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EASTERN.

POR JERVIS, N. Y., 31.—The storm last night and to-day completely disabled the New York and Erie Railway. Trains from the west are all about five hours late.

LEAVENWORTH.—A fire this morning in the smoking department of Ryan's pork house destroyed 75,000 pounds of pork. Loss about \$6,000; insurance \$3,000.

PHILADELPHIA.—John A. Brown, one of the most popular preachers, has died, aged 55. He left a widow \$300,000 to the Presbyterian hospital.

NEW YORK.—Laborers continue to excavate the ruins of the Central street fire for the remains of the missing girls.

A new scheme for a rapid transit road for intra-mural travel proposes to have the city build the road. A bill prepared for submission to the Legislature provides for commissioners to select engineers who will make estimates of the cost and decide on the plan of the road. It is expected to cost twenty millions.

The commissioners of emigration will memorialize Congress in opposition to the bill in the House to promote emigration to the U. S.

The Tribune's Washington special says that Bowell will be elected to the Senate to succeed Wilson.

The report that the President has already made up his mind to put assistant secretary Richardson in Bowell's place gains credence day by day and there are now many persons who are usually well informed as to what is going on at the White House, who assert positively that Grant has come to this decision and that he has already informed Richardson of his coming general forces.

CHICAGO.—A Washington special today says there is a very marked opposition to the present governor of Utah. He is charged with intimate affiliation with the Mormons, and his removal, it is expected, will soon be effected. There are many candidates for the place from the States, but the President is understood to favor resident of Utah. Judge Strickland's resignation from the Utah judiciary is unconditional. Hon. Wm. Clegg, the new District Attorney, is believed to be in entire harmony with Mormon forces.

Advice from New Orleans indicate that Judge Durrell has the best chances for the U. S. Senate.

WASHINGTON.—A gang of five negro roughs made an unusual attempt yesterday afternoon to rescue Tom Wright, the murderer of Pedlar Rogers. Two of them have been captured.

The receipts from the internal revenue during the present fiscal year to Jan. 1st, average \$61,000,000.

At three this morning the wholesale department of S. W. Gandy & Co., 1200 Broadway, was damaged by fire \$35,000. The building owned by Hugh Smith was damaged \$5,000. Fully insured.

WASHINGTON.—Congressman Maynard, of Tennessee, has had placed in his hands for the purpose of presenting to the House of Representatives a memorial numerously signed by officers and soldiers of the late army of the Cumberland, asking Congress to appropriate fifteen thousand dollars towards the erection of an equestrian statue to the memory of the late Major Gen. H. H. Totten.

GARDEN CITY.—A fire here at one o'clock this morning destroyed the Metropolis Block, containing eight of the finest stores in town, and the Gatesbury Home, an unoccupied hotel. The principal losers are W. H. Washburn, jewelry; Farris, grocers; R. H. Barringer, fancy goods; Gross & Sliger, books; L. B. Miller, musical instruments; Shower Bro., boots and shoes; J. C. Dunlap, hardware; and Mulligan & Co., butcher; and Mulligan's photograph gallery. A number of lawyer's offices and law firms, including the valuable library of One E. Price, were also destroyed. Total loss not less than \$100,000; insurance about \$60,000.

INDIANAPOLIS.—Wm. C. Luck, the murderer of his wife, who was sentenced to be hanged on Friday next, committed suicide in his cell this afternoon, by morphine.

CINCINNATI.—The damage by the breaking of the ice today to-day is estimated at \$150,000 to \$200,000.

NEW YORK, 31.—End of Union street, fall to-night, crushing in a two-story building, 14 houses belonging to Smith & Jewell, flour dealers, valued at \$4,000. The factory was occupied by W. H. Mayer, manufacturer of wallpaper, who has about 200 men and women employed. The loss is \$6,000.

HARTFORD.—The factory of Colt's

Willow Ware Manufacturing Company was destroyed by fire this evening. Loss \$75,000; insurance slight.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—About this pm. in the 14th Avenue theatre was completely burned. Loss \$10,000. The fire commenced shortly after 4 p.m. About 4:25 smoke was first discovered ascending from near the roof in the rear of the theatre. Although fire must have started long before that time somewhere in the lower part of the building, the matinee audience had scarcely more than dispersed. The theatre adjoins a second story Hotel on Twenty-fourth street to the full extending west on that street towards the 6th Avenue.

It was about half past 4 when the structure was ablaze in all quarters, bursting like so much straw, the flames, according with great fierceness and lighting up the surrounding squares as though emanated from a well arranged bonfire. There seemed to be considerable delay in the arrival of the fire department, but at 5:15 minutes elapsed from the time the fire was noticed before any engine reached the spot, and even upon their arrival the usual alacrity seemed to be wanting in getting on the water. There is great excitement at this time in the hotel, as it was feared the fire would spread to that edifice. Nothing but the strongest exertions saved the hotel from ruin. Had the high winds lately prevalent over the whole block would prevail, the hotel would have been at seven were still standing on the ruins.

Another account says Mr. Appleton, treasurer of the theatre, at a quarter to five this p.m., saw fire come up the register, but before he reached the street to give the alarm the flames had run through the whole building, which in less than an hour had completely destroyed the entire building. The servants in the Fifth Avenue hotel who almost simultaneously with Mr. Appleton saw the fire became frightened and fled wildly to the corridor. The chief clerk restored order and directed thirteen streams from the hotel to play on the fire. This was the means of saving the hotel. About twenty minutes after the first outbreak, carrying with it the east wall, which struck the west wall of the Fifth Avenue hotel causing a break of about ten feet, which fell, destroying the frying and baking kitchen. Soon after the west wall of the stage fell, striking the roof of two private stables belonging to Phillips, Phelps & Arnall, Constable & Co., and almost completely demolished them. The horses were saved. The Theatre building was owned by R. P. Eno, who estimates his loss at \$30,000, while the loss of the Hotel, Daly, loss \$150,000 in furniture, wardrobe, and improvements. All the private wardrobes of the actors were destroyed. Several persons, among others Mr. Darling, one of the proprietors of the Fifth Avenue hotel, were slightly injured while attempting to save property.

Mesdames Gilbert and Davenport are reported to have lost their diamond ring, valued at several thousand dollars, while Misses Rockwell, Devere, Lody, Riggold and Clark are also heavy losers. All the musical instruments in the orchestra and the library and music are destroyed. Mr. Daly has no insurance on his property.

The fall of Wm. Macy's Paper Mills, Brooklyn on Tuesday night, caused damage to that building of fifteen thousand dollars. A portion of it crashed in the hands of F. C. Smith's flour mill, adjoining, destroying fourteen wagons and trucks, killing two horses and injuring several others. Damage to the flour mills \$10,000. The weight of snow on the roof of the paper mill caused the settling of the frame of the building.

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