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NEW YORK, 29.—The business failures of the past seven days reported to R. G. Dunn & Co., mercantile agency, number 193, against 197 last week. The eastern States had 20, western 63, southern 50, middle 38, Pacific States and Territories 14, Canada 12 and New York City 9.

Oscar Wilde really was beaten out of money and merely regained it by being swifter than his swindlers. Two weeks ago Wilde walked up Broadway near Union Square, when a hatchet-faced man accosted him and introduced himself as a son of Drexel, the banker. Said he had seen the poet in his father's office, and took the liberty of making his acquaintance. Wilde was delighted and they went to a restaurant. During the meal Drexel incidentally mentioned that he had won a prize in a lottery and suggested that Wilde go with him. (It was a very old and worn bait but the victim bit). Oscar accompanied his friend to a place on Fifteenth or Seventeenth Street and found some men throwing dice. Drexel threw dice for Wilde in fun, and won him quite a sum. He then easily persuaded Wilde to join in the game. Soon the poet began to lose and when a settlement was made found he was \$80 out. Not having ready money he gave a check for the amount and played on; soon he had lost \$100 and gave a check for that sum. At the solicitation of the men who played with him, once more, now thoroughly excited, he plunged into the game and came out loser of \$1,000. This sobered Wilde and while slowly signing a check on the Madison Square Bank for the amount, he weighed in his mind a suspicion that he had been cheated. He then went out, hailed a cab and went on the dead run to Madison Square Bank, called the cashier and got the payment stopped. Wilde then confessed to a police captain and recognized "Drexel" in the Rogues Gallery.

The members of the American Geographical Society are considerably interested in the announcement that Jos. Thompson, a young but already famous African explorer, has left England for another tour on the dark continent, which will last over two years. He will start from Zanzibar, for the interior about the middle of March and will first go to the east shore of Victoria Nyanza, thence strike into comparatively unexplored country west of Albert Nyanza, journeying in that region will be of particular interest in view of the fact that he will try to visit the great lake which it is said lies several hundred miles west of Albert Nyanza.

Kieman's News says of the Denver and Rio Grande, it was expected that Gould would gradually get control. Among the stories in circulation yesterday was one that upon the completion of the road to Salt Lake, there would be harmonious arrangements with the Union Pacific.

PITTSBURG, 29.—Oil boomed up ten cents on an exciting rumor that the Grandin well had given out. It reached \$83 and closed at \$24.

CINCINNATI, 29.—Arrangements have been completed for a consolidation of the *Commercial* and *Gazette* newspapers to be published daily under the name of the *Commercial Gazette*. The newspaper will be issued as soon as the mechanical preparations can be made. Both Smith of the *Gazette* and Halstead of the *Commercial* will be in the management and will be assisted by such talent from the two papers as is needed to make the new enterprise a successful paper. It will be republican in politics.

SAN FRANCISCO, 29.—A remarkable incident occurred in a local establishment which uses a large number of electric lights last Saturday. While sales were going on vigorously at 10 o'clock the night before Christmas, the lights suddenly went out. Investigation of the engine and dynamo showed that under the latter stood a rat, one leg raised as if about to take another step, but motionless; he was dead and rooted to the spot. He had leaped first on one copper conductor under the brush and on stepping on the other closed the current so that it passed through his body, killing him and leaving him to the spot. When he was removed the lights burned as before.

WASHINGTON, 29.—Indian agent

Porter, of Fort Peck, Montana, telegraphs the Indian Bureau that the Milk River country is overrun with white hunters slaughtering buffalo by the thousands. The Indians are becoming restless and the agent fears trouble.

Ratifications of a convention between the United States and Belgium for an exchange of money orders after January 1st, were formally exchanged between the Postmaster General and the Belgian minister to-day.

The President nominated Andrew W. Brazier, U. S. Attorney for the Colorado District.

Senator Davis presented the memorial of many Chicago merchants against the pending bankruptcy bill.

The ways and means committee devoted the entire session to-day to consider the action of the tariff commission on the schedule of wool and woolsens, less than half of which was completed. None but verbal changes were made, except in the item of woolen rags, shoddy and flocks, on which the rate was changed from 12 to 10 cents per pound.

The President moves into the White House from the Soldiers' Home to-morrow, and will receive New Year's.

There is considerable doubt as to what action the Senate committee on pensions will take in relation to the proposition to increase the pensions of soldiers in the late war who lost an arm or leg in the service.

Senator Mitchell, of Pennsylvania, chosen chairman of this committee by the republican caucus, says he does not favor a uniform rate of pensions to soldiers who have lost limbs in the service. He is in favor of granting them a permanent pension, but wants it to range from \$25 to \$45 per month, according to the degree of disability resulting from the loss of limbs. Thousands of petitions for the passage of the bill granting this increase of pension have been received by Congress this session, but it is very doubtful if any bill of this character can be passed till next Congress.

ST. LOUIS, 29.—Prof. J. H. Wilson is the new apostle and founder of a new religion, which he proposes to recommend by phenomenal proofs. His mission is creating considerable noise, but what his dogmas are, or how they are to benefit mankind the prophet has not yet clearly explained; he desires, however, to back up his pretenses as an evangel of a new gospel by an almost supernatural control of his physical wants as evinced by the facility with which he passes to and lies in a state of trance. He started in a trance on Wednesday noon and will be in it till Saturday night. Physicians are much interested, but Wilson is doubtless a crank, or shamming.

Pottstown, Pa., 29.—At the furnace of the Pottstown Iron Company the shifting engine fell through a trestle work fourteen feet high. Four men on the engine fell with it. Edward Manning was fearfully scalded and will probably die; Henry Black was badly hurt and scalded; S. M. Hollister and J. M. Kirk were severely injured.

Patterson, N. J., 29.—Bryne & Smith's extensive bleachery, at Lodi, burned this morning. Loss \$90,000; partly insured. Two hundred men are out of employment.

Farley, Iowa, 29.—A two-year-old son of Edwin Cochran was burned to death and two others severely burned, by the falling and explosion of a hanging lamp, to-day.

ST. LOUIS, 29.—The news of a deplorable tragedy comes from Monroe County, Mo. Three weeks ago a young man named Staten got married and took his wife to his mother's house to live. A younger brother viewed the marriage with great disfavor, and after brooding over the matter two weeks, rose early Sunday morning, and without dressing went to his brother's room, shot and killed him while asleep by his wife's side, then fled; but a few hours later returned and surrendered to the authorities. Threats of lynching the murderer were made, but investigation of the matter has developed the fact that the young man is insane, and he will be properly cared for.

Omaha, 29.—William Hagy, a prominent merchant of Beatrice, aged 50 years an old resident and greatly respected, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the head. He leaves a wife and two daughters. His act causes great surprise; no cause assigned.

Yanceyville, N. C., 29.—Iverson Slate, negro, was hanged to-day for the murder of his sister-in-law.

Greenfield, O., 29.—At Bainbridge

yesterday, Mrs. Hillard and Mrs. Divin, both married, fought with knives because of jealousy. Both were probably fatally cut.

Albuquerque, N. M., 29.—In a miners riot in a saloon at Golden last night, Henry Reese shot and killed Owen Gleason. One of the latter's friends shot at Reese and killed Allen Hendry.

Tallahassee, 29.—At Monticello yesterday Adeline Grimes and Mary Mulotte fought about a man. Adeline fought with a paining; Mary plunged a dagger into Adeline's bosom. She died instantly.

Uniontown, Pa., 29.—Dukes, who killed Judge Wilson, was admitted to bail in a small amount, the Judge remarking it was evidently not a case of premeditated murder.

Boston, 29.—Five weeks ago an advertisement for a partner with \$1,000 for a business sure to realize \$10,000 within a month appeared in a Boston paper, and a gentleman of means in Cambridge answered. He received no reply for two weeks, when he was waited upon by an apparently well-to-do business man, who handed him a letter he had written in answer to the advertisement, and said an acquaintance of his just arrived from California; had stolen some property while there, as a result of which he was compelled to leave the State. The property referred to was in gold bricks, one of which was in his possession, and upon which he was desirous of obtaining a loan of \$1,000 in order to enable his friend to return to California and secure the remaining bricks, the profits arising from the sale of which were to be equally divided between the three individuals interested. The brick was produced assayed in Cambridge, and pronounced 22½ carat gold. A lawyer was called in and advised his client to invest, but subsequently became suspicious, had the California man arrested and sent out of town. No case was really made out against him, however.

Boston, 29.—President Perkins, of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, says his company is closing the year with a loss, as compared with 1881, of over \$200,000 in net receipts. This is probably excluding the land department receipts, which are expected to gain by \$150,000. The net surplus for the year is \$56,181. For three years past a million dollars annually have been set aside for the improvement fund. This cannot be done this year. Mileage at end of year 4,100; increase, 176. The decrease of over a million dollars in surplus from last year is accounted for in the main by the withdrawal of the renewal fund, which last year amounted to a million dollars. This year there are increased obligations in stock and bonds of \$26,400,000.

Meriden, Conn., 29.—Two children eleven and eight years, acknowledge they placed obstructions on the track Tuesday to wreck the New York passenger train, and say they did so because an employee of the road drove them off the track.

Ottawa, Ont., 29.—Seven thousand men are now working on the British Columbia section of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and it is reported good progress is being made. The contract will, to all appearances, be completed in the allotted time.

Chicago, 29.—The general passenger agents of the Chicago and Mississippi River roads met to-day and fixed maximum commissions on California business at \$1 for all classes.

NEW YORK, 29.—The *Times*, *Tribune* and *Herald* lecture Governor Cleveland this morning on his first appointments. The *Times* says: The troubles of Cleveland have begun before he has taken possession of the Governor's chair. The removal of a pardon clerk of twelve years' experience, whom Connell, most chary of governors in the matter of pardons, pronounced exceptionally well fitted for the position, has led to an unfavorable comparison between the professions of the Governor, as foreshadowed in this early exercise of power. The appointment is said to have no special fitness for the place, and to be known chiefly as a protégé of Cleveland.

Waukesha, Wis., 29.—All the county officers recently elected, except the sheriff, failed to qualify within the prescribed time, all democrats. It will be the duty of Gov. Rusk to appoint.

OMAHA, 29.—The particulars of the secret marriage at Yankton, Dakota, which is causing considerable sensation, are: The facts leaked out yesterday. The parties are Sister Mary Paul, of the convent of the Sacred Heart, and Dr. V. Sebrakin Ross, a prominent physician, of

Russian birth. The marriage took place at the residence of Geo. Hoffman, and was performed by a Congregational minister, Rev. Joseph Ward. Ross was physician at the convent, and attended Sister Paul when she was injured by a fall several months ago. Affection sprang up between them, which ripened into love. Their love was bitterly opposed by the Mother Superior, and the Sisters generally, the Bishop and others. Threats were made to break off the engagement, even if violence had to be resorted to. The doctor and his affianced, however, defied them all, and concluded to bring affairs to a crisis by marriage. A mutual friend sent an invitation to Sister Paul yesterday, to come to her house, and soon the convent carriage appeared with Sister Mary Paul, who went into the house, and thence into an adjoining house, where the ceremony was performed. She then returned to the convent in the carriage. The affair became known this morning, and caused great excitement among the Catholics and citizens generally. Threats are made, but Ross defied them all, and stood by his wife. This evening she left the convent and returned to her husband. Her right name is Mary Verns, and she was a prominent, beloved and valued member of the sisterhood. She is very intelligent, has winning manners, a beautiful face and elegant figure. It was through her efforts that the convent and bishop's residence was built at Yankton. Her husband is a man of nerve, an excellent physician, and for five years was a Siberian exile on account of being a Russian nihilist.

NEW YORK, 29.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says: Bessie Gretton, of Nevada, for several years past a guest of Senator and Mrs. Jones, was married this evening to Judge Ernest Deechman, ex-minister to Colombia, but now of Wisconsin. The wedding took place at St. John's church. The bride entered on the arm of the Senator, her mother, Mrs. Gratton, following with the groom, and Mrs. Jones with Miss Sterling, also a guest of Senator and Mrs. Jones. The bride's toilet was white Ottoman silk, white embroidered velvet, the latter forming a train of the dress. Mrs. Gratton wore black velvet court train over white brocade, and Mrs. Jones' toilet was pink brocade. Senator Jones gave the bride away. There were neither bridesmaids nor groomsmen. The bridal couple left Washington on a trip north.

CHICAGO, 30.—The many reports received of manufacturers shutting down and throwing men out of work give color to rumors of workmen rising and labor troubles in the near future. The turbulent workmen who have given trouble in past years are still busy, may find extensive strikes and great disasters unless some new element steps in to lessen the chance of workmen's strikes and employers closing works.

Following received from Cleveland: A sensation was created by notices posted in the large shops of the Cleveland Rolling Mills Company, announcing the closing of the Bessemer Steel Works until further notice. This includes the rail mills, two rod mills; tooth mill, two car mills, puddling mills, guide mill and several smaller ones. It throws out of employment at least 1,000 men. Nobody will say how long the mill will be closed. They have no work. President Chisholm says the shut down is only temporary, that when stock is taken and repairs made they will probably resume. It is announced that the Newburgh mills will on the 1st of January reduce wages, 15 to 25 per cent.

The house occupied by Jas. Griffin, who was discharged yesterday by the coroner for killing John Mangin, was set on fire this morning and burned to the ground. It is believed that Mangin's hoodlum friends did the deed.

A *Republican* special from Burlington, Coffey County, says: The mills of that place, owned by Wm. Martindale were destroyed by fire yesterday; loss about \$35,000.

EMPORIA, Kas., 30.—Mary Isabella Martin, who was tried in the District Court of this county in November, for the murder by poison of Mrs. Lorane M. Kuger, and who has been feigning insanity since the verdict of guilty was rendered against her; has been pronounced sane by a competent board of physicians, and was yesterday sentenced by Judge Graves to be hanged, according to the laws of Kansas, after one year's confinement at hard

labor in the penitentiary. The tests of the physicians who conducted the examination were such as to leave no possible doubt of her sanity and it was apparent that she could not maintain the pretense to any successful degree. The crime was committed; it will be remembered, for the purpose of obtaining \$5,000 insurance upon the life of the deceased woman.

The policy having been taken out a few weeks previous to her death and made payable to a son of Mrs. Martin, who is still in jail, and will be tried as an accomplice in February.

RICHMOND, Va., 30.—Been snowing for 18 hours; snow is now 8 inches deep.

FOREIGN.

Paris, 28.—Gambetta's physicians are alarmed at his condition, and four physicians are in consultation concerning an abscess in his stomach, to secure an external discharge. The ailment is inflammation of the cellular tissue enclosing the caecum of the intestines. Such inflammation results in phlegm, which unless it resolves naturally will make lance necessary.

Cairo, 28.—The sentences of the banished vary from one year's police surveillance to twenty years' banishment, imposed on eighty-four political prisoners, including Emin Bey, Ali Shemsy and eleven others previously sentenced. Twelve of the richest prisoners are ordered to deposit guarantees of £50,000, and lesser amounts for the faithful observance of Government order.

The Rhine and tributaries, from the Lake of Constance to Cologne, continue to rise rapidly. Many bridges and dams are destroyed. The bridge near Lerrach, Baden, gave way and twenty persons were drowned. The river Inn overflowed its banks at Pagan, The Danube overflowed in upper Austria.

The government of Baden announces that the floods are higher than in November. The river Neckar is now at the highest point known in this century. The Rhine dam is expected to be swept away. The Moselle river steamers at Treves have ceased running. The bridge of boats at Coblenz is removed to Carlsruhe. Travel on the railway from Paris to Vienna is interrupted. The railway between Kehl and Kook is submerged a distance of two miles. Trains from Mannheim to Neckarhafen have stopped.

Adjutant Baron Van Winterfeldt, aid de campe to the Emperor, shot himself.

BRUSSELS, 29.—A boiler in a factory at Dijon exploded yesterday while the building was full of workpeople. A number of persons were killed. Three bodies, so far, have been extricated from the ruins.

Worms, 29.—Hammel Dyke, on the Rhine wurst, flooding the lower part of town. Railway travel from Frankfurt-on-the-Main to Wiesbaden is interrupted owing to the inundation at Castle depot.

Paris, 29.—The French minister to Switzerland has informed his government that a considerable quantity of dynamite left Switzerland for France. There have been several arrests of dynamite conspirators in the department.

LONDON, 30.—A dispatch from Roche's Point, at the entrance to Cork harbor says: A large steamer sank off there—no particulars.

A later dispatch from Roche's Point says the steamer that sank was a coaster. The crew was saved.

Hong Kong, Dec. 1.—Cholera is devastating the cities and villages in the interior of Kwantung province.

The American envoy has been compelled to take action against the persecution instituted by the viceroy at Nanking against Chinese.

The Chinese government is exasperated at the action of France respecting Tonquin. The belief is growing that armed resistance will be made to further French invasions. China's declaration is unusually defiant.

Yokohama, 12.—The Japanese army is to be increased by several infantry regiments. The navy is also to be augmented. These changes were sanctioned by the Mikado, November 22d.

There will be a large convocation of Buddhist priests this month at the famous temple of Koyasan in the province of Kii, for the purpose of abolishing ancient rules against marriage and eating flesh by the clergy.

Cholera is reported prevalent in and about the capital of Corea.