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CHICAGO, 31.—One of the three bodies shipped in casks from Baltimore to Chicago, proves to be a white man on whom an inquest was held in the East. The authorities propose to compel the Baltimore & Ohio road to pay the necessary expenses of interring the bodies. The casks were found in a barn this morning.

Fort Wayne, Ind., 31.—A sensation this morning was caused by the arrest of Wm. Bennett, while claiming a trunk at the Pennsylvania depot. The officers compelled Bennett to open the trunk, on account of the strong odor. The dead body of a nude white man was discovered doubled in the trunk. Bennett is a medical student; he satisfied the officers that he obtained the body from Lima, O., in a legitimate manner, and was released.

PHILADELPHIA, 21.—During the annual fall breaking at the University of Pennsylvania this morning, the students got into the street and destroyed considerable property. Some of them had their clothing torn and were almost nude. The police arrested one student, and were followed to the station house by his comrades, who were pelting the officers with bricks, stones, etc. In front of the station house another student was arrested. The howling students numbered fully 500. During the disturbance four pistol shots were fired, and one man was shot in the hand.

HAMILTON, Ont., 31.—Four dwellings on Napier Street fell from the weight of the snow on the roofs. Mrs. Buras and child are seriously injured.

Utica, N. Y., 31.—A house near Norwich, occupied by an old couple named Clinton, was burned last night. The bodies of the occupants were found in the ruins.

Pittsburg, 31.—While the men engaged in loading pieces of steel, known as "fish plates," on to the cars, and were standing on the platform on which was from 50 to 70 tons of fish plates, the platform gave way and the men fell to the ground with the metal on top of them. John Butler and Thomas Liney were killed instantly, and John Roach is not expected to live till morning.

SAN FRANCISCO, 31.—On the opening of the cable road to Ocean Beach, a number of whisky, hot coffee and doughnut sellers, headed by Denis Kearney, "jumped" the strip of land lying between the confines of the Golden Gate Park and the high water mark. They built shanties and began plying their trades, to the annoyance of respectable visitors. Quiet efforts to evict them failed, the squatters claiming they were on United States land, beyond the city or State authority.

At an early hour this morning the park commissioners, with 25 men and six policemen, all armed, proceeded to "Hoodlumville" and quietly "wiped" out the town. The boards and other property were piled into heaps, awaiting the arrival of their owners, who on the alarm being given, rushed to the spot, but too late to prevent the demolition. Bloodshed was expected, but no resistance was offered.

INDIANAPOLIS, 31.—The south bound accommodation train on the Indianapolis and Chicago air line, due here at 10.30 this morning, met with a terrible accident when seven miles from this city, at Broad Ripple. At that point the railroad crosses White river on a truss bridge of two spans, each 150 feet in length. The engineer had gone to the baggage car to get a drink of water, and the locomotive was in charge of the fireman. When the locomotive reached the centre of the bridge the fireman felt the structure sinking. He had one hand on the throttle, which he opened, giving the locomotive all the available steam. The engine sprang forward with great force, breaking the coupling between the tender and baggage car. The locomotive kept the track, but the baggage car, smoking car and coach dropped through and piled up in a mass at the foot of the piers. The wreck was partially submerged, but the portion above the water immediately took fire from the stoves. The fireman states that when he looked back after the locomotive reached the south end of the bridge the cars were on fire and the smoke was obscuring the scene. News of the wreck reaching this city in a short time, and a wrecking train, with surgeons and other assistance, was made up and sent to Broad Ripple. On reaching the a chaotic scene was presented. The bridge and cars were yet burning, and those present were so lacking in presence of mind as to be unable to extinguish the flames or afford relief to the sufferers. The officials of the road went to work vigorously and systematically and in a short time the fire was extinguished and search for the bodies begun. Six persons were either killed outright or burned to death. The remains recovered were burned and charred almost beyond recognition, being terribly mutilated, and the only means of identification was the finding of incombustible trinkets known to be the property of the dead men. The following is a list of the dead: John Brewer, Lafayette, Ind., engineer; J. E. Ricketts, baggage master, New Albany; Geo. Lowery, brakeman, Buena Vista, Ind.; Thos. Parr, bridge foreman, Indianapolis; A. T. Smith, American Express messenger, Indianapolis. The only passenger killed was John Bray, a stock dealer residing at Deming. Ex-Sheriff Seamon of Nashville had his right arm

broken, and was injured badly about the head and body. Lynn Clark, Westfield, Ind., is injured internally, and will die.

A number of passengers were seriously injured. A gang of workmen on the bridge were all more or less hurt. The accident is now attributed to defective threads on the supporting rods of the bridge, the nuts on the ends of the rods fitting so loosely that the bridge was unable to support the weight of the train.

Frightful screams came from the ruins near the pier as the wreck was being consumed by the fire. A patch of gray beard led to the identification of John Bray. A train order in the vest pocket led to the belief that a handful of bones to which were hanging a few shreds of roasted flesh, were the remains of Engineer Brewer. A button, or half inch of suspender, or an undergarment, led to the identification of others. It is believed that all the killed have been recovered except Thomas Parr, who was working on the bridge, and whose remains are supposed to be at the bottom of the river. The bridge and train were entirely destroyed.

NEW YORK, 1.—Business failures the last seven days 373, as compared with 317 for the previous week.

TORONTO, 1.—Adamson's elevator was burned last night. It contained \$100,000 worth of wheat and 45,000 bushels of barley valued at \$60,000. The building was valued at \$50,000. The fire spread rapidly to the adjoining pier, firing it and Chapman & Son's elevator, the latter contained 30,000 bushels. Insured for \$30,000; loss \$250,000.

At 3 a. m. another large fire was raging in the western part of the city. Both fires are believed to be the work of incendiaries.

PITTSBURG, 1.—The river reached the highest stage this morning at 11 o'clock, when the marks registered 21 feet. Portions of the low lands of Allegheny City and Southside are under water, but no serious damage has resulted to property. The waters are now receding and as the weather is freezing no more trouble is anticipated.

At several points on the Youghiogheny bottom the lands are inundated, and families living on them are compelled to retire to the second floors of their houses or wade out waist deep through the water.

At Freeport on the Allegheny the ice piled up 30 feet high and for a time it was feared the town would be flooded but the gorge started shortly before midnight and the water obtaining an outlet soon felt to its proper level.

Allegheny, 1.—The ice reached here at three this morning and since then has been steadily passing out.

MAUCH CHUNK, Pa., 1.—H. E. Packer, President of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, died suddenly, of internal hemorrhage, at two o'clock this morning.

Philadelphia, 1.—Vice President Charles Hartshorn will serve as president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad until a successor of the late Harvey E. Packer is chosen. The directors have no power to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting of stockholders.

The Keeley Motor Company to-day voted another postponement of the public exhibition at the request of the inventor.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., 1.—A terrible explosion of fire damp occurred in Danamance shaft, Lehigh Valley Coal Co., this morning. Damage great; one man killed.

Alliance, Ohio, 1.—A frightful gasoline explosion occurred in F. M. Orr's stove and tin store, demolishing the building and burying in the ruins an unknown number of people. Four persons have been extricated, four more are known to have been inside. Men are at work to rescue, if possible, those still alive and recover bodies. The store was a large new brick block in the middle of town. It is rumored that a child turned the spigot of the gasoline tank, and the gas escaping was ignited by the fire in the stove. Several people were in the store and two families were living on the second and third floors. Besides those engulfed in the debris, many were more or less seriously injured. The force of the explosion wrenched and broke the windows in the other building of the entire square. The damage to these structures is estimated at \$75,000.

In a few minutes the flames rose from the ruins and the fire alarm was sounded. Such excitement prevailed that the fire gained so much headway as to nearly consume the ruins and burn two houses before it was got under control. In the meanwhile the scene was harrowing in the extreme. It was known that six or more people had been killed or were then imprisoned in the wreck and would perish by the fire. Men, women and children, bareheaded, wringing their hands, relatives of the inmates of the buildings destroyed, wandered about in hopeless despair at their inability to save the unfortunates. F. M. Orr, Elmer Orr, Mrs. Homer Hishlane and daughter, Mrs. Frank Evans and two children, aged two and four years, were known to have been in the building at the time of the explosion. These all perished. The women and children were in the second and third stories and are supposed to have been killed by the falling walls. Mr. Orr and son were both spoken to while confined under the debris, but were burned to death. These bodies were all recovered at 10 o'clock, and were crushed and charred until hardly recognizable. The only person in the building known to have escaped was Frank Evans, whose wife and children perished. Besides those killed the following have broken limbs

or have been cut or burned: R. Joyce, Frank Evans, Frank Fries, J. D. Lewis, Jerry Miller, Maggie Miller, Jno. Baker. The explosion was caused from the fumes of gasoline. The child of Mr. Orr turned the faucet in the barrel and the fluid ran out on the floor. Mr. Orr was mopping it up when the gas arising therefrom ignited from a gas light. John Curry and Charles H. Hayden, of Duprez, and Benedict Minstrels were blown out of Orr's store through a plate glass window clear across the street where we picked them up badly injured. They were carried to the hotel and will recover. The damage is estimated at from \$60,000 to \$80,000, partially insured. Business was entirely suspended in the city after the explosion.

LEADVILLE, Col., 1.—The D. & R. G. round house, with six locomotives, was destroyed by fire this morning; loss, between \$60,000 and \$80,000; partially insured.

Pueblo, Col., 1.—A fire this morning destroyed six residences and Desmond's livery stable with 12 horses; loss, \$29,000; insurance \$7,000.

WALLA WALLA, W. T., 1.—E. E. Johnson, agent of the U. P. Railway, also of the U. P. Express, misappropriated a package of \$18,000, consigned to John Bennett, a railroad contractor, by Ladd & Tilton, bankers of Portland. The package was addressed to the U. P. Express. Johnson disappeared with the money Tuesday and was arrested and jailed to-day.

GALVESTON, 1.—News Fort Worth special: A girl named Fannie Murphy, teacher in the Wesleyan College, daughter of the Rev. J. D. Murphy, was the recipient of a box of fine candy a day or two ago. In the box was a card bearing the signature of a young gentleman acquaintance. Miss Murphy had been warned by an anonymous letter not to eat anything sent her. It is learned to-night that the candy was heavily impregnated with arsenic.

Detailed reports are coming into the Post-office Department of frauds practiced upon postmasters by Post-office Inspector Lanier, who was removed from office yesterday. The office at Mobile was defrauded to the amount of \$270; Jacksonville, Florida, \$390; Pensacola, \$100; Houston, Texas, \$125; Atlanta, \$150; New Orleans, \$150; Selma, Ala., \$100. Other points not yet heard from, that Lanier is known to have visited, are expected to swell the figure considerably. He also holds \$170 belonging to the money order funds.

Different plans were pursued by Lanier in obtaining money from postmasters, but the favorite scheme was to appear before the postmaster, present credentials and ask a loan from the postal funds to aid him in his attempts to arrest criminals. It is said at the Department that the postmasters must lose the money as they are not authorized to expend postal funds in the manner above described. A dispatch from New Orleans says Lanier has fled to South America.

PITTSBURG, Pa., 2.—After attaining a height of 23 feet 6 inches, the Allegheny River commenced falling, and at noon the mark registered 18 feet. The tracks of the Pittsburg and Western road are still under water. Portions of the Allegheny were submerged but the damage is very slight and the danger believed over.

St. Louis, 2.—There is but little more to be said about the running out of the ice gorge at this point last night. The break up was a tame affair and the steamboat men are congratulating themselves to-day that so little damage was done.

CHICAGO, 2.—The Harper high license law, a State enactment which fixes the minimum license for selling malt liquors within the limits of the State at \$150 per year, and for selling spirituous liquor at \$300, will enter into effect in this city after April 1st. In view of the general belief of many that the \$150 licenses will be used as a cover for the sale of spirituous liquors. A sentiment has been worked up in favor of a uniform \$500 license. A canvas of the voting strength in the Council shows 22 in favor of high uniform license, and 14 for the graded license. The Mayor favors the graded license, but if the Council estimate is correct, the ordinance can be adopted over a possible vote.

St. Johns, 2.—Head Constable Doyle and several Orange prisoners were committed yesterday for St. Johns penitentiary, to await their trial at the spring term of the Supreme Court, on the charge of murder during the Harbor Grace riots.

CHICAGO, 2.—Schultze, a Pittsburg merchant, was captured in Chicago by detectives on a charge of embezzling \$5,000, and more than that amount was found in his pocket. He had started for California with his wife.

WOODHAVEN, L. I., 2.—John Cowhey and his brother-in-law, Thos. Collyer, have been arrested on suspicion of having poisoned their father. Annie Cowhey, a sister of John, has also been arrested. The only motive known for the crime is that they wanted to get possession of the father's property, which amounts to \$1,500. The old man died mysteriously some time ago, and his body will be exhumed.

LONG ISLAND CITY, 2.—Selah Sprague, Charles Rugg's last victim, had a relapse, and the attending physicians abandoned all hopes of his recovery. He was sufficiently conscious to state that it was a black man who assaulted him. All hopes of Townsend's recovery are abandoned. Rugg, who will have four murders to answer for when the court meets in April, is strictly watched in the Queen's County jail, the jail officials fearing he may attempt suicide. The

detectives have absolute proof that Rugg has committed ten crimes of robbery and violence within a few years, in addition to those which have been agitating Rhode Island the past three months.

ALLIANCE, O., 2.—The city has been crowded all day with people from the surrounding country attracted by a desire to see the wreck made by the explosion. The Coroner's inquest developed that Orr kept gasoline in an air tight galvanized iron tank for customers. About a gallon ran out on the floor. The fluid was wiped up by Orr, and he had turned to other affairs, when the gas generated by the gasoline, was ignited. The tank contained not more than half a barrel of the liquid. Of the wounded, Chas. Haden and John Corce of Duprez and Benedict's minstrels are the most seriously injured. They will be taken to the Sisters' Charity Hospital in Canton. The circumstance which has excited the most comment, is that the Women's Christian Temperance Union had appointed a meeting to be held in the Orr Block yesterday afternoon, but some trifling matter prompted them to postpone it until Saturday. Had the ladies met as first arranged, the catastrophe would have been still more calamitous. An offensive odor of burned flesh still perceptible about the wreck, suggests that all the bodies have not been recovered, but nobody is missed. An eye witness states, when the explosion occurred the entire building seemed to be lifted in the air, rent apart and fell back in a cloud of dust, scarcely one brick clinging to another.

WASHINGTON, 2.—Secretary Folger in a letter to the inspector of steam vessels, reviews the application of Mary A. Miller, who seeks to be licensed as a master of steam vessels on inland waters. He says: "I know nothing imperative in the reason of things, in natural law, in public policy or in good morals, why a woman, if skilled, honest, intelligent, hardy and prudent enough, may not have command of a steam vessel and navigate it, manage and conduct the business carried on with it. To do that is to be master of a steam vessel." The Secretary in quoting the common law, and the statute on the subject remarks: "Any person whether male or female may paddle his or her own canoe or steer or conduct his or her own vessel. I see no reason in written or unwritten law why Mistress Miller may not lawfully demand an examination, and if she prove herself duly qualified, have a license to serve as a master of a steam vessel. Nor is there need of any talk pro and con on the social status or on woman's rights so-called. Having been put on God's footstool by him, she has the right to win her bread in any moral and decent way which is open to any of his toiling creatures. She chooses to do so as master of a steam vessel. It is an honest calling if she is fitted for it. Though clothed in skirts she has a right to follow it, and no man should say her nay." The Secretary concludes: "Let the local inspectors put behind them all thoughts of the sex, and without antagonism and without partiality, make a diligent inquiry as to her character. Examine the proofs offered as to her capacity, experience and habits of life, and if satisfied she can be safely entrusted with the duties and responsibilities of master of a steam vessel, let them grant her a license."

Representative Hopkins, chairman of the House committee on labor, has, in compliance with petitions from various labor organizations of the country, prepared a bill which he will present to the House for reference on Monday, providing for the enforcement of the eight hour law. He says the moral influence of the eight hour law will have the effect of reducing the hours of labor throughout the country and thereby tend to relieve the call for employment.

NEW YORK, 2.—The Common Council (democratic) last evening ousted the republican police officials and installed democrats. To-day two sets of lieutenants are at headquarters. The republican officials will carry the case to the Supreme Court.

The Senate committee on judiciary has ordered the Lowell bankruptcy bill formally reported with amendment. It preserves State exemption and authorizes involuntary proceedings only against persons whose debts amount to more than \$1,000, and only against traders. It diminishes the number of commissioners in bankruptcy one-half. Many amendments suggested by the bankruptcy convention, which met here a few days since, are in the bill. Senator Hoar will report it Monday. Some features of the bill are among those contended for by Western senators in the last Congress, and their adoption greatly increases the chances of its passage.

The House committee on public lands have decided to report declaring the forfeiture of the land grants to the Oregon & California and California Railroads, except such tracts as have been patented. The land is valued at \$3 to \$4 per acre, and the terms of the contract expired January 8th.

W. T. Barclay, of Pennsylvania, representing the coke interests before the House committee on labor, to-day, said that only about five per cent. of the Hungarians could read. Their earnings average \$1.25 per day, and they work from two to five days per week, beginning work at 1 o'clock or 2 o'clock a. m., and continuing until 7 o'clock p. m. The Hungarians, Barclay says, are most filthy. A number of representatives of the labor organizations appeared before the committee and argued against the importation of foreign laborers under contract. T. V.

Powderly, ex-mayor of Scranton, Pa., said he represented the Knights of Labor, an organization numbering 500,000 members. This association desire an eight hour law, legislation preventing foreigners purchasing large tracts of public land in this country, and preventing the importation of foreigners under contract. He spoke on the importation of Hungarians and said they returned home after saving comparatively small sums of money. One family of persons was instanced, that lived on \$27 a month. This diet is said to be mush and water six days, with meat on Sunday. The Hungarians, he said, were becoming as obnoxious in the east as Chinese in the west. In some cases ten of them live in a single room. Members of the committee asked if the operators advocated the strikes in order that the price of coal and coke might be raised.

Barclay replied they did, and he had been offered the privilege of organizing the men for the strike.

Representatives of labor organizations selected John S. McClelland, of New Jersey; John Murphy, of Ohio; T. V. Sowderly, James Campbell and John Schlacker, of Penna., as a committee to remain in Washington and urge the passage of Representative Foran's bill.

ST. JOSEPH, 3.—Information has been received here that the dead body of Wm. Bradshaw, a wealthy farmer living eleven miles from Albany, Gentry County, was found near his home yesterday with his head crushed with a club, and his face, the palms of his hands and soles of his feet burned terribly. The indications about the premises are that the old man was assaulted by robbers, who tortured him with fire in order to make him reveal the hiding place of his money, and afterwards beat him to death with bludgeons. It is not known whether the robbers obtained any money, but it is supposed that Bradshaw had a large sum concealed in his house, it is believed they did. No clue to the murderers.

ST. LOUIS, 3.—The large four story iron-front building on the southeast corner of Eighth and St. Charles Sts., occupied by N. O. Nelson & Co., extensive manufacturers of machinery and Phillips, Grant & Co., as a warehouse for boots and shoes, was burned this morning. A large part of the Charles St. building way totally destroyed and the Eighth street side badly gutted. Nelson & Cos. loss is not known, but their insurance amounts to \$150,000, distributed in fifty home and foreign companies.

WHITESBORO, Texas, 3.—Both the stages between Whitesboro and Gainesville were robbed by road agents this morning: \$500 was secured. The stages were within sight of each other at the time.

GALVESTON, Tex., 3.—News, Crockett special: The negro Sandy Robinson, who murdered deputy sheriff James Lathrop recently in Leon County, was taken from Crockett jail at 1 o'clock this morning by 100 masked horsemen and hung near the graveyard at the edge of the town. Sheriff Bayne had been informed of the intended lynching and had the jail guarded by six citizens. Bayne begged the mob not to take the prisoner, but they quickly overpowered the sheriff who succeeded in drawing a pistol which was discharged during the scuffle. No one was hurt however.

Some well borers near Urbana, Ill., struck a gas vein at the depth of eighty feet, the roaring of which can be heard at a distance of two miles.

CINCINNATI, O., 4.—Gallipolis, O.: The wife and little daughter of Morgan Martin, a farmer four miles from here, were burned in their dwelling on Saturday. It is supposed the wife's clothing caught fire and thus fired the building.

RENDVILLE, O., 4.—Peter Clifford, a young brakeman of the Ohio Central railroad, was awakened late on Saturday night by two men, who asked him to come to the door. He went; as soon as the door was opened one of the men put a pistol to his breast and fired. Clifford fell back into the arms of his wife saying, "The Hickeys have killed me," and died in a few minutes. He was much esteemed among his neighbors and only recently married. The Hickeys, who bear a hard name, were arrested, four in number, including Joe Reddy, brother-in-law of Richard Hickeys. Last night a mob of several hundred men surrounded the jail, took Richard Hickey and Reddy to a grove near by, where Hickey was hung, refusing to confess or deny. Reddy was also strung up, but the rope broke and he protested his innocence and begged so piteously that the crowd spared him for trial.

FOREIGN.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 31.—Several mountain tribes under Ali Pasha, formerly the chief of Albania, have revolted and seized the reins of government. They had resolved to oppose the cession of the districts of Gusline and Kraina to Montenegro. On the 19th instant they entered Montenegrin territory, but were repulsed, losing fifty men.

CAIRO, 31.—General Gordon leaves Assouan to-day en route for Khartoum. He has written a letter to El Mahdi asking him to send the European prisoners in his possession to Khartoum.

Col. Sartoris telegraphs from Khartoum as follows: Sinkat and Trinkat are still ours. I am going to join Baker Pasha at Trinkat to-morrow. We will advance Friday. Baker Pasha recently made a cavalry reconnaissance and attacked Osman Digna and killed and wounded over 120 of his men. The