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WASHINGTON, 12.—The second annual convention of the National Land League began this morning. Many Catholics were present.

P. A. Collins, president, said the Chicago convention had failed fully to carry out the objects of its call.

John Rooney was made temporary chairman.

The National Land League treasurer's report shows receipts since the League formed, of \$181,000. Remittances to Egan and Mrs. Parnell \$169,000 from the League, and \$104,000 direct.

A letter was read from Wendell Phillips, counseling the assertion of the dignity of Americans abroad.

Gen. Rosecrans appearing was greeted with three cheers. He expressed sympathy with the cause that brought the meeting together.

Robinson, of New York, made a customary address.

Some routine business was disposed of. Adjourned until to-morrow.

Free trade democrats are making strenuous efforts to have the coming political campaign conducted on the issue of tariff reform, but this is stoutly opposed by protectionists; not only by protectionists, but by others of the party. Some party leaders who advocate making tariff reform prominent this year, with a view of fighting the next presidential campaign upon it, are provoked at the disposition manifested to avoid this issue. One of them, a prominent member of Congress, said to-day he had no hopes of democratic success until the party declare itself upon distinctive principles, that he was in favor of the party planting itself squarely upon tariff reform and of saying to those who do not agree with this issue that they had better go out of the democratic party. He said as long as half the democrats in Congress continue to vote against the other half on the question in which the people are mostly interested we will never succeed.

Chandler, Secretary of the Navy; W. E. Hunt, Minister to Russia; J. R. Partridge, Maryland, Minister to Peru; John H. Smith, N. C., Minister to Liberia; Wm. Williams, Indiana, Charge d'Affairs to Paraguay and Uruguay; John J. Knox, Minnesota, Comptroller of Currency; D. B. Searles, United States Attorney for Minnesota. United States Marshals: A. F. Botkin for Montana; E. A. Ireland, Utah.

Chandler was confirmed by 28 yeas, 24 republicans and 4 democrats, against 16 nays, all democrats. Only two formal speeches were delivered.

The House committee on the law respecting the election of president and vice-president agreed upon a bill to carry into effect the provisions of the Constitution respecting the election of President and Vice-President of the United States, and directed the chairman to report the same favorably. The bill provides electors shall be chosen on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in every fourth year, except in cases specified in section 147 to 149 Revised Statutes, that electors shall vote on the third Tuesday of December following their appointment.

NEW YORK, 13.—There seems to have been some mistake regarding yesterday's report of the Secretary of the Interior on the right of the Oregon Short Line railway company to locate its line on the previously located line of Utah & Wyoming railroad company. The text of the decision shows the priority of the location of the latter is admitted and confirmed. Secretary Kirkwood has permitted the filing of the maps of Oregon Short Line company, in order to avoid deciding upon the completeness of the trespass of the latter upon the right of way of the Utah & Wyoming railroad company, subject to which the right of way of the Oregon Short Line is accepted.

DALLAS, Texas, 13.—The storm king, after subjecting this section yesterday evening to a hail storm unprecedented in severity, completely astonished and bewildered the inhabitants this morning by a combination of rain and hail that completely eclipsed previous efforts. For four hours the water fell in torrents, and the streets rivaled ordinary rivers. Every metallic roof was perforated and leakage has done immense damage to stocks of goods.

The total damage in Dallas is estimated at \$150,000. The rain this morning flooded the basements of many business houses. The worst sufferers are the *Daily Herald*. Damage to press and stock room contents is estimated at \$10,000 to \$12,000. The water in the building was five feet deep. E. M. Fillman's wholesale liquor store in the same building was similarly visited. Estimated loss \$8,000. These firms talk of suing the city on account of insufficient drainage and sewers in the streets.

EAST SAGINAW, 13.—The saw mill, salt block and drill house of Phinney, Fisher & Co., at South Saginaw, was burned to-day. Loss \$15,000; insurance \$10,000. About 250,000 feet of lumber, owned by C. F. Moore, of St. Clair, buried also.

LITTLE ROCK, 13.—On Monday night Wm. Eaves, a farmer living at the foot of Galtner Mountain, was awakened by the burning of a fodder stack. He ran out, when some one fired a double barreled shotgun. The charge took effect, causing instant death. He was struck by slugs and bullets in 12 places. Twenty-six shots were found in the boards and rails where he fell.

MILWAUKEE, 13.—A Mrs. Ladosech found her grandchild, named Gagat, eating a white powder, and tasted of it to see what the child was eating. Both died, and it was found the powder was a patent rat poison.

NORWICH, Conn., 11.—John L. Slater, of this city, has signified his intention to create a fund of \$1,000,000, to be known as "The John F. Slater fund, for the education of freedmen." The fund will be vested in a board of trustees which includes ex-President Hayes, Chief Justice Waite, Wm. E. Dodge, of New York, Governor Colquit, of Georgia, James P. Boyce, of Kentucky, and Wm. A. Slater, the donor's son. Slater explains that the general object is the uplifting of negroes and their posterity by conferring the blessings of a Christian education.

CHICAGO, 13.—After the sealed verdict finding Hawkins and Gibbons guilty of gambling had been opened, this morning, another batch of gamblers were put on trial with it is the intention of the defendants to let the remaining seventy cases go by default and appeal the whole question to the Supreme Court.

BALTIMORE, 13.—By the explosion of a boiler in the corn chop mill, corner of Fremont and Pratt Streets, this afternoon, it is reported that 12 persons were killed. Five bodies have already been recovered.

NEW YORK, 13.—The Union League Club to-night passed resolutions approving the veto of the Chinese bill and commending President Arthur for his firmness in interposing his objections to the bill and his statesmanship in placing this important matter before the country in such a light that people might be able to study the subject in all its delicate and complicated bearings.

R. W. Stevers' carriage factory, 144 to 156 West 31st Street, is burned. Loss \$150,000, insured. One hundred and fifty workmen are thrown out of employment.

The Baptists met to-night to discuss the advisability of forming a denominational society entirely independent of the American Bible Society. The special grievance of the sect is that the Bible Society will not change the phrase in the Scriptures reading, "baptize with water to baptize in water."

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., 13.—A telegram from Laredo announces that the Mexican authorities have stationed several companies of infantry along the Rio Grande opposite this city, and refuse to allow Americans to cross. The trouble was caused on account of the United States authorities holding and refusing to give up a large number of cattle belonging to a Mexican captain that strayed across the river while the water was low a few days ago. The facts of the case have been reported to both governments.

DALLAS, Texas, 13.—A man named Sullivan was to-day arrested in Palo Pinto County, by parties from Ellis County. Sullivan is charged with the murder on the night of March 14th, 1881, of two young brothers named Sams, who were returning from Waxahatchie, Ellis County, to their homes in Hill County. They were met by Sullivan and Brown, who were concealed in a house. The Sams boys' throats were cut, the bodies disemboweled and coal oil poured over the corpses and set on fire and the building burned. They were witnesses against Sullivan and Brown,

charged with theft. The object of the murder was to keep out their testimony. Brown was recently seen in the neighborhood. The officers are after him.

MORGAN CITY, La., 13.—This section was last night visited by a most terrible storm, causing the water to rise and destroying an immense amount of property. The Ramos Railroad bridge was carried away, and at Drew's mills about 20 dwellings were destroyed, only one house remaining standing. Along the Bayou Teche cabins and other small buildings were destroyed on nearly every plantation. In Berwick, the schoolhouse was blown from its foundation and two colored men killed by the falling timbers. Many persons had a narrow escape from drowning. The destruction of live stock is very great through a large section of the country. The sugar house of Francoise Bougere, in St. Charles parish was blown down and a negro killed. Last night the sugar house was blown down and nothing can be heard of 11 white refugees who occupied it. They were J. C. Villon, his mother, brother, wife and child; Mr. Hopacker, his wife and two children and unknown persons. All the furniture was found destroyed but as no bones have been discovered, it is hoped that they fled to the woods before the storm broke. Attempts to close the Landry crevasse were abandoned when they found 25 feet pilings were carried away by last night's storm. Wool Fork, Shady Grove, Augusta, Trinity and the Paquin places are under water and can probably be filled. The loss to the sugar crop at Plaquemine is about 3,000 hogheads. The loss by the storm is, 1,000 head of stock. The loss of stock at other places is very heavy.

CHASE, Mich., 14.—Herbert Thomas' saw mill burned; loss \$20,000; partially insured.

The night watchman claims that three masked men held him, while two more fired the mill.

HARRISON, Mich., 14.—The loss in the fire yesterday will reach \$50,000 to \$75,000.

WASHINGTON, 13.—A bill was introduced in the Senate to-day for the building of a railroad from Jersey City to New York.

RICHMOND, Va., 13.—The failure is announced of John C. Bryant & Co., proprietors of the Large Summit mill. Liabilities heavy.

PARSONS, Kans., 14.—Indians in the Territory have been very much dissatisfied because Jay Gould has secured the St. Louis and San Francisco line running through that country, and have heretofore vowed vengeance. On Monday, March 27, the brakeman who was on top of the car was shot by several bullets while the train was going through a ravine near Muskogee. A few days after another brakeman shared the same fate. Sheriff Williams, who went to hunt the offenders, has not been heard from since the 5th inst., and he is believed to have been murdered. Yesterday the engineer on a train from Muskogee reports attempts to wreck his train and the firing of several shots into the engine. The ruffians escaped. Such experiences are reported almost weekly from that section.

FITCHBURG, Mass., 14.—Franklin Wyman's paper mill at Westminster Narrows burned; loss \$40,000.

TOWER CITY, D. T., 13.—The Dakota Artesian Well Company, at a depth of 650 feet, struck a vein of pure soft water. The stream is now projecting 30 feet above the ground. The force of the increasing supply is apparently inexhaustible. No residuum after evaporation. Other wells will be sunk in Dakota and Montana.

FARGO, D. T., 14.—The flood has done damage here estimated at \$100,000. Mud is knee deep all over the city. John Mudland's warehouse is under water containing \$10,000 in farming implements. The Union elevator is in danger of falling with its costly store of wheat. The Grand elevator is half under water and the basements are universally flooded.

BALTIMORE, 14.—A large boiler in the building on Pratt Street, next to the corner of Fremont, exploded, this afternoon, with a terrible loss of life. The immediate part of the building where the explosion occurred was occupied by A. H. Sibley & Co., as a chop-feed mill and the floor above and first floor adjoining on King Street, by Miller & Coleman, as a sash and door factory. The machinery had just been idle for some time for repairs and a fire had just been started to resume work when the explosion occurred. A portion of the boiler was propelled northward entirely demolishing a

two-story brick dwelling house on King Street and throwing down a side wall near the building adjoining. At the time of the explosion John Addison (engineer), Harrison Waters (colored, fireman), Andrew Cooper (machinist), who had been making repairs, and Frank Kraining (a boy), were in the engine room. All were killed except Cooper and he is not expected to live. In the house 173 King Street, Georgie Pentz, age 19, was killed, and Ida Rosenberg's leg was broken. Ellen Rawlings (colored servant) was severely hurt by the wall falling upon her. In No. 171 King Street Grace Gray, aged 20, was killed. In a yard adjoining the factory Abraham Hepburn (colored) while unloading a lumber wagon was struck by a flying missile and had his skull fractured. James Roden, aged 15, had his skull fractured. Edward Callahan, a leg broken, Mrs. Margaret Kauf, in a street adjoining the factory, was killed at the wash tub in the kitchen by a flying brick. C. W. Gates, at work in a granite yard a square distant, was struck in the face by a brick and severely hurt. Edward Kelly, an employe in the building, had his leg broken, and several others were less seriously hurt. Several bodies are supposed to be still under the ruins, including those of engineer, fireman and boy Kraining. The firemen are endeavoring to recover them. The damage to property and machinery is estimated at about \$8,000. A similar explosion in the same building occurred 12 years ago, when five persons lost their lives.

TRUSSVILLE, 14.—A very destructive fire broke out this morning at 3.30, resulting in a loss of \$295,000 worth of property. The Parshall House and Opera House were gutted and the Brunswick Hotel seriously damaged. The fire originated in the Opera House and in half an hour the whole building was in flames. The cause of the fire is unknown. In answer to a call from the fire department an engine arrived from Oil City. The fire is still smouldering. A colored cook named Williams was burned in the ruins. One fireman—A. Hubbard—was seriously burned. He may recover. Loss \$25,000. The Brunswick Hotel and Opera House will be rebuilt.

ST. LOUIS, 14.—A fire occurred in a tenement house this morning, occupied by colored people. One girl was burned to death, another fatally hurt, and several others more or less burned.

PROVIDENCE, 14.—Whipple's woolen mill, Greenville, and six houses near the mill are burning. Aid was sent from here.

DENVER, 14.—Complaints continue to reach the postoffice inspector regarding the loss of money, drafts, etc., from the mail en route from Colorado to New York. The amount is estimated at nearly \$1,000,000 since December. Detectives are non-plussed.

CHARLESTON, W. V., 14.—Miss Jenkin, of Blue Creek, fell dead last Monday. After the funeral service while friends were taking a last view of the body, signs of life were observed. The corpse was taken from the coffin and taken home where indications of life are still visible.

WASHINGTON, 14.—Senator Farley to-day introduced copies of bills heretofore introduced in the House by Delegate Ainslee, amendatory of the laws concerning Territorial Supreme Courts, and the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Senator Slater introduced copies of Ainslee's bill providing for the election of all Territorial officers who are not paid by the United States, and making appropriations for various military roads in Idaho.

The committee will report the army appropriation bill with the compulsory retirement clause modified by striking out the proviso for the retirement after 40 years of service, which only applies to Gen. Pope. The military committee are considering the subject of compulsory retirement by means of a separate bill.

Guiteau is out in another card: Had they (his relations) all died, he says, 25 years ago, it would have been a Godsend to me. He accuses Charles Scoville with a desire to get control of his (Guiteau's) book, and says he has already paid Scoville \$275, which is more than his alleged services are worth.

The Cabinet was in session two hours to-day, all the members present. The principal questions under consideration were the coming military conference in Paris, trouble

with the cow boys in Arizona, and the Fitz John Porter case. The latter was finally disposed of so far as the Executive is concerned, but what action will be taken is not positively known.

The Senate committee on Territories has agreed to report Senator Butler's bill to create a territorial government in Alaska, the governor, judge and other officers to constitute a legislative council.

The Senate committee on foreign relations took up the Chinese bill but at the request of Senator Edmunds, who has been absent several weeks, adjourned to Tuesday, to give him time to study the question.

NEW YORK, 14.—The Chinese Minister visited Governor's Island yesterday upon the invitation of General Hancock. He was accompanied by his secretary. They were both dressed in colored silk and wore their little mandarin hats with red button tops. Upon landing on the Island they were met by Captain Guenther, commander of the post, and other officers of the garrison and conducted to Hancock house, where they were formally welcomed by the General.

CHICAGO, 15.—Thomas Power O'Connor says he has raised \$40,000 in the west for the Land League. He could scarcely express the pleasure he experienced over his cordial reception in all the chief cities of the west and spoke of California as being "God's own country," where the climate was ever glorious and the people intelligent, free-hearted and generous. Mr. O'Connor was asked what he had observed of the Chinese. He said in regard to the he was a stranger in a strange land.

WASHINGTON, 15.—The House committee on Territories have instructed Grover to move a suspension of the rules on Monday to pass a bill establishing the Territory of North Dakota.

About a dozen members of the Republican National Committee met to-day, and, after discussion, unanimously favored the republicans in the South uniting with the liberal democrats, who work with the more enlightened political sentiment for a free ballot and fair count, and oppose the Bourbon democracy. A resolution was adopted for a meeting of the committee on the fourth Wednesday, January, 1885, and directing the special committee appointed in 1881 to report a plan for giving Congressional districts representation at the next National Convention.

The President has notified General Fitz John Porter that it is entirely beyond his power to relieve him from the sentence of the court martial. This decision is based on the opinion of Attorney-General Brewster and the unanimous belief of the Cabinet.

The *Critic* says the Pacific Statesmen are confident that President Arthur will sign the bill restricting Chinese immigration for a period of 10 years. The democrats in the Eastern and Central States are determined, however, that shall not have the opportunity to do so. There is to be some filtering when the new bill of Page's is brought up. The democrats want to make a campaign the cooler question.

CHICAGO, 15.—Ex-Governor Ives, of Dakota, now postoffice inspector here, was one of a dozen passengers in the stage which was robbed by the James gang near Hot Springs, Arkansas, eight days ago. He was robbed of a gold watch and chain and diamond pin, worth \$900. He has received information from Marshal Craig, of St. Joe, that his property was found and the effects of the late Jesse James would be restored to him.

NEW YORK, 15.—The lace making house of F. Henseley & Co. and 50 Wall Street, has been in the hands of the sheriff the past week on an attachment obtained by son of the senior partner, Thomas C. Kidder, for \$38,857. On Friday another judgment was entered against the members of the firm White E. Kidd and Henry Kidd in favor of Thomas Adams & Co. of Nottingham, England, for \$565. The firm assert they are solvent and say the only creditor is Adams & Co.

The *Tribune* says: It is announced that A. T. Stewart & Co. have determined to discontinue their business, and that they offer for sale their entire stock of merchandise and all their mill properties. The announcement will cause a general surprise in the mercantile world, though it has been known for some time that the sales of the firm were not so large as when Mr. Stewart was at the head of the house.