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WASHINGTON, 24.—District Attorney Van Zile, of Utah, was before the House judiciary committee today. He continued the explanation of the necessity of enforced testimony of first wives, with a view to the breaking up of the evil of polygamy.

The United States steamer Alaska at Mare Island, was put out of commission to-day for extensive repairs.

Total deficiencies in the appropriations for the various departments for the fiscal year ending June 30th next, \$1,540,835.

Father Tomazine, Catholic missionary among the Chippewa Indians at Red Lake reservation, has reached here in company with Little Thunder and Leading Feather, two chiefs of the tribe, to protest against the pending bill introduced by Washburne, of Minnesota, to remove the Chippewas to the White Earth reservation and open their reservation to sale and settlement.

The Star says the President recently told a New England senator, while he was anxious to have Congress pass a bill to revise the tariff, he was fearful, on account of the late session and the diversified interests in the bill, that it would fail. Being asked if he would call an extra session if the bill did fail, he said, "that is an emergency I will not consider until it emerges."

The commissioner of railroads is preparing the papers to enable the Attorney General to bring suit against the U. P. R. R. Co. to recover a balance of about one million dollars alleged to be due on account of percentages on net earnings. In the settlement by which the amount of this balance was ascertained, items for "new construction" and "new equipment" were excluded, and for this reason the railway company refuses payment of the sum claimed by the United States, and it asserts under a liberal construction of the act of May 7th, 1878, and under the decision of the United States Supreme Court, these items should be deducted from the gross earnings as being necessary "in operating the road."

The suit raises again the question, what constitutes net earnings under the law. The Senate to-day gave American steel industry a blow that may cause the defeat of the tariff bill in the Senate, and will probably have a pronounced effect upon tariff legislation in the House.

Considerable reductions were made in the bill of the finance committee regardless of the fact that its measure proposed rates below those recommended by the tariff commission.

The Senate only passed upon half a dozen clauses of the bill, and it is not known what further amendments in the line of lower duties may be proposed and carried. The votes taken to-day prove that there can be no hope of increasing rates, in any particular, with chances very largely in favor of a decided reduction. Representatives of industries engaged in the manufacture of the higher grades of steel, avow their determination to kill the bill. They say the action of the Senate to-day, if made law, would ruin their industries and compel them to close their mills; and they will oppose the passage of the Senate bill as a matter of self-preservation.

WASHINGTON, 24.—The Woman's Suffrage Convention adopted resolutions declaring women's suffrage has made stable institutions, happy homes, equal wages, equal purity for men and women, pronouncing reform in civil service a dishonest pretense unless women are graded in the service the same as men; denouncing the proposition for the disfranchisement of the women of Utah for no crime whatsoever as an evil display of power, which lies in might alone, and asserting that women should be given the ballot to preserve the integrity of society and permanence of American institutions, in view of the fact that immigration to this country now averages 500,000 per annum.

NEW YORK, 24.—The Post says the argument of the case of W. S. Williams against the Western Union Telegraph Company is postponed until Saturday. The opening of the books of the company is therefore also postponed. The opening of the joint office of the Direct and French Cable Companies in accordance with the views of John Pender is presumed to be simply his acceptance of the proffered director-

ship in the Western Union Telegraph Company, and the results expected from this, if it should be done, are increased credit and prestige for the Western Union that would eventually give it a place in the London market.

MONTREAL, 24.—The body snatching case came up in the police court today in a mob of medical students attempted to intimidate the magistrates, who sent for the police, who after a hard fight cleared all but the prisoners were arrested for assaulting the officers. Those accused of body snatching were dismissed.

St. Louis, 24.—Dallas, Texas special: O. H. Grigg, absconding U. S. Mail Route Agent, who robbed registered packages on the Texas Pacific Railroad, is arrested at Nashville, Tenn.

Newport, 24.—S. M. Fields, a prominent citizen and railroad contractor, is arrested by the Treasury Department for passing counterfeit half dollars. He claims he used the bogus coin innocently.

Kate Judd, who has already served five years for arson, has been arrested on a charge of burning Weaver Villa. She is suspected of other incendiaries.

Chattanooga, Tenn., 24.—A horrible murder was perpetrated last night in Walker County, Georgia. H. H. Rudd, a respectable farmer, aged 75 years, was found in his doorway with a frightful cut from an axe in his breast. It is thought the deed is the work of two negroes who were seen in that vicinity the night before with axes. The old man lived alone, and was supposed to have considerable money. To obtain this the crime was committed.

Later—The two negro murderers have been captured; threats of lynching.

Richmond, Va., 24.—Information is received to-day to the effect that a few nights since a body of disguised men forcibly took from jail in Russell county, this State, two white men named O. F. Ferrall and Evan Griffith, confined on a charge of obtaining under false pretenses about \$18,000 worth of cattle from grazers in that section. It is not yet known of the disposition made of the prisoners, but it is believed they are lynched.

Columbus, O., 24.—Isaac Knapp, a life man from the penitentiary, in Sandusky county, pardoned Oct. 19, was arrested at Fremont to-day, and is now on his way back to prison. It was discovered that he ate soap in the prison, causing an abscess, which led to his pardon on the ground that he would die.

New York, 25.—The locality known as the Rock of Sebastopol, 40th street, between Second and Third avenues, has long been famous in police annals as a resort of thieves and ruffians of the most desperate type. It is a high rock that covers an entire block. Shanties are built all over the rock, in which thieves live, and where they hide their plunder. Little lanes give the place the appearance of a small village. Directly opposite "Sebastopol," at Nos. 231 and 235 East 43d st., is the large silk factory of Frowin Bros. & Co. Between midnight and day-break Sunday, a daring and successful burglary was committed on the premises, and silks and ribbons, valued at \$3,000 stolen. The burglary was discovered at 7 o'clock Sunday morning by one of the proprietors, who immediately went to the 19th precinct station house and informed Captain Mount, who reported the robbery to Superintendent Walling at police headquarters, and detectives McGowan and Cuff were detailed to work the case up. The burglars had climbed over the high stone wall that bounded the side of the factory on 43d street, had pried open the heavy door that led into the basement of the factory, and from the basement made their way to the second floor, where the goods of the factory are stored. By means of baskets they carried off the silks and ribbons.

Wichita, Kan., 24.—Sheriff Sherman, while arresting Charles Cobb, alias Smith, at the Udell station yesterday was shot; he died last night. Smith was captured by farmers and held to await the officers. Before their arrival an armed party of farmers hung Smith to a tree. Cobb also killed a constable in Butler County, a few days ago.

SAN FRANCISCO, 24.—George T. Marye, Sr., a well-known capitalist, died suddenly this morning.

New York, 24.—Dr. George Miller Beard died at the Grand Hotel yesterday, at 10.30 a. m. His death is said to be due to pneumonia. He

was a great medical writer, and a witness in the Guiteau case.

Newcomerstown, O., 24.—Hon. Jas. Patrick, Sr., the oldest journalist in Ohio, died yesterday at New Philadelphia, aged 91.

Columbus, O., 24.—Grandfather Roesley, aged 93, born in Germany in 1890, died last night in Fairfield County. He fought nuder Bona-parte at Waterloo; leaves a large family.

Vice-President Purdy of the Mexican Central Railroad, telegraphs General Palmer that the Government has accepted the Mexican National Railway line to Maravatio; that he will open the line for general traffic Feb. 1st, prospects of a heavy freight traffic. Maravatio is 134 miles from the city of Mexico. The Huntington line is under way, and when completed will give the Southern Pacific a direct line to the city of Mexico. The Gould concession having been recently modified, work will be pushed immediately.

KANSAS CITY, 25.—Frank James will not offer bail at present, preferring to remain in jail at Independence. It appears that he is wanted elsewhere on more serious charges than that of robbery now pending against him, and if released, would probably be re-arrested and taken elsewhere. Gov. Crittenden has stated that he will not honor a requisition for James until the charges against him posed by the State of Missouri are disposed of.

MILWAUKEE, 25.—The general funeral of the victims of the Newhall House disaster occurred this morning. Business was suspended. There were 23 bodies. The funeral services were held by Protestants and by Catholics subsequently. The two processions joined on the way to their respective cemeteries. The procession was two miles long. The Protestant ceremonies were conducted in the Exposition Building; during their progress a steam pipe burst causing a temporary panic among the 6000 persons present.

CHICAGO, 25.—S. G. Pratt, the well known musical composer, today received a cable dated Paris, from Miss Dora Hennings Matthews, reported among the lost on the steamer Cimbria, stating that she is in Paris in good health.

REARMO, 25.—Hall & Sons fire brick works burned to-day; loss \$40,000.

NEW YORK, 24.—Clearing House exchanges for the week show the following changes this week over the corresponding week last year: Gains in business transactions—St. Louis 5 6-10 per cent., Chicago 14, San Francisco 17 3-10, Baltimore 8 8-10, New Orleans 12, Pittsburg 12 5-10, Louisville 8 4-10, Kansas City 8 8 1-10, Hartford 7 7-10, New Haven 2 3-10, Memphis 8 9 1-10, Columbus 1 2-10, Portland 2 7-10, Worcester 2 1-10, Springfield 11 5-10, Lowell 19 1-10, Syracuse 19 9-10.

Losses—New York 25 7-10, Boston 7 7-10, Chicago 9 8-10, Cincinnati 3 2-10, Milwaukee 11 5-10, Providence 4 7-10, Cleveland 10 6-10, Indianapolis 5 4-10, Peoria 11 2-10.

The changes for the last week present very unusual changes, and the comparison is altogether more favorable than it was. Three causes may be suggested as explaining at least in part the unusual changes considered. First, there has been considerable rise in the price of soil products, notably wheat, corn, petroleum and tobacco, and fall in some others. Then there was a great change in the weather from the second to the third week of the month. Indications of a greater activity in many branches of trade are more patent.

FOREIGN.

PARIS, 24.—A duel with swords was fought between De Lart, painter, and Col. Pominsgre. De Lart was wounded in the breast.

Ex-Empress Eugenie will start for England to-day, not next Wednesday, as stated.

Vienna, 24.—It is reported that the whole of the central portion of the town of Nicolaid, Russia, has been destroyed by fire, involving some loss of life.

Berlin, 24.—The crisis in France has greatly disturbed the Berlin bourse.

Frankfort, 22.—The Frank Furter Journal says the officers of the steamer Sultana have been placed in jail.

London, 23.—Reports have reached Silgoe of deaths by starvation on the Island of Innismurray.

Lord Castleton is dead.

Tralee, 23.—Poff and Barrett were hanged this morning for the murder of Thomas Brown near Castle Island. They protested their inno-

cence to the last. But little excitement attended the executions.

Berlin, 23.—It is stated that the cost of realizing the proposal of the bi-metalists to recoin the silver of Germany is estimated at 20,000,000 marks.

The funeral services of Prince Charles were held in the marble hall of the Palace this evening. The Emperor and the Empress and the remainder of the royal family, and several foreign princes were present.

Madrid, 23.—The Cabinet decided to reduce the expenditures of the government in order to effect an equilibrium in the present budget.

A letter from Manila states that a disease, not contagious, has broken out in the Philippine Islands, but that all attacked with it survive but a few hours.

A detachment of Spanish troops occupied the coast of Tavitar, off Borneo.

At a court reception to-day, King Alfonso announced that he had received from Prince Louis Ferdinand of Bavaria, a formal demand for the hand of the infanta, Marie Della Passe.

Pesth, 23.—In the lower house to-day Jokay energetically advocated placing the Jews on a complete equality with the adherents of other creeds. His remarks were greeted with cheers.

Triest, President of the Council, said the prejudice against the Jewish race would expire through social influences only. If society showed itself unequal to the task, then would exceptional legislation become necessary.

Honolulu, 15.—Preparations for King Kalakaua's coronation are about completed. According to indications the little nation will turn out almost to a man on the occasion.

The Marine Railway was opened on New Year's.

Prime Minister Gibson as president of the board of health, has made arrangements to introduce a company of Sisters of Charity into the Kingdom to help nurse the sick.

City of Mexico, 23.—Dispatches from Tampico state a terrific storm occurred there Saturday. The German bark Meta, put out to sea for safety. Yesterday the bodies of two of her crew washed ashore. The vessel is supposed was lost.

The Pueblo observatory observed a new comet, near Jupiter, Sunday, at 6.40 in the evening.

Matamoras, 23.—A strong body of Indians is murdering and robbing in the vicinity of Hermosillo. Four Customs guards and twenty ranchmen pursued them yesterday. The Indians fortified themselves behind breastworks on Romero mountains. The ranchmen assaulted the works. Five Indians were wounded and many others killed. Several ranchmen were wounded; none killed.

Eleven soldiers in Guadalajara yesterday murdered their guard and deserted.

LONDON, 24.—Samuel Morgan, flannel manufacturer, at Newton, Montgomeryshire, Wales, has failed; liabilities, £239,000.

A London Standard special says the Duc de Claret is virtually defunct. The political panic is unabated, and fund-holders are throwing their stocks on the market. The want of a guiding star is universally felt. The possibility of a military pronouncement is freely talked of. Throughout the bourgeois class there is a reaction against the regime of doctors and journalists, and a yearning for the saving sword. It is certain the Chambers will adopt Floquet's proposal. Gambetta's death has thrown the whole working machine of France out of gear.

The London Standard correspondent has information that the ex-Empress expressed to Prince Napoleon her general approbation of the terms of the Prince's manifesto, but added thereto the recommendation that he should formally renounce his claims as heir of the Bonapartists in favor of Prince Victor.

Just before the ex-Empress departed, a young priest pushed his way through the crowd of friends who surrounded the ex-Empress' carriage, and after kissing her hand respectfully, he whispered to her a few moments, then withdrew and joined another priest with whom he left the station. The incident caused a sensation, as no one seemed to know the priest.

Paris, 24.—Dere's funeral will take place to-morrow from the church of St. Clotilde.

Berlin 24.—The Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia has arrived and visited Prince Blismarck.

The progress of affairs in France is watched here with the keenest interest. It is thought great changes are likely to ensue sooner than generally expected.

Marseilles, 23.—Royalist jokes continue at Toulouse. White banners, with fleur de lis were hoisted there and in Nimes on Sunday.

Berlin, 24.—The funeral services of Prince Charles at the cathedral took place at two this afternoon. The Emperor and Empress and other members of the royal family, the Grand Duke Nicholas, Archduke Charles, Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, and various princes and diplomatic representatives were present. The services were imposing. The court chaplain delivered the funeral oration, and consecrated the remains of the Prince, amid the firing of a salute of 33 guns and three salvos from three battalions. The Emperor was much affected.

Vienna, 24.—It is generally supposed the mission of Degiers was a peaceful one, but surprise is expressed at the fact that the Russian Ministers to Munich and Bucharest are summoned by telegraph to meet Degiers here and were waiting him at the railway terminus.

Madrid, 24.—Members of the party Dynasty Left in the Cortes have issued a circular, ordering the formation of committees in towns and villages, declaring the Liberals desire the constitution of two great parties, of Liberals and Conservatives, which shall promote the interests of Spain assure prosperity, and close the era of revolutions.

Sofia, 24.—Bulgaria has given notice to the British diplomatic agent, demanding admission to the London conference on the Danubian question.

Cairo, 24.—The Khedive has signed a decree nominating Sir Auckland Calvine, formerly English Controller General, financial adviser to the Egyptian government.

Hamburg, 24.—Captain Cuttel, of the steamer Sultana, says: "I had twelve passengers on board, and my first duty was to look after the condition of my own ship. An hour was occupied in shoring up the collision bulkhead and stopping holes in the ship's bow with beds, etc. Then I set about looking for the other vessel; burned blue lights and sounded the steam whistle two hours after the accident, and remained in the vicinity till 8 a. m., when, not seeing or hearing anything, and the fog being still dense, I left for Hamburg." In answer to an inquiry if he sent off boats in search, he said the fog was so dense he deemed it imprudent to send boats. Respecting events immediately preceding the collision, the captain of the Sultana said: "About 10 o'clock, the fog increasing, the engines ran dead slow, the course being east-half-south. At 11 o'clock, English time, without hearing the sound of a whistle, I sighted the mast head and green lights, two points on our starboard bow. I starboarded the helm until the ship's head was east-north-east, when the green light suddenly disappeared and a red light came in sight. Seeing a collision was inevitable, I telegraphed for the engineer to put full speed astern; it was too late to avoid a crash. Everybody was at his proper post at the time and the lights brightly burning. The captain and chief officer were on the bridge and two men at the wheel, the steam whistle constantly sounding. I saw the Cimbria's green lights when they were only two ship-lengths ahead." Captain Cuttel drew a diagram showing the position of the two vessels. Both were on a straight course, he said "the Cimbria being two points on my starboard bow, so that my green light was visible to the Cimbria as soon as the Cimbria's green light was visible to me."

"How do you account for the accident?" "The Cimbria should have kept her course after seeing the Sultana's green light."

"What is the rule of the road?" "Capt. Cuttel brought out a log containing the official printed instructions, with veres entitled "Aids to Memory," by Thos. Gray, No. 1, for two steamships meeting: "When both side lights you see ahead, Port your helm and show your head."

"That is," remarked the Captain, "pass to the right."

No. 2, for two steamers passing says: "Green to green, and red to red. Perfect safety; go ahead."

"You starboarded?" "Yes, and had the Cimbria kept on her course there would have been no collision; but she ported her helm