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NEW YORK, 17.—The amount of construction work on the Northern Pacific Railroad is stated by Vice-President Oakes as follows: Three hundred and twenty miles finished in the Yellowstone Valley; 25 on the Wisconsin division, and 122 up the valley of Clark's Fork of the Columbia, in Idaho and Montana, making in all 470 miles. In addition, there have been 200 miles of grade. The gap between the two ends of the track in Montana is now 280 miles apart, nearly all being in the old portions of the Territory, between Bozeman and Missoula, where gold mines attracted a considerable population as early as 1862. The present end of the track on road building west is Livingston, a new town at the head of the Yellowstone Valley. The total mileage finished of the main line, now operated by the company, is 1,456. So far advanced is the work on the uncompleted section, that the opening of the entire line to the Pacific Coast is regarded as certain to take place next summer.

Washington, 18.—Hon. Clinton Briggs, for two years a prominent lawyer and statesman of Nebraska, resident of Washington, was killed this morning by falling off a train at Afton, Iowa.

Cincinnati, 18.—There was collision at 10 o'clock last night, at King's Station, 30 miles from here, between the limited express and a passenger train on the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis road. W. H. Wharton, postal clerk, was instantly killed, and postal clerks Hanover, Hollingshead and Goebel were hurt. One engineer is reported killed.

The accident happened on the high curve between Foster and New Lebanon. The engineer, Pickle Peters, of the east bound train, had his head separated from his body. Postal Clerk W. H. Wharton, living in Urbana, was also instantly killed, and W. H. Hanover, postal clerk, living in Hollingshead, substitute for Harry Madison, postal clerk, and Adam Geokel, postal clerk, were seriously injured. Cause of the accident, Engineer Pierce mistook the accommodation for the limited express train. At the sharp curve the trains crashed into each other one at the rate of 75 the other 40 miles an hour. The two engines were mashed together, and the postal cars piled upon them. No other cars were thrown from the track.

WASHINGTON, 18.—The President has nominated John Olmstead Commissioner of the District of Columbia.

The consular appropriation bill appropriates \$1,316,000, being \$58,000 above the estimate.

The Treasurer of the U. S. has received from "J. R.," attorney, \$4,000 in cash for account of the confidence fund.

A circular will be issued to-day suspending the exchange of 3 1/2's into 3's from Dec. 30th to Feb. 1st. The Secretary to the Treasury announced that the three month's interest due Feb. 1st next on the bonds embraced in the 19th call, will be paid by checks. The fraction of interest due Feb. 10th will be paid with the principal of the bonds when redeemed.

Owing to the resolution for a holiday recess coming up as a privileged question and to the long debate thereon, as well as to the fact of the early adjournment of the House neither the States were called for bills, nor the committee for propositions to suspend the rules. These circumstances are almost without precedent since the adoption of the new rules.

The Supreme Court of the United States to-day rendered a decision in the celebrated political assessment case of Newton Curtis, employed in the New York Custom House, convicted under the statute forbidding any officer or employee of the government not appointed by the President, from receiving from a fellow employee money to be used for political purposes. The case came before the Supreme Court on application for a writ of habeas corpus, on the ground that the law is unconstitutional, being an abridgement of the personal liberty of government employees in their capacity as citizens. The opinion, read by Chief Justice Waite, holds the act entirely constitutional, and tending to the purity and efficiency of the public service; that while it prohibits one employee of the government from receiving political assessments or contributions from another, it does

not prohibit such payments to persons not in government employ; so that the employee may give money to advance the interest of his party if so inclined.

Hon. Edward McPherson has prepared a list of Representatives-elect as follows: Democrats 191, republicans 119, independents 5, greenbackers 2, readjusters 6. According to this classification, the democrats have a majority over all of 59. There are two vacancies caused by the deaths of Herron, of Louisiana, and Updegraff, of Ohio, to be filled. One of these vacancies will be filled by a democrat and the other by a republican, and the democratic majority will still be 59. Following are the names of the Independents according to McPherson's classification: Finerty, Ills., Lyman, Mass., Chalmers, Miss., York, N.C., and Ochiltree, Texas. The greenbackers are Brumm, Penn., and "Calamity" Weller, of Iowa. The six readjusters are all from Virginia. McPherson is careful to say that in putting the name of Gen. Chalmers on the list of members elect, he does not assume to foreclose the question involved in the Chalmers-manning case, but as official returns of the vote, include 142 votes of Tate county for Chalmers, thus giving him a majority over Manning, the name of Chalmers has been placed on the list for statistical purposes.

PITTSBURG, 17.—W. Hayes' planing mill and 500,000 feet of lumber burned this morning. Loss \$50,000; insurance \$10,000.

Memphis, 18.—Chas. Bowen, colored, carpenter, this afternoon fell from the steeple of Avery Chapel and broke his neck.

Cincinnati, 18.—This afternoon the boiler burst in the Globe Rolling Mills with serious effect. Thomas Malloy was instantly killed, Leon Hargrett fatally injured, and the following seriously injured: Denis Lobbie, John Castello, J. R. Ryan, Jno. Ryan, J. Hargrave, Thos. Kelley, James Buchanan, and several unknown men. The boiler had been cracked a long time, but the crack, detected from the inside could not be detected.

Memphis, 18.—A fire this morning at Corsicana, Texas, burned two cotton sheds containing 20,000 bales of cotton.

Clayton, Miss., 18.—The principal business houses burned; loss \$30,000.

Patterson, 18.—The magazine of the Ladin & Rand works at Mountain View, eight miles from this city, blew up this afternoon, killing three men. The explosion shook a number of buildings in this city.

Names of the men killed: Bryan Tansy, Henry Kuhl, emigrant, and John White. The men were just about to quit work when the explosion occurred. The buildings for a mile around were shaken. There is not a pane of glass left whole in the neighborhood.

Washington, 18.—A fire occurred this evening in the third story of a building on F street, mainly occupied as law offices by Richard D. Merrick, principal counsel for the Government in the Star route cases. The fire was undoubtedly incendiary, and Merrick asserts it was for purpose of destroying important papers in the Star route cases, which were known to be in his office. The fire was promptly extinguished, with the loss of a few hundred dollars, but no papers of consequence were injured.

Newport, Ark., 18.—This place was this morning visited by one of the most disastrous conflagrations ever known in the city. The fire laid waste sixty buildings, nearly all of which were occupied by business firms. Eight brick stores are included in the ruins. Loss estimated at \$250,000; insurance, \$150,000.

New York, 17.—Merrick says he lost no papers by the fire in his office and all the papers which would at this time be of special importance to the Government are secured in a safe in his private office. The chief of the fire department has considered it necessary to leave an experienced fireman to watch the premises. Chief Cronin states the premises were certainly set on fire. It is learned that rumor immediately connected the fire with the Star route cases. Merrick says he has not the slightest knowledge of the origin of the fire other than the statement of Chief Cronin, and cannot account for the motive of any one in attempting such a crime.

Minneapolis, 18.—A fire in Barton Block this morning; total loss about \$90,000 insurance \$79,000.

Grand Rapids, 18.—The business portion of Hopkins is burned; loss \$25,000, partly insured.

KINGSTON, Ont., 18.—This after-

noon, Robert Robinson, son of Wm. Robinson, ex M.P., and John Spencer, son of Rev. Mr. Spencer, clerical secretary, while skating, broke through the ice and drowned.

San Francisco, 17.—Portland, Or., dispatch: George Stevens, Daniel Simpson and David Medine, three highly respected citizens of Newport, were drowned to-day while crossing Yaquina Bay in a small boat; bodies carried out to sea.

LEADVILLE, 17.—A shooting affray occurred in a State Street dance hall at 2 o'clock this morning, in which two men received fatal wounds. The trouble arose between parties named Miller and Cummings over a dispute about paying for a drink, when both drew pistols and commenced firing. Cummings received one ball in the shoulder and another in the mouth, while a third struck a looker-on named Rearick, from Victoria, Ills., the ball passing through his lungs. Both men will die. Miller was untouched.

New Haven, 17.—James Kelley, Joseph Dunn and Patrick Doolan are arrested for passing counterfeit silver dollars.

New York, 17.—Martin Hess, who appears to be a dangerous character, stabbed and killed Frederick Dochteman, as the result of a quarrel over a poker game in which Hess lost 75 cents.

Chicago, 17.—Sneak thieves stole a box containing \$2,000 in registered bonds and a large number of historical and private papers of immense value, the property of Hon. John Wentworth, and after taking out the bonds hid the box and papers in the cellar. A thief, giving the name of Flower, was captured in the act of carrying away the box, which had been left in the cellar this morning.

New York, 17.—The fugitive secretary of the Brooklyn Board of Education, is a defaulter to the amount of \$250,000, expert accountants report. The city endeavored to recover a portion of the money from Alderman Harry Johnson, brother-in-law of the fugitive.

Wilkesbarre, 18.—Cyrus W. Thomas, merchant of Hazelton, was convicted to-day of forgery.

Kearney, Neb., 18.—The trial of Matt Zimmerman for murder, concluded Saturday. From the beginning it was very clear how the case would terminate, as the evidence of guilt was conclusive. The jury found a verdict of murder in the first degree, and Zimmerman was sentenced to be hanged at Minden, Neb., April 21st, next. He will be removed to the penitentiary to-morrow, for safe-keeping. He is the man who killed the sheriff and two deputies.

SAN FRANCISCO, 17.—Boise City, Idaho, dispatch: The Territorial Legislature is now fully organized. The Assembly has elected D. W. Fouch, republican, speaker. The Governor's message was delivered last evening before the joint session; He denounced in strong terms the evils of polygamy, which to a considerable extent prevails in Idaho. He says if the Mormon Church cannot survive the loss of this criminal practice, it deserves to perish from the face of the earth. He suggests the adoption of some measures so no person shall be excluded from testifying in any proceeding in polygamy on account of the marriage relation with the defendant; that cohabitation with more than one woman be considered a continuous offense; that to preach the doctrine of polygamy or encourage others to go into polygamous relations be punished as severely as the crime itself; that Congress be memorialized to amend the present anti-polygamy laws; calls attention to the fact that in several counties in Idaho Mormons both vote and hold office; that the provisions of the Edmunds bill apply to that Territory as well as Utah. He also directs attention to the present defects in the election laws of Idaho, and suggests remedies.

Denver, 18.—Ex-Senator Chaffee is expected any day from New York to take a hand in the senatorial fight. The contest is beginning to be very warm. If present indications anticipate the result, Colorado's next senator will have to pave his path to Washington with gold. Chaffee returns to Colorado to be avenged upon everybody who opposed his late republican campaign, and all who aided in the defeat of his candidate for governor. He will knife Pitkin if he can, and openly support Hamill or Tabor. The two latter candidates are millionaires. Hill is supporting Hamill, and will put in his strong caucus strength, but his opponents will refuse to nominate in caucus. This action will

probably result in Hamill's election.

New York, 17.—The *World* publishes a portion of the correspondence of Pres. Garfield with Senator Dorsey at the time of his election in 1880, which affords specific proof of the warm cordiality which existed between them, and led them into the most confidential intercourse. These letters defeat attempts which have been made to refute the statements in Dorsey's recent Star route card, on the ground that his persistent association of Garfield with himself was impudent and unwarranted. It is plain Garfield sought and solicited his counsel and help.

GRAND FORKS, Neb., 19.—At midnight a fire occurred, destroying a large number of business houses; loss \$100,000. The fire department was helpless, the water works not being completed. The fire is now under control. Insurance about \$50,000. Several lost their entire possessions.

A Corsicana, Texas, special says: The loss by fire is \$100,000 to \$200,000, and that it is incendiary work.

CHICAGO, 19.—The city council has decided to charge the managers of the exposition \$10,000 annual rental.

Several vessels and steam barges are ice bound in Lake Michigan. No disasters are reported, though the harbor is full of ice.

The case of Mrs. Scoville adjudged insane recently and then granted a new trial, has been stricken from the docket by agreement. It is reported the unhappy couple are reunited and it is hoped this will end the domestic troubles of the Scovilles in court.

J. W. Midgley, E. P. Ripley and H. H. Courtwright have returned from New York. They were unsuccessful in effecting any change in the system of making California rates between the Missouri river and the Rocky Mountains. Having succeeded in perfecting their pooling arrangement, an effort is now being made to form a pool between the Pacific roads to California. The business parties to the pool to be the Atchison, Central, Southern and Texas Pacific. The general managers, general freight agents, and general passenger agents of those roads are now in New York to perfect arrangements for the new pool.

NEW YORK, 19.—The *Times* says of the Dorsey revelations concerning Garfield: The newly inaugurated President evidently did not know the real character of the man with whom in 1880 he was in close correspondence as a republican manager. When it was necessary that this person should be prosecuted as a conspirator against the government, there was nothing in his relations with Garfield that could possibly stand in the way of a vigorous prosecution of the accused. And when Dorsey on trial as a thief and conspirator, parades his former intimacy with an honest man as evidence of his own innocence or of their guilt, it is too late.

The *New York Sun* says: The edifice to be erected upon the site of the old post office by the Mutual Life Insurance Company will occupy nearly the entire site and be larger than the Mills Building. It is to be eleven stories high, and at one point reach 161 feet from the ground. It will cost \$1,500,000.

The socialist, Herr Most, who arrived here yesterday and spoke at the Cooper Union in the evening, created very little enthusiasm and receives rather a contemptuous notice in all the papers. The *World* says: Herr Most is a sadly muddled person, whose mission appears to be to drink free beer. The *Tribune* says: His sole claim to notoriety seems to be that he is a foreigner who has been in jail about a dozen times. Probably if he had his deserts he would be there still. The *Times* says: As an orator Most would not earn a reputation by spitting socialistic fire through the columns of a newspaper, as he did. His voice is pitched in a high key; there are no modulations in its tones, and when he wishes to emphasize any particular sentence he simply screeches and grows red in the face. The *Herald* says: He had better take to the hand organ business at once.

The *World* says: One of the largest audiences ever seen in Philadelphia, awaited the first appearance of Langtry last evening. Her reception was friendly, almost enthusiastic. Large houses are assured for the remainder of the week. Her apartments are in the Hotel Bellevue. The parlor is furnished in blue satin, and filled with all the luxurious appointments which the art of the upholsterer commands.

FOREIGN.

LONDON, 18.—Francis Cloze, Dean of Carlisle, is dead.

John Crunden who sent a letter threatening the Prince of Wales and Gladstone, is committed for trial.

The Malagasey envoys visited the German Ambassador and were very cordially received.

The Hematite Iron Company, of Mariposa, England, has failed, liabilities, £200,000.

Later advices from Madagascar contradict the report of the murder of Englishmen by natives, and confirm the murder of two Americans. Steps are taken to call the attention of the United States Government to the fact.

The *News* fully believes the murder of the Americans was due to measures taken by French representatives in Madagascar to prevent the Malagasey government exercising authority on the west coast.

Dublin, 17.—Westgate flatly denies he ever made a confession implicating himself in the Phoenix Park murder, or that he knows anything whatever of the crime.

Applications were made to the Westport Poor Law Union for assistance to emigrate, 1,000; many desire to go to Australia.

The Lord Lieutenant has issued three new proclamations offering rewards for information relative to the Phoenix Park murders, namely £5,000 for information leading to the conviction of the assassins. The authorities promise to insure that the names of the informants shall not be divulged; £1,000 to any accomplice in the crime, not the actual murderers, who will give information leading to the conviction of any actual murderer or actual accomplice; £500 for information leading to the identification of any accomplice, or of the horse car on which the assassin rode, or of the assassins' clothes or weapons. The money to be paid on the corroboration of the information given by that in the possession of the authorities, even though no person be convicted. The proclamations, although issued only last night, are dated Nov. 11th.

Dublin, 18.—Some of the witnesses at the recent investigation regarding the Phoenix Park murders when pressed admitted they had been practicing with revolvers for the purpose of committing murder, but did not regard the carrying out of the object as a crime, but only an act of war.

A famine prevails in Corrick, county Donegal. People are living on Indian meal; 25,000 are in danger of starvation.

Parnell estimated that £300,000 arrears of rent would be wiped out by the arrears of rent act. He believed that since the commencement of the agitation £300,000 reduction of rent had been obtained for the people.

Biggar, M. P., at the inauguration of the National Club in Waterford, denounced the Lord Lieutenant as bloodthirsty English peer, who hanged Hynes and Myles Joyce although satisfied they were innocent in order to gratify English Whigs. Biggar's remarks were loudly cheered.

Cork, 18.—Parnell in a speech yesterday said he would always oppose any attempt on the part of the Government to land emigrants in a hopeless, penitential condition on the shores of America. If England desired to promote the emigration of Irishmen, let them be placed on land in America provided with houses and means to raise a crop the first year of their residence. He advocated relief for thickly settled districts by purchasing for the people vast tracts of grazing lands in Ireland which were peopled before the famine. There is no reason why they should not be peopled again.

Paris, 17.—At a meeting of the Geographical Society to-day, M. De Lesseps promised the Panama canal will be ready to be opened in 1888. He described the health of the employees as satisfactory, and stated the rate of mortality at Panama didn't exceed that of France. Fears that the canal would be liable to destruction by earthquake are unfounded.

The Bonapartists held a banquet at Beauvais to-day, the object of the meeting being to proclaim Victor Napoleon President of the Republic.

Gambetta is again confined to bed, owing to intestinal troubles, and is in consultation with doctors.

A fire caused the death of nine persons occurring at Lepuy to-day.

Despite the visit of Legiers, the relations of Germany and Russia are very unsatisfactory.