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WASHINGTON, 25.—There were no witnesses before the special committee on the improvement of the Mississippi to-day, but Representative Ellis put in the following dispatch in regard to the charge of bribery:

St. Louis, Jan. 24, 1892.

E. John Ellis:

I am not in a condition to participate in any sort of excitement. I will say, however, Cowden is a little off, as to Captain Eads or myself.

(Signed) J. H. BALDWIN.

The charge came from Captain Cowden, who has been before the committee for several days advocating his outlet system. He said to Ellis that Baldwin told him that he (Baldwin) had been approached by the Eads interest in the river commission, and told him he should have a slice of the \$600,000 to be awarded for the improvement of the river at Plum Point Beach, if he would keep his mouth shut. Ellis at once telegraphed Baldwin, and in response received the above dispatch. The committee regard the matter in the light of hearsay and not as evidence. No witnesses have been called to substantiate or deny the charge.

The First National Bank of Baker City, Oregon, is authorized to commence business; capital \$50,000.

Rear Admiral Pierce Crosby, commanding the South Atlantic squadron, is ordered to China to take command of the Asiatic squadron. Wm. G. Temple will be ordered to the command of the South Atlantic squadron.

The claim of Red Cloud presented to the Indian Bureau, for ponies seized from the Indians and sold by General Crook in 1876. The amount realized, \$5,000, was to have been applied to the purchase of cows for the benefit of the Indians; but Red Cloud asserts this was not done, and a partial search of the records of the Indian Bureau fails to show any return ever made of the money. The person who made the sale will be called on for an explanation, if further search does not reveal a satisfactory account of the transaction.

The animal industries of the country was the general subject which occupied the attention of the agricultural convention to-day.

Captain Belknap has been detached from the command of the *Alaska* and placed on waiting orders. Most of the officers have been ordered home. Ensigns Kilmore and Wood have been ordered to duty on the coast survey; Paymaster Smith to settle his accounts and await orders; Gunner Cushman is ordered to the receiving ship *Independence*.

Republican senators held a brief conference this morning, and will probably continue it at the close of the eulogies of Senator Hill. The desire is to adopt a mode of procedure which will facilitate and expedite action on the pending tariff bill.

It has become evident, in the past three or four days, to the managers of the tariff bill in the Senate, that if it is to pass, some united party policy must be decided on to put it through. The Senate's action upon the metal schedule yesterday, bringing with it a storm of reproaches from the strong protection senators, backed by threats from the iron and steel men here that the bill should never pass, precipitated a crisis that called for a republican caucus in the Senate to-day. The caucus was in no sense harmonious. The grievances of the protectionists were freely displayed, and called forth impatient recriminations from the more conservative tariff men, as well as from members of the finance committee, which was rigidly called to account for the alleged defects in the measure. Conger, who since the grades of lumber were placed on the free list has been nursing his wrath, denounced the bill. He said that great injury has been done his constituents, and asserted that it would be impossible for him to vote for the bill in its present shape.

Allison read the Michigan Senator a homily upon unselfish party homage, by demonstrating the necessity for tariff revision and the utter impossibility of securing it without harmonious united party action, involving personal sacrifice and generous compromise.

Logan called Allison to account for attempting to dictate to a brother Senator the manner in which he should exercise his judgment, or

censure him for action conserving the best interests of his constituents. Logan was specially severe upon the finance committee, expressing the belief that the members had in making up the bill subserved their own special interests to the exclusion of every other. He warned the committee that if they expected to secure their individual interests in the bill without regard to the interests of other Senators, they were greatly mistaken.

Recess until the afternoon, when the caucus met again. There was a much better feeling displayed at the afternoon meeting. Speeches were made by Senators Hoar, Ingalls, Anthony, Aldrich, Morrill, Sherman and others, and a resolution was adopted providing no adjournment should be taken any day while the bill is under consideration except on motion of the Senator having it in charge, and not then unless substantial progress is made with the schedule under consideration. The caucus also agreed the duty should be ultimately reimposed on lumber to placate Conger; the duty on pig iron to be increased \$6.72 per ton to please Mahone and Sherman; the duty on pig iron to be increased to 75 cents a ton, the commission rate being 50 cents. This item, it is expected, will catch both the West Virginia Senators. It is believed there will certainly be five democratic votes for the bill.

After the adjournment of the Senate an informal conference of democratic Senators was held, which agreed to restrict speech making.

NEW YORK, 25.—*Evening Post*: If the recent litigations between the U. P. and the Credit Mobilier Company are taken for what they purport to be on the face of the law proceedings, they indicate an attack of the railway company upon some of the most prominent and heretofore largest holders of its stock, represented by the Ames party and other Boston interests, and it is probable that this has been one cause of the recent selling of Union Pacific on orders presumed to come from Boston.

The Washington dispatches of last night, giving notice of the preparation of the Attorney General to bring suit against the U. P. road to recover about \$1,000,000, do not seem to affect the market price of the U. P. stock, probably because it does not strike the general public as consistent with the policy of the Government to subsidize a railway and then tax the process of construction.

NEW YORK, 25.—*The Post* says: We learn from the chairman of the government, directors of the Union Pacific Railroad Company that the reports of trouble or discord between them and the officers and directors of the company are without foundation. All information asked for by the government directors was furnished by the company, and the government directors are now actively engaged in the preparation of their report for the Secretary of the Interior.

Knoxville, Tenn., 25.—A coal train was wrecked on the Knoxville & Ohio Railroad north of this city. Wiley Wright, engineer had both legs cut off: a man named Bonham, arm severely injured.

Memphis, 25.—The Memphis, Salina & Brunswick Railroad Company filed a first mortgage for \$6,000,000 upon all their property and franchises to the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Philadelphia, for the purpose of raising funds to build and equip the road.

Tucson, A. T., 25.—A. N. Towne, general manager of the C. P. & S. P. road, was interviewed to-day by a *Star* reporter. He stated that through cars to New Orleans from San Francisco will leave on the 28th, and the first train from New Orleans to San Francisco on the 30th, after which time regular trains will run.

Montreal, 25.—The Canadian Pacific railway stock listed on stock exchange to-day sold at 62½.

The Stockholder announces the listing by the Stock Exchange yesterday of 122 additional consolidated first mortgage bonds of the Denver & Rio Grande on 81 miles of new road, \$1,223,000. Also, \$55,000,000 capital stock of the Canadian Pacific issued on 1,730 miles of road already completed and in operation, and on 1,576 miles in construction. Also, first mortgage bonds of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio, bearing 5 per cent. interest, maturing in 1931, secured by second mortgage upon the road of 640 miles and Eagle Pass branch 35 miles, being part of the extension west of

San Antonio, \$13,500,000. Also, second mortgage bonds at 6 per cent., maturing in 1931, secured by subordinate lien on the same property, \$75,000. Also, it announces the listing of the Oregon Transcontinental Co. first mortgage trust bonds, Nov. 1, due 40 years after date, unless previously redeemed through the operation of the sinking fund, to be invested in these bonds at \$1.05 and accrued interest, the bonds to be obtained either by purchases or be drawn by lot, bearing 6 per cent. interest.

Boston, 25.—The Mexican Central Railroad has issued a subscription for \$6,032,500, which amount they consider sufficient to complete the main line by the first quarter of the year 1894.

Monterey, Mex., 25.—The Mexican government has accepted the Mexican National road from Santa Catarina to Marcala, 22 additional kilometers.

WASHINGTON, 26.—The Woman Suffragists were before the House judiciary committee this morning, protesting against the clause in the Willets anti-polygamy bill which disfranchises women who now vote in Utah.

The Secretary of the Navy will recommend the passage of a bill to compensate the officers of the crew of the late steamer *Rodgers*, for the loss of their personal effects when the vessel was destroyed; to allow the mother of Master Putnam, of the vessel, one year's pay; and to reward the natives of St. Lawrence Bay for hospitalities extended to the shipwrecked crew.

Secretary Folger has addressed a letter to Speaker Keifer relative to the amount of silver coin on hand and the facilities for its safe keeping in the Sub-Treasury offices, showing an urgent necessity for providing additional vault room at once for storing the silver, or for discontinuing the coinage of standard silver dollars.

One of the fish commissioners' cars loaded with 15,000 carp started for California last Wednesday. Many of these will be distributed from St. Louis to applicants in Missouri and Arkansas; others from Texarkana to applicants in northern Texas, and pails will also be left in New Mexico and Arizona. The fish will be sent from San Francisco by a special messenger to Oregon and Washington Territories, and applicants in Utah and Idaho will be supplied from Ogden. Another car is now in Texas. The commission will begin in February to distribute white fish in the Lake region. Trout will go next, and salmon later in the season.

The Secretary of the Navy has received the following cablegram from Minister Hunt at St. Petersburg: "Ensign Harry Hunt telegraphs from Irkutsk as follows: Please inform the Department that I arrived here with the party, en route to the United States. Thornam, interpreter, accompanied us to Orenburg. I would recommend he return with the caskets. Will await answer. I have directed Thornam's return as suggested by Ensign Hunt."

Members of the foreign affairs committee believe there is no possibility that the Hawaiian treaty will be either modified or abrogated by Congress.

PHILADELPHIA, 26.—Geo. Russell, a collector, charged with embezzling about \$6,000 from Sharpless & Sons, is arrested.

Texarkana, 26.—Ed. Garrett, colored, who murdered his wife, was hanged to-day. He confessed the crime on the gallows, and expressed repentance. He met his fate bravely.

Taylorville, Ill., 26.—G. Franghar, for the murder of Jas. McMurray, was hanged here at noon. Franghar slept well and appeared unconcerned until approaching the gallows, when he showed much nervousness.

Omaha, 26.—A terrific explosion of dynamite occurred this morning at Florence cut-off, nine miles north of Omaha, where a large camp of railroad laborers were at work on the Omaha & St. Paul. Dynamite is used for blasting the frozen earth, and dynamite cartridges having been frozen, some men were thawing them out near a fire, when the explosion ensued. The frame building in which were quite a number of men, was blown to pieces, and several men were seriously wounded, but strange to say, none were killed. Two of the wounded men have been brought to the hospital at this city. The concussion from the explosion was felt for miles around.

The fire which broke out in Caldwell block at 1 o'clock this morning

was got under control at 4 o'clock, and shortly afterwards extinguished, McMahon, Albert & Co., wholesale drugs, carried a stock of about \$40,000, entirely destroyed; insurance \$24,000. Heyer & Raapke, wholesale groceries, stock worth \$40,000, at least 50 per cent. loss, covered by insurance. These two buildings were destroyed. Henry Hornberger, liquor and billiard hall, Shaw & Ratcliffe, gambling hall, John Wirth, restaurant, Sprague, Warner & Co., confectionary, West & Fritchen, cigar makers are losers to a great extent either by fire or water. J. J. Brown, wholesale dry goods, lost seven or eight thousand dollars by water and removal of goods. He carried \$65,000 insurance. The total damage by fire is estimated at nearly \$125,000, most of the losers being covered by insurance. The fire originated in a basement of McMahon, Albert & Co's building, and shot up the elevator shaft to three floors above. At one time the whole of Caldwell block was threatened. Several thousand dollars worth of dry goods were stolen from Brown's stock as it was being carried out, and ten thieves were arrested. There were thirty or forty thieves at work in plundering.

Denver, 26.—*News Pueblo special*: This morning a ranchman living near here, found in a dense thicket a corpse which had evidently been there a month or more. The flesh had been entirely eaten off the face and hands by magpies. The body was frozen stiff. A superficial examination of the papers found in the pockets indicate that his name was John A. Wellman, an attorney from Denver. He had committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. Deceased was well known in Denver as a lawyer of ability, but of a morose and unhappy disposition. Several weeks ago, owing to some little trouble with his wife, who is regarded as a most estimable lady, he attempted to destroy himself by taking poison, but failed.

BOSTON, 26.—*The Transcript* says: Judge Dillon, of New York, and Sidney Bartlett, counsel of the Union Pacific, have been in consultation to-day with Boston directors. The subject of the discussion cannot be learned. There is outside talk of closing up the New York office and bringing all the company's effects from the influence of Wall Street.

Canton, O., 26.—A passenger and freight on the Connorton Valley Road collided this afternoon. The engines were smashed. The engineer and fireman had their legs cut off. There were 15 passengers on the train who were severely shaken.

Mt. Sterling, Ky., 26.—An entire crew of five men of the freight train on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad are arrested for stealing from freight cars.

Topeka, 26.—The lower house of the legislature this afternoon passed a concurrent resolution setting forth the consolidation of the Union Pacific and Kansas Pacific railway companies was in violation of the law of Kansas. With a view of definitely determining the matter the Attorney General is directed to institute proceedings in the nature of *quo warranto* in the Supreme Court of the State.

OMAHA, 26.—Fire this morning destroyed the wholesale drug stock of McMahon, Albert & Co., and damaged the stock of Meyer & Raapke, grocers, Hornberger, Billard & Worth's restaurant; total loss \$60,000.

NEW YORK, 25.—Billy Edwards, light weight champion, in answer to Fox's challenge says in the *Herald*: I will bet Fox or any one else \$5,000 that Mace can't knock me out in four square rounds, on any evening in two weeks from date, at the Madison Square Garden benefit to Mace and Slade.

Kiernan's *News* gives two opposing statements from Washington concerning the Central and Southern Pacific, one being that the consolidation measure will likely pass this session, and another is that a bill is preparing in the Senate providing that the consolidation may take place on the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the stockholders. As the managers of the company have the requisite stock, the vote may be regarded as certain. The Southern Pacific, which is now on the market, will probably become active security in the event of consolidation. Charles Crocker returned from Washington yesterday and is at the Windsor House.

PHILADELPHIA, 26.—The alleged gas frauds are causing considerable of a flutter among the politicians. Discoveries in the books of the trustees show peculations amount-

ing to \$100,000. The matter was first brought to the attention of the trustees 16 months ago, and Chas. Hooper, recently sent to prison for theft, has made a confession upon which the present inquiry is being conducted. The accounts are in a terrible condition, many of the books and papers being missing or mutilated. The frauds were carried on by collusion between the receiving clerks and the auditors, the latter securing a proportion of the stealings. One of the auditors, Morrell, was traced to Washington.

NEW YORK, 27.—The Baltimore *Sun* said yesterday: Miss Genevieve A. Martin, niece of ex-Governor Downey was married this day to Barlow L. Walker, at the cathedral, by Archbishop Gibbons. Among those present were John Downey Harvey and wife. Harvey is brother of the bride and has been married only a short time himself. His aunt Mrs. Gov. Downey attended his nuptials and was on her way home accompanied by her husband when she was killed in the accident on the Southern Pacific Railroad.

The Pirates of Penzance is being sung at the Academy of Music again to-night with 60 New York policemen in the chorus.

Charles R. Thorne is convalescent.

LYNN, Mass., 27.—A fire in Sweetzer's shoe factory building damaged the stock of various tenants to the amount of \$50,000.

Winoski, Vermont, 27.—This morning there was a kerosene oil explosion here, setting fire to a large wooden store house. The store house was consumed together with its contents, which consisted of wool and mill supplies of all kinds, belonging to the Burlington Woolen Company; loss, \$125,000; insurance, \$75,000.

NEW YORK, 28.—Loans decrease 554,400, specie increase 1,250,000, legal tenders increase 287,000, deposits increase 516,800, circulation decrease 484,400, reserve increase 1,332,800; the banks now hold 1,007,575 in excess of the legal requirements.

BURLINGTON, Vt., 27.—*The Free Press* has a story of a wealthy Californian, a sheep raiser, who has been in that place during the past month. He had but one relative in the world and she was a niece whose whereabouts was unknown to him. For two years he had been making an active search for her, and this week succeeded in finding her. She was employed in one of the mills in this city, and for several years had a hard struggle for existence. The meeting of the uncle and niece was of course pleasant on both sides. The young lady has shaken the dust of the mill from her gaiters and goes with her uncle to California and affluence.

FOREIGN.

PARIS, 25.—It is reported De Freycinet and Wilson will form a new Cabinet.

The magistrate conducting the inquiry in the case of Prince Napoleon, states that sufficient cause is not shown for further proceedings.

The Ministers to-day had another conference with the committee of the Chamber of Deputies on the bill against pretenders, and in reply to various questions, they promised to consider any decision the committee might come to. After the departure of the Ministers, the committee adopted a proposition excluding from French territory, Algiers and the colonies, all members of families having reigned in France, depriving them of political rights as citizens; declaring them eligible to any office, and preventing them from belonging to the army. The resolution of the committee further provides that transgressors of the proposed law shall be amenable to the correctional tribunals, and liable to from one to five years' imprisonment, after which they shall be again expelled. The discussion reveals wide divergencies between the views of the Ministry and the committee. Prouty inquired whether the ministry would use permissive power if granted. The only answer he elicited was they would examine the matter. Fallieres, Minister of the Interior, declared no danger existed threatening the republic; some troublesome desires existed, but they had no chance of realization; no conspiracy, he thought, considering the general feeling of the nation, could become formidable. The rumor which had gained currency that the charge against Prince Jerome had been dismissed had been contradicted. It is formally an-