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NEWS OF THE DAY.

More about the forest fires.
Concerning war correspondence.
Position of England.
Omaha R. R. bridge taxes.
Dorchester Revolution Monument dedicated.
Hot weather and sunstroke in New York.
A Pine Bluff editor arrested.
Speech by Gambetta.
Charges against Governor Potts dismissed.
Eastern war news.
A duel in Rome.
Papal movements.
Gold sales suspended.
Custom-house fraud discovered.
Fatal steamer explosion in France.
Warm times in the French Chambers. Sitting prorogued.
Rich placer diggings in Idaho.
Outrage by a negro youth.
Redemption of national bank notes.
Illinois silver coinage.
Extensive robbery by employees of H. B. Claflin & Co.
Poisonous candy makers indicted.
Movements of troops.
Fire at Woodstock, N. B., \$300,000.
The Grant and Hayes greet.
That for difficulty in Louisiana.
Revenue officers shot in Virginia.
Gen. Grant and party at sea.
Silk frauds in the customs.
Russians taking out war materials.
An obstreperous scholar knocks down and kills his school marm.
Fire at Winona, Min., \$90,000.
Fire at Onkosh, Wis., \$60,000.
Mac Mahon to Duke de Cazet.
Crooked proceedings of a crooked whiskey firm.
Army paymasters can certify to government.
No funds to move the Indians.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Architectural manslaughter is talked of since the New York Post Office and Rockford Court House catastrophes.
It is not right for a man to say that the Lord has blessed him with all he possesses. The Lord may bless a man with all that he obtains fairly and honestly, but that which he obtains unfairly and dishonestly is more likely to prove a curse than a blessing to him.
The Washington Star of May 12 says of Marshal Fred Douglass: "Allying to the report of his speech and the excitement in reference thereto—'It is all a tempest in a teapot.' He added that the Baltimore papers had studiously avoided what he said to the credit of Washington, and everything that could be construed into a reflection had been made prominent. The lecture, he said, was the same he delivered here two years ago, at which time it was reported and commented on favorably by the press—the Chronicle and the Republican. He may have been mistaken as to some of his statements, but what he had stated was his opinion. Some of the papers had been so violent that he did not care to notice them, but he would state his position more particularly in writing."
The New York Sun says Edward Joseph Gomers, a delicate lad of thirteen, died of typhoid fever, incurred by a drenching given him by three of his school classmates six weeks previously. It appears that one told rainy day Herbert Peck, Charles Conklin, and Frederick Woodworth took Gomers' umbrella from him, and pulled him under a stream of water which was flowing through the gutter of the wooden awning of a grocery. They held him while the water poured down his back. A crowd of idlers laughed at the grimaces the boy's sufferings caused. Edward Gomers went home drenched to his skin. He was seized with a fever a day or two afterwards, from which he did not rally. For some days before his death Gomers was delirious, and piteously cried out, mentioning his playmates' names, and asking them not to hurt him. He said frequently, "Don't let the water run on my shoulders; I don't feel well."
In pursuing the matter of the Lawrence-Townley estate in England, valued at \$500,000,000, it is said that the Lawrences have obtained a complete historical record from the middle of the twelfth to the middle of the eighteenth century. "The founder of the house, Sir Robert Lawrence, was born in Rome in 1150, but removed to Lancashire, served with distinction in the Crusades, and in 1191 was knighted and received a grant of Ashton Hall. The Lawrences and Townleys intermarried, and subsequently two other large estates were added by the marriage of a female Townley with Sir Francis Howard (afterward Lord Effingham) of Corby Castle, and of a male Townley with the daughter of William, Lord Widdington. Toward the end of the seventeenth century a Miss Townley eloped with one of the Lawrences, and was disinherited by her angry father; her mother, however, held in her own name and bequeathed her property to her daughter. The girl and her lover came over to the colonies, their descendants settling in New England and Nova Scotia. The last descendant clearly made out one Triphasia Lawrence, from whom the descent of any American claimant must be demonstrated."

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT?

THE question, "Who is responsible for the excitement beyond the mountains concerning Utah and the Mormons?" is of some interest. Suppose we say a word about it.

First—Those persons who reside in this region and who make it their business to slander, malign, and purposely and maliciously get up and spread false reports concerning the actions of prominent members of the community and the situation here. These evil characters, pests in any community, are particularly responsible.

Second—The New York Herald's special correspondent in this city (Mr. Stillson) who in a large degree is responsible. His later communications to the Herald have been of a character inconsistent with truth and misrepresentative of the present situation. His policy of telling the old lying tales of postulates will never bring him to a correct understanding of the real situation. If he sends the special dispatches which appear in the Herald, he sends things which he ought to know are not in accordance with the facts of the situation. If he had the mind, he could learn the facts, and it is his duty to the public to do so and to make them public, instead of reporting that which is untrue and misrepresentative and unjust.

Third—The New York Herald itself is responsible. By virtue of its being a paper of wide circulation, it should take pains and incur expense to get at the facts and spread them before the public, for general information, instead of misrepresenting the facts and trying to prejudice public opinion against an industrious, peaceable, orderly, and worthy people. If there is reason to presume that its special (Stillson) has fallen into the ruts of prejudice, to say the least, so that he has become incapable of representing the situation fairly and impartially, which undoubtedly is the case, the Herald, as in duty bound to the public, should remove him and send a better and fairer-minded man in his place, that a fair representation of things might be made and the law before the public and injustice be done to no one. Wherein is the advantage to the general welfare of making false and unjust impressions concerning a community, creating a powerful prejudice against it, and thereupon proceeding to fan the flames of excitement, indignation, and animosity against it, to an intense degree? This is no part of the duty of a great public journal, but it is the very thing the New York Herald is doing concerning this community, and it is nothing to the credit of that journal.

Fourth—The San Francisco Chronicle in a less degree, and all other public papers in a degree corresponding with their eagerness in publishing the highly colored reports from Utah, and in intensifying rather than allaying any excitement that may have arisen in consequence. Such papers are responsible for the excitement, and for the injurious effects of the same.

Fifth—The federal civil officials who know, or may know, and ought to know, the highly colored and false nature of these sensational reports, yet who either use their influence to increase the excitement, or who fail to represent the situation as it is, and to do all in their power to cause the sensation-mongers to desist from their wicked course, are responsible.

Sixth—The federal military officials, to their credit be it said, we understand have striven rather to allay than excite public feeling, and to deprecate the injurious efforts of the sensation people in trying to create a hot public sentiment against the people in this section, and on purely imaginative grounds.

Seventh—As to the excitement itself, there is none in this Territory worth naming, excepting so far as the people are interested in the reports of excitement outside the Territory, created by a parcel of unprincipled scoundrels, for present political and prospective pecuniary ends.

There is no necessity to resort to violence in "solving" the Mormon problem. There is no "Mormon problem" to be solved, any more than there is a Catholic problem or a Methodist problem to be solved. The only problem to be solved is the American problem—whether the people of the United States will abide by their Constitution, and its fundamental principles of civil and religious liberty, or repudiate them. That is the grand problem for the people of this great republic to solve. As there is no "Mormon problem" to be solved, Brigham Young does not choose the worst method of solving it. He chooses no method at all of solving it. There are already several stains on "our record as a nation," such as permitting the "Mormons" to be driven from Missouri, permitting them to be driven from Nauvoo, denying them an asylum in any State in the Union and thus virtually causing their exile into this then Mexican territory in 1847, permitting lies and slanders to cause the Buchanan expedition of 1857, these are all bad enough. There is no necessity for any further and greater stain upon "our record as a nation."

BY TELEGRAPH.

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Last Night's Dispatches.
FRANCE.
Paris, 17.—The explosion on board the war steamer *Revenache* has already caused the death of twenty-seven persons. Forty yet survive. The survivors are in the Chamber of Deputies.
Versailles, 17.—Gambetta, in the Chamber of Deputies to-day, said no vote had placed the ministry in the minority. There was no conflict in parliament, and while the Chamber of Deputies had suddenly demanded the resignations of the premiers, the nation, in its anxiety, asked whether these did exist, the side of the heart of the state a preponderating influence with which no ministry could cope. The Chamber only asked what President MacMahon, to-day, promised, namely, a pacific policy and depression of ultramontane intrigue. Gambetta cited a saying of Marshal MacMahon, made in the presence of the vile intriguers and conspirators who were now raising their heads, "Don't attempt this adventure; the Chassepots would go off of themselves." Gambetta added—"It is time to turn to constitutional rule. It is time to suggest by well-known counsellors that the President of the republic bears responsibilities over and above that of the ministers, and that of such a suggestion are the President's real enemies. They are leading him to ruin. Marshal MacMahon, during his military career, cannot have studied the political truth. The Chamber must recall him to an exact observance of the constitution, and divert him from perditional counsel. The country alone is sovereign. Let it be stated whether the intention is to govern with republicans possessing the confidence of the country or with men whose unpopularity has been demonstrated. If dissolution happens, the majority has no fear, but the country may see in it the prelude to war. Criminal are those who would provoke that." (Immense cheering and excitement in the House.)
The new cabinet is constituted as follows: Duc de Broglie, President of the Council and Minister of Justice; De Fourteen, Minister of the Interior; Eugene Caillaux, Minister of Finance; M. de Cassat, Minister of Public Works; Viscount De Meur, Minister of Agriculture; Brunet, Minister of Public Instruction.
The resignations of Berthout and Duc de Cazes, Ministers of War and Foreign Affairs, respectively, have not been accepted.
Provisional arrangements will be made relative to the Minister of Marine.
Fourteen is suspected of strong Bonapartist tendencies, and is also credited with talent for managing elections in the imperial style.
At a meeting of the right, a resolution was passed that President MacMahon only exercised his constitutional rights.
The newspapers of the right declare that the left's attitude at yesterday's meeting of the President MacMahon in the revolution he has taken.
Eager crowds surrounded the Paris and Versailles railway stations yesterday. Around the chamber the crowd was so great that soldiers had to be posted to keep the approaches clear.

TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES.

EASTERN.
Dividing the Taxes.
Des Moines, 18.—Judge Dillon, of the United States Circuit Court, has decided that the east half of the Union Pacific Bridge, at Council Bluffs, is subject to taxation by the local authorities on the same basis as individual property. The taxes amount to over \$12,000 annually.
Dedicated.
Boston, 18.—The Monument erected on Dorchester Heights, commemorative of the Revolution, was dedicated yesterday.
The Forest Fires.
New York, 18.—The forest fires in northern New York continue. Many families are homeless. The same may be said of the entire region, but the people at other points are turning out in a mass to stop the ravages.

The War Correspondents.
The Sun has a special from London giving the war news. The following are the most important points—To send reports direct from the Russian camp forfeits journalistic credentials; the best reporting conditions are subscribed to by each correspondent, on the back of which is pasted his photograph; a duplicate is left at headquarters; special aids to these are the superintendents of the press corps.
England's Position.
Disraeli is believed to be preparing to precipitate England joined by Austria, into a conflict with Russia. Diplomatic circles confess that England's participation is a dangerous conclusion. The war between the great body of the merchants whose business is carried on by the sea, and the Russian camp forfeits journalistic credentials; the best reporting conditions are subscribed to by each correspondent, on the back of which is pasted his photograph; a duplicate is left at headquarters; special aids to these are the superintendents of the press corps.

The Weather.
The weather is very warm, the thermometer marking 75 degrees at the highest. There have been several cases of sunstroke. Refreshing showers yesterday afternoon.

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