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LOUISVILLE, 21.—The members of sixty different families living in West End have been poisoned by cake. A child of Joe Gross has died, and ten others have suffered terribly, but will recover. The poison was arsenic, but how it got in the cake is not known.

Galveston, 21.—News specials from all parts of the State report heavy rains and a norther, and probably great damage to crops. Hail and snow are reported from several points. A severe norther and rain set in here this morning before daylight, a thing unprecedented at this season of the year.

Columbus, O., 21.—Mrs. Robt. Burke, colored, while sitting in front of an open fire, to-day, at Mount Vernon, holding a three weeks' babe, the flames caught her dress and burned the clothing off both. The woman will die, the babe will probably recover.

St. Louis, 21.—A special Post dispatch from Effingham, Ill., says: The Effingham bank has been closed all day. President Von Gassy left town on Saturday night, and his whereabouts are unknown. It is estimated his accounts are short from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

New York, 12.—Popper, the broker, who embezzled bonds from Dr. Merrill and fled to Chicago, was arraigned in court to-day, pleaded not guilty. His bail was fixed at ten thousand.

Jersey City, 21.—Dr. Harrington, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the American Legion of Honor, was sentenced to-day to two years' in the State prison.

Chattanooga, 21.—In the Frank James trial at Huntsville, Ala., to-day, Spann testified that in 1881 he lived about a quarter of a mile from Woodson (Frank James) knew him well; saw him at Nashville March 11, 1881, the day of the Muscles Shoals robbery. Jack Smith, a negro, testified to seeing James at Nashville on March 8th, 11th and 12th, fixing the first date by the date of warrant he served. Saw James at the magistrate's trial at Nashville March 11th, and confirmed the negro Smith's testimony. Robert Dale confirmed Spann's testimony.

Hamilton, Ont., 21.—Jos. Allen was arrested to-night on a charge of being the principal in the Crouch murder at Jackson, Mich., last fall, and will be taken back to Jackson to-night.

Jackson, Mich., 21.—A detective has for some days been shadowing Joseph Allen, pretending to be a cook, and induced Allen to give to him certain particulars of the Crouch murder, which Allen afterwards regretted, and becoming suspicious of his companion, went to Canada. About four days ago the detective obtained from Allen the whereabouts of the buried papers, which were afterwards recovered.

San Francisco, 21.—The Examiner's Tombstone special announces the suicide at Tinoquite, Sonora, of Col. M. V. Bufum, formerly of the Fifth Infantry, U. S. A. His family reside in the East.

Mauch Chunk, Pa., 21.—Mrs. M. Elizabeth Reese, on trial for killing Wm. Elk, of Yorktown, Carbon county, on March 23d last, was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter.

New York, 21.—Rugg, the alleged Long Island murderer, was denied an extension of time, and the court ordered him to plead, and proceeded to get a jury.

San Francisco, 21.—A. J. Reynolds, formerly a director of the so-called People's railway, organized in Indianapolis, was to-day horsewhipped by Emil Kennedy, president of the same company. A fight ensued, and Kennedy drew a revolver, but was prevented from using it. Reynolds charges Kennedy with having received \$90,000 through subscriptions, of which there was no accounting; that Kennedy proposed issuing twenty millions in bonds for fifty cents on the dollar, taking what cash he could get, and the balance in promissory notes.

Galveston, 21.—News Laredo special: American capital has no safeguard in Mexico at present. But recently the newsboys on the Mexican National Railway running out of Laredo in Mexico, were recently put off the train with their American publications, because an article in a paper did not suit the powers that be. The magnificent club and hotel buildings erected by the construction companies of Jay Gould's extension of the international road in Mexico, have been seized and appropriated by the civil authorities of New Laredo, because of some alleged failure to comply with the laws of the general government.

Denver, 21.—The excitement over the new gold discovery at Mount Pisgah, near Pike's Peak, is becoming intense. Thousands of men are already in the camp, and others are coming in all directions by hundreds. The Miners' Union has formed a district named the "Golden Valley." Hundreds of claims were staked yesterday. Several large companies are forming here. Leading mining men are becoming convinced that the discoveries are genuine and the most important in the history of the State. Leadville's charge of salting is believed groundless and malicious. The Tribune representa-

ive telegraphs to-night: "It is not strictly placer ground; it is gold bearing gravel in gulches. In some places cemented into a hard mass almost rock, and others are quite free. Colors are often obtained by washing. It bears a strong resemblance to the dry placers of New Mexico. Most of the gold is in combination, but the combination is not uniformly chemical. The best opinion now is that the placers will prove only of secondary importance as compared with the lodes sure to be developed. The district is very large, and the rock volcanic. It is a district certainly of great possibilities. Several assays have been made which average about forty ounces of gold, with a trace of silver. Some have run much higher."

New York, 21.—At an interview Henry George, who has returned from England, says: I delivered lectures to large and enthusiastic audiences in every portion of England, and while in a number of cases they were against me at the start never, except in one or two cases, where the audiences were composed entirely of the landowning element, did I fail to convince them before I finished. In Liverpool the audiences were dead against me at the start, but when I finished resolutions were unanimously adopted in favor of taking the land without a cent of compensation to the present owners. I have formed an English and Scotch land redemption league in every large city in the United Kingdom, and the work will go on until the desired end is attained. The clergy, professional men and the higher order of mechanics seem to take the most interest in the matter and are more easily reached by logical argument. I found the mass of working people in a much worse and more degraded condition than those here and they are consequently hard to reach with any effect.

New York, 21.—A letter from the managing editor of the most important paper published in the West Indies. The Diario de la Marina, of Havana, says: "In regard to the situation of this island, exaggerated statements have been published by the Havana papers. The crisis we are passing through is of consequence rather on account of the effects which it momentarily produces than on account of any far reaching result which may possibly come about. It is really of no especial importance here, nor does the filibustering movement influence the regular transaction of business. It is hoped, in view of the measures taken by the government, that affairs will promptly return to the normal state of prosperity and progress."

Winchester, O., 22.—The village of Wainsville, in the eastern portion of Adams county, was entirely consumed by fire yesterday. Loss \$20,000.

Richmond, Ky., 22.—Near Irving last Saturday, Joe Flynn and Bill Hale, two desperadoes, engaged in a shooting affray. Flynn shot Hale through the heart, but before Hale fell he shot Flynn twice, from the effects of which he died in a few hours.

New York, 22.—The steamship Alert, of the Greely relief expedition, arrived this morning.

Albany, N. Y., 22.—The party of leading democrats, and friends of Tilden, who left Greystone to-day, say that under no circumstances will he be a candidate for the presidency, and under no circumstances will he accept if nominated. They regard this last refusal as final, and say the field is now left, so far as democratic candidates from this State are concerned, to Flower and Cleveland.

Springfield, Mass., 22.—The 11th District Republican Convention elected Chester C. Conit and Rodney Wallace to Chicago; they are uninstructed; preference, Edmunds.

Boston, 22.—The 7th district Republican Convention elected E. H. Haskell and Geo. W. Cates delegates to the Chicago Convention. They favor Edmunds.

Boston, 22.—The Fifth Congressional Republican convention elected delegates to Chicago uninstructed.

Cleveland, 22.—A great number of leading republicans of Ohio are here to attend the State convention. Opinions differ whether the majority of delegates favor Sherman or Blaine. It appears to be the prevailing judgment that the convention will not instruct for anybody. Considerable bitterness is expressed at the thought that Blaine's delegates on their arrival at Chicago will rally to Lincoln in case Blaine's chances are not bright. There is a strong undercurrent for Lincoln. The representatives of the wool interests are here in force to urge a wool protective plank in the platform.

East Saginaw, Mich., 22.—The republican convention of the Eighth Congressional District elected delegates to the Chicago convention to-day. First choice Blaine, second, Edmunds.

Concordia, Kansas, 22.—The republican convention of the Fifth Congressional District have elected delegates to the Chicago convention. F. W. Sturges was nominated as a presidential elector. The resolution declares Blaine the first choice of this district for President, but authorizes the delegates to use their own discretion on his support.

Hastings, Neb., 22.—The Second District Republican Convention elected delegates to the National Convention, unpledged and uninstructed. Personal preference is expressed for Blaine. The convention passed resolutions endorsing Arthur's administration, and commended that portion of his last message urging Congress to pass judicious railway regulations. The dele-

gation was instructed to urge an anti-monopoly plank in the national platform.

Trenton, N. J., 22.—The Prohibition State convention elected delegates to the National Convention at Pittsburgh, July next, and adopted the usual resolutions.

Jackson, Miss., 22.—The Republican State convention selected delegates from the State at large as follows: Senator B. K. Bruce, James Hill, R. J. Beck and Dr. J. M. Bynum. The first two are colored, the others are white. The delegates were uninstructed, but favorable to Arthur. It is stated that the delegates stand: Arthur 11, Blaine 1, Gresham 1. The defeat of the Pratt and McKee delegation is regarded as important, they being supporters of Chalmers.

New Orleans, La., 22.—So much scratching of tickets makes a necessary delay in counting the ballots cast. The democrats claim the election of the entire parochial and municipal ticket.

Boston, 22.—The ninth district republican convention elected as delegates to Chicago R. R. Bishop and Jos. G. Ray. It is announced they favor Edmunds.

Utica, N. Y., 22.—There is much speculation as to the outcome of the convention. There are now the Arthur, Blaine and Edmunds camps. A conference of Edmunds men, numbering about 40 delegates, was held at midnight. They decided under no circumstances to combine with the Administration delegates in the preliminary organization. They also decided they would support any two candidates for delegates at large that Blaine men might agree on, provided the latter permit them to name two Edmunds delegates at large. A committee was appointed to communicate their decision, and the conference took a recess.

St. Louis, 22.—Frank Evans, cashier of the Effingham, Illinois, bank, which closed yesterday, in consequence of the absconding of its president, F. A. Van Gossy, says there were over \$40,000 in the bank when he closed it Saturday night, and when he opened it Monday morning every dollar was gone, as well as all the books, papers, etc. The losses of all the citizens of Effingham and thereabouts are still unknown.

Boston, 22.—This afternoon James Nicholson entered his wife's room. Shortly afterwards the report of a pistol was heard. A brother of Mrs. Nicholson rushed to the room and found Nicholson had shot Mrs. Nicholson through the shoulder. He grappled with Nicholson, but was unable to prevent him from shooting his wife a second time, killing her instantly. The murderer then coolly pocketed his pistol and remarked: "I am a murderer," and left the house. He has not yet been captured.

Newport, R. I., 22.—Police officer Eugene Barker was fatally shot by Wm. Shay, a young and notorious desperado, this morning, while endeavoring to arrest Shay, who was quarreling with a companion named Anderson. Shay then pursued Anderson, and fired three shots at him, one of which hit Anderson in the body. The latter succeeded in disarming Shay. Both men were sober. Shay was arrested.

Newburgh, N. Y., 22.—Three prisoners have escaped from jail. They made a skeleton key with which they opened the doors. None have been captured.

Gettysburg, Pa., 22.—John Coyle was hanged at 11.35 this morning for the murder of Emily Myers, May 30, 1881. Up to Saturday Coyle maintained an attitude of comparative indifference, but the noise made in erecting the Scaffold in the jail yard seemed to excite him terribly, and the efforts of his spiritual adviser had no calming effect.

Washington, 22.—On the 15th inst. E. Bateman, a Washington banker, wrote a letter to the Secretary of War and gave it to the press, charging Judge Advocate General Swain of the army with defrauding his firm out of a considerable sum of money; of negotiating fraudulent pay vouchers, and of other conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. On the following day he withdrew the charge, stating that Swain had settled his firm's claim. The first letter was referred to General Swain by Secretary Lincoln for such remarks as he might desire to submit upon the allegations made in the written communication, and for any application he might desire to make. Gen. Swain the same day made a reply, but did not accept the hint to apply for a court of inquiry. In a communication to the President to-day, Secretary Lincoln recites these facts and intimates that the gentleman's first letter was evidently intended to force a settlement of a claim, a matter with which the Department has nothing to do, but that Swain's character as an officer of the army is not a private matter but a matter of public concern; and with a view to its vindication he suggests the appointment of a court of inquiry in the case. The President at once authorized such court, and the Secretary appointed Generals Pope, Augur and Sackett as such court, with Major Scott of the Third Artillery as Judge Advocate and Recorder. The court meets at Washington May 5th.

The Secretary of the Navy sent the following communication to Commander Schley in New York, in regard to the Greely relief expedition:

NAVY DEPARTMENT, April 21.

Sir—The *Thetis*, *Bear* and *Alert*, ships of the Greely relief expedition of 1884, being ready, you are ordered to take command of them and proceed to the coast of Greenland, or farther north if necessary, and if possible find and res-

cue, or ascertain the fate of Lieut. Greely and comrades. All the officers and men under your command are hereby enjoined to perform any duty at sea or on land, which you may order. No detailed instructions will be given you. Full confidence is felt that you have both the capacity and courage, guided by the discretion necessary to do all that can be required by the Department or Nation for the rescue of our imperiled countrymen. With earnest wishes and high hopes for your success and safe return.

W. E. CHANDLER, Secretary of the Navy.

Utica, N. Y., 23.—Arrangements are complete for the republican State convention which meets here at noon to-day. There is an intense feeling of uncertainty as to the outcome of the struggle for supremacy in the convention; but it is generally conceded that the Edmunds delegates, if they work in unison, can throw the organization of the convention into the hands of either the Arthur or Blaine men. The Edmunds men held several conferences last night and overtures were made to them by the leaders of the Blaine and Arthur forces, but they refused to treat or name any terms other than naming four delegates at large and a temporary chairman. The Arthur leaders accepted the proposition of the Edmunds men this morning and the latter named Andrew D. White, Edwin Packard, Theo. Roosevelt and Senator John L. Gilbert as delegates at large, and George Ewing temporary chairman. The Edmunds men claim from 60 to 80 delegates, while the adherents of Arthur claim a few over 200. It will require 249 votes to control the convention, and should the combination bolt, there is likely to be a short session.

About noon the Blaine men changed their programme for the delegates at large, and substituted the names of Roosevelt and Gilbert, which were already on the combination ticket, for those of Sloan and Erwin, thus endeavoring to break the combination. The Edmunds men refused to accept this compromise. The convention was called to order at 12.30. The roll call showed the only contest to be for delegates from Montgomery county. Roosevelt then nominated Nathaniel C. Boyton (Edmunds-Arthur candidate) for temporary chairman. Warner Miller moved to substitute the name of Edmund L. Pitts for temporary chairman. The roll call was ordered.

New Orleans, 23.—The election returns are coming in slowly. Up to noon the returns were received from only 40 precincts, showing a good majority for the regular democratic State and city ticket.

Cleveland, 23.—Frank Dewalt, defaulting president of the Leadville bank, being arraigned before a United States commissioner, waived examination and in default of \$20,000 was jailed. He will be taken to Oberlin to-night.

Hartford, Conn., 23.—The Republican State Convention met here to-day with a large attendance present. Hon. Sam'l Fessenden was chosen both temporary and permanent chairman. In his speech, he referred to the repression of the free ballot in the South and the republican protection policy as important issues of the party. He expressed no personal preference as to the presidential aspirants, but briefly named those most prominently mentioned. Arthur received a round of applause, and there was prolonged cheering when General Hawley was mentioned. The convention selected as delegates at large Hon. L. Houston, Samuel L. Merwin, Jr., Augustus Brandegee and Frederick Mills.

The district delegates elected were, first district: Valentine B. Chamberlain and Ralph P. Gilbert; second, L. I. Muson and John G. Edmunds; third, Ira G. Briggs and Eugene S. Boss; fourth, O. K. Tyler and I. Hill. The following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, That President Arthur coming to his office under circumstances of extraordinary embarrassment and difficulty, by the patience, justice and sagacity with which he has discharged its duties, has strengthened his party, honored himself, benefitted the country and earned the respect and gratitude of the whole people.

Resolved, That the republicans of Connecticut pledge a loyal and hearty support to the nominees of the Chicago convention.

Resolved, That without instructing the delegates as regards any particular candidates, and reposing full confidence in their wisdom, we place on record our firm conviction that the situation demands the nomination of candidates of approved ability and character and large experience in public affairs, and that, in the judgment of our delegates the proper occasion shall arise, they will meet the unanimous sentiments of the republican party of this State if they will present the name of Joseph R. Hawley as candidate for President of the United States.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously.

St. Louis, 23.—Tilden G. Abbott, formerly connected with, and now charged with, robbing the Watertown, Mass., bank of \$49,000 last fall, was arrested Monday night at Pierce City, where he has been living the past six weeks under the name of J. H. Noster. It appears Abbott was cashier of the bank, and absconded, taking with him all the money he could lay his hands on. He went to Pierce City about two months ago with a man named Clayton, whom he represented as a nephew. They claimed to have come from California. They opened a

clothing store with goods said to have been bought in Cincinnati, and put on a good deal of style.

One of the merchants of the city became suspicious of them, and in some unexplained way suspected they had been connected with a bank robbery. He then corresponded with banks in different parts of the country and discovered Abbott's connection with the Watertown bank and his robbery of it. He then notified the bank of Abbott's presence in Pierce City. His arrest was ordered, and he was captured Monday night by a local officer at his home where he was living in the style. Clayton, who proves not to be a relative of Abbott, will be held till the officers from Watertown come for him.

Kansas City, 23.—Times Chillicothe Missouri: A dispatch from Townsend, Montana, announces the killing of Dr. H. K. Barkley, formerly a resident here. No particulars. The deceased was a distinguished surgeon in the Confederate army, and a brother of G. C. Barkley, editor of the Chillicothe Constitution.

Louisville, 23.—The Courier-Journal Allen County special tells of a horrible murder of two young children by their crazy father, William Austin. Austin was struck on the head about a year ago with a rock. Leaving the field yesterday, he went home, took the children, almost babes, and threw them in the fire, and stood by and saw them cremated. The mother was a witness to the horrible deed, but was powerless to rescue her darlings, only escaping herself with her sucking babe by snatching it from the cradle and running to the woods.

Cincinnati, 23.—The Commercial Gazette's Grayson, Ky., special: Wm. Neal is on trial for murder in the first degree for killing Emma Thomas at Ashland, Ky., in December, 1881. The testimony for the State has begun. The crime consisted in outraging and murdering the Thomas girl and Fannie Gibbons and killing a crippled boy. The house in which the deed was done was burned by the murderer.

Bayonne, N. J., 23.—City Treasurer Francis I. Smith is short in his account \$41,000.

Monroe, Ga., 23.—Jesse Gunn to-day killed his father, Willis Gunn. The old man was a widower, and he and the son were courting the same young lady. The son married her two weeks ago. The father sent him word to be on his guard, as he was coming to kill him. This morning the father entered the son's house, who fired on the father as the latter was taking aim.

Ottawa, 23.—Professor Wiggins claims that the recent storms and earthquake in England yesterday are a fair fulfillment of his March predictions. The professor believes the forces which caused the disastrous storm last month will be active again next Saturday evening, and earthquakes will probably occur Friday and Monday, while there is a serious probability that the earthquake in England will return with increased violence about the 20th of May.

Galveston, 23.—The News' Fort Worth: The west-bound freight train on the Texas and Pacific Railroad was wrecked this evening at 5 o'clock three miles west of this place. Three lumber cars were thrown from a bridge and broken to pieces. Seven or eight cars are more or less damaged. The cause of the accident was a broken axle. The east-bound passenger train will be delayed about twelve hours. No one was injured.

Fitchville, Conn., 23.—The cotton mills here, owned by a Providence company, burned this morning. Loss over \$100,000.

Cincinnati, 24.—2 a. m.—A terrible fire is now raging at the American Oak Leather Company's, one of the largest tanneries in the world.

Cleveland, O., 23.—The Ohio republican convention was called to order this afternoon in the tabernacle by Hon. J. O. Converse, chairman of the State central committee.

Gen. C. H. Grosvenor, temporary Prest., in taking the chair, spoke half an hour. He contended Ohio would prove the deciding State in the next national campaign.

The remainder of the session was occupied in organizing the preliminaries for to-morrow's work of nominating a State ticket, and the election of delegates to the Chicago convention.

During the speech of General Grosvenor, he mentioned the name of Sherman, which provoked loud cheers. Toward the close he referred to the necessity of nominating a presidential candidate who could carry Ohio whereupon a delegate shouted, "Blaine can do it," and the convention cheered with redoubled vigor.

Richmond, Va., 26.—The resolutions reported by Mahone favor a protective tariff; change the name of the coalition party to the republican party of Virginia; favor free education, a free ballot and a fair count; endorse Arthur's administration, and declare a preference for his nomination.

Utica, 23.—When the reference to President Arthur was read, there was loud and long-continued applause, and in response to a call for three cheers, they were given with a will and a titer.

At the conclusion of the reading of the platform the tellers announced the result of the ballot for delegates-at-large as follows: Theo. Roosevelt, 472; Andrew D. White, 407; Jno. J. Gilbert, 342; Edwin Packard, 256; Warner Miller, 243; Alonzo B. Cornell, 228. The chairman declared the first four gentlemen duly elected. The nominations were made unanimous, but there were a few dissentient votes. Senator Miller and ex-Gov. Cornell were named on