cambridge for miles is like a swamp. The streets of the city are flooded. Brookside and Eyresbury are deluged. The recent rain-fall is estimated at fifty million tons of water.

PARIS, 21.—The freshet in the Seine is subsiding. The water has already fallen seventy feet.

Three thousand students yesterday demonstrated in favor of Prof. Robin, the distinguished member of the Institute, struck from the jury list in consequence of his disbelief in the existence of a God.

LONDON, 2:30 p.m.—Erie 51.

MADRID, 21.—Zorilla announced in the Senate yesterday, that no reforms would be made in the government of Cuba while a single insurgent remained.

The entire new loan of 250,000,000 pesetas, has been covered and the receipts will be issued at the rate of 81.

LONDON, 20.—Immense transactions in Erie at 46 to 47. At 2:30 p.m. quoted at 48.

Large portions of country in Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire are submerged from the late floods. In some sections of these counties houses, trees and hedges only are visible.

Peterborough, Northamptonshire, is flooded, and many of the inhabitants have been compelled to take refuge in the upper stories of their houses.

DUBLIN, 19.—The anniversary of closing the gates of Londonderry passed off yesterday without disturbance.

PARIS, 20.—It is probable that some of the Seine bridges will be swept away by the flood.

ROME, 20.—King Victor is ill of rheumatic fever. His physicians do not consider it dangerous.

Senior Echegaray has been appointed Minister of Finance, Mosquera Minister of Public Works, Becerra Minister of the Colonies.

LONDON, 20.—The British corvette, *Challenger* will sail from Portsmouth to-morrow for the purpose of making deep sea soundings.

The funeral of Viscountess Beaconsfield took place yesterday. The remains were deposited in the family vault in the churchyard at Hughenden. The obsequies were strictly private and of touching simplicity.

NAPLES, 20.—A gale of unprecedented violence swept over this place yesterday. Much damage was done to shipping and other property.

ST. PETERSBURG, 21.—The *Imperial Gazette* says the question of the Khiva campaign has been discussed in government circles, and it was resolved to undertake it.

ROME, 21.—The King has almost entirely recovered.

The Empress of Russia is soon expected to visit Naples, accompanied by a fleet of Russian war vessels.

WEST INDIES.

HAVANA, 19.—Hon. Columbus Delano has arrived here.