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## AMERICAN.

WASHINGTON, 3.—In consequence of the receipts of the House resolutions of respect to the memory of Congressman Clark, the Senate adjourned without holding an executive session this afternoon, and therefore the Morton case still awaits discussion and final action.

A very noticeable feature of today's proceedings was the House refusal by a majority of nearly two to one to adopt the amendments offered by Cox and Clymer to prohibit the passage of any river harbor bill under a suspension of the rules, as has been the custom for a number of years, without debate or opportunity for amendment.

The House committee on private land claims will to-morrow hear arguments on the bill providing for the readjustment of the boundaries of the Pulgas rancho. Representative Davis, who is strongly opposed to this and all similar measures, will be present to take notes.

In the House commerce committee, McLane submitted the interstate commerce bill as substituted for Reagan's. It provides for a board of five railroad supervisors, consisting of the Secretary of the Interior, Commissioner and Engineer of Railroads, and the Assistant Attorney General of the Interior Department. The board is to investigate complaints regarding transportation charges affecting interstate traffic, including passenger and freight and safety of travel. They are required to report annually to Congress on the 1st of December, with suggestions regarding remedial legislation. McLane, Ross and Henderson were empowered to draft and report to the full committee a substitute for Reagan's bill. According to this idea, Reagan's bill was referred to the subcommittee for the same purpose.

The Colorado delegation in Congress and Governor Pitkin called on the President this morning and represented the defenceless condition of the frontier settlements of Colorado. The President in reply gave assurance that steps would be taken to protect them promptly in case an emergency arises, and he is to confer with the Secretary of the Interior and General Sherman on the subject.

The House committee on invalid pensions appointed a subcommittee to-day, consisting of Representatives Coffroth, Caldwell and Hazleton to confer with a like subcommittee of the Senate committee on pensions in reference to the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the House committee relating to the date of pensions in certain specified cases.

The Senate committee decided to report adversely on the Warner silver bill.

Gen. Brady, in further explanation of the Star route service, informed the House committee that the Post Office Department endeavored to put contracts in the hands of persons who actually performed the work and there was as much fairness in letting the contracts as could possibly be obtained under the laws.

NEW YORK, 3.—The severest snow storm of the season occurred to-day. There are four inches of snow on the level, and the heavy wind caused deep drifts. Boats even were impeded by the drift and wind, and river crafts fare badly. On the Sound the night was a wild one, but no disasters occurred. The snow has now turned to rain and slush.

The high tide and a tremendous gale caused serious damage to Coney Island. The water broke through between the pavilion and the hotel at Brighton, tearing up the planking and flooding the back grounds. The wooden pier in front of the Ocean house at Brighton beach was swept away. The beach is strewn with floating timbers, and some of the small pieces are floating over the concourse on which the water is about two inches deep. It is impossible to get to Manhattan, but as viewed from Brighton, the waves were flying over the road; but the hotel was uninjured. The old band stand at Brighton is probably swept away ere this. At West Brighton all the bathing houses and portable structures are floating around or smashed on the beach. The waves reached the floor of the iron pier and some structures thereon were carried away. The Islanders say they have never witnessed so severe a storm. The danger to hotels and railroads was made manifest by the presence at the beach of many railroad men. A man, name unknown, went to the end of Brighton pier this morning

and was carried away with a portion of the structure.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 3.—There was a heavy snow storm along the Hudson last night and to-day. East of here, near State Line, the wind blew a hurricane and the snow drifted ten feet deep. Trains on the roads running east and west are blocked in.

Long Branch, 3.—The most severe and destructive storm that ever visited this coast prevailed to-day. The wind blew with tremendous fury, carrying away summer houses, pavilions, bath houses and portions of the piazzas and roofs of nearly all the hotels on the shore. A brig is ashore at Seabright; a schooner a mile north and another half a mile south of this place. The iron pier is injured to some extent.

Boston, 3.—Dispatches from various quarters along the coast, represent the storm as terrible. Much damage is done to the shipping, and fears are entertained for the safety of the fishing fleets.

Whitehall, N. Y., 3.—The snow is a foot to fifteen inches deep along Lake Champlain, and it is still falling.

NEWARK, N. J., 3.—Charles Decker, proprietor of a hardware store, last night took a large hollow block of iron and converted it into a cannon, filling it with powder and lead. He then placed it under his chin and set fire to the powder. The room in which the tragedy occurred presented a most sickening sight.

Augusta, Me., 3.—Israel Boothley, cashier of the First National Bank, shot himself fatally to-day after jumping into a cistern on the bank premises with weights attached to his feet. The directors say his accounts are probably all right.

DENVER, 3.—Referring to the recent agreement between the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and the Denver and Rio Grande Companies, the Rio Grande officials here state that they will push their extension from the Grand Cañon of the Arkansas to Leadville with all possible speed. They announce their determination to build to Leadville by May 1st.

There is great excitement in Denver over a new discovery of gold near the mouth of the canyon of the Platte, a mile from the South Park railroad and only twenty miles from Denver. A vein of mineral was struck in the Dolly Varden mine at a depth of twenty feet on last Friday, and a specimen was brought to Denver and an assay obtained on Saturday, the assay giving the value of the ore at \$21,199 per ton, 20,176 of it being solid gold. A publication of the facts was made in one of the papers on Sunday morning, and before night hundreds of people were on the spot. Up to the present date 500 persons have visited the place and 200 locations are made. At a meeting of the Saltiel Mica & Porcelain Company held here to-night, Dr. John Elsner was elected president, J. H. Jones, of the Pacific Express, vice-president, and E. H. Saltiel general superintendent. The company are making preparations to supply the needs of the railway companies, stove manufacturers and others in this district. The interest bids fair to become one of the leading industries of the State.

DEADWOOD, 3.—Detectives Llewellyn and Boonemay after capturing Lee Grimes, a notorious desperado, and one of Doc Middleton's gang, shot and killed him last night while he was trying to escape.

A heavy snowstorm is raging throughout the Hills.

About a week ago news reached here of a band of about fifty lodges of Sioux who had escaped from the Spotted Tail and Pine Ridge Agency. Coming into the camp of the Gros Ventres on the Missouri River, they desired to have a share of their meat. The *Times* this morning contains a special from Buford, dated February 1st, to the effect, that seeing the determination of the Gros Ventre chief in refusing to share the fruits of their hunt, the Sioux at daylight next morning returned and attacked the Gros Ventres' camp, running off fifteen ponies. They at once gave chase and before midnight overtook them at Big Forks, east of the Yellowstone River. A lively fight ensued, the Gros Ventres securing their stolen ponies and routing the Sioux, but losing Lone Bull and Old Beaver, killed, and Skuuk and Longtail wounded. The Sioux loss is not known.

CHICAGO, 3.—The *Times* Pennsylvania special indicate that the convention is pretty sure to instruct the delegates to Chicago to vote as a unit for Grant. Blaine will be second choice.

The *Tribune's* Philadelphia special points to the same direction, but confesses that there is strong opposition by the Blaine and Sherman men and the delegation may go un instructed.

General G. M. Dodge, chief engineer of the Union Pacific Railroad, in an interview says the consolidation of the various Pacific railroads completed last week, will, if anything, tend to make lower rates of transportation, certainly it will not raise them. The Union Pacific will build some new lines, but not as many as though railroad iron had not risen so seriously. It would build a portion of the Deadwood line and a portion of the Oregon line from Ogden off toward Snake River. The Texas Pacific does not antagonize these consolidated roads, for it drains a different country and the consolidation is interested in the Texas Pacific scheme.

SAN FRANCISCO, 3.—A San Diego dispatch from Governor Castrijoa of the Mexican province of Fiontera, Lower California, says he has called out the militia and placed the province under martial law. The cause of his action is the revolution started by Marquez at Lapaz. It is reported Marquez has been driven out of Lapaz by the Federal troops, and is making his way up the peninsula with a handful of followers.

WASHINGTON, 4.—The House committee on territories agreed to-day to report favorably to the House the bill introduced by Delegate Ainslie (Idaho) which empowers the United States Marshal of Idaho to employ at hard labor all prisoners convicted and sentenced to hard labor in the prisons of said Territory. It provides that the proceeds of said prison labor shall be held subject to the order of the Attorney General and be devoted to defraying the expenses of the prisons of said Territory. This bill is intended to meet complaints on the part of the people of the Territory that heretofore they were compelled to meet all the expenses of their prisons, while the Government received and retained the proceeds of their prison labor.

The committee also agreed to report favorably the bill introduced in the House, by delegate Otero of New Mexico, authorizing the legislative assemblies of the Territories to provide for the care and custody of their criminals.

In the Senate to-day Teller, (Colorado,) submitted a resolution directing the Secretary of the Interior to communicate to the Senate the general lines of location on the Northern Pacific R. R. company and what changes if any had been made by said company in their general line of location as approved by the department since its organization to the present date, giving the average distances respectively between such several lines of location and the extent and general character of such changes; also a statement of the lands withdrawn from settlement in favor of said company under its several locations and to what extent such several changes of locations have effected the rights of settlers. Agreed to.

NEW ORLEANS, 4.—A petition signed by a number of prominent merchants has been forwarded to the President endorsing General Pinchback for naval officer of this port. The Colored Men's Protective Union endorse Pinchback and state that the telegram recently sent by the President and Secretary was sent with the knowledge of the association.

HARRISBURG, 4.—A caucus of Blaine delegates was held last night at which there were 105 votes cast in his interest. Afterwards a caucus of all the delegates was held and it was decided by a vote of 123 to 110 that the convention to-morrow should select delegates to the national convention.

The republican convention to-morrow will adopt resolutions declaring that prosperity and specie resumption are due to the financial policy of the government, opposing any finance or tariff tinkering, denounce the election frauds and intimidation, and congratulate the people of Maine.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., 4.—The Southworth paper mill west of Springfield, one of the oldest mills in the State, was burned last night. Insurance \$70,000.

WILMINGTON, Del., 4.—There have been four convictions for illegal voting in this city at the last election, all democrats.

WANNSQUAN, N. J., 4.—The roof of the Pennsylvania railroad depot was blown away to-night by a gale, together with the wind wheel of the company's reservoir. The loss will

Halifax, 4.—The heaviest snow storm of the season raged all yesterday afternoon and continued last evening.

Atlanticville, 4.—The captain of the brig *Augustine*, which came ashore here to-day, shot himself when he saw that the vessel must be wrecked. The crew was saved with difficulty.

LOWELL, Mass., 4.—A convention of 97 delegates representing nine societies voted, last night, not to parade next St. Patrick's Day, but to hold a coffee party in three weeks for the suffering poor in Ireland, and an entertainment on St. Patrick's night for St. Peter's Orphan Asylum.

HARRISBURG, 4.—The republican State convention met in the Opera House at noon, and was called to order by Chairman Hooten, of the State central committee. S. H. Miller, of Mercer, moved that Russell Errett be appointed temporary chairman. Gen. Albright moved to substitute the name of Geo. V. Lawrence. A vote was taken and resulted, Errett 198, Lawrence 92, a victory for the Grant people. It was decided that a committee of one from each senatorial district be appointed on resolutions, and committees on contested seats and permanent organization were also appointed.

Cessna offered a resolution that a committee of nine be appointed to report, subject to approval, a list of delegates with their alternates to the Chicago convention, and a list of electors, after consulting with the delegations from the various districts.

Stewart, of Franklin, offered the following amendment:

*Resolved*, that a committee of one from each congressional district be appointed whose duty it will be to report to the convention the names of four delegates at large to the National Convention and two electors at large and also a list of district delegates to the national convention who are to be chosen by the delegates from the respective districts, including in their report the names of those persons who have already been chosen as delegates from their respective districts by the action of the people thereof.

Both resolutions however, were withdrawn, and the convention took a recess for an hour.

The *New York Post's* Harrisburg special says: Senator Cameron was about the hotel all night endeavoring to arrange a compromise, but his effort has been of no avail, except on a few individuals. Cameron insists on carrying out his original plan of instructing the delegation to vote as a unit for Grant. Through his lieutenants this morning, Cameron freely makes the threat that if Blaine's men go on with their fight in the convention, not a Blaine man will be allowed in the Chicago delegation. The Blaine folks make a counter threat that in that event they will go back to their districts, elect delegates by popular vote of the party and appeal directly to the Chicago convention for recognition. They say this would destroy the moral force of the Cameron packed delegation.

NEW YORK, 4.—Unfavorable reports were circulated to-day regarding the condition of the Produce Bank, but officials of the Institution say it is perfectly solvent and will continue business.

The report that a new multiplex telegraph system had been invented by a Frenchman at Hartford, Conn., could not be confirmed yesterday. Dr. Norvin Green, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company said: We have heard of this invention for ten months or more. The statement that Wm. H. Vanderbilt has been at Hartford investigating its merits is certainly moonshine.

The daily, hourly cry of distress in Ireland comes more and more urgent and widespread. Every day reveals new horrors in the catalogue of suffering. The outlook for the coming months is gloomier than any prediction has yet painted. No language can describe the appalling privations and the utter destitution which prevails. It is impossible to overdraw the situation, so rapidly do matters become worse. What might have been an exaggeration yesterday, will to-morrow be an underestimate. Three hundred thousand people are slowly starving and can only be kept alive by superhuman effort on the part of their fellow-creatures. Some of them are living on one meal daily, of turnips or meal; thousands more are consuming their last potatoes. Local efforts are becoming feeble.

The people are looking to the world for succor. The land agitation has hidden its head for the moment. The agitators are lending a hand in the common cause. Parnell's attack upon the Mansion House and the Duchess of Marlborough funds is a crime, the responsibility of which no man should take upon himself at this time. The confusion thus caused only blinds the eyes of America to the awful necessities of the Irish peasantry. If Parnell be a true Irish patriot he will sink the animosities which depreciates even his friends and sympathizers, and will become the champion in America of that cause in which all the world is one—the cause of charity.

The *Herald* publishes a long detailed list of suffering by villages in Ireland, arranged in tabular form, and announces that it will receive subscriptions, and begs the people to give quickly.

The *New York Herald* opens the Irish Relief Fund with a contribution of one hundred thousand dollars.

The *Herald* editorial after calling attention to its table showing the Irish distress says in making this appeal to the benevolent it deems it fitting to set an example which will be taken as a proof of its sincerity; the *Herald* therefore opens to-day a subscription for Irish relief heading it with the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. It solicits other people to give in proportion to their willingness and means. It will receive subscriptions for any amount down to twenty-five cents, carefully publishing the name and residence of every subscriber and, when desired, the place of his former residence in Ireland; that the people relieved may know to whom they are indebted.

During a storm this morning Wm. Murphy, a brakeman on the Hudson River R. R., was blown from the train and killed.

Englishville, N. J.—Edward Neil, a New York newsboy, while passing through a train of cars this morning, was blown from the platform and killed.

## The Old Pain.

A WOMAN'S STRICKEN HEART—SAD STORY OF DOMESTIC LIFE.

It was just seven years ago that an extraordinary scene occurred at Danbury. It was in the evening, and a couple were bringing in several pots of plants from the yard to save them from the frost which the temperature of out doors threatened. While thus engaged she spoke, referring to a geranium she had in her hand.

"I wouldn't lose this one for a great deal, as mother gave it to me."

He looked at it.

"Your mother gave it to you? Guess not; I bought that plant myself."

"Why, it's no such thing."

"I tell you I did," he added, speaking with some warmth.

"And I tell you you didn't," she asserted. "Do you suppose I don't know what was given to me?"

"Don't you suppose I know what I bought with my own money?"

"If you say you bought that geranium," she said, speaking very slowly and with white lips, "you say what you know to be false."

"Do you mean to say that I lie?" he hissed.

"If you say that, I do."

"You shall be sorry for this," he threatened.

"Never," she retorted.

He put on his hat and coat and left the house.

That was seven years ago. She never saw him again or heard from him in all that seven years. What must have been the thoughts, the agony of mind endured by that wretched wife in that time, no one on earth knows. She kept her thoughts to herself, and patiently, as far as outward appearance went, bore the burden put upon her.

Recently her door opened and a man walked into her presence. There was a look, a cry, and she was in the arms of her husband. What a happy home was that. All the agony of seven long years was forgotten in that hour of reconciliation and reunion. A happy supper was spread, and with tears and smiles she hovered about him, ministering to his every want. After supper there was a long talk of the past.

"It is so singular," she said, speaking in one of her pauses, "that it should have happened as it did. I can scarcely comprehend it."