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WASHINGTON, 3.—The President to-day nominated William Waldorf Astor, of New York, to be Minister to Rome, vice Geo. P. Marsh, deceased. Mr. Astor was one of the noble 28 in the New York Senate who voted from first to last for the re-election of Mr. Conkling; after that gentleman resigned from the United States Senate. Mr. Astor also clung closely to the fortunes of Mr. Platt, and when his chances waned under the blaze of a half-breed sun, the vote of appointee to Rome was cast for Crowley.

The defendants in the star route cases are demoralized over the result of the testimony of their witness, A. C. Buell, yesterday. Mutual recriminations are indulged in among defendants' counsel; Ingersoll who called a witness to the stand has been soundly abused for so doing by his legal associates, and to-day that usually genial gentleman walked to and fro in front of the court house with an angry frown upon his face, only deigning to put in an appearance when the afternoon session began. The damaging character of Buell's testimony became more apparent when considered with reference to previously introduced evidence. Walsh swore that Brady paid Buell \$1,000. Buell denies this and admits that Brady loaned him \$10,000. After admitting that he had accepted a fee from Walsh while acting as an officer of the Senate, he was confronted with his card in which he boldly declared that whoever made such a charge lied. Altogether his testimony was a boomerang for the thieves and seems to have upset their plan of defense.

NEW YORK, 3.—The Central and South American cable announces its lines will be open for public use by the close of the present month. Connections will be made at Galveston with the Mutual Union Telegraph Company, and at Callao with the Trans-Continental and Eastern Telegraph Company and the systems of South America.

OMAHA, 3.—The Union Pacific has entered into racing the overland freight trains against the southern route. The two trains loaded with tea have made the run from San Francisco to Chicago via the Union Pacific and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Roads in six days and a fraction.

This run exceeds that previously made by a train of twenty cars which made a trip from San Francisco to Kansas City only via the Southern Pacific and Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Road in six days and six hours. It should be borne in mind that the train on the southern route made about the same speed per hour as those on the northern route, but had the disadvantage of nearly 500 miles greater distance and so fell behind one day en route.

BOSTON, 3.—A dispatch from Chicago to-day, foreshadowing a railroad freight war between the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts has stirred up people here. Business obtained by taking California trade at cheap rates is regarded as sufficient to induce certain roads to break the pool agreement. All threats of the Southern lines to bill on St. Louis, and adopt similar improper tactics in regard to billing could hardly be considered of any importance. At the same time it was evidently thought the request of the Commissioner that these practices be discontinued was insufficient to stop the evil, but what steps he would take to compel the enforcement of his request it was impossible to tell.

MILWAUKEE, 3.—The wreck on the Chicago & Northwestern, just outside the city, was caused by a wash-out, which the local passenger trains from Waukesha first struck. Wm. Sherman, the fireman, Frank Purcell, the engineer, and W. F. Heil, the baggage man, were injured, Sherman very seriously.

BELOIT, Kas., 3.—This morning the east-bound passenger train on the Central branch of the Union Pacific met with a serious accident at Granite Creek, 16 miles west of here. The engine and mail and express cars went through a burning bridge, a distance of over seventy feet. The engineer and fireman were badly bruised and scalded by steam, and both died before reaching this city.

ALBANY, N. Y., 3.—The Central Railroad freight house, 200x400 feet, fell to-day, and is a total wreck. There were 15,000 barrels of flour

and a large amount of other goods in it.

TROY, N. Y., 3.—Four elephants belonging to a circus escaped to-night. Several persons were injured. One elephant entered a rolling mill iron works and cleared out the mill. He knocked over a bloom containing red-hot iron and finding it too hot left the works and made for the river. Three elephants were secured, but at midnight the most furious was still at large.

DENVER, 3.—A dozen operators in the Western Union office here quit work in a body last night upon the refusal of the manager to advance their salaries—something entirely out of his power. Later in the evening Superintendent Dickey, of Omaha, requested the men to return to work, until the matter could be properly referred to the general management. This they refused to do, and their places were immediately filled, and there has been no interruption in the business of the office.

AUSTIN, Tex., 3.—The mayor of Rio Grande City, yesterday telegraphed the governor that the yellow fever had broken out in the towns on the Mexican side of the river and a panic existed, and Rio Grande City being overrun with refugees. He went on with quarantine and the governor instructed him to use his discretion until the health officers of the State arrived.

FORT KEOGH, Montana, 3.—A large number of beef cattle are coming into Miles City for shipment. One hundred are being sent east daily, and 8,000 head are reported coming down the Tongue River. The shipment, so far, has been about 7,000, and cars for 10,000 more have been engaged. The shipments from Miles City this year will not fall far short of 25,000 head. The cattle are in fine condition, the last lot shipped averaging over 1,000 lbs. each.

AKRON, Ohio, 3.—There is a dam row in progress here. The hydraulic company constructed a dam which was torn away on a claim that it polluted the waters. The matter went to the courts where the company got an injunction restraining interference with its work. The company to-day brought up Italians to reconstruct the dam. The citizens turned out to oppose it, then the mayor and police showed up, next there was a general scrimmage, but nobody seriously hurt. The citizens say the dam shall not be built, the courts to the contrary notwithstanding.

MONTREAL, 3.—Major Hiram Mills, a native of Virginia, died to-day, aged 86. He leaves \$100,000 to charities, stipulating that no drinking or smoking be tolerated in colleges receiving his bounty.

TUCSON, A. T., 3.—The *Star* special Mexican advices from Guaymas, Sonora, says:

On Monday last Auerelio Cantarín, an actor, was shot and killed by Procopio Murieta, in a house of ill-fame. The slayer is a nephew of the notorious California outlaw, Joaquin Murieta. He killed two men in Los Angeles, made his escape from prison to New York where he was again incarcerated. From there, with a Chinaman he again escaped and has been here since. He was shot on Tuesday morning by order of the governor.

The port of Guaymas is full of merchant vessels.

The heavy rains caused several washouts on the Sonora railroad last week.

The prefect of the District of Montezuma sends the following to Gov. Ortiz:

"I have the honor to inform you that on the 24th, between the hours of nine and ten o'clock a.m., the Apaches attacked Col. Lorenzo Torres, at Encino, 18 miles from here, who was accompanied by six federal troops. The fight lasted three hours resulting in the death of Aicleno Province, the desperado of the district, and all the troops, except five Federals and Col. Torres, who was wounded. The Indians took all of the horses, equipage and stores. They were strongly fortified and completely ambushed the troops. A force of troops have been sent in pursuit of the Apaches who are moving towards the Arizona border."

LAREDO, Texas, 3.—It is reported that the Mexican National Railroad is completed to Sabina, 20 miles from Monterey. The telegraph lines of the same company are completed to Monterey.

NEW YORK, 4.—An Augusta, Me., special says: The Sprague Mills and belongings were sold at auction yesterday for \$151,000, to Jacob Edwards. The Boston property cost

\$1,400,000, and has been one of the best paying mills under Receiver Chaffee's control.

The business failures reported to New York during the past seven days are 104, against 111 last week. The Eastern States furnished 16, Western 30, Southern 18, Middle 24, Pacific Coast and Territories 13.

ELKTON, Md., 4.—A portion of the Providence paper mill, owned by the Philadelphia *Record*, was burned this morning. The loss is estimated at \$6,000.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., 4.—During this season 435 blooded cattle have been sold in Kentucky, at an average of \$300. Of this total, 229, costing \$318 each, remain in the State, and 226, averaging \$282, go to other States.

MARIETTA, O., 4.—The Muskingum River rose suddenly at midnight and tore out more of the dam making a gap of a hundred and fifty feet. J. B. West lost six barges of coal, and Wm. Bucks three. Navigation is suspended up to the next dam, a distance of five miles. The total loss is \$25,000.

A San Antonio, Texas, special says: Bernard Stevens, a notorious character and California murderer, was arrested and jailed here yesterday. Stevens jumped his bond and escaped three years ago.

BROCKTON, Mass., 4.—Artemus Hale, the oldest ex-member of Congress, died last night, aged 98.

CHATHAM, Va., 4.—W. H. Yeats was hanged to-day privately for the murder of Adkerson last fall.

WASHINGTON, 4.—There can be no doubt that President Arthur was sincere in his veto of the river and harbor bill, and whose first impulse was to veto notwithstanding he wavered at times on account of the entreaties of a great majority of the congressmen and his personal friends. He never abandoned the idea and he never for a moment entertained the idea that the bill would be passed over his veto.

The stories which some of the Congressmen circulated to the effect that the President vetoed the bill only for the political advantage which the act might give him, yet at heart hoped that it might become a law and urged his friends to endeavor to make it a law, are emphatically untrue. The attention of the President have been called yesterday to the fact that these representations were made privately in the Senate by those who are his friends and who have been generally assumed to be to some extent his mouthpiece, that the President would really be pleased to have the bill passed. General Arthur expressed the greatest surprise and indignation. He could not at first believe the statement, and to a gentleman who was called upon him, said that he had not intimated to mortal man a desire that the bill should be passed, over his veto and had never supposed that it could be. He was told emphatically, however, that the Senators who are generally supposed to be near him and who have entrance to the White House at all hours, did say in substance "the President has made all he wants by having vetoed the bill; he will not care if the bill should not become a law; it would really be a kindness to him to pass it over his head. Gen. Arthur sent for those who made these false representations concerning him. There is good reason to think that he called them sharply to account for so gross an assumption of authority and such wilful perversion of the President's purpose. There can possibly be no doubt that the President was entirely sincere in his veto of the bill and that he expected that his signature to the message defeated the bill. It is equally clear that some who claim to be intimates of the President have grossly misrepresented him.

The session of Congress is dying of legislative old age, and on Monday next, according to an undefined but general understanding, the breath of life will probably depart from its body. Half a dozen men, on the appropriation committee of the Senate and House are doing all the work that remains to be done before adjournment. They are the conferees of the general deficiency, naval, sundry civil service and appropriation bills. The legislative, executive and judiciary bills, which have been tossed about for the past month, were agreed to by both houses to-day.

John Russell Young, United States minister to China, telegraphs that during a riot in Corea the mob attacked the Japanese legation and two persons were killed and three wounded. Rear Admiral Clitz, commanding the Asiatic station, was instructed to send a vessel to Corea

to protect treaty interests and communicate with Minister Young. Both officials were notified that the treaty with Corea was not ratified, and to govern themselves accordingly.

The Senate made the following confirmations: Wm. Walder, of New York, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Italy; E. G. Van Riper, United States consul at Moscow; Charles Seymour, of Wisconsin, consul at Canton; Gustavus Goward, of Illinois, secretary of legation and consul general at Madrid; Schuyler Crosby, of New York, governor of Montana Territory; Harrison Alter, of Pennsylvania, United States marshal of Dakota; Wm. P. Chandler, of Illinois, surveyor general of Idaho.

BOSTON, 4.—There has been a steady demand for wool. The sales of the week amounted to 250,000 pounds of all kinds. The prices are sustained for fine combing and delaine selections, but clothing grades are not so firm. Sales of Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces have been moderate. 40 @ 41½, choice, 42; 40 @ 41 is about all that can be obtained for x and xx fleeces. Michigan x has been in fair demand with sales at 39 @ 49, mostly 39. Unwashed fleeces have been quite steady and meet with good demand at 25 @ 33½ for finer and medium grades and 18 @ 23 for low and coarse. Fine combing and delaine selections are firm, with good demand and the sales are principally 44 @ 45 for fine Michigan and Ohio delaine, and 46 at @ 47 for fine and No. 1 combing. California wool has been quiet and sales are small at 23 @ 23½ for spring, and 15,000 pounds for 23½. Pulled wools have been in good demand and steady sales of choice Eastern and Maine supers 45 @ 47; and common to good supers, 26 @ 42½. Australian wool has been selling a 38 @ 45 as to quality. Cape Montevides and carpet wools have been inactive and remain unchanged.

CHICAGO, 4.—A man named Holmes living in the town of Lake, a suburb adjoining the city on the south, was arrested to-day, on suspicion of having caused the death of an infant recently born to his wife. It seems that the couple had been living in that neighborhood about eight years, and that the children born to them with unusual frequency had mysteriously disappeared, causing much remark among the neighbors, but no direct steps were taken till yesterday. After Holmes was arrested he confessed that, during his eight years' residence here, his wife had borne eight children, which died when very young, and that whenever one died he put it in a bag, carried it to the Lake shore, and buried it in the sand, and that the bodies of the eight infants were thus interred between Thirty-first and Forty-third Streets. He said his wife consented to the disposition of them. He admits that he sometimes hit the babies, but denies that he killed them. He states moreover that while living for a short time in Nebraska two children were born to them and died in a like manner.

SAN FRANCISCO, 4.—The British ship *Abbie S. Hart*, which arrived yesterday from Liverpool, reports that on June 27, in 10 deg. 30 min. north, and 112 deg. west, she passed the hull of a vessel bottom up; looked like American work. Five hours later another vessel, apparently about 1,400 tons, was sighted, also keel up.

MILWAUKEE, 4.—The most destructive storm that has visited this section for years swept over the city to-day. The damage to property is variously estimated from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Five lives are reported lost. Wm. Koppeimer was killed by lightning. The eighth district school and seven dwelling houses, and the schooner *Angus Smith* were struck by lightning. The most damage to property was done by water, which filled all the basements in the flat part of the city. Many business houses near the river suffered heavy loss of goods stored in the basements. It is reported that the water came in suddenly on a family living in a basement at West Side, and in their haste to remove the furniture, a baby which lay in the cradle was forgotten, and it was drowned. The sewers of the city proved inadequate for such a fall of water, and much damage was done to the streets, and many sewer pipes were broken by the pressure of the water. The storm was purely local.

DETROIT, 4.—Heavy rains have fallen in most parts of the State the present week, resulting in floods that carried away bridges, dams etc., damaging or destroying stock

wheat. The damages are estimated at \$50,000.

DENVER, Col., 4.—A young man named Charles Prout, while intoxicated this afternoon, went to the house at which his former mistress, Lottie Barnard, was stopping, quarreled with and fired a shot from a revolver at her, producing a slight wound in the arm. Thinking he had fatally injured the woman he went to his home a short distance away and shot himself in the region of the heart, dying in a few moments.

LAREDO, Texas, 5.—The prevailing fever at Matamoras is reported increasing; seven deaths occurred to-day. There is no exact account of the total number of cases but is reported between 300 and 400. The disease prevails among the higher classes as well as the lower. There has been a number of deaths among farmers. Many of the stores are only open part of the day which gives the city a very desolate appearance.

Last night Mariana Flores, a Mexican druggist, the first case of the fever in Brownsville, died, he was taken in a cart to the graveyard and buried this morning. A case in the garrison at Fort Brown, died this morning, his name was Busting, and he belonged to the 19th U. S. infantry band. Physicians say the case was not yellow fever but a pernicious type of congestive hemorrhage and malarial fever.

There are now reported, in all, 20 cases of fever in Brownsville and all doing well. A man named Chamberlain is sick at King's ranch, 140 miles from Laredo, with a bad fever. The American mail carrier from there says he has black vomit. Doctors have been sent from Corpus Christi to examine the case. The mayor of Laredo is to take active measures to-morrow towards strict quarantine against infected places, and an attempt will be made to induce Neuva Laredo to do the same, that communication between the two places may not be interrupted.

Texas and Mexican railway officials say if the fever gets to Corpus Christi they will stop running all the trains. Everything is quiet at Rio Grande City and quarantine is to be kept till all danger is over. The citizens of San Diego have held a meeting and telegraphed to the governor protesting against the contemplated removal of troops from Brownsville to the old post at that place.

PHILADELPHIA, 5.—The American ship *Sheabald*, which left this port December 16, 1881, with miscellaneous cargo for San Francisco, and was supposed to have been lost, no tidings having been received of her since January last, has, according to a letter received in this city from the ship's mate, Anderson, arrived at Callao, Peru, 205 days out. The vessel was short of provisions, having encountered heavy weather for the entire voyage, particularly off Cape Horn. All are well, and her cargo is in good condition. The ship and cargo had been insured in Boston offices for \$15,000.

CHICAGO, 5.—The general freight agent of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad announces a reduction of five cents per hundred on freights from the Missouri River to El Paso, and points on the Southern Pacific between Demming and Yuma, on first, second and third classes, two cents on fourth, and three on fifth, to take effect at once. This is said to be the first step in retaliation for the action of the roads running to Missouri River points, making Council Bluffs and Kansas City rates the same as the Omaha rates.

The Reading family consisting of a mother and two daughters and three adopted girls of tender years who were recently arrested for shop lifting, have turned out to be the nucleus of a very bad crowd who, through their confessions, have been unearthed and appear to have stolen extensively from all over the city. Mrs. Reading was rapidly becoming rich from the pilferings of her broods.

LITTLE ROCK, 5.—Information was received to-night of a tornado which passed over a portion of Osage County Wednesday evening. The wind traveled in a southwest course at the rate of 50 miles an hour. Near Lone Tree ferry on the Anchita river, a tree was blown across a team containing a man named Wilson, his wife and four children. The wife was killed and one child badly hurt.

WASHINGTON, 5.—It is stated that the President has urged the strict enforcement of the eight hour law. The members of the cabinet, however, entertain different views on