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CHICAGO, 20. — *Tribune* Omaha special: Senator Grover of Oregon, who passed through this city on Friday en route for Washington, told a reporter that the democrats on the Pacific Coast were gratified over the success of their party in the east, and being able to supplement it with a democratic majority in California. While the wave was too late to reach Oregon, the democrats there are not discouraged. Politicians in California and Oregon already speak of nominating Governor-elect Cleveland of New York, for President in 1884, if he should develop in his new field administrative qualities like those which characterized his administration of the city of Buffalo, which qualities constitute the present need of the people. In the event of Cleveland's nomination, Governor Stoneman, of California, would be their favorite for Vice-President, Justice Field, however, has many friends as a candidate for President.

Washington, 20. — Van H. Manning, to whom the certificate of election to Congress from the Second Mississippi District has been given, is in Washington. He states that J. B. Chambliss is a resident of Tate county, and a greenback politician, and that the vote cast for him defeated Gen. Chambliss. Manning is quite free in expressing the belief that the democrats will pursue a just policy, and make no unfair decisions in election contests.

At an early hour this morning the night manager of the Western Union Telegraph office stated their wires were again seriously affected by the aurora borealis, and that the duplex and quadruplex system of working their wires had to be abandoned on many of their eastern circuits. The trouble seems to be general.

New York, 20. — Weather clear and cold. Another brilliant auroral display last night.

Vicksburg, 20. — The River Commission examined the extraordinary change in the course of the river so as to leave Vicksburg practically three miles inland. Opposite Delta the river has washed out mattress work and piling put down by the city in an attempt to control the river and prevent the cut-off; \$250,000 were expended in this work. Millions of money have been expended at other points on the river with a view of narrowing and deepening the channel to improve navigation.

MINNEAPOLIS, 20. — The Milwaukee & St. Paul announces a uniform rate of 40 cents per hundred on all freight bound east between Minneapolis, Chicago and Milwaukee, as the latest step in the Northwestern Freight war.

The C. M. & St. Paul issued a new schedule of passenger rates today. The rate to Chicago remains \$1, but by cut to other competing points the fare to St. Louis Falls is 75 cents; Sioux City 25 cents; Council Bluffs \$1; Omaha \$1.50; Atchison, Kas., \$5.75; Kansas City \$6.95; Denver \$21.50. The cut on freight to 10 cents per hundred stands.

San Francisco, 20. — At Davisville on the California Pacific Railroad, Saturday night, the overland express from San Francisco ran into the caboose of a freight train, killing a brakeman and setting the wreck on fire. The express engine and baggage car were detached, passengers shaken up and some bruised, but no serious injury.

The Albert Lea Route posts new rates to points east as follows: New York, \$21; Boston, \$20; Portland, \$21; Bangor, \$20; Philadelphia, \$19; Baltimore, \$16.50; Washington, \$15.50; Montreal, \$18; St. Louis, \$8.50. The rate to Chicago remains 50 cents, Albert Lea rates on mill stuffs were 10 cents per hundred to Chicago today, a cut from 20 cents, and an additional cut to 7½ cents announced to go into effect to-morrow morning.

The Omaha Company charged 7½ freight on mill stuffs to-day.

Baltimore, 20. — The annual report of the Baltimore & Ohio shows the earnings of the main stem and branches \$18,353,895; expenses \$10,920,213; net earnings, \$3,445,682.

Oswego, N.Y., 20. — It is rumored the Grand Trunk Railroad of Canada is negotiating for a lease of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railway. Should this be made, a strong combination would at once be formed between the Grand Trunk, Its Great Western division and the R. O. & W. and Vermont Central

roads, in opposition to Vanderbilt's lines, which would enable the former to control the freight and passenger traffic of the New England States.

New York, 21. — The *Tribune* says: Arnold Lee, broker, has served notice on the officers and directors of the Union Pacific Railroad Company and on Blake Brothers & Co., the banking firm with whom the company recently concluded its transactions for the placing of its new trust bonds, saying he had been advised that the issue was illegal, and that he would take legal steps to prevent such issue. Dillon, president of the Union Pacific Company, said last night he had received notice that the sale of bonds was completed. The thing is accomplished, and what steps can be taken to prevent something that has already been done?

CHICAGO, 20. — The proprietors of the rolling mills of this city and Joliet have been interviewed in regard to the statement that they intended to shut down within a short time. The general tenor of the interviews was the same. They did not assert their positive intention to close at a fixed date or at any future date, but said that as things looked now they did not see how they could continue to run without losing money, and intimated that unless a change in situation occurred they would likely be compelled to close in January or February next, the time being dependent on existing contracts. In some mills they will run to January; in others to February. They say with steel rails at \$45 per ton, which is equal to \$42 in the last reduction in price, both cheaper ore and labor will be necessary to secure the mills from loss. In view of the present fast living and the general feeling among iron workers, they cannot expect to secure a reduction in the price of labor. They will, therefore, for some time only run to work up the stock on hand and fulfill existing contracts with a view to being ready to shut down when the proper time comes. A year is expressed also by some of the proprietors that the next Congress will reduce the tariff on steel to an extent to open the business to foreign competition. The belief is expressed in some quarters that this is a concerted movement on the part of the steel mill proprietors of the west to influence public opinion and prevent a reduction of the tariff by Congress. Between 5,000 and 6,000 men are employed here and at Joliet.

PITTSBURG, 21. — The strike of railroad coal miners to-day was not as successful as expected. Out of fifty-nine pits, employing over 8,000 men, only about 1,500 miners are idle.

New York, 20. — Noah Mitchell, manufacturer of jewelry, No. 694 Broadway, has failed; liabilities upwards of \$100,000. It is thought his assets will realize 50 per cent.

WASHINGTON, 20. — Secretary Teller has appointed Col. Dehane, late Collector at Sitka, Alaska, special timber agent.

The Secretary of the navy issued a circular this morning inviting the presentation to the Department by any skillful person of plans, models and designs for the new steel steam cruising vessels for the navy.

The German Legation here has information that the proposed changes in the treaty of naturalization which the new German minister, now en route for Washington, has been directed to obtain relation more to the general application of the present treaty than to its provisions, which are pronounced quite satisfactory.

The bureau of statistics reports during the month of October there arrived in the custom districts of Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, Huron, Minnesota, New Orleans, New York, Passamaquoddy, Philadelphia and San Francisco, 57,689 passengers, of whom 45,965 were immigrants; 8,867 citizens of the United States returning from abroad, and 3,857 aliens.

Ex-President Pierola of Peru called on the Secretary of State and had an extended interview on matters pertaining to the condition of Peru.

Indian Commissioner Price is informed by Judge Edmonds, chairman of the Sioux Commission, that 8,000 Yankton and Ogallala Sioux Indians, at Pine River Agency, Dakota, have agreed to separate reservations of limited proportions. The Indians at Rosebud Agency had previously agreed to separate reservations, and as the Indians at these two agencies comprise more than half the Sioux nation, the work of the commission is practically accom-

plished. The object of the commission in having the Indians agree to select separate reservations is to concentrate all the Indians in about one half the present reservation, in order that the other half may be thrown open to the public.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., 20. — The stage from Columbia to Campbellsville was robbed this morning by a single masked robber. There were three passengers. The mail bags were cut open and rifled. The robber took the top off the wheels of the coach and disappeared through the woods on foot.

Philadelphia, 20. — Edward Jaques, his wife, and Chas. Smith, were arrested, charged with robbing Edward McSorley, of Staten Island, N. Y., of \$40,000 worth of valuable papers.

New Haven, 20. — The sacred concert singers, Manager Peck of the Opera House, and manager and agent of the company, were tried today for violation of the statutes of 1784, which provides that "Every person who shall be present at any concert of music, dancing, or other public diversion on Sunday or on the evening thereof, shall be fined \$4." The managers and agents were each fined \$20 and costs. The case was appealed.

Washington, 20. — The trial of Detective Miller, charged with complicity with the Star routers, by the district commissioners, goes on to-morrow.

New York, 20. — Guiseppe Pellata killed his wife to-day and then himself. Money matters were the cause. He charged his wife with doing away with \$155 and some jewelry, and the double murder followed.

CINCINNATI, 20. — All the Theatres over the Rhine were opened with full companies in regular variety or dramatic performance to-night, for the first time with regular performances since the Smith Sunday law went into effect. No arrests were made.

STEEBENVILLE, 20. — Congressman Updegraff is again reported in a dying condition. All hope for his recovery is given up.

New York, 20. — Gilbert Patrick, better known as Gilpatrick, the oldest living jockey in America, who rode Lexington, Lecompte and many other famous racers in this country, is dying of pneumonia at 433 Second Avenue. He is 60 years old, and with his wife is in very straitened circumstances.

BOSTON, 20. — Thos. Leoman, Australian banker, said to have left \$2,000,000 to three children of the same name in this city, is not dead. He has signified a willingness to leaving the children \$4,000,000 when he dies, and will provide for their education in the meantime.

HARRISBURG, 20. — A fire is raging in the Lykens, John Kreely, fire boss, Geo. Bainbridge and Oscar Cook narrowly escaped suffocating. All efforts to check the flames are futile. The fire has broken out eighty yards further down the slope. If the air should change and force the flames which are now coming up back into the mine, there is danger of driving the fire to Lykens Valley mine, when 1,500 men and boys will be thrown out of employment.

NEW YORK, 20. — The trial of the suit of Wilkinson vs. Henry Ward Beecher, for damages, for breach of contract, for failing to complete the "Life of Christ," was resumed this morning, with Beecher on the stand. At the conclusion of Beecher's testimony, the Judge dismissed the case.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., 21. — A fire occurred this morning in the Calendar Building, a brick structure, situated between Sabin and Cove Streets, which resulted in serious loss of life. The building was four stories high, and occupied mostly by jewelry shops. The fire originated in the middle of the building on the third floor, and was caused by the ignition of a ten gallon can of naphtha. The room was filled with light, inflammable clothes and was next the stairway, and before a word of warning could be given, escape by the stairway was cut off by the flames. On the fourth floor were 40 operatives equally divided as to sex. When the flames swept up through the floor the employees made a rush for the windows. There was no fire escape on the building. Just across the alley-way, about 15 feet wide, at the end of the Calendar building was a two-story wooden structure. The help rushed for the end of the building fronting on the alley. Then a panic ensued. The roof of the wooden building was about 20 feet below the window sills where the excited girls congregated. Persons in the rear crowded and pushed those in

the act of jumping and many fell short, others were injured by being jumped upon after they reached the roof.

The dead are, Emma Gissett, aged 23 years, and Bessie Cobb, both struck the ground between the two buildings and died in a few minutes. The injured are, Mary McTorley, who jumped from a window and fell on a picket fence, she is terribly injured and cannot survive. Mary Harly, of the *Daily Gazette*, Emma Mathewson, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Cuddy are all young women and all probably fatally injured. Some were carried to their homes and others taken to the Rhode Island Hospital in ambulance. Thomas Mann fell short of the two story building, which he bounded against and fell to the ground. His injuries are one arm and one leg broken. A man named Smith fell to the ground and was hurt. Mary Davis jumped from the roof and had a leg broken. George Grant, of Joseph, Grant & Co., jewelers, jumped from the fourth floor window to the roof of the wooden building and had a leg broken. George Clark, employed by Joseph, Grant & Co., saw the fire and tried in vain to extinguish the flames, and falling in it had to run for his life. He hung from a telephone wire until the fire department arrived. A ladder raised under him proved five feet too short, but a fireman mounted to the top and caught the workman in his arms. Loss on the building and stock \$10,000.

NEW YORK, 22. — The *Tribune* says: At an early hour this morning, Thurlow Weed was believed to be dying. He was found to be unconscious yesterday morning, and only rallied once in the course of the day, when he recognized his daughter Harriet. Three physicians were in attendance upon him. He continued to sink during the afternoon and evening, and the beatings of his heart were at times almost imperceptible. When they were counted they fluctuated between 132 and 150 a minute. At last reports the attending physicians did not think Weed could survive for any length of time. He suffers no pain but his body is worn out and he is slowly but surely passing away.

The *Herald*, editorially, says: "According to the last annual report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, large portions of the public domain are unlawfully taken possession of in many of the western States and Territories by the action of rich and influential land pirates, to the great injury and detriment of bona fide settlers. In California it seems that this evil prevails to a greater extent than in any other part of the Union. Thousands and thousands of acres it is asserted, are illegally enclosed there by brush fences, and the ownership of them is asserted as against immigrants and settlers who if they attempt to take up farms within these fraudulent boundaries are harassed in the courts, which, as a rule, are on the side of the land grabbers. This is an outrage which the general government should promptly redress. The public land is a sacred trust for the benefit not only of this generation, but of the generations that are to come. We have already given far too much of it away to railroad and other corporations, and the land wolves should not be permitted to steal what is left of it. If these speculators will settle down and cultivate the 80 or 160 acres to which each one of them is legally entitled, all right; but they should not be permitted to seize that to which they have no just right or title. They might just as well rob the treasury vaults in Washington or Wall Street as steal the public land."

CHICAGO, 21. — President Cable of the Rock Island Road, in an interview to-night, said the only basis on which his company will settle the present war on rates from the northwest is 30 per cent. of the business to Minneapolis, and 26 per cent. to St. Paul. Until this is conceded, he states, the Rock Island will continue to fight.

St. Louis, 21. — Commissioner Midgely had a conference here this afternoon with Capt. C. W. Rogers, General Manager of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, regarding the admission of that road into the Colorado pool. It is understood that matters were favorably arranged, and that the admission will take place at the next meeting of the pool.

New York, 21. — A notice was posted on the Stock Exchange today, that the Denver & Rio Grande would within 30 days issue \$3,840,000 in shares, the money to be ex-

pendent in further construction, thus increasing the capital stock to \$33,000,000. The Board of Directors explain that the object of this is to avoid floating debt.

It is ascertained that 25,000 shares of Northern Pacific preferred were registered yesterday in the name of Drexel, Morgan & Co.

WASHINGTON, 21. — In the *Jeannette* Court this morning, Engineer Melville continued the account of his search for DeLong and party. The narrative was very pathetic. He gave the details of the discovery of the party frozen to death on the banks of the Lena. The attention of the searchers was first attracted by hut poles sticking out of the snow. Upon seeking these the party advanced a few steps, when they saw a hand reaching out in the snow, which afterwards proved to be DeLong's. The rest of the party were then discovered, the remains of a fire near them, and evidences that the unfortunate men had been trying to remove their effects with the evident view of reaching the banks of the river. Melville said they evidently recognized the fact that if they died near the bank of the river their bodies would be carried away by the floods. Melville examined DeLong's journal found near where his body lay. The bodies were all frozen to the ground, but as soon as discovered were pried up, rolled together and covered with tent cloth. It was found when Ambler's was turned over he clutched DeLong's pistol. From this Melville drew the inference that DeLong died before Ambler, and that the latter had taken the pistol to keep of animals. Melville gave directions to have the bodies taken out of the snow and placed in a hut near by. He also directed those removing the bodies to be very careful to preserve any articles found on their persons.

Dr. Collins of Minneapolis, brother of Jerome Collins of the *Jeannette* expedition, is here. In an interview he reiterates the charges against DeLong and Melville for their treatment of his brother. Among other things he furnishes extracts from his brother's diary after the sinking of the *Jeannette*, which say: "We are preparing to go south; nothing is ready; we started with a rush, burst three sleds. There is no experience governing our movements, resulting in a mess of the worst kind, the men growling among themselves at the mismanagement." The notes show Collins killed the most game on the retreat. After a vivid description of a terrible fight in an open boat, he says "he never experienced such misery; wet by every sea, trembling with cold, and hopeless except in the mercy of the Almighty God. We sat jammed together for nearly 72 hours, when we sighted a low coast off the Lena Delta. Five days and nights we were in open boats, and then had to leave the boats a mile and a half and pack in a storm." The second day after reaching the Lena Delta he writes: "The general plan of running the machine, which has been our bane so long still holds like a leech, and sucks our chances of escape away. Our allowance is half a pound of meat per day." The sufferings of hunger are then described in pitiful language. The last entry was made September 30th. The doctor says he can establish the utmost cruelty of treatment of his brother all through the trip, even at the time when Melville was inscribing the names of DeLong's party on the cross erected over their graves, he placed his name, although the scientist of the party, under the head of sailors simply, J. J. Collins.

The Postmaster General on behalf of the United States and the Belgian Minister on behalf of Belgium, have signed an agreement between the two countries for the exchange of money orders.

RICHMOND, Va., 21. — The Virginia funding act, of 1871, under which the bondholders released the State from one-third of her old debt and agreed to look to West Virginia for that third, contains a provision that annually after the year 1880, there shall be collected the same as one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on all the property in the State, for a sinking fund to pay off the principal of the bonds. Counsel for London bondholders to day applied for a mandamus to compel the State officers to collect this tax.

Boston, 21. — Capt. Nathan Appleton states De Lesseps and General Turr, Hungarian canal builder, will be interested with him in building a ship canal across Cape Cod. The application on file in the State House gives three years to complete