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CLEVELAND, O., 3.—The Cleveland Woman's Christian Temperance Union is about to initiate another political movement, planned by Miss Frances Willard, vice-president of the society, who recently left here for Chicago, from which point she will superintend a similar work through the State and local towns through the United States. The project is to get one million signatures to a memorial to be presented to the next national convention of each party, asking a prohibition plank in its platform.

SAN FRANCISCO, 3.—J. E. Redmond, member of Parliament, and William Redmond, his brother, who is working the Irish National League in Australia, have arrived here. The former stated to an Associated Press representative prior to his visit there was no organized movement in Australia. During his stay he addressed 142 meetings, established 300 permanent branches, collected \$75,000 and created a formal convention to hold yearly meetings composed of delegates of all the colonies. The bishops supported the movement and wrote approving the principles of the league, and with the exception of Archbishop Vaughan, subscribed funds. Redmond further said that the colonies subscribed about £4,000 to the Parnell fund, to be sent to Parnell as a special donation. As members of Parliament are not paid, an arrangement is made by the colonies to subscribe yearly a sufficient support to the Irish members elected under the auspices of the league. Redmond lectures here at Denver, Leadville and Omaha. His brother goes south and lectures at Tombstone, Des Moines and Dubuque. There will be two meetings in Chicago.

INDIANAPOLIS, 3.—The State Democratic Editorial Association held its annual session at the Masonic Hall today. Nearly all the democratic papers in the State were represented. Then followed a resolution in regard to the duty of democratic leaders of the State and local leaders to provide for the more extensive circulation of democratic newspapers among the masses, that the purposes of the democratic party may be more freely brought to the understanding of the people generally, in order that the democratic press may be made an efficient medium for the dissemination of sound and correct political doctrines. It recommends editorial discussion on questions of public policy, with a view to impressing on the public mind the soundness and justice of democratic principles. A letter read from ex-Senator Hendricks, dated London, stated that he had enjoyed a pleasant trip across the ocean. Fifty electotypes of Senator McDonald were distributed to editors free, for use in the papers, being the gift of Col. J. S. Williams.

A public meeting was held this afternoon, which was addressed by Senator McDonald on the tariff and other political questions.

The meeting will close with a banquet to-night.

SAN FRANCISCO, 3.—A meeting was held at the Grand Hotel this evening to make arrangements for holding a World's fair in this city in 1887. It was the most influential ever held on the Pacific Coast. Governor Stoneman presided, and read letters from the Pacific Coast delegation in Congress promising support. It was resolved to provide a guarantee fund of \$1,000,000. A petition to Congress and the State legislature for appropriations will be presented. The feeling was strongly unanimous to carry the project through, no doubts about it are entertained. The meeting represented \$300,000,000.

CHICAGO, 3.—A forgery to a very large amount, a flight and arrest were made public this evening by Pinkerton's detective agency. About Christmas time the agency received a telegram from Sperry & Barnes, New York and New Haven, American agents of the large Liverpool commission house of Bamford Brothers, that their exchange clerk, E. H. Kabbe, had absconded after forging and converting to his own use \$100,000 in exchange. The agency at once went to work on the case and soon discovered that Kabbe was here in company with a man named Van Arsdale, and that they were spending money very freely. While the case was being worked up, Van Arsdale returned to New York, where he was arrested. Last Friday Kabbe was arrested secretly in a house of ill-repute with one of the inmates, of whom he had been enamored and was on the point of starting for Mexico. Four hundred dollars in money found in his possession, and \$1,200 worth of furs and silks, which he had lavished on the woman, were also taken possession of. It was found that Kabbe spent \$2,500 here and Van Arsdale \$2,000. It appears that he forged bills of exchange on Bamford Brothers, which were readily disposed of to Jessup, Patten & Co., being recognized as an exchange clerk of the firm, and had checks made payable to his own personal order instead of that of the firm. He opened an account with another bank, collected an amount of Jessup, Patten & Co.'s checks, invested the money in government bonds and fled. The Pinkertons say he confessed that his gains were fully \$100,000. He was taken to New York the same day he was arrested, and last Sunday took the detectives to the upper part of New York, where they found a dry cistern, encased

bonds to the amount of \$20,000. Going thence to Brooklyn, another piece of drailu yielded \$25,000. It is not known here whether any more of the money has been recovered. Kabbe is well connected; he once occupied a responsible position with the Luman line and his brother is now chief clerk.

Toronto, 3.—Park Norton, aged 17, the twenty-sixth victim to yesterday's disaster, died at midnight. Engineer Jeffrey, of the freight train that collided with the suburban, lies dangerously ill at his lodgings. It was previously stated that he jumped from the engine before the collision, but this he denies, and remembered nothing till he was found lying in the snow with blood flowing from a terrible scalp wound. He states that he has not been over the road before, asked for a pilot and got Barber, who is under arrest. When he started from Hamilton he was told that the express would be the first train to meet, but no mention was made of the suburban, and Barber never told him of it.

A special meeting of the city council decided to appropriate \$2,000 in aid of the bereaved families; also decided to give a decent burial to the dead. A public meeting will be held in the council chamber to-morrow to discuss further relief for the widows and orphans. A meeting of the employees of the bolt works to-night was held to make arrangements for the funeral of the dead. There will probably be a public funeral on Saturday evening.

Harbor Grace, N. F., 3.—John Bray and Richard Bradbury, wounded in the recent encounter between the Orangemen and Catholics, have died. Bradbury was wounded by the bursting of his own rifle. Twenty-one persons are under arrest for participating in the riot. The deposition of witnesses were taken to-day. The Catholic witnesses swore that the first shot, which killed Callahan, was fired by Head Constable Doyle, who has been temporarily suspended from duty.

Toronto, 3.—Reports from all over Ontario say the storm is still raging. Roads are badly drifted. Trains are all delayed.

Montreal, 3.—The St. Lawrence rose about three feet to-day and is now causing great inconvenience in the lower parts of the city. All the manufacturing on Mill Street have stopped work, shops being flooded.

Six hundred mechanics are out of employment until the water subsides. Press rooms are filled with water and the forms have to go elsewhere.

New York, George Rothmuller, proprietor and editor of the New York *Figaro*, was arrested on a suit brought by Gustav Amberg, manager of the Thalia theatre, to recover \$20,000 damages for libel. Amberg has another suit against Rothmuller for libel, the damages being placed at \$10,000.

New York, 3.—The Haytian consul has authentic information that Jacomet, following the example of Jeremie, has surrendered. This virtually ends the rebellion.

Alliance, Ohio, 3.—The dwelling house of Milton Highland, near Mechanicstown, was burned last night, and his two daughters, aged 14 and 8, perished in the flames.

Galveston, 3.—The *News' Campaneas* special says the San Sabal mail coach was robbed this evening near Senterfield, by three unmasked men. The amount secured is unknown.

New York, 4.—The report is circulated this morning that Endicott Coolidge, who recently joined the Oregon Navigation and Oregon Trans-Continental directors, has succeeded in prevailing upon these companies to abandon the construction of their new line to connect with the Union Pacific. The officials of the Oregon Navigation Company deny this, and state that the work was discontinued owing to the heavy snow and bad weather, but that in the spring the road will be rapidly pushed to completion.

Providence, R. I., 4.—The high wind at Newport last night overturned a drag containing 20 or 30 men. Several were injured. Some boats were blown adrift in Newport harbor.

New York, 4.—The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad is being held in the offices of the company. Present, Frederick Billings, Ashbell H. Barney, John W. Ellis, Roswell G. Ralston, Robert Norris, Thomas F. Oakes, J. Pierrepont Morgan, August Belmont, J. L. Stackpole, Benjamin Cheyney, John C. Bullet, Henry E. Johnson. President Henry Villard's resignation has been presented, but no action of the directors will be made known until the meeting adjourns.

Chicago, 4.—This has been the coldest day of the present winter, the thermometer indicating 14 degrees below zero at 9 a. m. At 11 it rose to 12, at 1 o'clock it had fallen again to 14 below. At Omaha the mercury stood 17 below, and at Dubuque 26 degrees below at 9 this morning.

Pittsburgh, 4.—The number of idle men in the city at present is unusually large, owing to the glass strike and depression in the iron and coal trade. An advertisement in a labor paper on Wednesday for 20 coal miners, elicited 300 responses in 24 hours. It is claimed to-day that an advertisement for a thousand men to work on the streets at a \$1.00 per day would have five thousand applications inside of a week. Reports, however, from various iron mills in the city show a better condition of things than was anticipated a month ago. Nearly all the iron and steel mills are running, with fair prospects of an increase of business during the present month. The Republic ironworks will start on

largest riots in the world, while several other mills are now working double time. There seems to be a growing demand for iron, and manufacturers are daily growing more hopeful. Business is increasing and the outlook is more encouraging.

HARBOR GRACE, 4.—Another victim of St. Stephen's day riot, not an Orangeman, died to-day. He was a septuagenarian. His skull was smashed with blows from sticks. Two others are not expected to live. Over 30 were wounded.

The Harbor Grace *Standard* says: There is a general feeling among all parties to let the law take its course and not repeat the sad occurrences of St. Stephen's day. The funeral of Jeans was attended by over a thousand Orangemen in full regalia. No disturbance.

NEW YORK, 4.—The following letter from Henry Villard was read: To the Board of Directors of the Northern Pacific Railway Company:

I hereby offer my resignation as president of your board. I feel constrained to take this step for two reasons. One is, I am suffering from nervous prostration, which renders me no longer capable of properly discharging my official duties, and my physicians advise absolute abstinence from all active employment as the condition of the recovery of my health. The other reason is, that in my own opinion, no less than in that of my personal and business friends, the interests of the company call for a severance of my connection with it. It is a sad reflection that such should be the unjust result of years of severe labor and consuming anxiety which I have spent in my endeavor to serve the company conscientiously, and to the best of my ability; but my feelings should not stand in the way of the welfare of the stockholders. I am consoled by an abiding confidence that the future will completely vindicate all I have done. I may, as soon as my health permits, ask the privilege of submitting to you a summary of my administration of the company's affairs. Allow me to express to you, in conclusion, my sincere thanks for the cordial support and appreciative sympathy you have at all times extended to me.

H. VILLARD.

The resignation was accepted.

The directors adopted a resolution complimentary to Villard, and voted him \$10,000 for his services during the time he was president of the company.

Henry Villard made an assignment to-day for the benefit of his creditors, to Wm. Endicott, Boston. He transfers his property and mansion on Madison Avenue, with instructions to dispose of them at public auction or private sale and apply the proceeds first to the payment of interest on a mortgage of \$200,000 on the property; second, to carry out any existing contracts for the completion of the edifice; and provision is also made for the payment of any indebtedness of Villard to the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co. This instrument further directs that the residue, after the entire indebtedness is disposed of, be turned over to his wife, Mrs. Fanny Garrison Villard.

The finance committee reported the amount of money still remaining from the proceeds of the \$18,000,000 second mortgage bonds and other cash assets specifically applicable to liquidation of indebtedness embraced in the circular to preferred stockholders October 17th last, amounts to \$5,171,901, whilst the obligations against the same, together with the balance of the amount required for construction and equipments, amounts to \$4,016,854, showing a surplus of \$1,155,047. In addition to this the company has on hand, cash special fund applicable to payment of interest in its general first mortgage bonds, due the first of July next, amounting to \$1,200,000.

Vice President Oakes states with the exception of 100 miles of the road last completed west of Helena, the road-bed and track are in first-class order. The 100 miles referred to will require to be ballasted with gravel to put it in proper condition for economical operation. This can be done with an expenditure of \$80,000, which has been provided for in the estimate of operating expenses. He estimates the cost of putting the equipment in first-class order will be \$421,274.

Statements of earnings and expenses were also submitted. Gross earnings from June 30th to December 31st, 1883, inclusive, (December being estimated) are given at \$6,638,933; operating expenses, including rentals, taxes and betterments to October 31st, 1883, \$4,427,630, leaving a surplus of \$2,211,303. The report also gives detailed information regarding the condition of the country tributary to the road.

St. Paul, 4.—Private advices from New York give the following as the new list of officers of the Northern Pacific: President and General Manager, Thos. F. Oakes; General Superintendent and Chief Engineer, Adna Anderson, now Chief Engineer; Superintendent of Transportation, J. T. Odell, now Superintendent of the Eastern Division.

CHICAGO, 4.—The Burlington & Quincy declines to enter the new Western Railway Alliance on the terms accepted by the four other Iowa lines.

NEW YORK, 4.—An order is promulgated by Commissioner Fink authorizing a further reduction of rates in consequence of recent developments regarding rate cutting.

DENVER, 4.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon the Labor Opera House was discovered to be on fire. In an incredibly short time the flames burst through the roof. The danger of the total destruction of one of the finest theatres in the country seemed imminent. By the efficient, concerted action of the fire de-

the fire was soon under control, and the damage confined to the fifth floor, northwest corner. Estimated loss \$20,000, distributed in fifty different companies. Cause, defective flue. No serious accidents happened. The theatre proper was untouched. The Boston Ideal Opera Company gave a performance to-night as usual.

CHICAGO, 4.—The extreme cold weather of yesterday and last night delayed all trains. Mails from all quarters of the country were delayed in their arrival to-day from 3 to 16 hours.

Eleven miles southwest of the stockyards, on the Wabash road, stands a stock train of 20 cars of famishing, freezing live stock. The train snowed under, started on Tuesday night, since which time it is believed the animals have been without food and water.

A rescuing party drove within three miles of the belated train, then abandoned their sleighs and walked thitherward. Although several engines had been sent down, the train could not be reached. The party returned, several of whom were badly frost-bitten. The rescuing party succeeded in reaching the snow-bound train late this afternoon.

Of twenty cars of live stock, all were cattle save two or three cars of hogs. Some cattle were found frozen, others partly frozen, they were immediately killed. The exact number thus killed is not known. The remainder of the cattle were fed and cared for by the railroad company, which is making every effort to bring them through.

Another large force of men were sent out to-day and were offered 50 cents an hour. Arriving near the train they refused to work. They could not see ten paces ahead for the immense drifts, and returned nearly frozen.

The thermometer at 11 o'clock is 24 below. Reports from other points are received as follows: Rock Island at 5 p. m., 18 below; at 9, 25 below. Keokuk, Iowa, 19 below; at points on the Wabash narrow-gauge, 32 below; Des Moines, 30 below, the coldest ever known, and growing colder; Dubuque, 8 o'clock, 22 below; several cases of frost-bite. Trains are two to eight hours late. Algona, Iowa, 32; Peoria, 15 below; Rockford, Ill., 32 below, the coldest in 40 years.

In Chicago there are a number of minor casualties, including breakage of plate glass windows by the intense cold.

St. Paul, Minn., 4.—On the Manitoba, all divisions, 25 to 30 below zero. The Northern Pacific reports 32 to 38 below from St. Paul to Fargo. On the Dakota division it was 40 below. St. Paul and Duluth, ranged 28 to 34 below, the latter figure for Duluth. Omaha line, Bayfield, 30 below. Northern division, 30 below. In St. Paul the range was 35 below.

Brainerd, Minn., 4.—Thermometer at 6 a. m. stood 42 below.

Milwaukee, 4.—The steamer *Wisconsin*, which left for Grand Haven, Mich., Wednesday evening, never reached there, and after a terrible exposure of forty hours, amid a severe gale, made this port again at noon to-day, covered with ice three inches thick. The captain says he never experienced a like gale in all his experience on the lakes. The thermometer ranged 23 degrees below zero at 5 p. m.

MONTREAL, 4.—Sixteen boarders and three sisters of Notre Dame De Lourdes Convent are dangerously ill from poisoning. Yesterday meat pie was served for dinner. All who partook of it soon after were seized with vomiting and cramps. Two boarders are dangerously ill, the remainder are out of danger. The doctors state the poisoning is the result of tainted meat which, although condemned by the civic inspector, was sold to the convent.

St. Louis, 4.—The old St. Nicholas Hotel building burned last night. The lower floor was occupied by a number of business houses. The upper stories were used as loading-houses. All the inmates were saved. Total loss about \$100,000.

Pittsburg, 4.—Duke Center, Pa. dispatch: The dwelling of J. V. Garner, an employee of the Keystone Oil Company on the Kinsina branch near here, caught fire from over-pressure of gas while Mrs. Garner was absent, and in a few minutes the house was in ashes. Four little children from 1 to 6 years old, were left in the house, and all perished in the flames. Thomas McHale fished the bodies out of the ruins this afternoon. They presented a horrible sight. The parents are wild with grief.

NEW ORLEANS, 4.—A *Picayune* Baton Rouge special says: Volmar Rector, colored, was hanged for the murder of Duncan Williams in December, 1882. The murder was cold-blooded and cowardly. It is stated Rector also murdered his stepfather without provocation, but escaped punishment by the laxity of the courts. On the scaffold Rector addressed the people and warned all to avoid whisky, which brought him to the gallows. The sheriff drew down the black cap, adixed the rope and stepped off the scaffold closely followed by Rector. The culprit was taken back but refused to remain, following the deputies when they left. The sheriff was compelled to call bystanders to his assistance. The prisoner uttered terrific screams, and begged piteously for life. Finally his limbs were bound and the hanging proceeded. It was the first execution in this parish under civil law since 1866.

Eastman, Ga., 4.—Jim Crummidy, a negro, was hanged for the murder of James Mitchell. When the sheriff and his aids opened the cell door, Crummidy attacked them with a small knife, wounding two of them. He was seized, but managing to free his arm inflicted a terrible wound in his own throat, be-

coming unconscious. At 3 p. m. he was carried to the scaffold on a stretcher, and supported until the drop fell. Death was instantaneous.

LAN FRANCISCO, 4.—Three notorious cracksmen, Henry Thomas, Gus Hitz and Jo Ramsey, all of Cincinnati, were arrested here to-day.

DENVER, 4.—Last evening a strange wedding occurred in the 15th Avenue, this city. The bride was a 14-year-old white girl, while the bridegroom was a black negro. The ceremony was performed by a white Methodist preacher named Hodges. Some years ago the mother, then a widow, with this only daughter, came here from Canada. A few months later she married a negro named Harris, by whom she had three children. It is reported the girl was forced into the marriage by her mother. The neighborhood is thoroughly excited.

WELLSVILLE, Ohio, 8.—The residence of Milton Higlan, Mechanicstown, a few miles distant, was burned early yesterday morning. Two children, aged seven and four, perished in the flames, and an older sister was badly burned in attempting to rescue the children.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, 5.—The beautiful new Park Theatre, built to be fireproof, was burned this morning. The fire is said to have originated on the stage from a lamp explosion. Loss perhaps \$200,000. Partly insured. Geo. H. Adam's Humpty Dumpty Company loses \$8,000 to \$9,000 worth of property. The Wick's bank block, immediately in front of the theatre, the First Presbyterian Church on one side and the County Court House on the other, are in great danger at ten o'clock. It is the coldest weather in years, the thermometer indicating as low as 14 degrees below zero.

Chicago, 5.—The mercury in the thermometer at 5 o'clock this morning dropped to a point 27 degrees below zero, which taken with the cold record yesterday makes it the most severe showing in the way of extreme weather known for many years. At 8 o'clock, the thermometer still indicated 24 below. At the same hour, Kansas City reported 24 below. St. Paul, 20, Omaha 34, Dubuque 32, Des Moines 24 and Keokuk 25. The effect in this city has been in a measure partially to paralyze the ordinary course of business. As customary in such unusual cold spells, the fire alarms have been more numerous than usual and the night proved to be one of terror to members of the department. Three fires after midnight served to keep practically the entire force on duty and the service required of them, under the circumstances was such as to tax their endurance to the fullest extent. At four o'clock this morning a fire was discovered in the Bean Revage flat, one of the most imposing residence structures in the south division of the city. It spread with a rapidity which caused a number of families to seek the street in their night clothes. Trouble was experienced in working the engines on account of the cold. No lives lost however, the escaping occupants taking refuge in the Leland Hotel adjoining the burned building.

NEW YORK, 5.—The great petition for national constitutional amendments, to be sent out by the National Woman's Temperance Union, and presented to the presidential nominating conventions of the different parties, will ask for prohibition instead of the ballot for women, as before stated.

Dr. Edward Lasker, the eminent German, died suddenly of heart disease at 1 a. m., in this city. Lasker, who had been on a visit to this country since May last, had been at dinner at the house of Jesse Seligman, the banker, and was returning home in a carriage when he was stricken by the sudden and fatal attack. The carriage stopped in front of the private stable of Seligman who helped to carry the speechless and senseless man from the carriage. Lasker died in the arms of Seligman.

The body was taken to the house occupied by Dr. Lasker during his stay in the city, No. 102 Legation Avenue. Among the earliest callers was his close friend Carl Schurz. Lasker has been in America since May last. He spent a month or more in this city and then went West to attend the opening of the Northern Pacific. After his return he visited his brother in Galveston. On the way back he stopped a while at Washington and reached this city three weeks ago to-day. The opening of the Reichstag required Dr. Lasker's presence in Berlin, and his passage to Germany had been engaged for him on the steamer *Main*, to sail Jan. 26. That vessel will now carry his embalmed body. Shortly after his return from Washington Dr. Lasker was taken ill, and his friend Dr. S. Jacoby was summoned. Dr. Lasker had apparently entirely regained his usual health and vigor, yet his thoughts nevertheless, were busy with anticipations of his approaching end and he spoke often to friends about his probably sudden death. Dr. Lasker was unmarried, and had no near relatives beyond a brother in Galveston and a cousin in this city, Charles H. Richler, 64 years old.

BUTTE, Mt., 4.—Hugh Coyle, advance agent for the John L. Sullivan Combination, arrived here to-day to arrange for the appearance of the great champion in this city. Mr. Coyle is much exercised over the dispatches which have been published broadcast representing Sullivan and other members of the combination getting drunk and engaging in brawls at Denver, Leadville and other points, which he denounces unqualifiedly as untrue, especially regarding the Denver story. He says that similar false reports were sent from Scranton and Pottsville, Pa., but they were promptly corrected by