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WASHINGTON, 20.—Reports of the engineers and officers in charge of the river and harbor improvements for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1883, have nearly all been made. The estimates aggregated \$83,059,052 statements of the amounts appropriated since the beginning of the work under existing projects are given in 231 of 291 cases, and these aggregate \$38,475,546. The reports show that a sum equal to almost half the appropriation made for these 291 works by the river and harbor bill of August, 1882, remained unexpended July 1st, 1883, the aggregate of sums remaining in the engineers' hands at that date being \$5,458,434.

Col. Casey of the Engineer Corps and Secretary of State Davis went to Westmoreland County, Virginia, last week. The site selected is about 300 yards from the house in which Washington was born.

Thirty stereotype plates of the catalogue of the Surgeon General's office were stolen from the printing office last week and found yesterday in some water.

Treasury officials are indignant at the announcement of the reported finding of a package containing \$1,000 in good money in one of the vaults of the building by a laborer in the employ of an outside firm. They state that the only foundation for such a story was the disappearance of a package of cancelled currency which was being transmitted to the macerating branch. It is claimed that under the system of checks and receipts now in use, such an error could not occur without being promptly discovered.

The order consolidating the internal revenue districts so far as affects the following districts went into effect to-day: The second and fourth of Nevada and Montana.

A telegram was received at the Department of State announcing the death of Judge Black, and the flag of the building was at once placed at half-mast. The building will be draped in mourning in honor of his memory. A circular was sent to the various diplomatic and consular officers directing them to place the flag on their buildings at half-mast for three days.

The Acting Secretary of the Navy has received the following telegram from Lieut. Welch, commanding the Pensacola Navy Yard, dated yesterday:

"Total cases of fever to date, 7, including Surgeon Owens and child; one death on the 17th. No new cases to-day. One case is reported in Woolsey. Will send the remains to camp to-morrow."

Totten and Thomas, counsel for defense in the Hill investigating committee, have filed arguments with the committee. Coleman, of the prosecution, will file his argument to-morrow. The report of the expert sent from Chicago is expected Wednesday.

The Secretary of the Interior was to-day informed that a section of 75 miles of the Northern Pacific Railroad near Mullen Tunnel had been completed. The company requested the appointment of commissioners to examine and report on this section of the road.

The Indian Bureau has been informed that the De Caribo Apache Indians are now on the way to the Mesquero agency, New Mexico.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office to-day transmitted to the Surveyor General of California for delivery to persons legally entitled thereto, the patent for the Rancho El Sebranto, in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, containing 10,982 acres. Juan Jose and Victor Castro are the claimants.

SAN FRANCISCO, 20.—The grand procession of Knights Templar which took place this afternoon, is admitted to be an unqualified success. The entire population of San Francisco and seventy thousand strangers have declared it so. The cheering was deafening throughout the entire route. It is the best represented, if not the most numerous convulsion ever held in this or any other country. At early as eight o'clock this morning, crowds began gathering in the streets along which the procession would pass, and by nine Market Street was rendered impassable, except the roadway, which by police orders had been cleared for the passage of the Knights. At half-past nine the Commanderies began to arrive taking up the positions assigned them in the street.

Market-street was reserved for the purpose. At 10 o'clock all had arrived, and at that hour the scene presented from the gallery of the Baldwin Hotel was one not readily to be forgotten by those San Franciscans who had the good fortune to witness it. On one side was a mass of decorations extending as far as the triumphal arch; on the other, four thousand richly clad Knights, representing every State and Territory of the United States.

At half-past 10 the order was given by the Captain General to move forward. The platoon of mounted police spurred their horses on to clear the way, followed by a detachment of police on foot.

The first Commandery to lead off was California No. 1, their silver embroidered velvet cloaks and plumed hats with richly caparisoned black horses attracting marked attention. Following them was Golden Gate No. 6 of Oakland, California, Commandery Grand Master Gov. Geo. C. Perkins, riding a milk-white charger, specially presented to him for the occasion by Judge Dennison of Sacramento, accompanied by his staff. Next in order came the various Commanderies of California, Oregon, Washington Territory, Nevada and Arizona, each preceded by their respective bands. These completed the three first divisions, after which up to the tenth division came the Commanderies of States east of the Rocky Mountains. Among the latter, particularly marked from the smallness of their numbers and pluck in coming were the Arks and Demolays of Fort Smith, Washington No. 1, Hartford, Damascus No. 2, Jacksonville, Florida, and Cyrene No. 8, Middletown, Connecticut, by Knight Brainerd Leroy, who in person represented his Commandery.

The approach of Lyon & Healy's band, of Chicago, with their striking uniform made every one ask, "Who are these Knights coming?" They were the St. Bernards of Chicago, who by the Knights of this Coast are held in especial esteem. As they approached, by knowledge of what they had done and the appearance they presented, they elicited long, hearty cheers. The tenth and last division was composed of the Grand Encampment, United States, led by Wm. Knox, Past Grand Commander of California, the Royal Hawaiian Band, selected by the Grand Commandery of this State as the official orchestra of the Conclave, immediately preceded by the Boston Commandery, which acted as a special escort to the Grand U. S. Dean. The Bostonians were highly complimented on their excellent appearance, cheer after cheer being given as they passed by, marching in close order and marked precision. Following them on a white charger came the prominent figure of the Conclave, Grand Sir Dean, accompanied by a numerous and brilliant staff. The procession terminated with Dewitt Clinton Commandery, Virginia, City, Nev., mounted on black horses and acting as Grand Guard of honor to the Grand Encampment. It is not invidious to say that the Virginians merited the compliment. In both horses and accoutrements it is generally acknowledged that they bore off the honors of the day. The Knights first proceeded to the pavilion, where addresses were delivered by Gov. Stoneman of California, Gov. Perkins, the Mayor of the city and others. They then marched to Van Ness Avenue, where they were reviewed by the Grand Master, after which the march through the city began. It occupied an hour in passing a given point. As near as can be determined 3,780 Knights took part, representing 377 Commanderies, from 46 States and Territories; in fact, every State and Territory in the United States.

MILWAUKEE, 19.—Fritz Ave, 50 years old, was struck on the head by a stone at a general fight at a picnic of the Deutsche Maennerverein, at Friedman's Gardens this afternoon, and probably fatally injured. Chas. Smith and Tom Johnson are under arrest as guilty of throwing the missile. Great excitement prevailed at the time, and the prisoners barely escaped lynching.

Gallatin, Mo., 20.—The trial of Frank James was begun in the Criminal Court to-day, but nothing of importance was done. The real work will begin when the jury is empanelled, and it will commence to-morrow. A large delegation of witnesses has arrived from Ray County, including several county officials summoned by the defence. Charley Ford and father are here

among the witnesses. There are many strangers in town, and a large force of special police was sworn in to preserve order. The first term cases on this docket were for the Winston train robbery of 1881, in which Conductor Westall was killed, and the Gallatin bank robbery and murder of cashier Sheets in 1878.

Chicago, 20.—The Federal authorities here arrested J. H. Armstrong, alias H. C. Bechtel this evening, for using the mails to effect the sale of counterfeit money. His circulars were directed mainly to points in Colorado.

El Paso, Tex., 20.—Intense excitement reigns in town in regard to the action of the county authorities in the murder case of Policeman Thomas, made by Howard Dougherty and his accomplices, Hern, Burt and Biddle. The prisoners were released five days ago, and the citizens maintain that several officials were bought. Farther trouble is feared. There is talk of lynching.

Selma, Ind., 20.—Last night Mortimer Hill shot his wife in the breast as she was lying in bed with her babe, then shot himself in the head and through the heart, the latter causing instant death. Hill had been married but little over a year and lived unhappily, owing to his habit of drinking. A short time ago he sent his wife to her father's, saying he could not support her. Last night he went to her father's house, took off his boots a hundred yards away, crept to the window of his wife's room and did the shooting as described. Mrs. Hill is seriously hurt, but not yet dead.

New York, 19.—During a storm early to-day, lightning killed 40 sheep and severely injured 21 others on the Stewart farm, near Garden City.

Providence, R. I., 19.—James O'Hare was probably fatally shot by Patrolman Tyler while resisting an arrest.

Chicago, 19.—Last night the sawmill of the Keaber Lumber Company at Rock Island burned; loss, \$200,000; insurance, \$90,000. Mr. Keaber broke an arm during the fire, had the bones set and returned and assisted in saving property.

Montreal, 19.—R. McCready & Co.'s boot and shoe manufactory burned to-day. Loss estimated at \$90,000 to \$100,000; insurance, \$75,000.

Three hundred persons are deprived of work by the fire at McCready's boot and shoe factory.

Toronto, 20.—At Brussels the river is three feet higher than was ever known. All the bridges and several houses are washed away. At Ethel, Henry Ferguson was drowned while saving logs. The river at New Hamburg is ten feet above the usual height. Great damage is done to Dawn and surrounding villages. The Matland river at Wingham is still rising six inches an hour. Farms along the bank are covered. Lower Wingham is flooded, and the water is steadily advancing on the business part of town.

Duluth, Minn., 20.—A hurricane swept over this section last night doing some damage at Agate Bay. Down the north shore the storm was heaviest. The dredge of William & Upham and scow load of lumber belonging to Rereton, Kimball & Barber were wrecked and sunk.

Oil City, 20.—A special from Garfield, Alarcon County says: Lightning struck the Kennedy Oil Company's thousand barrel tank at 4 o'clock. Several hundred barrels of oil were destroyed.

Franklin, Pa., 20.—A fire broke out in the still depot of the Eclipse Lubricating Refinery last night. Before it was got under control it destroyed a large part of the works. The fire started in 1,100 barrel benzine still, that exploded with great force, scattering oil in all directions. The fire department both of Oil City and Franklin worked upwards of six hours before it made any headway against the flames. Nine tanks, a number of stills, and a large amount of valuable machinery were lost. The larger part of the works were saved. No estimate can be safely made upon the amount of damage as yet. The Eclipse was the largest lubricating refinery in the world. The part destroyed will be immediately restored. Four hundred men are at work on the ruins. The refinery belongs to the Standard Oil Company.

Charleston, S. C., 20.—The News and Courier reports great injury to cotton by drouth, and greater injury threatened. The upland crop is estimated at three-fourths of a crop, and less.

Baltimore, 20.—The body of Capt.

Wm. Howell, assistant quartermaster in the U. S. Army, retired, was found floating in the dock on Locust Point to-day. Suicidal papers relating to business were found in his pockets.

Bayou Sara, La., 20.—Dr. Rhylant, prominent physician and planter, fell from his gin house and was killed.

Atlantic City, N. J., 20.—An old wreck, it is believed, was mistaken for a wrecked ocean steamer reported as ashore south of Long Branch.

Cleveland, 20.—Silas Merchant, manufacturer of ice machines and water pipe, assigned to M. G. Waterson, merchant. He estimates his assets at \$150,000, and says he can give no estimate of his liabilities; but hopes they will not exceed \$190,000. He attributes his failure to various causes, mainly inability to turn out as much work last month as expected, and disappointment at not obtaining money he counted upon.

Kirtland M. Fitch, defaulting cashier of the National Bank of Warren, telegraphs home that he was arrested in Detroit to-day.

Havana, 20.—Miguel Tene, manufacturer of the Majagua brand of cigars and dealer in leaf tobacco, has suspended. Liabilities estimated at from \$50,000 to \$75,000. He claims to own real estate that will cover his indebtedness.

Chicago, 20.—Saturday morning a man registered at the Commercial Hotel in this city as Mr. Cowley and wife. Not having reported for breakfast or dinner to-day, the proprietor ordered the door of the room opened, when the man and woman were found lying on the floor unconscious, dressed in their night clothes. The window and transom were closed, and gas escaping in the room. The man died before the patrol wagon arrived, and his body was taken to the morgue. The woman was removed to the hospital unconscious, and up to a late hour to-night could give no account of herself. The man's clothes were marked Tracy. It is thought to be a case of suicide.

Westfield, N. Y., 20.—Dr. J. B. Campbell, a prominent physician of this town, committed suicide by taking chloroform caused by drink. At the same place Wilder Rixford, a farmer in comfortable circumstances, shot himself in the right temple, the ball emerging from the rear of his left ear. At 9 o'clock Rixford was still alive and at times conscious; no cause known.

Harrisburg, Pa., 20.—The State Legislature is being officially represented by a committee of six from each branch at the funeral of Judge Black.

York, Pa., 20.—The funeral of Judge Black will take place to-morrow evening at five, from his residence near York, in honor of his memory the Court House is draped in mourning.

The York bar association held a special meeting to-day and passed appropriate resolutions. Nearly all business places will be closed during the hours of the funeral, in accordance with a proclamation by Chief Burgess, and all will unite in homage to the dead.

Montreal, 10.—An operator in the Great Northwestern office named England was attacked this morning on his way home by four strikers, who knocked him senseless and then tried to strangle him, but were frightened off by the approach of a policeman. England's wounds are dangerous, but it is thought he will recover. His assailants escaped.

ALBANY, N. Y., 20.—The National Telegraph Company was incorporated to-day; capital stock fixed at \$2,500,000, with a provision that it may be increased to \$10,000,000. The stockholders are Calvin S. Bruce, L. Chase, Frank C. Worcester, Brooklyn; John W. Simpson, Herbert S. Terrill, Walter Kalle and James E. Childs, New York.

CAMP IETON, 18, via Fort Washakie, Wyo., 20.—Promptly at 6:30 this morning we mounted our horses and with longing, lingering looks behind, rode away from Camp Arthur. Our course was in a westerly direction, along the north side of the Gros Ventre River. The air was clear and bracing and the day as fine as any with which we have been favored since we set out from Fort Washakie. The trail was beset with a few of those difficulties with which our fortnight's travel in the wilderness has made us so familiar; indeed, in the absence of fallen timber, rocky sidehills and steep ascents and pitches, the ride would have seemed somewhat monotonous but for a single feature which actually glorified it. We had climbed to the summit of a long hill about five

miles from Camp Arthur, when there suddenly burst upon our view a scene as grand and majestic as we ever witnessed. Below us, covered with grass and flowers, was a lovely valley, many miles in extent, through which a stream was threading its way to the river on whose banks we had just encamped. Along the whole western edge of this valley, with no intervening foothills to obstruct the view, towered the magnificent Teton Mountains, their own summit piercing the air 8,000 feet above the spot on which we stood in reverent admiration, and 14,000 feet above the level of the sea. It was the voice of every member of the party that eight alone would have fully repaid all the toils and perils of the march.

We are encamped in the Teton Basin, on the bank of the Gros Ventre. The locality, aside from the splendid view of the mountains which it affords, is our least attractive camp. The river at this point has an excellent reputation as a trout stream, but the wind has been blowing at two many miles an hour to permit much success at angling. It has been powerful enough to break the ridge pole of our tent; but fortunately not beyond repair. We are all in excellent health and are thoroughly enjoying our trip.

CHICAGO, 20.—The Inter Ocean Washington special says an active democratic politician, who is an active and careful observer, was in Washington this week, and spoke freely of the political situation. Among other things he said in Indiana Hendricks and his friends are working with great vigor and zeal to prevent McDonald from securing a solid delegation from that State to the National Convention. W. Henderson, cousin of Hendricks, and who possesses his entire confidence, is one of the men actively engaged. Judge Niblack, of the State Supreme court is giving much practical advice and sympathy to the movement. Another whom I believe secretly favors it is John H. S. maker of the Indianapolis Sentinel, although he professes to be an ardent McDonald man. A sort of literary bureau has been established in Indianapolis, and a good deal of matter has been sent to the rural democratic press of the State, advocating the claims of the Old Ticket. It is asserted and many of McDonald's friends believe that when the Hendricks people find a country editor who is not willing to lend his voluntary aid to their enterprise, they will make it to his pecuniary advantage to help along the boom for the Old Ticket. But it is strongly asserted that Mr. Tilden will not be a candidate, and that he is urging his friends to support Judge Hoadley. The correspondent remarked, "Well, I have reason to believe that if Hoadley carries Ohio, he will favor his nomination, provided he does not want it for himself. I do not think Hendricks and his friends believe that the Old Ticket will be nominated, but they hope to use their efforts in favor of Mr. Tilden to divide the delegation from that State and ruin McDonald's prospects. At any rate, that's what McDonald's friends say."

"As to H. Watterson and Tilden, do you think the support the Louisville Courier-Journal is giving McDonald is earnest and sincere?"

"Most assuredly I do; I know it. Mr. Watterson's visit to New York was misunderstood by most people. I have good reason to believe that he foresaw that at some time between that and the election of delegates to the National Convention, there would be a cry for the old ticket. In my opinion, which is not mine alone, but is shared by many of McDonald's friends, Mr. Watterson's famous letter describing Mr. Tilden's health and physical condition, was designed to provoke discussion respecting the policy and probability of putting the old ticket in the field. The object was accomplished; this and the result has convinced McDonald's friends that an attempt to nominate Tilden and Hendricks would not be formidable. An intimate friend of McDonald told me there is a perfect understanding, and that the Indiana candidate is very hopeful."

Chicago, 20.—Yesterday afternoon a middle-aged man of respectable appearance rushed into the Desplaines Street station, and approaching an officer told him that a posse of twenty armed men had followed him all the way from Salt Lake, whence he had just arrived. A little conversation convinced the officer that the man was demented. He drew from the eccentric fellow's pocket a large Colt's revolver and