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NEW YORK, 24.—T. B. Connery, of the New York *Herald* is granted an extended leave of absence, from six to twelve months, on account of failing health.

NEW YORK, 24.—The main building of Freeman & Clark, novelty wood working establishment, was burned. Fifty men are out of employment and lose tools, some of which cannot be duplicated in this country; loss \$20,000.

Savannah, Ga., 24.—A fire in the Southern cotton warehouse, containing about 1,400 bales, caused a slight damage; insurance \$68,000.

NEW YORK, 23.—Prof. Young, of Princeton College, gives the results so far as ascertained of recent observations throughout the country of the transit of Venus. He says they were successful beyond expectation. Returns from 40 home stations and 10 foreign stations show that at 34 of these the third and fourth contacts were observed, and at 24 the first and second. At Santiago, Chili, both American and Belgian parties were entirely successful in all their experiments.

George Keenan, of Washington, D. C., lectured on Siberia. His remarks and statistics went to show that the better class of exiles, those who have not been sentenced for the higher grade of crimes, are in a state of comfort and prosperity, and others are treated no worse nor half so badly as English transports to Australia and Van Dieman's land, and the convicts in our own prisons.

Kiernan's *News* says: Parties interested in the Canadian Pacific state that two and a half miles of road are being laid daily; also that the large land-grants upon which it is rapidly realizing, together with the government subsidy, will leave the road without a bond when completed.

The *Tribune* special says: The American ship *David Crockett*, famous for having one of the best records for a short voyage, has been marred by her record of the last voyage. If one of the swiftest merchant vessels afloat is nearly half a year in making the passage from New York to San Francisco, that fact only gives additional weight to the theory that sailing ships must have auxiliary steam to meet the necessities of commerce. The next improvement in steam merchant ships as perfect as the *David Crockett* and other great clippers, which shall go along through calms at a rate of five or six miles an hour, and which in headwinds will lie two or three points nearer the wind, so that a day will count well in reckoning. There are to-day two experimental vessels of this kind, one a four masted steam schooner, the other the steam bark *Mendoza*, which sailed from Bath, Me., Dec. 4th, for New York, and of which vessel's safety there are some apprehensions. If the *Mendoza* had taken enough fuel on board for steaming purposes, she would undoubtedly have reached here before this.

The 17th annual dinner of the New England Society took place at Delmonico's this evening. Josiah M. Fisher presided. Among those on the platform were Gen. Grant, Mayor Grace, Judge Lawrence, Rev. Archer Brooks, Chauncey M. Depew and Gov. Bigelow of Connecticut. The general arrangements were in the hands of Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, and ex-Gov. Long, of Massachusetts, Robt. McCurdy, Col. Villas, Rev. D. Upshur, Mark Twain, Gen. Horace Porter, and Senator Miller of California were among the guests. The large dining hall was crowded.

The negotiations which have been in progress for some months between the Western Union Telegraph Co. and the Associated Press, represented by the New York and Western Associations, have finally resulted in an agreement satisfactory to all parties. A contract for ten years was executed to-day. The telegraph company was represented by its officers and the Associated Press by a joint committee consisting of Whitelaw Reid, Charles A. Dana, Charles Nodhoff, Richard Smith and William Holderman.

Business of a purely legitimate sort has been extremely light during the current week, the near approach of Christmas tending to divert attention from wholesale departments and causing transactions to be held in abeyance for a week or two. Merchants have been busy in taking

account of stock, etc., but if business has lagged, speculation has been kept up, and there has been no let up whether prices have advanced or declined.

CHICAGO, 23.—The following letter from the headquarters of the army has been made public in a Washington telegram:

Headquarters of the Army,
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, Sep. 28, 1882.

Brevet Brigadier General E. W. Hinks, Colonel United States Army, retired, Tucson, Arizona Territory.

Dear Sir: Referring to your personal letter of May, 1882, to the Secretary of War, in which you state that much of the want of confidence and the feeling of contempt entertained by the people of Arizona toward the army is due to the apparent demoralization existing among representatives of the army stationed in the territory, and charging misconduct on the part of certain officers and men upon arrival at and departure from Tucson on that date, I am directed by the General of the Army, to inform you that after full investigation of the matters contained in your letter, which are in every particular controverted by statements of numerous gentlemen, among whom may be mentioned the Governor of Arizona, he is constrained to advise you to mind your own business and not meddle in the affairs of the lawful military authorities of Arizona. Very respectfully your obedient servant,

Signed,
CHAUNCEY MCKEIVER,
Acting Adjutant General.

CHICAGO, 24.—A special from Brookings, Dakota, says: During the absence of Mr. Barker of Astelaine, from home his wife left three children aged six months, three years and five years respectively in the house while she did work at the bar. It is thought the children played with coals and set fire to their clothes. Before Mrs. Barker returned two of the little ones were charred corpses and the baby afterwards died in her arms, the mother received burns which places her life in danger.

PHILADELPHIA, 24.—Jas. Smyth & Co., manufacturers of gingham and cotton goods, have been running two large mills in this city, one at 1902 Pine and the other the Berkshire mill at Church and Oxford Streets. The announcement that their paper had gone to protest caused quite a stir among textile manufacturers; liabilities are estimated at \$400,000 to \$500,000. It is understood the firm will make an assignment to Wm. Arrot. Smyth says the trouble is due to unfortunate extension of their business, incurring liabilities which the stringency of the money market and the depressed condition of the cotton trade prevented them meeting. They felt warranted in taking the Frankfort mill property, upon which they spent thousands of dollars; to do this they negotiated loans, and as they felt due they had to meet them by securing other loans, then money grew tight, making their responsibilities a burden.

Philadelphia, 24.—The failure of Jas. Smyth & Co., extensive manufacturers, is announced; liabilities not known, but believed to be heavy. Over production and dull market the cause.

CHICAGO, 23.—General Sherman, being accused of having the "Presidential bee in his bonnet," was recently interviewed upon the subject, and thus declared himself: "You see, I cannot be fool enough to decline what is not offered; but why do I want to turn away from the prospect of rest and peace at last for a period of years, to the delusion of four years in an office that is just a hell? That's what it is; it's hell. What did General Harrison get out of it? Nothing but a month of misery. What did General Taylor get out of it? Twelve months of misery. What did Grant get out of it? Do I want to resign this competence Congress has bestowed on me for four years of hell? What did Hayes get out of the Presidency? What did Garfield? Take them all within your memory. Nothing but worry, trouble and misunderstanding."

So general is the complaint of sand-bagging and robbery in the streets at night, and so fast is the crime growing, that the Lumbermen's Exchange, aroused by the fact that one of their members had been attacked, robbed and left senseless in the street, offers a reward of \$500 for the perpetrator of the crime. In a document which sharply criticises the city government for its

laxness, it says that since the 1st of December seventeen cases of this sort are on record, and probably many of them have been missed.

Cleveland, 23.—Sacket, the absconding broker, is positively said to be in the city.

Rochester, N. Y., 23.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of C. E. Upton, defaulting president of the City Bank.

Covington, Ga., 23.—Will Smith, aged 18, shot and killed James Banks, Alex. Hendricks, and a negro, attempting to arrest him. He is in jail. Excitement intense; whiskey the cause.

New York, 23.—Alexander Jefferson, the negro murderer, was captured after fierce resistance; shooting at the officers he shot himself, but not fatally.

SAN FRANCISCO, 23.—A powder explosion this afternoon, at Stege's Station, near Berkeley, resulted in the instant death of one Chinese employee, and the severe injury of another.

Latest Report.—In addition to one Chinaman killed and one seriously injured, a white man named Thom was so badly hurt that he has since died.

Chicago, 23.—An old man, supposed by letters from prominent business men, found upon his body, to be Col. C. C. Cox, of Washington, D. C., and formerly a well known Ohio politician, and a man who has held some prominent official positions, walked into the river at the foot of Monroe Street this morning, and drowned. He was intoxicated at the time, and though pulled out soon after sinking, all efforts to resuscitate him were unavailing.

Lwermere, Ia., 24.—A disastrous fire this morning destroyed \$80,000 worth of property, including the post-office, and the entire east portion of the town; insurance \$7,500.

CINCINNATI, 23.—In a wrestling match at the Coliseum to-night, the Greco-Roman match between Muldoon and Bauer, Muldoon was declared winner, having given Bauer three falls in four rounds. Bauer protested against the decision of the referee on the last round.

Kansas City, 23.—The *Times* Leavenworth special says: John Volz, of this city, who has a cattle ranch in Indian Territory, near Cantonment, has just received information from there that a council has been called by the head chiefs of the Cheyennes. The propositions to be discussed are, first, the organization of a government similar to a territorial one; second, election of governor and council or legislature; and third, levying taxes *pro rata* upon cattle raisers and herders. Mr. Volz favors the scheme, and thinks it will tend to shut out the larger cattle dealers, who are trying to freeze out the lesser ones; or at any rate give small holders a chance.

PETERSBURG, Va., 24.—John T. Robertson, the oldest editor in Virginia, is dead.

SCRANTON Pa., 24.—Councilman Saws Mayers, was probably fatally stabbed at a ball last night, by Wm. Kunze.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., 24.—The Town is in the most intense excitement over the report that Capt. A. C. Nutt, cashier of the Pa. State Treasury has been shot in a room in Jennings' hotel and killed by N. L. Dukes, a well known member of the Fayette County bar and member elect of the state legislature. The hotel was soon surrounded by excited citizens. Capt. Nutt had just returned from Harrisburg to spend the holidays with his family and left home with his nephew, Breckenridge stating that he had some business at the hotel with Dukes. On the way there he said he had seen some infamous letters from Dukes, and wanted an understanding. The two men went to the hotel and Nutt started up to Duke's room, Breckenridge followed, but stopped on the stairs to speak to the proprietor's son. While conversing, scuffling was heard in the room and both ran up to separate the combatants, who were found clinched in a terrible struggle. They were parted, but Dukes drew a revolver and said "You came in here to whip me and so I shoot," at the same time firing. The ball took effect just below Nutt's left eye, penetrating the brain and killing him instantly. Dukes then quietly walked down stairs where he was arrested.

CHICAGO, 24.—Bohamil Nory, a worthless bohemian criminal was shot dead in the vicinity of Dekoven St. by an unknown person. The police theory is that Nory in company with a brother Theodor and other burglars entered 126 Dekoven

St., got insignificant plunder and during a dispute over the division Theodor was killed, Bohamil Theodor and companions were arrested.

Wahpeton, Dak., 24.—On Saturday C. A. Newton was shot, probably fatally, by Jas. Nash, in the court room. Newton had outraged Nash's daughter, aged 16, who worked for him as a domestic. Newton plead not guilty, whereupon the enraged father said, "Take that, then," and fired.

GALESBURG, 24.—Last evening a heavy trunk fell from the top of a truck that was taking them from the train, and burst open, disclosing the gory body of a man 30 years old. His throat was cut from ear to ear. A man on the train was discovered holding the check tallying with that on the trunk. He was detained, but refused to talk. The trunk was checked from Chicago. The body was not decomposed but horribly bloody.

LADONIA, Tex., 24.—William Vaughan fatally wounded two brothers Boone, great grandsons of Daniel Boone, of Ky. The difficulty grew out of some little dispute. One hundred men are in pursuit of Vaughan.

SAN FRANCISCO, 23.—A Victoria, B. C., dispatch says: By the steamship *Valmer* there arrived at this port forty Chinese women; thirty-two of the number were sold to Chinamen, eight were reserved for this place. Yesterday two Chinamen who wanted to secure a woman, brought them before the Chief Justice on a writ of *habeas corpus*, alleging that they were forcibly detained. The women, however, swore that they were free agents and the cases were dismissed. In the course of the investigation it was proved that the 32 women who went to the American side were disguised as Indian women. It is feared that the traffic in human beings will be carried on at this port on a larger scale next year.

CHICAGO, 26.—A gentleman originally from the Indian Territory, says his advice is that the Creek Indians are much stirred up among themselves, and that an outbreak of unusual venom may be expected at any time. Dick Glass, who was recently driven from the territory by public opinion, and on whose shoulders many crimes are laid, has returned from his exile in Texas and is doing his best to ferment disturbances, hoping in the general upheaval to secure some immunity for himself and get a position and opportunity for crime. The hostilities are going on about Muskogee, but the wires have been either cut by the combatants or prostrated by the recent storms, and though much blood may have been shed, there are no particulars. He advises white men to keep away for the present.

NEW YORK, 24.—The *Sun's* Washington special says: It is positively alleged that General W. T. Sherman has recently been received into the Roman Catholic church. The ceremonies of the occasion were rather private.

CHICAGO, 26.—There has been an epidemic of crime the past few days. Yesterday about a dozen cases were reported in different parts of the country; to-day nearly as many—none, however, of a very unusual character, and the victims not remarkably prominent, except where special mention has been made.

Bedford, Ind., 25.—Bell, murderer, escaped, with the aid of his wife, who furnished him keys and arms and held the jailor while he gained a start.

Louisville, 26.—A new grand jury meets next week, when other City Hall hearts will ache under indictment for complicity in the late alleged frauds. It is rumored in authentic circles that the lightning will probably strike among ex-city officials next time. There is also much suppressed excitement existing in regard to the results of the investigations now progressing, the fruit of which will be laid before the grand jury.

SAN FRANCISCO, 26.—Jem Mace, ex-prize fighter, who arrived on the steamer *Australia*, says he came because Mr. Fox wished him to meet Sullivan. He says he has no objection to meet him with gloves, but has brought a half breed Maori named Slade, who will fight Sullivan.

The Marquis and Princess arrived at Santa Barbara on Sunday night. A large crowd was at the landing but there was no demonstration.

FOREIGN.

ST. PETERSBURG, 24.—The Emperor and Empress dined with the

Grand Duke Vladimir on Saturday. They also visited Thera at the Marlen Theatre, and afterwards returned to Annichtkoff Palace. To-day the Emperor reviewed the Finland regiment of guards.

Paris, 24.—The *Republique Francaise* expresses satisfaction at the government's deciding to act vigorously in Tonquin.

De Lesseps announces the scheme for the creation of an inland sea in Africa will be prosecuted by private enterprise.

LONDON, 23.—A dispatch to the *Times* from Paris says: England proposes to send a note to the Powers, including France, explaining what she intends doing for the organization of a government in Egypt. England decided to send the note because it was evident that Duclerc, president of the French Council, influenced by considerations connected with the maintenance of his position, would not otherwise either come to an agreement with England or break off negotiations. The correspondent adds: The great majority of the powers will be willing to assist the British in their protection over Egypt.

Davitt, in a speech at Bermondsey, said emigration was no cure for discontent in Ireland; a system of public works and enterprises, he said, would be far more creditable to English statesmen than forcing thousands into work houses, and then forcing them to quit the country; but if during the winter and spring, fifty thousand families quit Ireland, they would go to swell the ranks of the New Ireland, which was growing up beyond the Atlantic, where they would be trained in republican ideas. From his knowledge of New Ireland in America, he could tell Lord Derby, and English statesmen, that before long he would have to take into account the Irish element in America in the settlement of the Irish question.

Prague, 23.—The great trial of fifty Socialists is ended. One of the prisoners, a disciple of Herr Most, is sentenced to two years' imprisonment; forty-four of them are sentenced to prison for terms varying from six months to a fortnight; the remainder acquitted.

Paris, 23.—At a meeting of the Council to-day, President Grevy presided. The expedition to Tonquin was discussed, and it was decided that the details should be brought forward in the Chamber at its opening session in January, when they will be definitely settled. Reinforcements will be sent to strengthen the position of the commander at Hanoi.

Cardinal Donnel, Archbishop of Bordeaux, died yesterday.

The committee for the promotion of a treaty of commerce between France and the United States held a meeting to-day. A communication was read stating that according to the latest news the American Government and Congress were disposed to effect considerable reductions in customs tariffs. The committee, in consequence of this information, decided to make representations to the French government, next week, urging it to carefully watch the interests of French commerce during the discussion in Washington on the tariff question.

Lyons, 24.—An examination of the papers found in Prince Krapotkin's residence, reveals ugly facts, they concern even relations of the Czar.

Berlin, 23.—The Bishop of Metz, declined the decoration of the Iron Crown accorded by the Emperor because he wishes to keep aloof from all politics.

Vienna, 23.—The semi-official *Freidenblatt* says the statement that Germany and Austria had shown coolness towards Italy is untrue. At present there is more cordiality between the three countries than for years. In all questions affecting the interests of Europe, There has been a confidential exchange of views to obtain harmonious action.

Panama, 24.—President Zaldua, of the United States of Colombia, died at Baga on the 22d. The Vice-President assumed the presidency.

Melbourne, 2.—The evening special bound to Melbourne, passed Hawthorne without stopping, when at the corner of Richmond Park, a violent collision with the train from Melbourne occurred; four carriages were telescoped and completely smashed. One passenger was killed and fifty injured; two critically and many seriously.

LONDON, 24.—The authorities are making efforts to conceal the real objects of the military expedition to Zululand. Besides reinstating Cetewayo on his throne the troops will