THE HAMMER OF THOR.

Gov. Hyde Tries to Smuggle a Carload of Celestials into the United States,

BUT HE IS KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

The Chinamen Escape the Stroke, but are Captured and Lodged in Jail.

By Telegraph to the NEWS.

CHINAMEN

Escape the Thunderbolts of Heaven to Be Lodged in Jail.

HELENA, Montana, August 8.—Gov. Hyde of Fort McLeod, Northwest Territory, was killed by lightning on Tuesday, about five miles from Fort Benton, yesterday. He had charge of a party of Chinamen, whom he was smuggling into the United States. Nine Chinamen in the wagon escaped without a scratch, but were afterwards arrested by the Collector of Customs Sullivan and lodged in jail.

Captives Rescued.

BOSTON, August 8.—Calvin Page arrived here with his two daughters whom he rescued from the Piute Indians in Dakota, who have held them captive for twelve years.

Fears of Sunstroke.

MINNEAPOLIS, August 8.—The heat yesterday was excessive. Two cases of sunstroke were reported, one of which will probably result fatally.

Does not Think Call was Elected.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., August 8.—Governor Hensley has announced that inasmuch as a quorum of the Florida senate did not participate with the house in the joint assembly of May 20th, it is his opinion that Call was not elected United States Senator, and that therefore he cannot certify that he is elected.

Railway Works Suspended.

PORT EDWARD, Ont., August 8.—Sir Henry Tyler, president of the Grand Trunk Railway company, accompanied by G. Burrard, general manager, and other officials, made a thorough inspection of the tunnel and the works in connection therewith this morning. The tunnel was found to be in a perfectly satisfactory condition and ready for traffic.

Two Suits.

HARRISBURG, Pa., August 8.—Two suits were entered today, one against the estate of Philadelphia and the other against John Barkley, the late city treasurer. The first is to recover personal property tax for 1883, amounting to $92,000 and the second for license taxes amounting to $[illegible].

Old Soldiers Satisfied.

WASHINGTON, August 8.—Acting Secretary Nettleton, in reply to a recent letter detailing the complaints of alleged delays in the payment of the pension business at Washington, says: "I learn from Gen. Veazey, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, that during his late tour through the country he met thousands of old soldiers, and the sentiment of satisfaction with the present work of the pension office was quite universal."

Outraged and Murdered.

VICTORIA, Texas, August 8.—Miss Mary Hemphill, an imbecile and helpless woman, was found outraged and murdered in her room where she had lived alone. Strongly parties will be noted out to the wretch if caught. There is no clue.

Killed by a Train.

EVANSDALE, Ohio, August 8.—Yesterday afternoon Louis Eischoven lost his life and another man was fatally injured by a train which struck their buggy.

Balmaceda Wants Ships.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 8.—The *Examiner* states that Balmaceda, through Minister Egan, has offered the United States four million dollars for the cruiser "Baltimore." The offer was refused.

A Daring Robbery.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, August 8.—A special to the *Evening Dispatch* from Lima, Ohio, says one of the boldest bank robberies and murders ever perpetrated in this section of the country occurred this morning at Columbus, a place with about 2000 people and twelve miles north of here. Cashier Maple and just opened the exchange bank and laid out $1000, near the cash window. About 9:15 a man appeared in the door with a revolver in each hand. He immediately began shooting and Cashier Maple was struck twice, once in the head and once in the right side. As he fell to the floor an old farmer, William Vandenbark, aged sixty, entered the office having come to get money for some hogs he had just sold. The robber turned and shot him down. A third man sat in the lobby of the bank, paralyzed with fear. He was not molested. The desperado then grabbed $1500 in greenbacks and showed from inside his pockets of his coat and darted out of the door shouting, "I am the second Jesse James!"

Quite a crowd had been attracted by the shooting, but they scattered when the wild-eyed murderer appeared on the street, having a gun in each hand and shouting hideous threats. Henry Buck, an Englishman, Henry Buck, was shot down by a bullet from the revolver. The fellow ran to the outskirts of the town and mounted a horse.

The desperado is described as short and heavy set with full face and heavy mustache. He appeared to be about thirty or 35 years old.

A posse was quickly organized and started in pursuit. Another posse started from West Cairo and all this time, the sheriff and chief of police are organizing an armed band here to assist in the search. It found, the fellow will be shot down like a dog. It is thought the wounds of Maple and Buck are not necessarily fatal. Vandenbark, who was killed, was a prosperous farmer in Union township. He leaves a large family. A big reward is offered for the capture of the villian.

THE SCORCH TABLES.

CINCINNATI, August 8.—A special to the *Times-Star* from Wapakoneta, Ohio, says: Word has reached here by telephone that the Columbus Grove bank robber was overtaken in the woods and shot to death.

Silver in Colorado.

BOULDER, Colo, August 8.—Another rich find of silver was made on Flowery mountain, near the Caribou vein, a vein three inches thick and of pure metal. It is evident that there exists a still larger vein somewhere in the vicinity of the same kind of material and it is thought those discoveries will soon lead to developments and will cast in the shade even the mines of Nevada.

The Octopus Party.

LONDON, August 8.—A meeting of prominent members of the Octopus party was held at the residence of the Count of Paris. The party was thoroughly discussed, and although it is not known whether any political course of action was decided upon, much important work was accomplished.

The Railway Men Adjourn.

PUEBLO, Colo., August 8.—Second annual convention of the brotherhood of railway car men of the United states, and Canada, adjourned yesterday. W. S. Mossman of St. Joseph, Missouri, grand chief carman and general organizer.

THE TIN PLATE CONTROVERSY.

English manufacturers begin to understand that the Americans are in earnest about the establishment of the plate trade. The London *Economist*, speaking on this, says:

"What is meant to the manufacturer standing it, that is economically competitive may Americans firms who may take up the manufacture of tin plate, and makers must cut their prices. The only way to keep the trade is to show the Americans that they cannot map any great advantage from taking up this manufacture immediately. If they find that they can do it, whether it be by reason of the English workmen indulging in stop months or quarrels with their employers, either of which will raise prices to an enormous level, then we may be very sure that the days of the tin plate trade of this country with America are numbered. And when this season will be readily appreciated when we add that of the entire output of tin plate the United States consumers take almost seventeen."

The New York *Irish World*, an extreme protectionist organ, says in reply:

"We would pay the English in the end if they sent us plate for below the cost of manufacturing, if by so doing they succeeded in preventing American manufactures from going into the business. When this was done, the old price could be restored, and we should be compelled to submit, as there would be no home competition to act as a check on the Welsh tin plate manufacturers. We can see, then, the advantage of the service the free-trade organs are rendering foreign competitors by trying to prevent the establishment on American soil of an industry that will save the country hundreds of dollars annually, besides affording employment to a large army of American workingmen."

TWENTY THOUSAND SINGERS

In the Tonic Sol-Fa Jubilee Celebrations in the United Kingdom.

With the increasing inquiry of the musical public into the Tonic Sol-Fa system, the following clipping from the London *Standard* of July 20th, will be read with interest:

The Tonic Sol-Fa Jubilee Festival came to a termination on Saturday with a few hours' rehearsal. Twenty, or rather more than twenty-five thousand singers from various parts of the United Kingdom took an active part in celebrating the break in the ranks of worker musicians somewhere with the end that opened the day's exercises. In the morning, for the three massive concerts held in the Handel orchestra were in every respect successful. The first, at half-day, was carried out by five thousand juvenile Sol-Faists, under the direction of Mr. Joseph Cowley, the author of the immense number of children taught singing in schools was beautiful and evoked a hearty encore. The second, at which Mr. Cowley's song, "The Japanese Fan," simultaneously conducted by upwards of twenty adult choirs, and by one hundred and fifty adult singers, was so enthusiastic, the effect being remarkably pretty.

At three o'clock on the afternoon the orchestra was filled by four thousand provincial adult singers from fifty different towns, and Mr. A. L. Peace, who conducted what would have been a very fine performance of Hiller's Song of Victory, was for the occasion one of the stars. The other sections of the vast choir were equally good, the tone of the sopranos being especially bright and penetrating. The finale of the "memorable fête" was performed, if not originally, by the late John Curwen, who certainly was amplified by the eight singing men, which contrived to remove a new notion, "Make a joyful noise." In Mr. Curwen's hands, it was very lively, the first time in the Sol-Fa syllables, and the second in the proper words, and in both instances it was accented with spirit, and rendered throughout with striking accuracy the entire of the various parts being as firm and precise as if the piece had been well rehearsed. The finale of a short concertina, held earlier in the day, with Mr. John Stainer as adjudicator, were then announced, from which it appeared that the City of London Temperance Choir had gained the first place, and a choir from Nottingham the second. The choirs from Cardiff and Gateshead were highly commended. A feature in the programme was the performance of a "jubilee ode," the "spirit of song," the words being by Mr. W. H. Hadley, and the music by Mr. A. L. Peace, it is a lively service, arranged chorus, with grand jubilee diatonic harmonies. Of which a solo and duet also occurred, "O Hilter's work was effectively sung by Miss Emily Wands, and the duet, "Lovely, was given by the celebrated Madame Sherrington, of the Alfred Queen Choir, who were heard to great advantage in the duet.

In the evening it was the turn of the Metropolitan Sol-Faists, who assembled in the number of 700. To this number the concert were more equally balanced, and magnificent also as well as amazing accuracy characterized the performance of Cowley's "song of Miriam," in which the sopranos were sung by a select choir of 40 women, such a performance is scarcely justifiable, but in this instance it may be regarded as accurate, of Mr. Cowley's composition, and Mr. A. W. McNaught, in whose training was the great artistic success of this concert, received a hearty encore, for his rendering of "Ave Maria." The Tonic Sol-Fa Jubilee ceremonies were well planned, and have been carried out with spirit, all concerned showing praiseworthy zeal in the work. A special tribute is due to Mr. W. Harding Hooper, the secretary of the jubilee committee.

REDUCTIONS AND ABATEMENTS

Continue to be Made by the County Board of Equalization.

The following other tax assessments have been reduced or remitted by the County Board of Equalization:

Joseph F. Smith, office [illegible]	$1 [illegible]
Joseph F. Smith, [illegible]	[illegible]
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