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DENVER, 21.—A most atrocious murder was unearthed here to-day. A small tenement house in the eastern portion of the city, which had recently been vacated by some Italian musicians, was visited by a policeman to detect the cause of a stench that appeared to issue from it. He discovered, in the cellar of the building, the dead and putrid bodies of an old man and three boys, all Italians; the bodies bear the ghastly marks of the knife. The throats of all were cut. The murderers are believed to be the Italians. Intense indignation prevails, and detectives are out in all directions searching for the murderers.

MEMPHIS, 21.—A petition in bankruptcy was filed to-day, in the United States District Court, by Carroll & Carr, attorneys representing New York creditors, against I. J. Wiggins & Co., hatters and furriers, Main street; their liabilities are about \$10,000. A similar petition was filed against J. D. Williams, clothier, Main Street, by their creditors.

Henry L. Ballard, formerly of Texas, residing near Marion, Ark., while riding with his lady yesterday p.m., near his place, was waylaid and shot by a man named Andrews, the charge taking effect in his neck and face, knocking him off his horse; after falling, Ballard asked Andrews to raise him, which he did into a sitting posture, and then placing the gun near his head he discharged the other barrel, literally blowing Ballard's head off, and then went to Marion and surrendered himself. Andrews had been employed by Ballard, and a few days before Ballard had knocked him down twice. Ballard is represented as having been a violent man, and had, one Sunday, waylaid and shot his wife's nephew, Andrew Fraser.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., 21.—A special from Paris, Ky., says that the Hon. R. T. Davis, eldest son of the late Senator Garrett Davis, and the most prominent member of the Bourbon county bar, was found dead in bed this a.m.; his death is supposed to have been caused by an overdose of chloral, which he had been in the habit of using as an antidote for pain. Mr. Davis was President of the Northern Bank of Kentucky, and was deservedly held as one of the first citizens of this county and state.

NEW YORK, 21.—Kopp's Western Land Owner, for October, reports the following important decisions by the Commissioner of the General Land Office:

"In private land claims, Congress having confirmed a grant to a town, as reported by the surveyor general, the town is not necessarily restricted in its claim to the four league limit of a Pueblo grant under the Mexican Government. Where the boundaries described in such a confirmation include more than four square leagues, great care should be observed that the boundaries described in the grant are strictly followed. Parol evidence of judicial possession, when the fact of the giving of such possession is not evinced by the record, should not be admitted. The boundary between the described natural objects should, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, be a strength line, though it may be modified to include the town. A qualified soldier, under sec. 2,306, of the revised statutes, may enter enough more land in his original entry to make up 160 acres and to pay the cost for a small excess; but where he applies to enter a tract or tracts the area of which added to that of his original entry exceeds 160 acres by a greater excess than the area it would require to make up the deficiency, such application should be rejected. Where claimants under the soldiers' homestead laws do not, in the absence of adverse claims, make entries within sixty days after notice, their filings will be treated as expired and of no legal effect."

The Acting Secretary of the Interior has affirmed the decision of Commissioner Burdett in the case of the Central Pacific Railway Company versus the Mammoth Blue Gravel Co. This important decision is to the effect that mineral lands do not pass to the Central Pacific Railway Co. by virtue of its grant, but that timber on mineral lands

within its ten mile limit is granted to the road, except so much as is necessary to support the improvements of mine owners.

All the evening papers publish glowing tributes to the memory of the late Frederick Hudson.

In a civil suit brought by Sam'l C. Archer, against Theodore Davis, receiver of the Ocean Bank, for the recovery of \$10,000 in U. S. bonds, in the bank when it was robbed in 1869, Mr. Morris, counsel for Archer, said they would prove that Stevenson, then cashier and afterwards president of the bank, planned the robbery and shared in the proceeds. It will be remembered that the burglars obtained about \$450,000.

PHILADELPHIA, 21.—The committee appointed by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to investigate the affairs of the Treasury have agreed upon a report, stating that their investigation has developed the following facts: That from 1864 to 1874 there appears to have been a yearly overcharge on the interest account on the public debt, the different treasurers taking credit for paying more interest than the state debt bore; the aggregate thus unlawfully taken from the state treasury, in eleven years, would amount to \$1,123,301. Second, that from 1870 to 1874 there appears to have been an excess of premium charged in the purchases of gold to pay the interest on the gold-bearing bonds, amounting to \$121,427. Many other minor frauds have come under the notice of the committee. In referring to the action of the ex-treasurers in refusing to appear before the committee the report says—"Certainly it is fair to assume that all the charges are true, as the treasurers do not appear when lawfully subpoenaed, and explain or deny them."

CINCINNATI, 21.—The Commercial's Richmond, Ind., special says General Sol. Meredith, one of the most prominent generals of the war, died near Cambridge, about 1 a.m., from cancer of the stomach, arising from being crushed beneath his horse at the battle of Gainesville.

CHICAGO, 21.—A man named Kaiser, about 20 years old, who has recently become insane on the subject of religion, slipped into the tower of the water works this afternoon, and ascending to the top, some 170 feet, threw himself over and was dashed to pieces on the rocks below.

ST. LOUIS, 21.—Late to-day the following persons, under indictment for defrauding the Internal Revenue in connection with the crooked whiskey, appeared in the U. S. district court, and withdrew their pleas of not guilty as to certain counts in the indictments against them, and substantiated pleas of guilty: J. L. Berncher, B. H. Engelke, Louis Treeshier, R. W. Ulrich, Alfred Bevis, E. B. Fraser, G. B. Bingham, J. W. Bingham, F. C. Fiderer, L. G. Quinlin, B. A. Quinlin, and W. H. Wadsworth. This action caused a good deal of comment, and it is regarded as a victory of the prosecution; others, however, hint a compromise by the government, or at least an intimation that if such a course were pursued by the defendants the penalty would be light. There is a good deal of speculation indulged in to-night, but there is nothing definite as to the motive of these parties.

WASHINGTON, 21.—Postmaster General Jewell had a long conference, to-day, with Col. Thomas A. Scott, who came here at his request to arrange for giving the department all possible facilities on the railroads controlled by the latter in the south and southwest, with a view to still greater dispatch in the distribution and connection of the mails there; Col. Scott acquiesced in Governor Jewell's suggestion, and promised to extend all the facilities that may be desired.

Judge Stokes, of Grand Parish, will file bills of information against Superintendent Logan and other police officers, charging them with kidnapping, and robbing him of liberty, etc.

NEW YORK, 22.—Wm. Delaney, convicted of the murder of Captain Lawrence, on board a schooner in the Sound, has been sentenced to be hanged Dec. 10.

The natives of Porto Rico in New York and neighboring cities are preparing to form a committee in this city after the manner of the Cuban patriots, and co-operate with their fellow countrymen at home in their effort to cast off the Spanish yoke.

Baron's Hotel, at Broadway and Twentieth St., will be closed

to-morrow, under circumstances considered equivalent to suspension of business by its present proprietors.

The commissioners representing the city of Mobile, Ala., are endeavoring to effect an arrangement by which their city debt may become less burdensome. They state that the people wish to pay their creditors every dollar they can, but the city, if held for her present obligations, is hopelessly insolvent, and can never pay.

In a suit of the city against the estate of the late Jas. Watson, who was the former ring county auditor, judgment has been given for the recovery of \$648,491, as part of the alleged six millions steal by the ring.

The District Attorney of Brooklyn has entered a *nolle prosequi* in all the suits growing out of the Beecher-Tilton scandal.

CHICAGO, 22.—A Washington special says information has been received at the state department that the internecine war in Liberia, known as the Palmas rebellion, is ended, and the colored government has been entirely able to sustain itself. This is the first difficulty that the experimental government there has had to encounter.

Secretary Chandler left to-night for Michigan, without making any changes in the interior department. It is certain that a considerable number of democratic clerks will be removed. There are in the patent office and pension bureau many clerks, resident mostly in the district, who have always been pronounced democrats and who have led the opposition to the payment of the political assessments levied by the congressional committee. There is a prospect that the Indian service will be turned over to the War department. When Chandler was in the Senate he advocated such a change in more than one speech. Heretofore any movement looking to this end was resisted by Delano and Smith. Now that they have been succeeded by a warrior who is too rich to desire to rob the Indians, the army influence will be exerted to induce the new secretary to make this change a recommendation in his annual report.

SCRANTON, 22.—E. L. Hicks, son of Major Hicks, a highly respected citizen of Wyoming, surrendered to the police last evening, stating that on the previous evening he shot Archibald Anderson, for several years engineer of the Diamond mine. It appears that the parties met at Trip's Ravine, a lonely spot, and Hicks, mistaking Anderson for a desperado, and without exchange of a word, fired at him, inflicting a wound from which he died yesterday.

NEW ORLEANS, 22.—Capt. Johnson, of the steamship *Royal Standard*, from Liverpool, reports that on the 30th of Sept., in lat. 38.49, longitude 31 west he fell in with the burning wreck of the iron ship *Aurora*; he boarded the wreck and found that she had been abandoned. The lower hold was a perfect mass of fire, everything that could burn having been consumed. Finding it impossible to save the wreck and dangerous to allow it to float around, he scuttled it and proceeded on his way here.

BOSTON, 22.—M. V. Stimson, formerly publisher of a newspaper in Portland, Maine, is under arrest for fraudulently inducing fifty persons to invest some \$26,000, for alleged colonization purposes at Marshfield, Vt.; they were ready to start when the swindle was exposed.

CINCINNATI, 22.—While a piece of granite, weighing twelve tons, was being raised to the top from off the upper course of the foundation of the new Custom House this morning, the derrick broke and the granite fell to the ground, seriously injuring the foreman, James Monroe, and a laborer named John Curran.

WASHINGTON, 22.—Ames has written a letter to the Attorney-General, alluding to the pacific relations of the opposing political organizations in Mississippi, and expressing sincere gratitude to the representative of the Attorney-General, now in that state, who has brought about this condition of things, and ensured a peaceful campaign and a fair election.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided that Weiss beer is a similar fermented liquor to ale, porter and lager beer, and subject to a tax of one dollar per barrel of thirty one gallons; the percentage of alcohol in Weiss beer is found to be such as to subject it to the taxation mentioned.

DETROIT, Mich., 22.—The Northwestern Gas and Water Pipe Co., at Bay City, has failed for a hundred and thirty thousand dollars; assets not stated. Bailey & Orton, hardware dealers of the same place, have also closed.

The body of a young woman was found on the beach of Lake Michigan, near Grand Haven, supposed to be the daughter of Capt. Scott, of Cleveland, lost with the propeller *Equinox*.

WASHINGTON, 22.—The Post Office department, to-day, decided to order railway postal car service between the cities of Pittsburgh and St. Louis, via the Pan Handle and Vandalia route, passing through Indianapolis. The railway companies will immediately provide the requisite cars and the service will be begun as soon as the department can make the necessary arrangement in regard to clerical labor and the alteration of the existing schedules. By this means it is calculated that the present facilities of a very large portion of the Ohio and Mississippi River valleys will be greatly augmented and improved.

The District commissioners have taken measures to prevent the desecration of the graves in the cemetery attached to the Washington almshouse; the bodies of paupers in large numbers have heretofore been stolen, and it is believed that not one body in ten was permitted to remain unmolested. The traffic has been transacted not only with medical men in Washington, but with physicians in Virginia, Ohio and other States.

ST. LOUIS, 22.—Henry Brown, the negro who killed Philip Pfarr, a German, living a few miles from this city, and then ravished and robbed his wife, on the night of the 25th of last May, was hanged in the yard of the jail at one o'clock to-day; in a brief speech on the scaffold he admitted having struck Pfarr the blow which caused his death, but denies outraging Mrs. Pfarr.

A special from Macon, Mo., says that Dr. B. F. Sherman and Saml. Parker went to Bevis to-day, and while there visited Dr. Shanks' drug store. After leaving the store they had not proceeded ten rods when Parker fell on the street in convulsions, and in five minutes Dr. Sherman was similarly affected, and in twenty minutes both were dead. It is supposed they were poisoned.

DETROIT, 22.—The body of a female was found on the beach near Grand Haven this morning, and it is supposed to be the body either of the daughter or niece of Captain Scott, of the propeller *Equinox*, which was lost during a heavy gale six weeks ago. The body was badly bloated, and the hair was all off. It had cloth garters on, a calico wrapper, and striped stockings and skirt. The body had a life preserver on, but there are no marks proving its belonging to the propeller *Equinox*. The clerk of the propeller says that both ladies had life preservers on when the propeller went down.

CONCORD, N. H., 22.—The detectives arrested a woman, to-day, who confessed that she had lived with La Page, in Canada, as his wife; that La Page assaulted, ravished, and left for dead, her sister a young woman of twenty-two, and to escape punishment fled to Vermont. Evidence is hourly accumulating, showing him to be a monster of crime and bestial passions. The officers are satisfied that he is guilty of the Langmaid murder, and if this crime be not fastened on him, he will be taken to Vermont and tried for the murder of Miss Ball.

NEW YORK, 22.—The circular statement issued by the mercantile agency of Dun, Barlow & Co., for the first three quarters of the current year, give the following interesting facts—The whole number of failures during this period is 5,334; the amount of liabilities \$131,172,503; of these failures 564 were in Massachusetts, 1,022 in New York State, 546 of which were in New York City, 193 in Texas, 419 in Pennsylvania, 172 in Michigan, 165 in California, &c. The number of failures last year, during the same time was 4,371, with liabilities of \$116,421,500. In the Dominion of Canada during three-fourths of this year, there were 1,569 failures, with liabilities amounting to \$21,911,544.

CINCINNATI, 22.—The Commercial's special says that the town of Vermilion, near Sandusky, Ohio, was almost wholly destroyed by fire this morning; eleven business blocks in the heart of the town are in ashes. The loss is estimated at

\$75,000, insurance light. Two men have been arrested charged with setting the place on fire.

PHILADELPHIA, 23.—A man named Baker has received from Neise Booth a letter stating that he assisted to abduct Charlie Ross and indicating that he is in the hands of a man known as Gusto whose real name is Sam Hurlburt, and who is now in England. Booth says he gave the boy to Hurlburt as his own son, pretending that he had separated from his wife and wanted the child out of the way. Baker has obtained Booth's order on Hurlburt for the child and starts for England to-day, by the aid of his own friends, to see if he can find Charlie. While there is no certainty but this is another hoax, there is some hope that Baker will succeed.

WASHINGTON, 23.—B. L. Peel, of Los Angeles, on the sixth October, addressed a letter to L. E. Sleight, the former clerk of Mission Indian agency in California, expressing astonishment and disgust at the course of the government towards the Temecula Indians, pointing out their wrongs and concluding:

"Can you not go to the department and get some aid for them? The cheapest thing that can be done is to buy their homes and give it to them. A half township would accommodate them all."

Indian Commissioner Smith replied agreeing with him as to the wrongs and asserting that the department has so endeavored to represent their case to Congress, asking action necessary for their protection. The trouble is, the disposition prevailing to swell the number of the class known as Indians not taxed at the expense of their citizenship and of all natural rights, in order to furnish larger room and privileges for others recognized as citizens, and who thus are enabled to come into possession of lands which these people and their ancestors as Mexican citizens improved and cultivated from centuries ago, but their natural rights are now debarred by legal ownership and actual occupation by American citizens. The commissioner will urge Congress to provide for the purchase of other and satisfactory homes for the Temecula Indians.

NEW YORK, 23.—Thos. H. Ferris was probably fatally shot last night by Edward Higginly in front of the 5th Avenue Hotel during a quarrel growing out of a contest for the State Senate between John Morrissey and Jno. Fox. Ferris, and Haggerty are well known local politicians.

Dan Barlow & Co's. Mercantile Agency Circular says the trade of the country is in fair if not hopeful condition, and that while people confine themselves to legitimate business and avoid speculation there is every prospect of continued improvement.

The order of *nolle prosequi* in the indictments against Tilton and Moulton for slander in connection with the Beecher case was made and granted because no public interest is likely to be reached by a revival of the scandal. As no new evidence of consequence is obtainable, Judge Neilson cordially approves the motion.

SKOWHEGAN, Me., 23.—In the town of Merceen, yesterday, Mrs. Walton, divorced from Hiram Walton, who was living with Greenleaf Tracy, was shot dead by Tracy in a fit of jealousy. Tracy then fled to the woods and killed himself.

BOSTON, 23.—Since the discovery that a large part of Lucius V. Pond's paper in circulation is fraudulent and forged, it is believed that his supposed mysterious drowning from a Fall River steamer lately was a put up job to cover his escape. One rumor is that he was seen lately at Hamilton, Ont., apparently insane. A microscopic examination shows that where parties had endorsed his paper the writing on the face had been removed by acid and new sums written out. Thus the genuine endorsements were secured to fraudulent paper to the extent of a hundred thousand dollars.

ST. LOUIS, 23.—The dead body of a man supposed to be John T. Campbell, was found near the Missouri Pacific Railway track two miles west of California, Mo., yesterday; the supposition is that Campbell fell from the train, and the condition of the corpse indicated that it had lain where it was found several days.

CHICAGO, 23.—A Washington special says an attempt will be made in the next Congress to ex-