

son occurred. I assisted at least a dozen ladies and men out of the windows. I was not hurt."

Engineer Glenn, of the Manhattan Beach train, in an interview, said he saw the danger signal and at once put on his air brakes, and whistled down brakes. The air brakes refused to work. He whistled down brakes three times; but no attention was paid to his signals until the trains were right on one another.

Kansas City, Mo., 11.—In consequence of the recent publication of Dick Liddell's statement regarding the history of the James gang, Police Commissioner Craig, of this city has given out the confession of Clarence Hite, made to an officer at Jefferson City, and which is published to-day. Clarence Hite, the youngest of the band, was captured in Kentucky shortly after Liddell's surrender. Being confronted by the evidence of his complicity in the Winston and Blue Cut train robbery, he pleaded guilty in the Davies county criminal court, and was sentenced to twenty-five years. This confession was made before Governor Crittenden, Commissioner Craig and Sheriff Timberlake of Clay county. Soon after Hite was incarcerated in the penitentiary, and before the death of Jesse James, last February, Hite was pardoned on account of failing health, and died a few days after. He made a statement just before his death to a reporter which was published at the time, and which corresponds substantially with that published to-day. As given to the officers, this account of the movements of the gang during Hite's connection with it corresponds in all essential particulars with Liddell's story, and corroborates in detail Liddell's testimony at Gallatin, implicating Frank James in the Winston robbery. It also recounts Frank's participation in the Blue Cut robbery as told by Liddell, and in which James is yet to be tried. Charles Ford took part in the Blue Cut robbery and is expected to testify, as also will Liddell, when that case is heard.

Denver, 11.—Details of a bloody fray that occurred at MoLaine's ranch, Elbert County, Sunday night, in which eight cowboys were engaged, have just reached this city. Sunday is a day off; all went to Gate Station on the Kansas Pacific road, and falling in with companions opened the festivities with several drinks. Then they rode to a neighboring ranch, where they obtained a supply of liquor and started home. On the way, two named Rosetter and McKeever engaged in an angry dispute on a trivial matter, and all repaired to the herders' quarters to settle the difficulty. As soon as they were inside the men clinched, and both fell to ground, fighting desperately, their companions urging them on. The table and benches were removed, and the infuriated men beat and tore at each other with the ferocity of tigers. The on-lookers in their excitement howled and danced about, brandishing revolvers and encouraging their favorite in the fight. It was a weird, blood-curdling sight. While the orgie was at its height, the oil lamp was knocked from its place; the room was in darkness; the men made a rush upon each other, and in a minute after the light had been extinguished the melee was general. The door was locked, and the fight was then each man for himself. Amid resounding blows and curses a pistol shot rang out and the death cry of a victim paralyzed whatever of reason was left in the party. Before the cry died on the lips of the unfortunate man, there was a wild fusillade and for a moment by fitful flashes the gloom was lifted. When light was brought there was a bloody scene. Rosetter was dead, two Joneses weltering in their blood, three others wounded, some fatally; Robbins and McKeever were the only ones uninjured, and they fled. They are not yet apprehended.

Philadelphia, 11.—W. H. Parnell is arrested on a charge of embezzlement of \$7,000 from Sinclair & Laughlin, wholesale grocers. He was the firm's book-keeper.

Toronto, 11.—Jas. Redfern, a retired Englishman living here for some time, eloped with the daughter of Robert S. Pratt, commission merchant. Redfern some years ago married a Buffalo lady. It is said she has returned to Buffalo.

New York, 12.—The *Pavonia* which arrived from Liverpool to-day brought 15 distressed seamen, picked up from the Norwegian bark *Garnet*, from New York for Havre

by the British steamer of that city and transferred to the *Pavonia* in midocean.

MISSOULA, Mont., 12.—Senator Vest and Delegate Maginnis, of the Indian Commissioners, returned here to-day from St. Mary's Mission, Bitter Root Valley. At the Flathead agency the Indians refused to sell any portion of their reservation or move to another reservation. They said they had no grievances, and were highly pleased with their agent Major Ronau, and all they desired was to keep whisky away from their young men. Pen D'Oreille and Kotenai, chiefs, endorsed the above. The St. Ignatius Mission Schools, also on the reservation, were visited by the Commission. The schools are well conducted by the Sisters of Charity and Priests, and about 50 Indian girls and the same number of boys are being educated, and show remarkable proficiency in the different classes. Senator Vest spoke highly of the teachers and pupils. The council at St. Mary's Mission yesterday was rather dramatic. Charles, the Flathead chief, with a few hundred Indians has steadily refused to go upon the reservation. The Indians cultivate a few ranches, but are steadily growing poorer, and the valley is thickly settled by whites. The reservation Indians and whites want these Indians removed to the reservation to avoid anticipated trouble. In the council Senator Vest and Delegate Maginnis sat opposite the chiefs. Through an interpreter Vest explained his mission. Charles, who is a noted brave, with a face of wonderful strength and massiveness, gazed defiantly at Vest a moment and then began his reply.

"We are only a few. We are poor and weak. You want to place your foot upon our necks and grind our face in the dust, but I will not go. I will go to the plains."

"Nez Perce Joseph tried to go to the plains," broke in Vest, "look where you will, there are no plains now. The white men are as thick as leaves, from ocean to ocean. If you do not get a title to your lands here, like white men; the soldiers will come some day and place you upon a reservation."

"My hands and those of my people are free from the white man's blood," said Charles. "When the Nez Perces came here we protected the whites. Why does the white man take his heart from us now?"

Then he took off his hat, threw it upon the floor and stamped upon it and with blazing eyes gazing upon Vest, he shouted,

"You may take Charles to the reservation, but there will be no breath in his nostrils; Charles will be dead. He will never go there alive."

Senator Vest stood up and answered the tawny chieftain in language as emphatic as his own, that he must obey the white man's laws as implicitly as did the white man, if he did not he must go where the government chooses to send him.

Before this council broke up, Charles agreed to go to Washington with Agent Ronau and talk the matter over with the great father. The Commission leave to-night for Helena and the Blackfoot Agency, thence to Fort Assinaboine to meet the Northern tribes.

BOSTON, 12.—The trial of the Wrentham "Mormons" was concluded to-day. The jury returning a verdict of guilty against Evans upon two counts, and also a verdict of guilty against Mrs. Cobb, and another of guilty against Miss Whiting for lewd conduct. District Attorney Bumpers immediately moved for a sentence in the Evans case which the Court granted. For his intimacy with Mrs. Cobb he was given two years at hard labor in the House of Correction, and for his conduct with Miss Whiting, one year at the same institution. The sentence of Mrs. Cobb and Miss Whiting was reserved to allow further investigation, and to see if the women would abandon their immoral life. The result is hailed with pleasure by the residents of Wrentham and Foxborough, who have tried for over a year to break up this community of religious fanaticism.

Boston, 12.—T. J. Potter, General manager at Burlington, has gone to California, and expects to be in San Francisco September 20th to attend a meeting of the general managers of the various Pacific routes, for the purpose of arranging a new pool on the Pacific Coast business. This pool includes the Southern route from New Orleans via El Paso, the Missouri Pacific, Texas & Pacific, Southern Pacific,

Atlantic & Pacific, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Burlington & Missouri River, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Denver & Rio Grande, Central Pacific, Union Pacific main line, and Kansas Pacific, Northern Pacific and Oregon Railway and Navigation Company. The present pool only includes the Union Pacific, Central Pacific, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and Southern Pacific.

SAN FRANCISCO, 12.—All the guests of the Villard party reached Portland this morning at an early hour. An imposing demonstration of welcome was accorded the party. The decorations on the streets and public buildings were the finest and most elaborate ever seen in the northwest. A procession two miles in length, represented all branches of business and industry. At the pavilion speeches were made by Hon. M. O. George, Representative to Congress, Pres. Villard, Carl Schurz, Wm. Evans and others. Thousands of visitors from all parts of the northwest are in the city. General Grant attracted much attention, but declined to make a speech.

WASHINGTON, D. C., 12.—The total of bonds redeemed under the 121st call at noon to-day, was \$14,838,800.

WASHINGTON, 13.—The Secretary of the Interior, in a decision just rendered, holds that pre-emption settlement initiated and filed in good faith, is a bar to a timber entry, under the act of June 3, 1878, for the disposal of timber lands in certain States and in Washington Territory. He holds that where a settler alleges that he has filed his declaration of intention to become a citizen, and fails for the time to secure record as evidence of the fact, such evidence, when produced, may be filed at any time before the general disposal of the land, and when filed, is conclusive as to his qualifications as a pre-emptor, with respect to citizenship.

CHICAGO, 13.—The *Daily News* publishes a large number of letters from physicians of the city in answer to a circular asking their opinion as to the probability of a cholera epidemic in this country next year, or within the next few years. Most of them anticipate more or less cholera in this country next year and urge the necessity of a thorough observance of sanitary precautions, municipal and personal.

WASHINGTON, 13.—The total paper circulation outstanding is \$831,757,089; the total of coin \$743,347,573; grand total \$1,575,104,642. Assuming the total population at 52,000,000, the distribution per capita would be 32.29 dollars.

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