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WASHINGTON, 28.—In the Hill investigation, Coleman called for all the vouchers paid Damar since 1876 for safes and materials; also for the vouchers for money paid Bartlett, Robbins & Co.

During the argument of counsel for prosecution, the latter firm was charged with having secured nearly all the contracts for tiling since Hill's advent, through corrupt influence in that office.

Gen. Stinemetz, formerly assistant superintendent of construction of the New York postoffice, testified that bills were rendered by Bartlett & Co. for extra work, which was never completed or even begun. He cited an instance of one pair of stairs for which that firm charged \$988, that were never put into the building, and that other charges for extra work appeared on their bills, for which he (Stinemetz) never gave any orders.

The committee adjourned to give the witnesses an opportunity to inspect the papers and vouchers called for by the prosecution.

The Secretary of the Interior has decided that lands selected under the laws of Utah for University purposes, are effective and valid as to location, but refuses to anticipate the power of the future State to endow the contemplated University, holding that the question is political rather than executive.

The Secretary declined to grant the request of a number of citizens of California looking to the discontinuance of the suit brought to recover lands in Colusa County, California, from the Central Pacific Railroad.

The Postoffice Department has received information that the Australian Colonies have resolved to apply for admission to the Universal Postal Union. If their application is successful, Bolivia will be the only country with an organized postal service not included in the Union.

The attorney for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, to-day made an argument before the Postmaster General in support of the application of the company for the remission of fines and deductions for non-performance of their contract to carry the mails. The company allege that they are not properly responsible for delays caused by the floods.

The Secretary of War has transmitted to the Interior Department the following telegram from General Pope:

FORT LEAVENWORTH,
Kansas, June 25th.

David L. Payne has applied to the United States Circuit Court at Topeka for an injunction against yourself and me restraining you from interfering [with his] entrance into and occupation of Oklahoma District, Indian Territory. The application brings up for decision the whole question of the status of the Oklahoma District. I sent the papers served on yourself and me jointly to the United States District Attorney for Kansas, who requests me to report the facts to Washington in order that instructions may be sent him. The case needs immediate attention, and I request that the District Attorney for Kansas be telegraphed at once to attend to the case.

Secretary Lincoln adds that he has furnished a copy of the telegram to the Attorney General, with a request that he take the necessary measures to meet the application.

The Naval Retiring Board to-day recommended the retirement of Commander Thos. H. Eastman.

Hon. Walter Evans, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has directed Collector Slack, of Boston, to make investigation of the charges against the newly appointed revenue agent, C. M. Horton. The Commissioner says the very bottom of this affair must be reached before Horton goes on duty.

The Treasury Department purchased 327,000 ounces of silver for delivery at the New Orleans, San Francisco and Philadelphia mints.

The President has appointed Frank Q. Classon, melter and refiner of the mint at New Orleans, vice M. F. Bonzans, and Benj. F. Taylor, assayer of the mint at New Orleans, vice Joseph Albrecht, suspended.

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued a circular calling attention to the decision of the First Comptroller of the Treasury to the effect that payment must be paid in cash for

transportation services performed for any department of the government over such portion of the several Pacific railroads as have not been built by aid of government bonds, and adding that whenever practicable and more economical to do so, it is desirable that shipments of government freights be made over railroads which have received aid in bonds or land from the United States, and all officers shipping such freight should specify the particular route by which the same is to be transported.

Secretary Teller is investigating the charge that some registers of the land offices in Nebraska use their position to force advertisements into certain newspapers, at the expense of settlers.

BOSTON, 28.—At the Harvard Alumni dinner, the toast of "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts" was announced by the presiding officer, who said: "I call upon His Excellency the Governor to respond and I bespeak for him your careful attention. (Applause and cheers.) As the Governor arose the applause was renewed. The Governor said he regretted that, to his great misfortune he could not address the company as "Brethren of the Alumni." What little education he got was in a far humbler institution.

His earliest recollection of Harvard was in 1843, when he came down to see the Commencement, and turned home saddened and almost friendless, feeling deeply his inability to gratify his wish that he might be one of those just entering the college course. He had sent his son there, however, but why does Massachusetts in the halls of Harvard call for anybody to speak for her? She speaks for herself as regards the oldest and favored child always. (Applause.) Your President has shown that he is not unmindful as you are of gifts in money and donations of the commonwealth; but he will pardon me if I say that these are among the least of the benefits the commonwealth has given this University. One of the best and finest gifts has been her children, whom she has sent here for education that have made you and the commonwealth famous throughout the country. (Applause and cheers.)

More, she gave what is still more valuable, the recognition of a compliment never paid by any other State to any other institution of learning; she made you a place in her laws under her constitution. The Governor detailed the advantage and protection secured to Harvard under the State Constitution, and traced from its foundation the course of the college in meeting the educational wants and advances of the age. "The world," he said: "is ceasing to need so much of a given kind of teaching as was needed when your college was founded, it has become practical, worldly, if you please, and you must follow that. See to it that the chemist, engineer, mechanic can learn here all that can fit him to carry on the world; because by those hereafter the world is to be carried on. How near and dear to the heart of Massachusetts must Harvard have been, when in 1820 it not only relieved Harvard of taxes, but every professor and student is similarly relieved. If the college has swung away in any degree from the affections of the people, saying her back; bring her down to the people and the people up to her, and make her what she was at the beginning of the century. (Applause.)

After dwelling upon the benefits the State receives from the University, Gov. Butler made the only reference to-day to the refusal of the overseers to confer the honorary degree on him. He said allusion had been made to the fact that the men at Harvard were among the first that went to the war of the Rebellion. Yes, I know that; nobody knows that better than I do, and Harvard has done one thing to-day which if I felt after that kind reception you have given me a thought of unkindness towards her would wipe it all away. (Tremendous applause.) Forty years ago I entered the military service of Massachusetts. Soon after I became an officer of a regiment of Massachusetts militia. The officers of that regiment were brave and capable men, though one of the best officers possible in the regiment was a pious, kind-hearted, energetic, brave man for chaplain. Such a chaplain was found in the 6th Regiment of Massachusetts militia. That regiment was one of the first to march away, because it was ready, and then it met the baptism of fire and blood at Baltimore. In that regiment was the Rev. Mr. Babbage its chaplain, on whom your college

has this day conferred the well-won and deserved degree of Doctor of Divinity. (Applause.) Three cheers for Babbage were given, that gentleman rising and bowing. The governor closed his address with a warm tribute to Harvard and the men who took part in the war. The applause and cheers were long continued, and the governor rising had to bow again and again.

Boston, 28.—The Beta Kappas of Harvard College elected Joseph H. Choates president. Charles Francis Adams, Jr., delivered the oration.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., 28.—Lawlessness has long existed in the corners of Garland Yell, and Montgomery counties, where outlaws have organized a reign of terror. In April Wm. Potter was assassinated, and the criminals openly defy arrest. Last Sunday an armed party took possession of a neighboring church and drawing their arms on the preacher compelled him to read a notice notifying officers and leading citizens to leave the country or be killed. To-day Governor Berry issued a proclamation urging the sheriffs and other officers of these counties and all good citizens to use every effort to hunt down the desperadoes. He expresses a determination to break up the murderous band.

Montreal, 28.—The Federal Bank of Commerce at Toronto and Quebec is swindled nearly \$1,000 by forged checks drawn by Walter Gardner, American cattle dealer.

New York, 28.—Isaac A. Briggs, broker, and Wesley Lyon, lawyer, both of this city, with Emile Brie, a lawyer nearly 70 years old, of Stamford, Conn., were arrested on a charge of selling forged Missouri State bonds to Edwin R. Kirk, resident of Hoboken, N. J., doing business in this city as a rail maker. Kirk was induced to purchase the bonds at their face value, \$271,185, but subsequently becoming suspicious, he instituted inquiries, by which he learned that Brie had had similar bonds telegraphed in this city on the representation that he was a State official of Missouri. Briggs was sent to the State prison some years ago for attempting to blackmail John J. Astor. Brie ranks as a professional forger, and was arrested in Michigan in 1868 in company with Father Chas. Cacia.

Wesley Lyon was arrested in this city a year and a half ago on a charge of selling forged bonds, but was released on bail and has never been tried.

When Briggs was arrested there were found in his possession bonds of the "New York & Atlantic Railroad," and the "Chicago, Brazil & Ohio Railroad and Coal Company." They are supposed to be bonds of mythical companies, prepared for swindling purposes.

Mullingar, 26.—In the Smith murder inquiry yesterday, the prisoner Elliott was identified as the man who was observed going toward the scene of the crime with a gun.

New Orleans, 28.—A Birmingham, Ala., special says: In a difficulty at Collinsville between A. B. and Thomas Hall, father and son, and Thomas and William Muller brothers, both the Halls and Thomas Muller was killed.

Easton, Pa., 28.—Damage to railroads in the vicinity of Bangor by yesterday's storm about \$12,000, and loss to private individuals and State quarries about \$75,000. Seven bridges in this country were swept away. The Lehigh at noon was 14 feet high and the Delaware 15. The latter is still rising; all mills and furnaces in South Easton are idle to-day in consequence of the floods.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., 28.—A partial stoppage of water running into the Coningham mine is effected. Officials of the Delaware & Hudson Company ordered all idle men to repair thither and prevent further damage. Teams are hauling rocks, which are thrown into the broken bottoms, while hundreds of mules are dragging felled trees to the cave in. A portion of the branch railroad dropped down temporarily, stopping the coal trains. No estimate is made as to the extent of the damage. Thousands of persons visited the great gap this afternoon.

Muskegon, 28.—The dock with 8,000,000 feet of lumber fell into the lake this afternoon, precipitating about 20 men at work into the water. Three or four of them are missing, but they are Hollanders and their names are unknown. A boy named Frank Barnhardt was crushed under 40,000 feet of lumber. Two immense piles of lumber adjoining, which threaten to fall, prevent search for the bodies.

St. Louis, 28.—There is not much to be said about the floods here or

elsewhere to-night. The river has fallen five inches the past 24 hours, and the feeling is that no more damage will be done.

Milwaukee, Wis., 28.—Whittlessey, Wis., dispatch: The boiler in Ives & Hall's sawmill exploded to-day without apparent cause, killing three men. The mill was almost totally destroyed.

Utica, 28.—A coal train on the D. L. Railway, a working train on the West Shore collided at a crossing last night. Thos. Dunn, a West Shore employee, was killed and several injured.

Pottsville, Pa., 28.—Damage to crops, mines and railroads by the storm throughout this region is widespread and heavy. Trains on all the branches of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad have been delayed by washouts and land slides. The rain fall is the greatest in 20 years. A number of collieries are flooded, in some cases the mules drowned. The loss cannot be estimated.

Allentown, Pa., 27.—To-day the large Bessemer steel works of the Bethlehem Iron Company are idle. Union men and non-union men alike have been shut out. It is claimed by the men that the difficulty has not been caused on account of wages, but that several days ago the company discharged a union man and refused to reinstate him, and decided to shut down. The men say this is an effort to force them to sever their connection with the Amalgamated Association, and that the company will recede from their action in a few days. The workmen have been offered substantial aid by President Jarrett. Messrs. Jarrett and Lee will return to Bethlehem on Saturday.

Chicago, 28.—Markets on change suffered another bad break this morning, and the forenoon session was marked by uneasiness, and at times great excitement.

New Orleans, 28.—Times-Democrat Biloxi (Miss.) special: The Norwegian bark *Alma*, from Vera Cruz for Pascagoula, arrived at Horse Island yesterday, but having yellow fever on board, was sent to the quarantine station at Ship Island. The second mate died to-day. There is said to be another case on board.

The national Board of Health will give up the Ship Island quarantine station on Saturday. It is not known what arrangements the Government has made for the continuation of the quarantine station there.

St. Louis, 29.—At Blende City, Jasper County, Mo., yesterday, Luno Britton was arrested by A. N. Davis, constable of Granby, assisted by G. G. Davis, of Joplin, and Hutson, of Neosho. The charge against Britton was for a murder committed some time ago. After the arrest Britton was permitted to go into his house to obtain his coat. He reappeared with a revolver, opened fire on his captors and instantly killed A. N. Davis and shot G. G. Davis in the head, mortally wounding him. He then mounted a fleet horse and fled. A large party of citizens followed in pursuit, but Britton probably escaped into the Indian Territory.

MATAMORAS, Mex., 29.—Lacitaro, an important town in the State of Michoacan, on the road from Acapulco to Morlia, was destroyed by fire last night. Every store was burned and nearly all the dwellings. A large number of the inhabitants are homeless.

MONTREAL, 29.—Eighteen thousand immigrants have arrived this month. An appropriation of \$15,000 was made by the Dominion government in partial aid of the immigrants depot, similar to Castle Garden in New York.

Boston, 29.—The board of health reports to the collector of the port that within the past six months physicians have examined 23,590 assisted emigrants. Many of them are too feeble by reason of age, or other infirmity, for self-support, and must be aided by private or public charities. Most of them are without luggage and scantily clothed.

WILMINGTON, Del., 29.—George Lake, colored, was hanged at Cambridge this morning for a felonious assault upon Mrs. Stewart C. Simmons in April last. Lake slept well last night and ate a hearty breakfast this morning, maintaining a steady nerve to the last.

New York, 29.—Isaac A. Biggs, Wesley Lyon and Emile Brie, the three men whom the police arrested yesterday charged with forgery of \$281,183 certificates of indebtedness to the State of Wisconsin, were arraigned to-day. Their examination was set for to-morrow; meantime the accused were committed to prison.

WASHINGTON, 29.—Quarantine General Ingalls has been retired list of the army for the 1st of July. He will be succeeded by General Hallock, a considerable speculation in the matter. General Hallock and Perry are the most prominent candidates for the post.

DAMIETTA, 29.—The number of deaths here from cholera during the last 24 hours was 10. Deaths from cholera in Mansurah during the same period were 10.

Alexandria, 29.—It is said that there is one case of cholera in Cairo, but the report is not confirmed. Berlin, 29.—Took of the situation at the conference river Wartha with the a point of cover for Russian invasion from Russia, inverted into a first class able of sheltering 40,000.

Constantinople, 29.—The United States Minister on refusing to recognize the new Turkish Government took effect March 13th, note to the Porte on the storage question has made able progress towards a solution.

WASHINGTON, 29.—To-day made several moves in the recent executive order to the consolidation of revenue districts. In the order the districts of Montana and Utah were consolidated. J. Hollister, collector of the district, designated collector of the new Montana district. This was changed by the collector of the new Montana district, dropped. Hollister was made because of the outbreak of small-pox in Arizona Indians and Ojibwa. Price has ordered a supply virus sent to the threatened States, during the fiscal year to end, was 10-10 cents per mile preceding fiscal year.

A point of importance in the case of the application of R. Collet for increase of the decision constraining the June, 1874, defining to permanent helplessness of the manent injury to the person, and those who found in the present case, was granted. The sale of a previous decision of the President has been decided by postmaster: Frank H. Washington. Conger, of Michigan, at Gold Hill, N. M., Chubbuck, at Gold Hill, N. M., Mr. Williamore, charged with Russia, was to-day pro-tem President, and delivered from the Emperor of the pressing his appreciation of the action of this government in leging Mr. Hunt as special representative to Moscow on the the imperial coronation ordering a vessel of the navy to Russia, and in the presence of Admiral Lech Moscow. The President's acts were no less spontaneous due to the friendly relations have so long bound the two tries together, and the ability to testify their very gratifying to the and people of the United States.

Excess of the value of imports for the twelve months ended May 31st, 1883, \$99,000,000, value of imports of the twelve months ended May 31st, 1883, \$721,068,482, of the preceding year, increase \$197,718. Value of merchandise for the twelve months ended May 31st, 1883, \$321,000,000, of the preceding year, increase \$763,314, \$37,488,551.

The Hill investigation resumed this morning. Steinmetz as a witness in the latter firm charged with extra work upon the Postoffice. He read the bills and pointed out what was to be unauthorized charges. In one instance he said extra was charged where simply ordered their work imperfect of their work.

Chairman New Inquired has all this to do with Hill Coleman retorted: