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WASHINGTON, 3.

Secretary Schurz visited the Indian delegation this afternoon and distributed silver medals among them. He says they all appeared to be in very good spirits, and showed no signs of being displeased with the result of the conference.

The mail contractors who, with Clerk O'Brien, swindled the post-office department out of \$20,000 are now returning the money and may be prosecuted.

Prof. Henry, of the Smithsonian Institute received the following cablegram to-day: A comet was discovered by Temple at Florence, October 2nd; right ascension 23 hours, 51 minutes; declination south 10° 19'; daily motion 90 minutes, toward to southward. The comet has a small bright tail.

READING, Pa., 3.—The trial of the rioters was resumed this morning. The prosecution called James Low, George Alexander and James Dowman, former employes as fireman and engineers of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, who were induced to leave their employment and become members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. They testified that a union meeting was held on the Saturday evening previous to the burning of Lebanon Valley Bridge, at which suggestions were made that the bridge could be blown up with a keg of powder. Something was also said of a general agreement, but no definite action was taken.

PORTLAND, Me., 3.—A passenger train on the Ogdensburg road, today, ran into a freight train standing on a side track at Lake Sebago, smashing both engines and the baggage car, badly injuring the conductor, engineer, fireman, express agent and several passengers.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., 3.—By a collision near Clyde, of two freight trains, J. Kelly, engineer, of this city, was killed, and James Bennett seriously injured, and one train wrecked. Damage, \$75,000; misplaced switch.

LEWES, Del., 3.—The captain of the steamer *Magnolia* reports that he left Savannah on September 27th. The wind was moderate until the 29th, when it increased. At 4 a. m. on the 30th the vessel was discovered to be leaking badly. The pumps were started immediately, but could not gain on the water. The fires were extinguished at 8 a. m.; the passengers and crew left the ship at 5 p. m., with twelve feet of water in the hold, and gaining fast. They were picked up about dark by the bark *Strausund*, from Baltimore for the Baltic, and put on a pilot boat this morning and landed here. They saved nothing.

The steamer was 1,200 tons burden worth about \$200,000, and insured. She was loaded with cotton and a miscellaneous cargo of considerable value, consigned to New York.

CHEYENNE, 3.—Notwithstanding that the Black Hills Stage Company offer a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of the notorious outlaws who have infested the northern ends of Sidney and Cheyenne routes, they remain at large and continue their depredations. They were unmasked, and on last night in the vicinity of Buffalo Gap, on the Sidney route, stopped the north-bound coach, which, however, contained but one passenger besides the division agent, Cook. The passengers have become so cautious that very little currency is carried, and the robbers were only rewarded with a \$7 haul—rather poor picking. They were identified as Wall, Blackburn, Laughing Sam and The Kid.

Advices from Camp Robinson say twenty lodges left Spotted Tail agency last night, and that for every lodge that comes in six goes out.

CHICAGO, 3.—*Tribune's* Washington: The partisans of various candidates for Speaker claim as follows: For the first ballot: Randall, 60; Cox, 35; Taylor, 40; Blackburn, 38; Morrison, 32; Goode and scattering, 25, making a total of 230, which it is said are pledged. While the democratic membership of the House is but 145, seventy is a caucus majority sufficient for nomination. Randall's friends claim that he not only favors the Southern Pacific subsidy, his views having changed within two years, but also is inclined to favor a subsidy to a steamship line between New Orleans and South America.

COLUMBUS, 3.—This morning the

boiler of an engine attached to the sawmill of Miller and Son, near Studer town, Fairfield County, exploded, making havoc of the mill and instantly killing three young men—Peter Miller, George Eberle and Henry Sheidel. Solomon Miller was seriously, and probably fatally injured. The boiler was new.

SAN FRANCISCO, 3.—A few days ago William R. Cooper, stock operator of this city, disappeared suddenly, and it was ascertained that he had forged the name of J. P. Treadwell to checks on the bank of Sather & Co., and the National Gold Bank and Trust Company, to amounts aggregating over \$50,000. It is now established that Cooper is the individual who, in 1867, committed heavy forgeries on the government while employed in the navy department. He married a daughter of government printer Deere, and was arrested on his wedding day, and finally consigned to Moyamensing prison, Philadelphia, for five years. He is supposed to have gone to New Orleans since his flight from this city.

NEW YORK, 4.—The *World* says ex-premier Steinberger arrived yesterday, in the *L'Amerique*, from Havre. Being interviewed by a reporter, he said he had been much abused in the papers without cause. He hoped to refute the slanders before Congress at the coming session. He described and justified his course from the beginning, while in Samoa, and says he has come home to obtain official recognition of his official position as representative of the United States. England is very desirous to obtain possession of those islands, and attempted to buy Steinberger, but the latter was too much an American to accept.

All reports agree that considerable alarm is felt in the city at the scarcity of Croton water. If another large fire should occur before heavy rains set in it might be impossible to control it. The lakes and reservoirs are much lower than they have been for years. A stringent police order has been issued to prevent any waste. Street sprinkling has been entirely stopped. At this hour, 3.30 a. m. a light rain prevails. The only floating fire engine in the harbor is now on the docks for repairs. Affairs in Brooklyn are not much better.

WASHINGTON, 4.—This morning one-half of the marble ceiling of the portico of the Patent Office, on the north side, fell. Nobody was hurt.

BOSTON, 4.—The Wellfleet Savings Bank, at Cape Cod, suspended yesterday, owing to a heavy run. There is a general panic on the Cape among savings bank depositors, and probably all the banks will close until confidence is restored.

T. R. Cooper, John C. Hunt, and Charles H. Pierce were drowned while boating.

CHICAGO, 4.—The *Times* Paris special says, the city is reported very quiet, but with that sort of calmness which has a passionate feeling beneath it. The French people have been so long on the eve of grave, political events, that business is almost at a standstill, and the Bourse is weak. The three days prayer for the success of the Government is regarded in a very grave light by a section at least of the French liberals. Last evening's *Debats* says, that the proceeding is most serious, as showing plainly to all beholders that the seat of the Government of France is not at Paris nor at Versailles, but at Rome.

NEW YORK, 4.—Wm. H. Lyman and J. C. Hogan alias George Brown have been arrested on the charge of forging a draft of the First National Bank of Leroy, N. Y., on the Importers and Traders Bank, New York. It is alleged that the accused have practiced large frauds on express companies. Lyman is the man who was arrested for complicity in the Union Trust Company forgery.

It is stated on good authority that a large number of check raisers who are connected with this and similar operations have been discovered and their game blocked, after swindling express companies to a considerable amount.

The public is cautioned against purchasing a \$1,000 first mortgage bond of the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Railroad Company, No. 2,523, of the new issue, which was lost or stolen in St. Louis.

On the Hudson River Railroad a serious wash out occurred near Riverdale, and the Pacific express, leaving New York at 8:30, met with an accident near there. The en-

gine, two express cars, baggage car and one coach were thrown from the track by sand. No one was hurt, but the train was delayed several hours.

Several trunk lines were represented at the meeting to-night in Windsor Hotel. A proposition was advanced to increase the rates of freight on the eastern and western bound traffic and to do away with the indiscriminate cutting of rates previously indulged in by rival carrying companies. A basis for the new rates could not be determined upon, and the subject was postponed for further deliberation. Representatives were unanimous in favor of continuing the present system of pooling of west bound freight earnings, and if possible decide upon some similar plan as regards east bound freights.

A meeting of presidents was held in a private room of the hotel. Wm. H. Vanderbilt and Receiver Jewett of the Erie Railroad were known to be present. The meeting adjourned very early, and it is said no business was transacted.

WASHINGTON, 4.—The Secretary of the Treasury, upon a recommendation of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has declined the proposition to compromise the tobacco suits now in progress at Greensboro, N. C. There are eighteen cases, and the amount involved is \$120,000.

A heavy rainstorm did considerable damage to the Interior Department. The entire north hall occupied by the Patent Office, was flooded. The ceiling of the north hall being expected to fall, guards were stationed to warn people of the danger. Business in the Land Office was entirely suspended, and land records suffered considerably. It is feared some of them will be destroyed before they can be placed in dry rooms.

The damage to the Ninth and G Street wings of the Patent Office from heavy rain to-day is very great, many records and public papers being thoroughly saturated. Water flowed into the Ninth Street rooms and hall so rapidly this afternoon that it was found necessary to cut a hole through the immense wall of the building to let it out. It is now feared by many that the damage by the flood may prove nearly as great as that by the late fire.

RICHMOND, Va., 4.—Rev. Dr. E. T. Baird, ex-secretary of the Presbyterian board of publications, under indictment here on the charge of embezzling funds of the board some months ago, has returned from Canada, where he has been since that time, and surrendered to the authorities. He states that he had no knowledge of the indictment until quite recently.

ELMIRA, 4.—At the tenth annual session of the grand division of the Conductors' Brotherhood of the United States, it was unanimously resolved that in case any brother shall engage in a strike of railway employes he shall be expelled.

DAYTON, O., 4.—At Washington Court House, to-day, Crosby Hayes, a wealthy farmer, hung himself.

At the same place, in a quarrel between David and Washington Sheridan, cousins, the latter was shot dead.

PHILADELPHIA, 4.—The centennial of the battle of Germantown was celebrated to-day. Governor Hartranft reviewed the procession. The old clock and bell were formally transferred from the steeple of Independence Hall to be placed in the Town Hall of Germantown.

A furious gale raged here to-night. Railway trains were delayed in all directions. A land slide occurred at the eastern terminus of the Phoenixville tunnel, on the Reading road. The engine and twenty coal cars were thrown from the track near Roger's ford. The south bound Oswego and Philadelphia express on the Belvidere division of the Pennsylvania railroad ran into a washed-out culvert, a short distance below Milford, N. J., this evening, causing a complete wreck of the train, and it is feared some loss of life. The engineer and conductor cannot be found. At Waynesburg Junction, on the Wilmington and Northern road, an engine and baggage car of the train ran into a culvert, and the fireman was badly scalded. The engineer is missing.

TRENTON, N. J., 4.—The Trenton woolen mills, a large brick building, were destroyed by fire, to-night; loss \$50,000, insured.

CHEYENNE, 4.—The coach from Deadwood, which arrived here to-day, was stopped and robbed twelve

miles south of Fort Laramie, last night by two road agents. This is a new point for this work, all the previous robberies having been committed north of Hat Creek, which is about seventy-five miles north of Fort Laramie. All the passengers were searched, and contributed as follows: S. M. Weaton, \$40; Mrs. Ella King, \$140; W. J. Scott, Virginia City, \$3.50 and a revolver; William Smith, \$1; Mr. Schuyver, \$50 and a revolver; and a passenger, name unknown, \$150. The latter got on the coach at Fort Laramie, and left it at Eagle's Nest, four miles below the scene of the robbery, going back for more money. Mrs. King had her money concealed in her hair, but it was discovered and appropriated. There were but two robbers, one masked the other with his face blackened. Extra efforts are being made to capture this part of the gang, with a good prospect of success.

ALBANY, 4.—The democratic State convention re-assembled this morning and admitted the entire Tammany Hall delegation as chosen representatives of New York, appointed the usual committees and took recess.

After recess Clarkson Potter was chosen permanent president, and resolutions were adopted declaring against the fraudulent means by which the returning boards overturned the result of the election; denouncing the use of troops in the south, and condemning and holding up to universal execration this great crime; thanking the late House of Representatives for refusing to appropriate money for the support of soldiers to be used in illegal and despotic oppression of citizens in any portion of the republic.

The following ticket was nominated: Secretary of State, Allen O. Beach; comptroller, Frederick P. Olcott; treasurer, James Mackin; attorney general, Augustus Schoonmaker; State engineer and surveyor, Horatio Seymour, jr.

CENTRAL CITY, D. T., 4.—A fatal shooting affray occurred here this afternoon. John S. Bryant, owning a placer claim here claimed the surface ground of his claim as a mill site. A. W. Adams, formerly correspondent of the *Salt Lake Tribune* and *Chicago papers*, known under the non de plume of "Old Pioneer" and "Ching Foo," also claimed the ground by right of purchase, and the difficulty culminated this afternoon by Bryant and Adams meeting on the ground. Reports say that before Bryant made any hostile demonstrations Adams pulled his revolver and shot Bryant through the body. Adams then turned and fled. Bryant drew his pistol and fired three shots at Adams, the first shot missing. At the second shot Adams fell, and Bryant, still advancing, placed the pistol at Adams' head and sent a bullet through his brain, killing him instantly. Bryant is not expected to recover.

NEW YORK, 5.—The *World's* Montreal special says, another raised draft has come to light; this time foisted on the National Bank, and was changed from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

Naval Constructor Steele, of the Washington navy yard, has been removed by the Secretary of the Navy, because of his conduct in making removals. The naval committee of the last house reported him unfit for the place.

The *World* reports that the family of Gilman, the forger, are proposing a partial restitution of the amount, though very inconsiderable. Gilman, in the meanwhile, is unheard of.

The Indians now here passed an uncomfortable day because of the rain. In the evening they attended various places of amusement, visited shops to buy scarfs and other things of showy colors.

Mrs. President Hayes is in town.

The *Tribune* says, the accounts of Elijah Alliger, agent of the Commercial Union Assurance Company, of London, whose head quarters is here, show deficiencies of about \$135,000. Other companies suffer for smaller amounts.

The Commercial Union have taken complete possession of the Agency, its books, accounts, cash, etc., and are temporarily conducting business.

The Mayor has sent \$850 to the Ferdinandia sufferers.

The *Indicator*, a Wall Street journal, says the Northern Pacific Railway Company will apply to Congress the coming winter for an extension of time, the original time limit having expired; and if granted, will proceed at once to extend

their lines from Bismarck into Montana, and from Columbia River through Eastern Washington into Idaho.

Despatches show that the storm of yesterday and last night was severe wherever felt. The centre of the cyclone of the gulf passed, yesterday afternoon, midway between Norfolk and Washington, left the coast near Cape May, and probably pursued a northeasterly path, about one hundred miles from the coast.

Rain is now falling in New England. Along the New England coast numerous small crafts were sunk, but no loss of life is reported, while the larger vessels found a secure harbor and anchored.

By the breaking of the dams at Chester Creek, Pennsylvania, Crozier's mills, at Upland, were flooded, and several hundred hands are temporarily thrown out of employment. The mills in Chester were much damaged. Trains on the Baltimore Central Railroad were greatly delayed by washouts, and telegraphic communication with them broken.

The steamer *Massachusetts*, from Providence for New York, went ashore near Horton's Point, Long Island Sound, at midnight. She lies about 400 feet from shore, full of water. The passengers are all safe.

The storm on the Hudson, last night, was the heaviest in years.

The accident on the Hudson River Railroad, at Riversdale, last night, was caused by a wall falling. The engine was thrown upon her side, the baggage and express, and one passenger car were piled upon each other. The track was cleared this morning, and trains are running regularly.

CHICAGO, 5.—Reports begin to come in of the serious damage done to the lake shipping during the blow of the past two days. No great disaster has occurred, but numerous small accidents are reported, and scarcely a vessel that was out of port escaped injury. No loss of life reported.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., 5.—An incendiary fire in Nanticoke, a mining town near here, burned fourteen buildings; loss \$25,000, mostly insured.

FRENCHTOWN, N. J., 5.—Three persons were drowned in the wreck of the south bound Oswego and Philadelphia express, on the Belvidere division, last night, the engineer, conductor, and an unknown lady. The train lies some distance from the shore, where it was washed by the current. The newsboy, baggage master, fireman, and others, saved themselves by swimming.

COCHITAUTI, Mass., 5.—Mrs. Delmore and sister, while driving across the railroad track, were struck by a locomotive and killed.

POTTESVILLE, 5.—An excursion train from the Pennypacker reunion, held near Schwenck's Hill, yesterday, on the Pickering Valley Railroad, when near Phoenixville, last night, between nine and ten o'clock, was badly wrecked by the rains washing out the track for some distance. There were about 200 persons on the train. Up to 9:30 this morning, the dispatches show that twelve persons were killed and about fifty wounded. Owing to the confusion and excitement, it is impossible to obtain the names of the exact number killed and wounded.

SCRANTON, 5.—The fast freight train on the Delaware and Hudson road ran off the track owing to a misplaced switch, last night, near Melrose. Patrick Riley, the engineer, was scalded to death, and Michael Merrick, fireman, crushed to death, and Jones, brakeman, badly injured.

SAN FRANCISCO, 5.—A dispatch just received from the Pacific Mail dock, says the steamer *Constitution*, from Victoria, is on fire off the heads.

NEW YORK, 5.—The Sioux and Arapahoes, who have been here the past two days, left to-night for Council Bluffs. There was a great throng of people at the depot, where the Indians smoked the pipe of peace with Col. Carpenter, who gave them the baggage car for their trunks and other articles presented at Washington and purchases.

The damage by the storm in Brooklyn is estimated at \$100,000. Houses were unroofed and blown down, cellars flooded, sewers overflowed and trees uprooted. The Cochrane building, one of the finest in the city, was flooded and merchandise to the amount of \$200,000 ruined.