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## AMERICAN.

## Democratic Caucus.

WASHINGTON, 1.—At a caucus of democratic Representatives in the House last night, Representative House, of Tennessee, declining reelection, Representative Rosecrans, of California, was unanimously elected permanent chairman of the democratic caucus for the Forty-Seventh Congress. The object of the caucus was announced to be the appointment of a Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. It was decided that the committee should be composed of one member from each State delegation in Congress in which there are democrats; that the committee should be empowered to appoint an executive committee on the part of the House and seven members to act with a similar committee from the Senate, the joint committee to have charge of the democratic campaign. The chairman was also authorized to appoint a committee of three on pairs.

## Indicted.

The grand jury indicted S. G. Cottrell, John N. Minx and Charles H. Dickson, for conspiracy to defraud the government by means of fraudulent bids for 3,109 post routes in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi.

## Mason's Trial.

A member of the court martial trying Sergeant Mason, said to-day that the court will finish the trial to-morrow. He said all there is of the case is that a guard fired at a prisoner he was guarding. That guilt is clear and admitted, but he could not say what punishment would be inflicted.

## Conkling.

In executive session of the Senate, the nomination of Conkling to be Associate Justice, was reported from the judiciary committee with recommendations that it be confirmed. It was placed upon the calendar in accordance with the rule which requires all reported nominations to lie over till the next succeeding executive session. No request was made for unanimous consent to suspend this rule. Nothing was said in regard to the nomination.

## Decrease of Debt.

The public debt statement shows a decrease of the public debt during February of \$9,783,511. Cash in the Treasury, \$252,617,643; gold certificates, \$68,674,480; certificates of deposit, \$11,550,000; refunding certificates, \$546,450; legal tenders, \$346,681,016; fractional currency, \$7,065,877; cash balance available, \$155,147,338.

## Sugar Petition.

NEW YORK, 1.—A petition to the Senate and House of Representatives requesting that action be taken looking to the abrogation of the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty was forwarded to Washington by the Secretary of the Board of Trade and Transportation yesterday. It is asserted in the petition that the treaty has been taken advantage of by a syndicate of capitalists to develop enormously the production of sugar in the Sandwich Islands, which is admitted free of duty in the United States, thus discriminating against other sugar producing nations, and injuring domestic interests. The petition is signed by several hundred firms, including all the sugar importing and refining trade, together with a large representation of manufacturers and merchants doing business with sugar producing countries.

## Crimes.

DENVER, 1.—The Republican furnishes the following: Morris Noel, who came from Indianapolis two years ago, and who has since been employed as a bookkeeper for Gidding & Wood, embezzled about \$8,000 from his employers. Twelve hundred dollars of the money was paid for a house and lot, and a large portion is still supposed to be in possession of Noel, who, it is thought, is at present in Indianapolis. He is said to have wealthy relatives, and was given until yesterday to return the money, but the house and lot, which were transferred to the firm for \$1,400, is all that has been paid.

At Longmont, last night, Willis Pullam was shot and dangerously wounded by a man named Berry. Cause, a quarrel at cards.

## A Big Breeze.

GALVESTON, 1.—The News Valley Mills special says: A severe cyclone struck that place last night, almost completely destroying the town. Only one business house is standing. Brinkman's hotel, a two-story building, was carried some distance and smashed to pieces. Ten persons were in the building at the time of the accident. No lives lost.

## The National Banks.

WASHINGTON, 2.—Some democratic Congressmen are very much opposed to giving anything like party support to Vest's bill for wiping out the National bank circulation. They say this is a dangerous question and the democratic party will suffer if it supports it. There will be an effort probably to smother it in committee. One democrat says it may be a very good measure for Missouri, where greenbackism prevails, but that it is a dangerous one for the party to endorse, and that he is determined to oppose it.

## Conkling.

The Senate confirmed Roscoe Conkling, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court; and Aaron A. Sargent as minister to Germany; Wm. F. Posten, United States attorney of the Western District of Tennessee.

The vote on Conkling's confirmation is understood to have been 39 yeas, against 12 nays. Eight democrats and four republicans, namely Hoar, Daws, Morrill and Hawley. Sargent's nomination was confirmed without division.

## Train Burned.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., 2.—The west bound passenger train on the Baltimore & Ohio road last night ran upon a stone at the toll gate, throwing all the cars, except the sleeper, from the track. The engine ran into the store of Geo. W. James. All the train except the sleeper burned. John Grigly and John Bremer, engineer and firemen, were instantly killed. The mail and express matter was mostly saved.

## Texas Storm.

GALVESTON, 2.—The News Valley special says: A storm, Monday night, did material damage in this neighborhood, uprooting trees, blowing down fences and some houses. Two large gin houses near town were demolished. A tree fell on the house of a freedman named Sombly Williams, near Anderson, killing a child and crippling an old woman.

## Matricide.

BAKERS CORNER, Mich., 2.—Mrs. Thomas Gillen was shot and killed by her son to-day. She had been for sometime an invalid and fretful to a degree that amounted to insanity. 10-day, sitting up in bed, she engaged in a heated dispute with her son, when he went to a closet, procured a revolver and deliberately shot her through the throat, death ensuing within fifteen minutes. The young man is thought to be demented, as he manifests no feeling concerning the affair, calmly expressed himself willing to take the consequences of his act. He sent to a harness shop for a messenger to carry the news to friends of the family.

## Business Review.

NEW YORK, 2.—The clearing house exchanges for the week as compared with the corresponding week of last year show the following comparisons in business transactions.

New York has lost 27.7-10 per cent.; Boston, 17.2-10; Philadelphia, 11.3-10; St. Louis, 3.1-10; Baltimore, 20.8-10; New Orleans, 38.8-10; Louisville, 3.9-10; Indianapolis, 10.3-10; Worcester, 5.7-10; Memphis, 28.6-10. Other cities have gained as follows:

Chicago, 23.1-10; Cincinnati, 9.8-10; San Francisco, 9.7-10; Pittsburgh, 15.8-10; Milwaukee, 6.3-10; Providence, 11.8-10; Kansas City, 17.1-10; Cleveland, 13.7-10; Hartford, 11.5-10; New Haven, 25.6-10; Columbus, 23.2-10; Springfield, 2.4-10; Syracuse, 26.2-10; Lowell, 8.7-10.

The Public says of these figures: There is nothing encouraging in the return of the exchanges for the last week in February. The week embraced a holiday in both years observed in the same cities and to the same extent. It was the last week of the month, but was one of great activity in speculation at Chicago and Milwaukee, and the aggregate exchange would have been much smaller but for the increase at these cities. Nevertheless the return is the least favorable that has been made for a long time. There is a decrease in the aggregate of exchanges outside of New York,

a decrease here in exchanges not arising from stock operations and a peculiar weakness in the business at several of the more important cities. Ten cities report a smaller exchange than in the corresponding week last year, a state of things which has not been witnessed before for a long time. Indications of declining business at some of the great centres of wholesale trade, which we then observed as likely to be followed by a shrinkage of trade elsewhere, have not proved deceptive. Prices are higher than a year ago, and transfers of like quantities of products would result in larger exchanges, but the decline of 5.5-10 per cent. outside of New York, indicates a decrease of at least 12 per cent. in quantities of products transferred.

## Destructive Floods.

HELENA, Ark., 2.—Reports from the flooded districts say many are starving, while others are feeding on the putrid carcasses of drowned cattle, and such game as can be procured, while families are subsisting on half a peck of meal per week. People are offering milch cows at 25 cents per head, as the poor beasts are dying from starvation. The distress all along the river below is unparalleled. News has reached the city this afternoon that the water in St. Francis river bottom, or sunk lands, is rising an inch per hour.

Vicksburg, 2.—The river is rising slowly. Weather clear and warm, very serious breaks at Concordia, Clay, Wade, Baggotts and Clark's levees are reported, which will put the southern part of Washington and Buckland, Isaquera and Sharkey counties under water. A number of people were drowned at River-ton, and there is considerable suffering and loss of life at other points.

New York, 2.—The heavy rain storm which set in early on Wednesday morning, continued with brief breaks through the day.

The wall of a new building in 128th Street was blown over upon the residence of Wm. James, and his daughter fatally injured. The storm was severe along the Hudson and the ice was set in motion.

St. Jacques, Achigan, Quebec, 2.—There has been heavy rains since early morning. The river is so high people are moving cattle away, and some are forsaking their homes altogether. It is the highest flood ever seen here.

Bellows Falls, 2.—The Connecticut river is rising rapidly. If the weather holds warm, disastrous results are feared.

Warmouth, Ont., 2.—Heavy rains caused a flood in Mill river, and considerable damage to property.

Milford, 2.—The Delaware river is higher than for ten years.

## Shot Himself.

CINCINNATI, 2.—Ed. C. Turner, brother of the president of the chamber of commerce, was found dead in his room with a pistol ball in the right temple. He had recently been robbed, and it is thought the shot was fired accidentally while under the influence of chloroform, and imagining robbers were present.

## Shot by a Schoolmate.

WALNUT HILLS, Ohio, 2.—Jesse Richardson, colored boy, was accidentally shot and killed by a schoolmate.

## Riot in Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURG, 3.—A riot is reported now in progress at the Bessmer steel works Homestead, Pa., between strikers and police.

## The Queen's Enemy.

NEW YORK, 3.—It is said that Maclean has been pronounced sane by the doctor who examined him in the cell. The weapon used was a six chambered Colt's revolver of American make. Maclean said he would not have done what he did had he not been hungry. It appears, however, that he took a hearty meal at a coffee house shortly before the attempt. The Daily News says: There is reason to believe that there is more in the matter than at present appears on the surface and that the attempt is the outcome of some plot.

## Business.

The condition of trade in New York, the decline in the volume of business, the devastating floods in the southeast and several important failures have combined to cause considerable apprehension as to the healthfulness of trade generally. Large losses arising from hazardous speculation and resulting in a decline in values have contributed to the feeling of uncertainty

and the week has not been a very comforting one to the trading community generally, nevertheless there are no indications that the legitimate trade of the country is less safe than before or that the ability to absorb, consume and pay for all goods purchased need be questioned. Reports as to crops in the west and northwest are unanimously good, and spring demand for merchandise is opening up very satisfactory.

## The Pedestrians.

Concerning Rowell's withdrawal, Hughes said: "I have carried my point and have broken him up." And so he had indeed accomplished his end and had forced the retirement of the little Englishman, who for the first time had to suffer the humiliation of being beaten and by a man who had sacrificed his chance of winning for the purpose of pushing the champion so hard in the first part of the race that he could not possibly go through until the end. Nature could stand no more. Hughes could push Rowell the first day and compelled him to cover 150 miles in a little over 22 hours, and had kept the strain up on succeeding days, until Rowell could not possibly go much further.

12 o'clock.—Hazel 490, Sullivan 434, Noremac 442, Hughes 422, Fitzgerald 468, Hart 449.

3 p.m.—Hazel 503, Sullivan 440, Noremac 456, Hughes 430, Fitzgerald 479, Hart 460.

## \$30,000 Fire.

PITTSBURG, 3.—Shortly before 3 o'clock, this morning, a fire broke out at Hartley & Bros' tannery in the east end, and before the flames could be subdued, the entire structure, together with a large amount of tanbark, was consumed. The loss will reach \$30,000, on which there is 60 per cent. insurance.

## Destructive Southern Flood.

NEW ORLEANS, 3.—News reaches here of terrible destruction of property by the breaking of the levee at Carson landing after the heavy rain and wind storm of Tuesday. A gap of 75 feet was first made by the rushing waters and then a hundred yards of the levee was soon swept away.

## Fleeing from the Floods.

MEMPHIS, 3.—Refugees from all parts of the south and west are flocking to Memphis by hundreds. Several families from over the river came this morning. Others will come to-morrow. The first installment of government rations will arrive to-night. This afternoon Col. Hemingway sent supplies by steamer to sufferers at Niblit, Riverton and Concordia, also to Guitmal Co. via Vicksburg. The commissioners will appoint agents at eligible points within the immediate districts.

The *Avalanche*, Helena, Ark. special, says: The river rose an inch and the work on the levee is going ahead fast. I think it will be able to withstand the coming rise. Reports from Upper White River show great loss and suffering. Steamboats now run through the streets at Indian Bay, Ark., and several houses have been knocked out of place, and business generally suspended.

## An Arkansas Hurricane.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., 2.—A desolating hurricane passed over a portion of Jefferson County late on Tuesday night, blowing down the house of Charles Dutch and laying waste the cabins, houses and fencing on the plantation of Mr. J. B. Coombs. A number of his tenement houses were blown down and one woman killed.

## Waters Still Rising—Submerged Cities.

EASTON, Pa., 3.—The Delaware River to-night is 23 feet above low water mark and still rising. It has risen one foot since 4 p.m. The river is filled with lumber and broken rails. The floors of the mills at South Easton are submerged and considerable damage done to the locks on the Lehigh and Delaware canals.

SARATOGA, 3.—High water caused much damage to the Adirondack Railroad bridge embankment and carried away, at Thurman & Bove, the station, 400 feet of track was covered by a land slide. Near Hadeley the slide covered 100 feet of the track.

In Montreal, owing to the constant rain yesterday and last night and melting of the deep snow in the elevated parts of the city, nearly all the low western section from Bonaventure to St. Cunegonde is inundated with water from four to

ten feet deep. The only means getting to dwellings in several streets is by rafts.

## Danehower.

WASHINGTON. The following cable dispatch has been received from St. Petersburg: Danehower telegraphs: "Left eye ruined; must come out. Oculist says right eye affected by sympathy health splendid. On my feet. Forbidden to read or write. Can travel when snow disappears. Don't worry, right eye will be saved." (Signed) HOFFMANN.

## Filibustering.

WASHINGTON, 3.—There are threats of filibustering by democrats in case certain amendments are pushed.

## Star Indictments.

Assistant Attorney General R. has completed the preparation of indictments in all Star route cases far considered by the grand jury. There are 17 of these indictments already are endorsed by a grand jury as "true bills," the remainder, which include the indictment against Brady, Dorsey, et al., is a most voluminous document, contains 100 special allegations, fraudulent acts and covers transactions in 21 post routes. The grand jury indicted James B. Henden, James W. Donahue, W. W. Jackson, Albert E. Boone, Samuel Cabell, Edwin J. Sweet, W. S. Ringer and Oliver C. Buck, for conspiring in the Star route case concerning certain routes in South States.

## Bankrupt Bill.

The bankruptcy bill has been agreed upon by the Senate committee, and will be reported on Monday, if opportunity offers. Members of the committee are practically unanimous in favor of the bill. It will be vigorously pushed to passage. Ingalls will be in charge of the bill.

## Conkling Will Not Accept.

A friend of ex-Senator Platt that Platt told him yesterday New York that Conkling would accept the Supreme Court judgeship; that Conkling had said Platt that he could not hold the position, as he had \$50,000 worth of law practice he would have to relinquish if he went on the bench. Conkling added, according to this authority, that he preferred to remain in active politics.

## Cannon Was Fairly Elected.

The minority report of the House committee on elections in the non case from Utah is finished, will be submitted to the House probably to-day. It maintains Cannon was fairly elected, and qualified to hold his seat under the Constitution, laws and precedents of the House. The report is signed by Moulton, and Davis, demagogues, Jones, greenbacker, and Randall and Pettibone, republicans.

## Improved Grain Transfer.

CHICAGO, 3.—The Chicago Western Indiana are preparing to establish at South Englewood suburb of the city, an improved method that will revolutionize the transfer of grain from western to eastern roads. They have commenced surveying and will soon begin the construction of an immense transfer 1,000 feet long. Loaded cars from the west will run into the house a track 23 feet above the ground and then with elevator shovels grain will be unloaded into the scales holding a car-load each. Grain will then be put into an open car standing on the track. The grain will be inspected at yards and loaded on eastern. The transfer thus made is quick, cheap, and the weighing accurate three points of advantage over present system. It is expected the new house will have a capacity of transferring 500 car loads per day.

## Chicago Greatness.

A bill is pending in one of House committees of Congress to add Chicago to the list of enumerated ports. To show the right Chicago to be included in this statistics are published this morning, showing the arrivals and departures at this point during 1881, nearly 2,000 more than at Baltimore, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Portland and San Francisco combined, and greater than those New York, Philadelphia and San Francisco combined.

## Wool.

BOSTON, 3.—There is no change in the wool, and the business of the