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BY TELEGRAPH.

AMERICAN.

BLOOMINGTON, Ills., 12.—On Saturday morning of the week before last, a stranger entered the People's Bank in this city, having a letter of introduction to Mr. Wilson, the cashier, and a check deposit for \$20,000, on a New York bank, which he presented to Mr. Wilson, telling him that he was intending to enter into business in Bloomington, and that he desired to deposit it with him, and also requested him to collect the aforesaid check. Mr. Wilson opened an account with him, and gave him a book with a credit of \$20,000, and the stranger went away, but soon after he entered the bank and presented a check to the cashier for \$3,700, which the cashier readily cashed on the strength of the deposit. A few minutes after it had been cashed, Mr. Wilson smelt a rat, and immediately telegraphed to New York, and learned to his sorrow that the check was a forged one, and that he was out to the extent of \$3,700. There is no certain clue to him whatever, and no means by which he can be identified as yet.

BALTIMORE, 12.—Heavy rains caused a freshet and a delay of the train on the line of the Balto. and Ohio R. R., early this morning, between Harpers Ferry and Point of Rock. On the Washington County branch three trestle bridges were washed away, making necessary the transfer of passengers.

SAN FRANCISCO, 11.—The *Quong Se* brought Hongkong papers of July 12th and Yokohama papers of July 22nd. The Hongkong press of July 8th thus comments on the movement in San Francisco inimical to the Chinese: "Hitherto the Chinese in the United States have had all the privileges of citizens, while Americans, in common with other foreigners, have been rigorously excluded from being treated in China in the same way as every civilized government treats aliens. Under such circumstances it is not a very great grievance that the Chinese in America should be restricted in the competition of labor, if Chinese are to compete with Americans in the United States. Such views have probably had much to do with the framing of the recent measure, and if such is the case it does not seem that the measure can be strictly said to be unfair towards the Chinese."

Thomas Curtin, who shot and killed William Johnson, for the alleged seduction of his daughter, was to-day committed to answer the charge of murder before the grand jury.

SIoux CITY, Iowa, 13.—Hon. E. P. Smith, commissioner of Indian affairs, has just concluded a trip from Bismarck to this point, visiting all the intervening points on the river, and holding a council with the Indians. He found the Reds generally inclined to peace, but hardly satisfied with their condition. At points above Yankton

agency there is little opportunity for agricultural pursuits, as the country is generally barren. This fact complicates the Indian question in the commissioner's mind materially. He has some hopes of inducing them to try stock raising, and by way of experiment he purchased of Dr. Burleag, formerly delegate to Congress from Dakota, a stallion and two bulls for the Yankton and Santee agencies. The commissioner will visit the Winnebago and Omaha agencies, near here, in Nebraska, and will then leave the border on his return trip to Washington, by way of St. Paul.

PHILADELPHIA, 13.—The success of the proposed Centennial Anniversary in Philadelphia is endangered from the rivalry of contending interests in Pennsylvania. It is stated that the leading commissionerships are filled by Pennsylvanians, who are suspected of working for their own interests, and who have already excited the district into jealousy of some of their fellow-workers. It is feared that the scheme has been perfected upon a too comprehensive plan, and the sum of \$15,000,000 will with difficulty be raised. It is intimated now, however, that a prominent banking house will undertake to dispose of the bonds and give the support of its name. The committee on plans, who have been in session in Washington, have considered few plans but such as were of the most expensive character. The people of Philadelphia, in the choice of a building, seem anxious rather to select one which shall remain a permanent magnificent structure in Fairmount Park, than one which shall be specially adapted to the temporary purposes of the exposition.

WASHINGTON, 13.—The investigation into the causes of the *Wawasset* disaster begin to-day, and will assume the form of a suit against the owners of the *Wawasset*, the Potomac Ferry Company. It seems very manifest that they neglected to conform to the law, and if a fair investigation can be made the heaviest penalties will be enforced. The Secretary of the Treasury has directed that others than the local inspectors shall conduct the investigation.

The proceedings of the court martial, in the case of Captain Jack and other *Modocs*, were received at the war department to-day; it is believed that the court found them all guilty, and sentenced them to be hanged.

OTTAWA, Ont.—The adjourned session of Parliament opens at three o'clock to-day. The ministry are all here, and the cabinet is in session. The governor-general and staff are en route from Halifax, and will arrive this morning. The opposition members are arriving by every train, but none of the government supporters will come except a few from curiosity. The excitement is intense, as the opposition are determined to force on the session, and defeat the government during the absence of their supporters. The governor-general's guards and the artillery will be on hand to prevent a disturbance. There is a division in the opposition ranks, Blake aspiring to the leadership. The government feels confident of victory. The public feeling is strong against Allan and McMillen.

WASHINGTON, 13.—Gov. Austin, of Minnesota, who came here from Long Branch with Mayor Brackett, of Minneapolis, has had an interview with Secretary Fish in relation to the Manitoba matter. Mayor Brackett, who has just arrived from Fort Garry, brings fresh intelligence concerning the matter. The facts are different and more exasperating in their character than those which have hitherto been brought to the attention of the State Department. Mayor B. states that of the four prisoners who were arrested merely on suspicion of being accomplices, and that of those two one had \$28,000 in money on his person which he had collected on a current commercial account in Manitoba, and which the local courts suffered Lord Gordon to attach in aid of the civil suit. Gov. Austin represents the feeling of the people of Minnesota as greatly ex-

cited, and says that it will require but little encouragement from the press and people to induce the residents of the border to commit some overt act of war. The State Department continues to maintain the position that it is impotent in any way to interfere, except in the way of suggestion, just as the Canadian government are impotent to dictate to the judiciary of Manitoba. However our government will endeavor to use and is using its strongest influence to secure the liberation of the prisoners. In this endeavor the State Department is assisted by Sir Edward Thornton, the British Minister, who is very desirous to avoid any international complications. It is feared, in diplomatic circles, that any rash act upon the part of the Minnesota people would complicate the boundary question, and perhaps lead to a serious difficulty with Great Britain, although the joint British and American commission, appointed to locate the north-western boundary have settled the line, and a considerable distance west of Manitoba, yet the entire work of the commission must be submitted to the legislative bodies of the two governments to be by them ratified, before the boundary is settled. Any international irascibility it is feared would prevent the ratification of the recommendations of the commission. This question, added to the positive complication on the north-eastern frontier, relative to the readjustment of the fishery question with the Dominion, has placed our government in its relations with its northern neighbor in a very delicate position.

NEW YORK, 13.—According to foreign files, the women medical students, who have been rejected at Edinburgh, are trying what the Society of St. Andrew will do for them. In their application they point out that they have fifteen women at least prepared to graduate at once, that they will bear all the cost of obtaining a supplementary charter if necessary, and that they are also prepared at once to hire or build a suitable building for a medical school, and are also in a position to arrange for a complete course of lectures on all required subjects of medical education, which are not taught at St. Andrews, if the University authorities will sanction such an arrangement, and will subsequently admit them to examination and graduation, following the example of their continental brethren.

WASHINGTON, 13.—Thompson, Sturgis and Kitz, commissioners appointed for the purpose, were yesterday directed by telegraph to proceed at once to the examination of sixty-five miles of the N. P. R. R., between Portland, Oregon, and Puget Sound.

Application was made to Secretary Richardson to-day, for some statement in regard to the charges published to the effect that there is a deficiency of ten million dollars in the coin account of the government. The Secretary declined to say anything on the subject, further than that time will show whether there is or not.

The Attorney-General has decided that spirituous liquors can be introduced into the Indian countries without an order of the war department, and that the jurisdiction of that department is exclusive of all other authorities.

NEW YORK, 13.—Gen. B. H. Bristow, of Ky., has resigned the presidency of the California and Texas railroad construction company, now building the Texas Pacific railroad, and is succeeded by Jno. McManas, of Reading, Pa.

BOSTON.—Wool active, manufacturers being free buyers, and have added largely to their stock during the past week. Decent prices are readily obtained, and the market denotes a decided firmness, which has given rise to the opinion that higher rates will rule as the season advances. Any advance in the price at this time would however, undoubtedly check the activity now prevailing. California wool continues in demand, 25 @ 35 per pound, good and choice ranging from 30 to 35.

HARRISBURG, 13.—The Republican State Convention have nomi-

inated R. W. McKee for State treasurer, and S. G. Gordon, for Supreme Court judge. Mr. Mann, chairman of the committee on resolutions, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

"We, the Republicans in Pennsylvania, in convention assembled, renew our expression of confidence in and devotion to the principles of Republicanism, and declare that we heartily endorse and adopt the national and state platform of 1872. That the administration of Gov. Hartranft calls for our warmest approbation. During the short time he has been in the executive department, he has established a State policy, which has justly endeared him to the people of the Commonwealth. That as retrenchment is required to lighten the burden of taxation and to continue the reduction of the public debt, an increase of salaries is unwise, and we condemn, without reserve, voting for, or receiving increased salary for services already rendered. During the time the Republican party has been in power, it has had to confront graver difficulties, and more new and perplexing questions of government than ever were presented to any other party to solve. Resolved that the president of the convention and the candidates this day nominated, shall appoint a chairman of the State Central committee, that the State committee shall contain the same number and shall be appointed in the same manner as heretofore." The convention then adjourned *sine die*.

NEW YORK, 13.—A suit has been commenced in the U. S. district court, against Jno. R. Platt, bolting cloths, and E. D. Boyd, glass-ware, jointly, to recover one million dollars, gold penalty, for the under valuation of imports. Suits have also been commenced against the parties separately to recover the respective sums of \$50,000 and \$40,000 for similar offences.

To-morrow the treasury sells a million and a half in gold.

J. L. Whitton, chief postal clerk, who arrived in this city this morning from Buffalo, reports heavy rains westward last night. Whitton's train was nearly brought to a standstill by the quantity of water which flooded the track for two miles. The train forced its way through the water, mud and gravel, after the floods began to subside. No mail was received in this city up to a late hour in the p.m. General Superintendent Pearson, this a.m., received a dispatch from Perryville, Mo., to the effect that the through southern mail would be delayed several hours at that place, a bridge having been carried away by a freshet.

Scharlark and Steinhart, who were wounded in the Vesey Street tragedy, were last night considered by the hospital physicians to be in a fair way for recovery. The missing witness, who was employed in the store as porter, has not yet been found.

There is no truth in the rumors of the loss of either the *Plymouth Rock* or the *Sea Bird*. The latter reached here soon after 6 p.m., and the *Plymouth Rock* soon after 9, having been somewhat delayed by the washing away of a portion of the Long Branch Railroad. The rumors of the disaster created great excitement, and the officers of the ships were besieged with inquiries.

MARTINEZ, 13.—The grand jury have indicted Thomas Redfern, for manslaughter, for the killing of Richard A. Duffy in June last.

The wife of Watkins Prosser was thrown from her horse, at Sumersville, yesterday, and instantly killed; she leaves a husband and four children.

Henrietta Swayeras, of Nortonville, was severely burned yesterday, by the explosion of a kerosene lamp; she is still alive but no hopes are entertained of her recovery.

SAN FRANCISCO, 13.—At the inquest on William Johnson, shot by Thomas Curtin, the jury found the following verdict: "That the deceased came to his death on the 11th of August, 1873, at St. Mary's hospital, in the city and county of San Francisco, from hemorrhage, caused by a pistol shot wound, inflicted on the same day in Beale St., near Harrison St., by Thomas

Curtin, whom we charge with the crime of murder."

An assessment of 50 cents a share has been levied on the stock of the Page and Panacea Mining Co., amounting to \$20,000, delinquent Sept. 16.

A monthly dividend of 25 cents per share, aggregating \$12,500, has been declared by the K. K. consolidated Mining Co., payable to-morrow.

The funeral of the late Henry P. Barber took place from the Church of the Advent, this morning, and was largely attended by the friends of the deceased.

The stockholders of the Overman mine have held a meeting, to take action regarding the increase of the capital stock. Out of the 11,800 shares in the mine, 10,147 were represented, which were unanimously in favor of the proposition to increase the capital stock to \$3,840,000 and to increase the number of shares to 38,400, par value \$100 per share. This company had exhausted its former limit of assessing, but can now assess another million or so.

There is great activity in the Ida Elmore, an Idaho mine, good developments being reported.

On the 27th of last February, three ships sailed for Liverpool with wheat cargoes, the *Patrician* and *Escoocessa*, from English ships, and the well known American clipper built ship *Young America*. Large amounts were wagered on a race between the *Escoocessa* and the *Young America*. The latter reached Liverpool six days ahead. The *Patrician* was wrecked on the bar outside of the Heads, and now comes the report that the *Escoocessa* was sunk in the Mersey yesterday.

BALTIMORE.—Three escaped Algerian convicts, from the French penal colony at Cayenne, on the north coast of South America, whither they had been sentenced for ten years, have arrived at this port. They claim to have escaped in company with 150 fellow convicts, and after suffering in the swamps and jungles reached Demarara. The French consul here has written to the consul general at New York, for instructions in the premises.

PHILADELPHIA.—The storm last night was severe at Cape May and Atlantic city, but no damage was done. The trains were delayed at Newark, Delaware creek being overflowed and washed out the Baltimore R. R. track, near the culvert for sixty yards. At Lancaster, and Pennsylvania City, the water works were considerably damaged, the coffer dams were carried away and several bridges washed off.

It has been raining heavily here all day, and still continues to fall rapidly, without any signs of abatement. It is the heaviest storm that has prevailed here for some time, causing much damage by the heading of culverts and the flooding of cellars and buildings in the course of erection. The corn on the farms in this vicinity has been levelled to the ground and vegetables washed out of the earth.

LONG BRANCH, 13.—A heavy gale is blowing here and the surf is running high. The bathing houses have been removed, to prevent being washed away. The shore is lined with people, witnessing the appearance of the sea. The storm is the heaviest seen for twenty years, and is increasing.

WASHINGTON, 14.—The Treasury department is advised of a very gross violation of the National Bank law on the part of some of the more important National Banks of New York City. It appears that in order to assist the operations of the bull clique in gold, some of these banks have been accustomed to subject the gold on deposit to a double use, they have both reported it to the Treasury, as specie gold deposits and have also used it as special collaterals for loans. Such a use of the gold is a direct violation of the banking laws, and involves perjury on the part of banking officials. It is also stated that much of the gold reported as reserves is also special deposit, and is subject to be withdrawn at call, and could not be held as assets of the bank in the event of bankruptcy. The bank examiner will be instructed to investigate the matter.