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WASHINGTON, 8.—The President approved the act to reimburse Oregon and California, and citizens thereof for moneys paid in suppression of Indian hostilities during the Modoc war; also, the act to provide for holding a District Court of the United States at Wichita, Kansas.

Folger to-day confirmed the report of the commission commending the selection of the Tabor property as a site for the new government building in Denver.

Treasurer Gillilan has received \$1,000 contributed by citizens of Lyons, France, to the Garfield hospital fund.

William Sanders and Patrick McCann are arrested and complete counterfeiters outfit captured at Philadelphia; and Dr. Isaac Adoran at Olney, Illinois, for forging Government drafts.

The navy department to-day received the following telegram:

ST. PETERSBURG,
January 7th.

Chandler, Secretary,

I have just received from Ensign Hunt the following telegram: Please inform the Secretary as follows:

Kirinsk, 31.—Aneguin is seriously ill in the hospital, with inflammation of the lungs. Myself, Manson and Bartlett remain here probably two weeks; Leach, Lauterback and Thoms proceed to await me at Irkutsk. The Russian Government has not yet ordered its authorities to permit and assist in removing the bodies.

[Signed.] HUNT, Minister.

The bill introduced in the House to-day by Anderson of Kansas creates a postal telegraph in the United States, provides that there shall be uniform rates of twenty-five cents per message of ten words or less, and twenty-five cents for every additional ten words. It contemplates a telegraph post office where there is a carrier system.

George of Oregon, introduced a bill to-day asking for appropriations for the Northwest Pacific Coast, principally in accordance with the estimate of engineers in charge.

The House appropriations committee has reported a bill asking for an appropriation of \$81,000,000 for pensions for the next fiscal year, as against \$100,000,000 voted at the last session of Congress.

The sub-judiciary committee heard Peck, Secretary of the Mutual Union Telegraph Company, on the hardship inflicted on his company by the refusal of the Western Union to receive its dispatches the same as those of individuals. The Western Union will be heard later.

Professor Baird has informed the Pacific coast members that in a few days he will send a carload of carp and other fish to San Francisco. These fish are to supply California, Oregon, Washington Territory and Arizona. Many applications for carp have been made by private parties owning or dwelling near lakes and ponds in which it is believed they will thrive. Their value as a food fish has been demonstrated.

The Secretary of the Navy asked the Senate for a further appropriation to put Pensacola navy yard in a state of efficiency.

The Marquis of Lorne wrote Gen. Sherman asking if it would be safe for the Princess Louise to winter in Charleston. Gen. Sherman promptly replied, in his opinion there is no safer or pleasanter place in the United States.

In a suit involving the liability of common carriers, the Supreme Court holds that in accordance with common law, the rule is, the carrier is responsible only for the extent of his own route and for safe storage or delivery to the next carrier.

The Supreme Court also decides that all animals imported for breeding purposes must be admitted free of duty, regardless of treasury regulations. Only animals of "superior stock" will be admitted free.

The so-called "legal tender" case went over, Gen. Butler, of Massachusetts, not being able to appoint a day when he can come to Washington and make his argument.

First Assistant Postmaster General Hatton is editor and manager of the *National Republican* of this city. He has conceived the bright idea of enlisting the postmasters of the United States in the noble work. There are about 46,000 in the country. Republican members of Congress a

few days ago received neat little bundles containing letters addressed to every postmaster in their districts, with the request that the member sign and forward to their destination. The letter is lithographed, and resembles handwriting. The letter is so worded as to convey the impression that it was written by the Representative; that Mr. Hatton has become the editor of the *Republican*; asserts the sterling qualities of that journal as a party organ, and the personal confidence of the gentleman signing the letter, in its ability, and loyalty to the party; invites the postmaster to engage in the work of obtaining subscriptions, and closes with the gratifying announcement that such work will not be looked upon as a gratuitous service.

Senator Farley arrived here to-night, and will take his seat for the first time this session to-morrow.

It is reported that should the Sandwich Island treaty be abrogated by the United States the Hawaiian government will at once accept the terms of reciprocity offered by England or Japan, because it is impossible for the little kingdom to stand alone without the support of some powerful nation. It is not known who will represent His Majesty Kalakaua since the death of Minister Allen. For more than thirty years Allen has been practically director of the affairs of the kingdom, and really its ruler.

WASHINGTON, 8.—Charles Perry, of the dry goods firm of Hempstone and Perry, killed himself to-night; dissipation.

New York, 8.—Aloys Meisel, of Brooklyn, dealer in toys in this city, killed himself to-day.

The body of Moses G. Hanauer, a wealthy Hebrew, and coffee dealer at 101 Water Street, who resides at 207 West 120th Street, was found at Fort Washington Point to-night; apparently suicide.

Detroit, 8.—A double suicide was committed in this city Saturday night and Sunday, evidently with the coolest premeditation. A man named J. Edward Monck and wife are parties to the shocking transaction. He was a discharged employee of the custom department, Chatham, Ontario, boarding at the Franklin House here. On Saturday evening their month old child was given into the temporary charge of a lady connected with the hotel to take care of. Monck then locked his wife into her room and went away. The lady finally growing tired of her charge, sought about midnight to return the child to its mother, but was unable to get into her room. Entrance was finally secured by means of a pass key, when Mrs. Monck was found dead on the bed, with every evidence that she had died from morphine administered by her own hand, or that of her husband. The same evening Monck went to the Brunswick House, registered under an assumed name, and telling the clerk he would not breakfast, went to the room assigned him. He was found yesterday p.m. in an unconscious condition from the effects of a dose of morphine, and died later in the evening. Both parties were under thirty, and have parents and other relatives living at Chatham. It is supposed dependency over discharge from his position, and failure of all efforts at restoration drove the pair to the commission of the crime.

Next to nothing is known of their previous history or any other cause to which the shocking event can be attributed. Relatives have already taken the bodies back to Chatham.

CLEVELAND, 7.—Word is received here to-day that a violent earthquake was felt in different parts of northern Ohio, between 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday morning. People were roused from sleep by the shock. Cases are reported of chimneys toppling over.

FORT FAIRFIELD, Me., 8.—The house of Henry C. Howard, Easton, burned; the family jumped from the windows to escape. Edwin J. Howard, who supposed his sister was in the house, rushed back and was fatally burned.

Minneapolis, 8.—At about six o'clock a fire destroyed three two-story frame buildings; loss, \$25,000; insurance, \$10,000.

Easton, Pa., 7.—Owen Lynch was killed and John McGovern and John McCarty seriously injured near Glendon station, by a locomotive backing up for a train.

Detroit, 8.—A fire in Telegraph Block, this evening, commenced at the foot of the elevator, and almost instantly spread to the two upper stories, which with the roof were burned. The night force of operators found their escape by the stair-

way cut off; all were rescued with fire escape ladders. M. S. Corbett, night chief operator, is quite severely burned. The large operating room, book-keepers' room, battery room, and superintendent's office are destroyed. It will temporarily restrict the work of the Western Union wires, but men are already at work to secure new quarters and restore communication. The loss cannot now be stated.

NEW YORK, 7.—A London cablegram says: The mission of the English Consul at Havana, Lionel Carden, to Mexico, nominally to inquire into the possibility of developing British interests in your sister republic, excites some curiosity here. The *News* no doubt expressing the views of Sir Charles Dilke, maintains that Mexico is jealous of the influence which the United States are acquiring and is therefore anxious to encourage the investment of British capital, as a counterpoise to that American influence. Mexico, it says, now feels that at any moment the United States can pour troops into its capital. All this naturally enough serves to kindle interest in Mexican speculations, and you will probably soon see all sorts of projects in the field for developing Mexican resources and for cutting out commercially the United States. So far as questions of trade are concerned Dilke seems determined to give a new reading to the doctrine of manifest destiny.

PITTSBURG, 8.—A gigantic scheme now contemplated here, is the federation of the coal miners of the United States. Object, protection and advancement to the interests of miners.

The States expected to join the movement and the number of miners in each are as follows: Pennsylvania, 70,000; Ohio, 20,000; Maryland, 15,000; Indiana, 8,000; Illinois, 20,000; Michigan, 4,000; Iowa, 10,000; Missouri, 5,000; total, 150,000.

CHICAGO, 8.—Some time since Samuel L. Clemens brought suit in the United States Court against Belford, Clark & Co., publishers, to restrain them from republishing his works. It appears in evidence that the books republished were not copyrighted, but Clemens claimed his pseudonym "Mark Twain" as a trade mark. The Court in the decision to-day held *noms de plume* could not be construed as trade marks, and that the failure to copyright left his works open to republication by any one.

HENDERSON, Texas, 8.—Andrew Jackson, (colored) who attempted to outrage a young lady, was lynched in front of the hotel Don Juan.

Reading, Pa., 8.—The authorities have arrested Daniel Sailor and Aaron Rhodes, country butchers, charged with selling the meat of three hogs which were bitten by mad dogs and died of rabies. It is alleged a number of persons became sick after eating the pork.

New Orleans, 8.—Captain Farrell, of the detective agency, this morning read a dispatch from Governor Hawkins, of Tennessee, instructing him to hold Treasurer Polk a prisoner until a requisition could be forwarded. The detectives say that they cannot hold a prisoner on the governor's dispatch until the Tennessee authorities reach San Antonio. Polk passed through this city Friday. He purchased arms, ammunition, blankets, drugs, etc.

Montreal, 8.—A medical student named Roderick Meignan, was arrested with a body stolen from the cemetery in his possession. The student was on his way to Bishop's College when captured.

COULTERVILLE, Ills., 9.—Yesterday afternoon a terrible explosion occurred in the coal mine of Jones & Nesbitt, near here, cause unknown. Twelve persons were in the mine at the time, and but two escaped, a man named Mason and a boy. Mason was at the mouth of the shaft and was badly hurt, the boy is uninjured. At 8 o'clock at night relief parties had not been able to enter the mine, the foul air rising in dense volumes from the shaft and overpowering them at once. The fate of the ten men is not known, but it is believed impossible that any can escape. The scene about the mine is heartrending, for 8 of the 10 have families who are calling in agony for their loved ones, whom they hope are yet alive. The names of the prisoners are Nicholas Kohl, Frank Byron, Harry Furey, Thomas Hanson, Harry Starr, Sr., Robt. Dunlap, Jas. W. King, A. H. Combs, Frank Stanford and Harry Starr.

CHICAGO, 9.—Early this morning Policeman Peter Soergel, shot and killed John Mozek, a Bohemian.

Soergel had attended the Catholic Bohemian Church Fair, and at a dance which followed the supper, was obliged to arrest a man for fighting. The crowd attempted to resist him and the officer fired, killing Mozek.

The *Commercial Bulletin* says: The fire record of '82 made mention of no fewer than 1,705 fires where the loss was \$10,000 and upwards, to say nothing of several thousands of less destructive fires. There were 1,309 fires whose destructiveness ranged between \$10,000 and \$50,000 each, 244 between \$50,000 and \$100,000, 101 between \$100,000 and \$200,000, 35 between \$200,000 and \$500,000, and 16 where the loss was between \$500,000 and \$2,000,000. The aggregate loss caused by 152 of these fires was \$34,250,000. By the smaller fires of the year an additional loss of at least \$56,000,000 was caused, making the year's ash heap cost the United States and Canada \$90,250,000. No wonder the year '82 was a hard one for insurance companies and the unburned policyholders who might have had their insurance cheaper if other's carelessness and recklessness had not made insurance so costly to all concerned.

The *Bulletin* includes in its list of large fires the conflagrations in Los Angeles, Stockton, Willows, San Jose, Oakland, Fresno, Eureka, Susanville, aggregating 1,135,000 dollars, also losses at Tombstone, Spokane Falls and Portland, Oregon, aggregating another million.

The body of a seaman, who had apparently been murdered was found on the ice at Wells Street Bridge this morning. The police think he was dragged there by murderers. That they tried to sink the body and that it caught in the wire of the bridge.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., 9.—A man who went by the name of Patrick O'Reilly, confessed to being one of the participants in the murder of Lord Cavendish and Under Secretary Burke, in Dublin last May. He confessed as Hugh O'Donnell, at Holly, Orleans County, and is now in jail at Albion.

Attorney-General Russell appeared to-day in the Supreme Court before Judge Barrett, to make application for leave to vacate the charter of the Mutual Union Telegraph Company. He would serve the papers in the suit to-morrow. He asked that the order be made returnable on Friday next and Judge Barrett signed it. It directs the Mutual Union Telegraph Company to show cause on Friday next why its charter should not be vacated.

A Lynchburg, Va., special says: At a ball in Bedford County on Saturday night, a young lady named Adele Read, said to Scott Clayton, who was calling the figures, that he was not calling correctly; he made some sharp response, which was resented by one of Miss Read's admirers, Armistead Barksdale. The latter called Clayton out, hot words passed when Barksdale drew a knife, sprang on Clayton and inflicted a horrible gash from the eye to the back of his neck, severing the jugular vein, and causing his immediate death. The scene in the ball room was sickening. The women in their fancy ball dresses, fainting and falling into pools of blood and a regular melee followed among the partisans of the two men. Barksdale escaped unobserved and wandering to another part of the county, borrowed a gun from an acquaintance and ended the tragedy by shooting himself through the bowels.

LEWISTON, Minn., 9.—Hank Flyck killed a local bully named Jim McHugh in a drunken quarrel.

WASHINGTON, 9.—The House elections committee has decided to report in favor of seating Calne, the Utah delegate; also Sessinghaus, of Missouri.

The ways and means committee fixed the tariff on tin per box at \$1.05, a reduction of \$2.10 per box, as the committee recommended.

The House commerce committee has decided to have daily meetings and to prepare a river and harbor bill.

The House appropriation committee non-concurred in the Senate amendments to the censular, military academy, and Indian appropriation bill, and added \$4,000,000 to the pension bill, making it \$85,000,000.

The Comptroller decides neither registers nor receivers are entitled to a commission of 1 per cent. on the minimum value of lands entered under the timber culture act.

The Secretary of the Treasury has authorized the coinage of a newly designed nickel, larger and thinner than the present coin.

Mr. Rollins, from the committee on public buildings and grounds, reported to-day Miller's bill to buy a site and build a new post-office in San Francisco. The committee reduces the appropriation from \$700,000 as provided in the bill to \$350,000.

Commodore William E. Hopkins will be retired to-morrow.

The tobacco convention this afternoon agreed to urge Congress to reduce the tax on tobacco from 12 to 8 cents per pound.

The Senate took a vote this afternoon on the reference of the Hawaiian treaty resolution, which is considered as tending to favor the abrogation of the treaty. The contest was between the finance committee, which is known to be opposed to the treaty, and the foreign affairs committee, which is supposed to favor it. The finance committee was successful by a vote of 31 to 20.

The bill providing for the performance of the duties of the office of President, in case of the removal, death, resignation or inability of both the President and Vice-President, as passed by the Senate, enacts that, in case of the removal, death, resignation or inability of both the President and Vice-President of the United States, the Secretary of State, or if there be none, or in case of his removal, death, resignation or inability, then another member of the Cabinet, in this order of precedence: Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of War, Attorney-General, Postmaster-General, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the Interior, shall act as President until the disability is removed, or until the vacancy is otherwise lawfully filled.

The Senate ratified the Korean treaty.

Senator Voorhees is opposed to Civil Service reform until after the inauguration of a democratic President, when he wants a clean sweep made of republican clerks and officeholders.

"If I thought the election of a democratic President meant a clean sweep, I would not vote the democratic ticket," said Abraham Schmitt, with great emphasis, yesterday. "The fear that it meant to hurt us two years ago. With a good civil service law on the statute book, the people will not be so much troubled by that fear, and we shall have a better chance to win."

Senator Edmunds had closed his scathing arraignment of Hoar's Presidential bill. The Massachusetts Senator felt considerably cut up. He charged Edmunds with coming in at this late day in unfair opposition to the measure when it had been for months all through the last session pending before the judiciary committee, and nothing had been heard from the Senator who had absented himself. His criticism was severe to the verge of cruelty.

Edmunds said the Senator from Massachusetts did him great injustice in arraigning him for absence during the past session. He knew—he stopped short, made a great effort to articulate something, failed, and sat down, with tears streaming from his eyes. A death-like silence prevailed. Some Senator in a low voice moved to adjourn. The motion prevailed, and the Senators noisily left the chamber, awed into silence by the violent outburst of grief from their venerable colleague. The cause of Edmunds' absence last session was the last illness of his daughter, who was the idol of his old age, and to whose loss he seems unable to reconcile himself.

Commissioner Loring has assured the committee of agriculture that the sorghum industry is beyond the stage of experiment. The department has learned positively that sugar can profitably be produced from sorghum. The committee for that reason and because some members are after Loring's scalp, refuse to appropriate any money to experiment further.

P.M. General Hatton denies sending the advertising letter to congressmen.

ST. LOUIS, 8.—The explosion in the coal mine at Coulterville, Ills., yesterday, seems to have been occasioned by the ignition of fire damp by blasting coal. Three blasts were fired when the explosion took place. Several attempts were made to descend the shaft, but the smoke was so dense that nothing could be done until nine o'clock, when a party of miners effected an entrance. After two hours' hard and dangerous work the bodies of all the dead were discovered and brought to the surface. Two of the victims were badly burned, the remainder simply suffocated.

HARRISBURG, 9.—Two freight