

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Following is the call for the convention:

The national democratic committee, meeting in the city of Washington on the 22nd day of February, 1888, has appointed Tuesday, the 5th day of June next, at noon, as the time, and chosen the city of St. Louis as the place for holding the national democratic convention. Each State is entitled to representation therein equal to double its number of senators and representatives in the Congress of the United States, and each Territory and the District of Columbia shall have two delegates. All democratic, conservative citizens of the United States, irrespective of past political associations and differences, who can unite with us in the effort for pure, economical and constitutional government, are cordially invited to join us in sending delegates to this convention.

WM. H. BARNUM, Chairman.
FREDERICK O. PRINCE, Secretary.

The committee adjourned to meet in St. Louis on Monday, June 4, 1888.

DENVER, Col., Feb. 23.—A convention of wool growers of Colorado met in the Chamber of Commerce today. After the disposal of routine business, the convention adopted a resolution which addressed Colorado's senators and representatives in Washington, and the Senate and House committees, asking them to use every upright means to prevent the further reduction of the wool tariff, and to restore the tariff rate on wool to the rate, grade for grade, that existed prior to the reduction of March 3, 1883.

TUSCON, Ariz., Feb. 23.—The west-bound train on the Southern Pacific railroad was boarded by two masked men at Stein's Pass station at 8:30 o'clock last evening. After the train had started the men crawled over the water tank, covered the engineer and fireman with rifles, and ordered them to move slowly. When a mile and a half from the station the engineer was compelled to stop the train, and one of the robbers uncoupled the mail and express car with the engine from the other part of the train. The engineer was compelled to move on a mile and a half further, when the robbers again ordered him to stop, and then forced Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express messenger to open the car, which they rifled of valuables, but without disturbing the mails. The engineer was next ordered to go back and take up the other part of the train, and the robbers left the railroad starting in a southerly direction. The train arrived here on time. The express robbery is reported heavy. A special train was paced at the disposal of Marshal Wade, and several officers with two Indian trackers and horses left for the scene of the robbery.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The Times says: "We shall be surprised if the majority of the Canadians do not appreciate the fisheries settlement highly. We are certain that the compromise will appear the more skillful the more closely it is examined."

Lord Lansdale has sailed for New York. He intends to go to the northern part of the American continent on a long sporting tour.

Queen Victoria came to London today. Her Majesty drove across Hyde Park in an open carriage. She received many salutes from her people.

It is reported the Prince of Wales, on the occasion of his silver wedding banquet, will announce the betrothal of Prince Albert Victor to his cousin the Princess Alexandra of Greece, and the betrothal of the Princess Victoria to the Duke of Sparta, Crown Prince of Greece.

In the House of Lords this evening Lord Stothden moved that the government produce the latest papers regarding events in Bulgaria, and suggested that Great Britain initiate a conference to consider the question. Salisbury promised to place the papers on the table, but did not think a conference desirable.

In the Commons tonight an amendment by Shaw Lefevre, affirming the necessity of measures dealing with arrears of excessive rents in Ireland, was rejected after a spirited debate. The report on the address in reply to the Queen's speech was then adopted.

DUBLIN, Feb. 23.—The eviction of tenants on the Ponsonby Estate, at Youghal, has been unexpectedly resumed. A large military and police force accompanied by a doctor and ambulance and a fire engine escorted the bailiffs who executed the writs of eviction. The tenants were taken by surprise.

Father Kennedy and eight farmers have been convicted and sentenced to two months' imprisonment for attending a meeting of a suppressed branch of the National League at Newmarket, County Clare.

A "plan of campaign" victory near Loughrea was celebrated with bonfires this evening.

Sir Henry Burke has granted 25 per cent reduction, pays legal costs, reinstates the evicted tenants and pays the costs of their maintenance since eviction.

McCarrian has granted a reduction of 55 per cent.

BREILIN, Feb. 23.—Prince Louis, second son of the Grand Duke of Baden, and grandson of Emperor William, is dead.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—W. W. Corcoran died this morning at 6:30 o'clock. He was born at Georgetown, Dec. 27th, 1798, and laid the basis for his great fortune, under the firm name of Corcoran & Riggs, bankers, by the floating government bonds during the Mexican war. He is best known as a public benefactor and philanthropist.

In 1847 he purchased a site at Oakhill Cemetery, Georgetown, and ex-

pended about \$120,000 in improving it and presented the cemetery to his native town. The Corcoran

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he established in 1857, spending about \$300,000 in fitting it up, and in addition established an endowment fund of nearly a million dollars for its benefit. He transferred his entire collection of paintings, statuary, works of art and other gifts to the Louise Home, founded in memory of his wife and intended as a home for the aged women of refinement and education, who by reverse of fortune, had been reduced from affluence to poverty. The building cost about \$200,000 and has an endowment fund of about \$300,000. Corcoran also made large gifts to the Washington Orphan Asylum, Columbia University and many institutions in the south; and also gave \$100,000 to the Church of Ascension, of this city. To the University of Virginia he made gifts amounting to \$200,000, besides a library of about 4000 volumes.

DETROIT, Feb. 24.—Senator Stockbridge today sold his stallion, "Bell Boy," to Frankfort, Ky., parties for \$35,000. Stockbridge purchased him from Senator Stanford for \$5,000. Today's price is said to be the highest ever paid for a three year old colt.

DENVER, Col., Feb. 24.—A special from Canon City, Col., says the Exchange Bank, owned by Muelock Brothers, today made an assignment to A. R. Gumaer, their cashier. Assets, \$122,000; liabilities \$144,000. Sinking oil wells in Florence district is thought to be the cause of the failure.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The State senate committee investigated the cotton-seed-oil trust today. John Scott, one of the trustees, testified that the capital stock of the trust was nominally \$11,000,000. The dividends were 12 per cent.

CHICAGO, February 24.—Tascott, the alleged murderer of A. J. Snell, is still at large, notwithstanding his supposed capture in Missouri. A dispatch was received from Lebanon, that State, tonight, saying the prisoner there, suspected of being Tascott, is not the right man. The telegram was signed by Detective Aldrich of Chicago.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 24.—It is reported tonight that it has been admitted by the United States District Attorney that William Means, late president, and Decamp, late cashier of the Metropolitan National Bank, have been indicted by the grand jury.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 24.—A severe storm visited Hauptstadt, some miles from here tonight, doing great damage to property, but so far as learned no lives are lost.

DENVER, Feb. 24.—Articles of incorporation were filed today of the Pueblo, Gunnison & Pacific Railroad Company. The capital stock is five million, and the incorporators are: Charles Benkel, H. R. Holbrook, M. P. Fitch, O. H. P. Baxter and John A. Gray, all bankers and heavy capitalists of Pueblo. The main line of the road extends from Pueblo over Sand Hill pass in Sangre de Christa range to San Luis Valley, thence to Gunnison by Cochetopa pass, and on to the West State line with branch lines running to Pagosa Springs, Lake City, and Ouray. Work on the road, it is said, will be commenced at once. It is intended to make an internal railway system in the region not now reached by the Rio Grande.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—At the meeting of the passenger agents of the trunk lines today, Canadian Pacific rates were established, to take effect after March 1st. From that date, emigrant fares by this road will be the same as that of the American lines. On first class passengers to San Francisco there will be a differential of \$10 and \$20 on second class. Some time was also spent in fixing the rates for people going to the educational convention in San Francisco in July. It will be one fare for the round trip.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—The California Fast Freight Line, of which Samuel De Bow, recently deceased, was general manager, is to be discontinued March 1st. In a circular issued today, notice was given by the Northwestern, Rock Island & St. Paul railroads that they had withdrawn and will hereafter solicit and care for their own Pacific Coast traffic.

AUGUST, Feb. 24.—It is possible that tomorrow the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy system will be tied up from one end to the other. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen have decided upon a strike as a last resort to enforce their demands upon the company, and confidently expect to tie up the road completely and win the strike. For three weeks past, a committee of Burlington engineers and firemen have been negotiating, together with Chief Arthur and Grand Master Sargeant with the Burlington officials to bring about arrangements similar to those on the other roads. Mr. Sargeant said tonight to an Associated Press representative: "We have consented to strike and we have instructed our men accordingly, and at a given hour every engineer and fireman employed on the entire system of the C. B. & Q. will quit work and go to their homes. This company will be at liberty to get other men to fill their places. The Brotherhood does not do anything hastily. They look over the ground carefully, act cautiously, and intend to be victorious."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Secretary of the Interior has received a report from Special Agent Mason, in which it is charged that the Aver Lumber Company of Flagstaff, Arizona, and the Arizona Lumber Company, caused to be cut from the public lands in said Territory, 19,425,450 feet of timber and 25,177 railroad ties. The value of the timber at the mill is given at \$143,570, and of the ties at \$10,000. Both civil and criminal proceedings against the parties named are recommended.

VIENNA, FEB. 24.—It is reported that a syndicate of French, Belgian and Dutch bankers has advanced to Russia, the sum of 30,000,000, refusing to grant a larger loan unless the Bulgarian question is settled peacefully.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The prospectus has been issued of the London Produce Clearing House Company, limited. This company, which has a capital of £1,000,000 proposes to place on a secure basis, by a system of deposits, dealing in produce for future delivery, want of which has caused considerable diversion in English business to foreign markets. Coffee, sugar, metals, cotton, corn and seeds will come within the sphere of the company. Among the names attached to the prospectus are those of the Barings, Rothschilds, Fruchtlings and Goschen, Hambros, Huths and Schroeders.

In the House of Commons tonight Smith, government leader, moved that the consideration of the rules of procedure have precedence over other business. Gladstone said he regretted the proposal of urgency, but would give the government assistance in expediting the discussion. Bradlaugh moved an amendment, excluding Wednesday from the operation of the rules. The amendment was defeated by 247 to 150.

A dispatch from San Remo says a critical operation will be performed on the crown prince tomorrow.

The text of Larnell's bill is published. It empowers the court to order a reduction of arrears and costs of tenants to whom the land act of 1887 applies, where it is proved such tenants are unable to pay owing to circumstances beyond their control. It extends to nine months the period within which caretakers under the act of 1887 may apply for the restriction of their tenancy. It empowers the court to reduce the amount of the judgment and costs against such caretakers when it is proved they are unable to pay and directs that upon the payment of the reduced judgment and upon application to be restored to their holdings, they be dealt with the same as if they had paid their judgment in full. The bill will be supported by the Gladstonians.

The Queen held her first drawing-room reception of the season today. The Queen was accompanied by the Princesses Louise, Victoria and Maude, and Princess Beatrice, the Duke of Cambridge and the Prince and Princess Christian. During the reception the Queen had a long conversation with Count von Hatzfeldt, German Ambassador, regarding the Crown Prince.

A Berlin correspondent says he hears on good authority that the Porte has decided to intimate to Ferdinand that it considers his position in Bulgaria illegal.

SOFIA, Feb. 24.—It is stated that the government is firmly resolved to reject any proposal to dethrone Ferdinand, even if such proposal be supported by the powers.

BREILIN, Feb. 24.—The court will go into mourning for a fortnight for the death of Prince Louis of Baden. The Emperor and Empress are greatly afflicted by the news.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 25.—The French ship *Ile de Marthe*, sank here yesterday, carrying down with her the Vallett block, entailing a loss of \$200,000. The *Ile de Marthe* sailed for Havre with 4,400 bales of cotton January 15. She sprang a leak when three days out and returned to this port, unloaded her cargo and went into dock to be overhauled. When being raised she suddenly crashed through the side of the dock and carried it down with her. The dock, which was the finest in the city, was valued at \$100,000, and is a total loss, as there was no insurance. The ship's value was \$100,000 and was fully insured in foreign companies.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Renewed snow storms prevail throughout England. The roads are completely blocked in many places, and outdoor work in the country has been stopped.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—The steamer *San Pablo* arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama this morning. China papers announce the death of Gideon P. Nye, United States vice-consul at Canton. He was the oldest foreign resident in China, having gone there in 1833. He amassed a fortune of about \$5,000,000, and afterwards lost it all. At the time of his death he was writing the history of China's relations with foreign powers.

Smallpox continues to spread in Hong Kong. About 250 deaths occurred during January.

Few additional details are given of the second disaster at Yellow River which occurred Dec. 4th, and resulted in the drowning of three mandarins and 1,000 Chinese laborers. Men were at work at the time repairing the damage caused by previous floods, and 2,000 bamboo rafts had been laden with stones in order to form a breakwater, but the rafts with all the workmen upon them

soon flooded over, making it impossible for boats to reach the villages. In all the large cities huts have been erected by the authorities for the accommodation of the sufferers. Between 30,000 and 40,000 are being thus housed and fed. In the city of Coochia Kin the whole country is a sad spectacle, and stories of suffering and destitution come from every direction. It is estimated that 20,000 stacks of millet stalks will be needed to stop the great gap, each stack requiring fifty large carts to bring it to the spot. So far the utmost exertions have not succeeded in collecting more than thirty stacks a day. Eighty million taels have already been expended on repairs.

EVANSVILLE, Feb. 25.—The tornado which passed over the Vanderbury and adjoining counties yesterday, did great damage in the country. Advice received from townships in Vanderbury and Gibson counties are to the effect that dwellings, barns, stables, fences and orchards have greatly suffered. Farming implements have been destroyed and there has been much loss of life to live stock. Trees were uprooted and general destruction prevailed.

MATAMORAS, Mexico, Feb. 25.—Advices from Tula state that last night at 10 o'clock Judge Emilio V. Martinez, the highest judicial authority, was murdered in that city.

ROME, Feb. 25.—General Sanmarzano, commanding the Italian army in Abyssinia, has telegraphed that King John and his army arrived at Godofelassi on February 21. They are now encamped at Mealgar, and have stored provisions at Debro.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 25.—The committee appointed by one of the largest meetings of citizens ever held in this territory for the consideration of railroad matters, has decided to make public the following proposition: "To the first railroad building into Albuquerque, or from this point to the north or east, the citizens of this town will give \$50,000 in cash, ample terminal facilities, and assistance in securing the right of way."

This proposition is made as an inducement in the various roads building in this direction to complete their lines to Albuquerque without delay.

DENVER, Feb. 25.—About 2 o'clock this morning, near Colton, Neb., trains Nos. 4 and 3 on the Union Pacific Railroad collided with terrible force, the engines telescoping each other and the cars piling on top of the wreck, which immediately took fire, burning a large number of cars, including the baggage, express, two Pullman and one emigrant sleeper on No. 4. The heat from the fire was so intense that all the telegraph wires running along the side of the track were melted, and for a time all communication was shut off. Just how any passengers escaped was a mystery to them as they watched the burning mass, which twenty minutes before was two heavily loaded moving trains. However, they all escaped with but slight injuries, excepting Engineer Powell, who was

INSTANTLY KILLED while trying to check the speed of his engine in order to save the lives of his passengers. The passengers not injured assisted those who were caught in the wreck to escape and soon had them all out and at the hotel, where they were reported doing well. None are seriously injured. The company soon had wrecking trains on the ground, and the track was cleared by eight o'clock this morning. Just who is responsible for the collision is not yet known here.

The wrecked passenger train left Sidney at 12:27 and was running nearly 50 miles per hour when it struck the freight train that was just taking the side track at Colton. Some of the freight cars which were loaded with gasoline and oil, had not got off the main track when the "Overland Flyer" struck them, and they immediately

BURST INTO FLAMES. The engine turned a complete somersault, the tender going on one side and the engine on the other. The express messenger, Charles D. Howard, barely escaped; but managed, at the risk of his life, to save many thousands of dollars for the Pacific Express Company. Among the treasures were thirteen silver bricks, five of which were melted by the heat. Superintendent Dickinson's car and one sleeper were not injured.

Among the injured are August Johnson, fireman, leg broken; W. H. Murphy, Sloane, Iowa, hand burnt; Joseph Smith, head injured; Mrs. Douglass, California, leg and hand burnt; Frank Lawrence, North Platte, cut on head; G. McCrara and a Mr. Brown, Portland, Oregon, bruised and sprained; John Low, Julesburg, cut on head and wrist sprained; Mrs. Benton Reed, Jamesville, New York, back hurt. W. D. Knowles, Illinois; Mrs. Bayard, Laramie, and Lucy Hackenburgh, and some others whose names could not be learned were more or less injured. The wreck is now cleared and the trains are running over it.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 25.—A horrible tragedy was enacted in Ashland County today. Lewis Cheserown, Sr., a man 76 years of age, a resident of Mohicanville, a little settlement, is estimated to have been worth \$80,000. Of late years he has been perfectly helpless and resided with his son. All of the property was bequeathed to his children, upon condition that they would keep him the remainder of his life. For a number of years they have

been quarrelling among themselves over the division. Recently Lewis Cheserown, Jr., was appointed guardian of his father. Another son lived in the same house, and on last Wednesday both were driven from the home, and in their absence, other sons called and carried away their aged father. The abductors were arrested on charges of assault and battery, and were bound over in court in the sum of \$300 each. Lewis Cheserown obtained a writ of habeas corpus which was given to Constable W. H. Keller to serve. He went to the house of John Cheserown, where the old man was confined. Five of the Cheserown boys were in the house, and they refused to open the doors. Keller got a posse and forced an entrance. As he crossed the threshold, he was shot by Elias Cheserown, and so badly wounded that he died tonight. Keller's deputy, Jacob Helbert, next fell dead with a bullet in his brain. Elias then jumped on a horse and rode to Ashland jail, where he gave himself up. Four other brothers, Adam, Wesley, John and Joseph were arrested.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—Martin Irons, the leader of the Missouri Pacific strike of two years ago, who has been on trial here on the charge of attempting to tap telegraph wires, was acquitted today.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—S. C. Wilkinson of Peoria, grand master of the Brotherhood of Railroad Brakemen, reached the city this afternoon, and had a consultation with Chief Arthur of the engineers' brotherhood, and grand master sargeant of the firemen's organization. To a reporter, Wilkinson said the brakemen on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy system would stand by the engineers and the firemen in the contemplated strike.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—A dispatch from Reading, Pennsylvania, says: "The impending strike of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers on the C. B. & Q. road is the event of considerable interest to the 300 engineers on the Reading road who lost their positions during the recent trainmen's troubles. These engineers were Knights of Labor, and most of their positions were obtained by Brotherhood men whom they supplanted ten years before. They now propose to retaliate. In case of a strike on the C. B. & Q. road they now propose offering themselves for the places of the striking Brotherhood men."

This is corroborative of the report which has been current in Chicago this evening.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Tomorrow's World will contain a three-column interview with Blaine, cabled from Florence.

Blaine distinctly asserted that under no circumstances whatever would he allow his name to be used in connection with the next presidential nomination. He insists on the sincerity of his withdrawal, and asserts he had made up his mind thereto long ago. He considers, first, that any man whose name has been associated with defeat in a presidential campaign owes it to his party not to allow himself to be nominated; and, secondly, he is unequal to facing the fatigue, worry and excitement of another canvass, all the more as he would feel himself bound to work as hard as on the previous occasion. Mrs. Blaine and other members of the family are most emphatic in their approval of his withdrawal, which is definite, and neither hasten or retard his decision. Blaine will not return from Europe until June, and until after the republican convention. He declines to express himself on the subject of republican candidates in the field, but asserts he did not retire in favor of any particular one of them. He is convinced of a republican victory, basing his conviction in particular on the tariff question.

Mr. Blaine said in conclusion: "You have no idea what a relief it is to me to think I am now out of the canvass, and that when I come back to New York in the summer I shall not come back to face reception after reception and to enter into the turmoil and excitement of a political canvass. I can now come back quietly after the convention has decided the result, and enjoy my life in my own way; free, I hope, from further criticism or comment."

READING, PENN., Feb. 26.—It is learned here tonight that the agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. has been in this vicinity several days recruiting striking engineers and firemen for the Reading railroad whose places were taken by the brotherhood men to send to Chicago in case a strike should occur on the western roads. It is said he has obtained the promise of quite a number to go west.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Four o'clock on Monday morning was officially announced today as the time for a great strike on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad. Between 11 and 12 o'clock this morning S. C. Hoge, chairman of the grievance committee of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers, on the Burlington system, and J. H. Murphy, chairman of the grievance committee of firemen called on General Manager Stone, at the company's office, and gave him verbal notice that unless their demands were acquiesced in, the men would strike at 4 o'clock tomorrow morning. Mr. Hoge briefly stated what the men wanted. Mr. Stone heard them through and asked them if that was the ultimatum. They said it was. They told him that they, with Chief Arthur could be found at the Grand Pacific Hotel until 4 o'clock, if he desired to communicate with them. The Inter-

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as soon as they reached the middle of the river.

Great suffering is reported from the flooded districts. Cold weather came on and the whole country was