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WASHINGTON, 24.—The President has sent the following nominations to the Senate: James B. Angel, of Michigan, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to China, *vice* Seward, recalled; John F. Swift, of California, and William H. Trescott, of South Carolina, to be Commissioners to China to negotiate a treaty.

S. Newton Pettis, of Pennsylvania, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Wyoming; John F. Tiffany, of New York City, agent for the Indians at San Carlos Agency, Arizona.

Mr. Angel, now President of the Michigan State University, is a native of New England, and was formerly editor of Senator Anthony's paper, the *Providence Journal*.

Mr. Trescott was Assistant Secretary of State under President Buchanan, and previously occupied the position of Secretary of the United States Legation at London. He remained in private life on his South Carolina plantation during the war, and has been employed by Secretaries Fish and Everts in several matters of importance connected with the work of the State Department, thus he prepared the case for the United States, and acted as our attorney before the Halifax Fisheries Commission, and it is understood that he wrote for Secretary Everts the long report on the Inter-oceanic Canal question, which was recently sent to Congress. He is a learned and accomplished man, of distinguished manners and presence, and appears to be about fifty-five years of age.

General Staple, United States Consul at Higo, in a dispatch to the Department of State, dated January 29, transmits the annual report of the tea trade of that district, from which it is seen that 14,000,000 pounds of tea was exported from Higo during the year, and over 11,000,000 pounds were shipped to the United States and 2,500,000 to Canada. None was shipped to other countries. The report shows a large increase over the previous year in quantity and value, the prices being higher than in 1878, notwithstanding the great increase in production. Although all the tea shipped at this port went to America, yet more than four-fifths of it was imported by British and German houses, and less than one-fifth by Americans. The ports in the United States to which the tea was shipped were New York, 900,000 pounds, Chicago, 2,500,000 and San Francisco 50,000 pounds. The shipments to Chicago were an increase over the previous year, while those to San Francisco fell off.

Consul General Bailey, in a dispatch to the Department of State, dated Feb. 3d, transmits the annual trade report of China. His conclusions are that the trade of China never looked as promising as at the beginning of 1880. That it only needs an intimate knowledge of the requirements of the Chinese nation to enable the manufacturers of the United States to compete with the Chinese in the making of an infinite number of articles not now imported into China. The possibilities of the lumber trade, he says, are boundless, China having to look to the North Pacific coast of the United States for a supply of lumber. Navigation under the American flag still makes a poor showing in China waters, and a steam merchant marine is imperatively required.

Senator Hill and a friend have filed affidavits that Jessie Raymond was totally unknown to Hill, had no claim on him, was attempting to extort money by annoyance and threats to kill, that he believes the latter may be dangerous, asserting that she is an abandoned character, and requests that the police take action in the matter. His friend (Smalls) testified that Jessie had said that she would have \$500 or Hill's life, if she hung for it.

The House committee on Indian Affairs, having concluded their examination of Ouray and other Ute chiefs, they will start for Colorado to-night.

The House committee on railway and canals to-day took up the bill which proposes to extend the time stipulated in their charter for the completion of the Washington and Cincinnati Narrow Gauge Railroad. The subject will be again considered at the next meeting.

Secretary Sherman has accepted \$2,000,000 bonds. The receipts in excess of expenditures and interest

this month are \$5,633,000; bonds bought, \$8,000,000, premium to be added.

NEW YORK, 24.—The *Public's* table, to be published to-morrow, will show that the clearing-house exchanges from all points indicate an increase of business transactions over the corresponding week last year. The following are the percentage of increase:

New York.....	80.8	Louisville.....	29.1
Boston.....	34.6	Milwaukee.....	23.9
Philadelphia.....	47.6	Providence.....	45.5
Chicago.....	58.7	Cleveland.....	48.0
St. Louis.....	31.4	Kansas City.....	83.7
Cincinnati.....	53.3	Indianapolis.....	32.3
Baltimore.....	34.1	New Haven.....	48.4
New Orleans.....	23.2	Lowell.....	20.1
Pittsburg.....	53.8	Syracuse.....	14.7

San Francisco shows a decrease of just 10 per cent. Only a small part of New York's increase is attributed to stock speculations, for after deducting on that account, her percentage would be over 74. There is a large speculative movement on products which has affected banking operations at some other cities as well as here, and the gain in exchanges elsewhere is not very much greater than the average advance in prices. The banks are carrying very heavy loads on account of speculation, and the sharp demand for money here is due in part, at least, to the requirements with which the condition of legitimate business has little to do; still there is evidence of very general and wholesome activity in every branch of business, and a further moderate reaction in prices if it should occur about this time, would probably prepare the way for much more solid prosperity in the near future. As matters stand there is a prevalent feeling that the monetary situation is not entirely safe, and the prices of some important products are so high as to check transactions.

News was received to-day of the destruction by fire of the entire business portion of Samana, Santa Domingo, on the 9th inst. The loss is estimated at \$150,000. The fire covered the space of six acres; no insurance. Nearly all the merchants are ruined. The poor would be on the verge of starvation were it not that the country around Samana abounds in fruit upon which all are subsisting. Most disgraceful scenes of pillage followed the fire. It is said the pillagers of the place quarrelled over the distribution of booty and several of them were killed in the fight that followed. The fire burned with great fierceness and the flames leaping across the street swept everything away to the Custom House. In the Custom House was stored a large quantity of tobacco, ready for shipment. All was destroyed. The Custom House stopped the further progress of the fire.

The strikers in two firms of the piano and cabinet makers resumed work this morning at the increased demand.

The directors of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad propose the consolidation of all branch roads and other property of the company into a new corporation and to double the present stock.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy investment shares advanced to-day 7 per cent., and the Rock Island 8 per cent. on the reports of doubling stock or stock dividends.

The *World* says: The day has been an active one at the Mining Exchange, the sales amounting to 102,000 shares against 77,000 yesterday.

St. Louis, 24.—Jay Gould has ordered a road of 150 miles long extending into the Western Missouri coal fields to be built. Work begins at once.

The strikes are generally ended by mutual agreement.

At a meeting of the committee of which John B. Henderson is chairman, to-night, resolved to call a mass meeting of anti-third term republicans here some time in May. The call will be issued on Friday.

OMAHA, 24.—W. A. Starnes, chief of police of Atlanta, Ga., and deputy sheriff H. L. Collier, passed through Omaha to-day for San Francisco, to bring back with them S. R. Hoyle, tax collector, who was recently arrested in San Francisco for the embezzlement of \$219,000 at Atlanta.

Col. A. C. Tichenor, inventor of the electric process of reducing gold and silver ores, which will revolutionize old methods, passed through to-day for San Francisco. He has already realized \$200,000 from his invention, which has not been hardly introduced to the mining public.

BALTIMORE, 24.—The city post office authorities this afternoon arrested Eugene Fairfax Williamson, the originator of the late annoyance to Rev. Morgan Dix. Williamson

confessed sending letters, cards, etc., and said he had been in New York twice, stopping at the Windsor Hotel. He does not know what prompted him, as Dr. Dix never injured him. He had no purpose to extort money. He was taken to New York to-night. He is a single man, aged 40, and a native of Baltimore. Detectives have been following him.

BOSTON, 24.—There is very firm feeling and prices of all grades are well sustained. There is a confident feeling that wool will be no lower for some time. California is in moderate request, at 20 @ 38, with the stock considerably reduced and mostly of low grades.

TROY, 24.—By the will of the late Gen. Badger Tibbitts, of this city, \$100,000 is bequeathed with which to build a soldier's home in Troy, conditional upon \$50,000 being secured within five years.

ELMIRA, N. Y., 24.—At Lawrenceville, Pa., Sidney Green killed his wife, and being pursued shot himself dead. His wife had only just returned from the West.

DERBY LINE, Vt., 24.—A snow storm set in last evening, and 15 inches have fallen. It is still snowing, with heavy wind.

NEW YORK, 25.—In 1870, Ephraim Williams bought 10,000 shares of Kansas Pacific stocks and brought suit to make the directors reorganize. The suit was dropped pending the foreclosure proceedings, but is now renewed owing to the consolidation of the Kansas Pacific Railway Co., the Union Pacific Railway Co. and the Denver Pacific Railway Company, under the title of the Union Pacific Railway. A motion was granted to-day by Judge Daniels, of the Supreme Court to substitute the latter company as defendant in lieu of the Kansas Pacific Company.

It has been ascertained that Williamson, arrested in Baltimore last night for annoying Dr. Dix in various ways, was at one time connected with Trinity. A young man of this city called upon Dr. Dix and said he had known Williamson in London, where he had been tried and sentenced to Newgate for one year for blackmail.

CHICAGO, 25.—The *Inter-Ocean's* Washington special says: Ouray approves Teller's bill to withhold from the Ute annuities a sum sufficient to pay the Meeker women \$1,000 each per year.

Vice-President Wheeler disagrees with Speaker Randall as to the early adjournment, and thinks the session will extend late into the summer.

It is reported that the Grant and Sherman interests are about evenly balanced in South Carolina. Elections to the State convention are sometimes for one sometimes for the other.

The Georgia four per cent. bond, issued to circulate as currency, proves a failure, it having fallen below par.

CINCINNATI, 25.—The board of aldermen, in special session to-day, adopted a resolution requesting the board of public works to grant permission to the various telegraph companies to erect the necessary number of telegraph poles to give all the facilities needed by the national convention. The board of councilmen will concur in a few days, and the poles will undoubtedly be erected. There is no question that with the abundance of room convenient to the stage, the telegraph facilities will be fully equal to the demands of the convention.

WINNSBORO, Texas, 26.—Dr. Y. W. Harrington was called out to attend a patient, and assassinated near his own door.

GALVESTON, 25.—Among the manipulators at Austin, is Tom Ochiltre, who brings a letter of instructions from Don Cameron. Ochiltre had a midnight conference with Grant, on Tuesday, and declares that Texas instructs for the General.

A *News* Austin special says: Governor Davis called the republican convention to order and Wm. Chambers was chosen temporary chairman. Resolutions extending Grant a cordial and enthusiastic welcome to Texas, called forth applause, and were unanimously adopted. Adjournment was taken until to-morrow.

BOSTON, 25.—The weather is quite cold and a fierce wind prevails. Dispatches from points in New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont report a heavy gale with a considerable depth of snow.

KEENE, N. H., 25.—The most extensive fire for some years, broke out at 1 o'clock a.m., and is still burning. Clark's block is destroyed. Three stores are burned out and the First Church is in great danger.

E. F. Williamson the tormentor of Dr. Morgan Dix, met the latter to-day and begged for mercy, James

Gaylard, postoffice superintendent, said he was sure Williamson had no intention of levying blackmail. Williamson was taken to the Tombs.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., 25.—The republicans have held conventions in 55 counties of this State, of which 35 have instructed for Grant, three for Sherman and one for Blaine. Where no instructions were given Grant delegates to the State convention have generally been appointed.

SAN FRANCISCO, 25.—A Red Bluff, Cal., dispatch says: The two story employees boarding house on the ranch of S. Crane, four miles east of the town, was burned last night, Christopher Smith perished in the flames. All the other inmates were more or less burned but not seriously.

WASHINGTON, 25.—The deadlock in the House of representatives over Garfield's motion, concerning the Townshend tariff bill, was terminated this afternoon by the adoption of the simple method of the approval of Monday's journal, and thereupon withdrawing the bill from the Townshend committee, and referring it to the committee on ways and means, a common sense procedure which apparently was not thought of until after the House had become too deeply involved in parliamentary difficulties and too much excited by personal controversies to act upon any sensible suggestion, while the excitement lasted. The whole struggle in fact has been profuse of personal disputes and unparliamentary usages between members. The Speaker has been severely criticized for his rulings and bad blood has been stirred up all around.

The nomination of the new minister to China and those of Commissioners Swift and Trescott were taken up during to-day's executive session of the Senate and referred to the committee on foreign relations, which will meet next Tuesday. It is understood that the commissioners are not to enter on their mission until Congress shall first have made an appropriation to defray their expenses. This, it is believed, will be readily granted. There seems to be little or no doubt of their confirmation, and that of Mr. Angell as minister is conceded on all hands.

Representative Davis is assured by the ways and means committee that favorable action will be taken upon the petition of J. Berth, and some 40 other cigar dealers of San Francisco, praying to be refunded taxes illegally collected from them.

Secretary Ramsey says: The government can only receive Sitting Bull's people as prisoners of war, to be held until the government provides for their maintenance. Gen. Sherman regards them as British subjects.

Judge J. D. Latimer is here to try to get Paymaster Spaulding restored to the service. He was suspended on account of his being connected with the transaction of his clerk, Geo. M. Pinney, by signing blank vouchers, etc. Pinney having been acquitted by a civil court, and Spaulding having done more than any other paymaster had done previously, it is claimed that he should be relieved from suspension. It is also asserted that if the law had allowed him to testify in his own behalf upon his trial, as the subsequently enacted statute now permits in similar cases, the result would have been different.

The Utes leave to-morrow, confident that their people will agree to the terms of the Government. Two of the prisoners are freed by the evidence of Miss Meeker. The Interior Department is now believed to have a complete list of the guilty parties, coming from one of the Indians themselves, and it is expected that they will soon be brought in by aid of the chiefs now returning. Chief Douglass will be detained as a prisoner.

Mr. Davis to-day presented a petition numerous signed by San Francisco druggists, praying for the abolition of proprietary stamps.

Representative Briggs, of New Hampshire, has introduced a bill providing for an increased customs duty on opium and all preparations of opium, together with a special internal revenue tax on smoking opium. This measure is quite similar to Davis' bill, although introduced by Briggs without the knowledge of the latter.

Senator Farley to-day introduced a bill granting an increased pension to the late widow of Joseph Hasken, Lieut. Colonel of the First Regiment of Artillery and previously Brigadier General United States Volunteers. It proposes to grant her \$330

per month instead of the pension now paid her.

Senator Booth introduced a bill providing for the payment of \$350 to John H. Riley for services as photographic reporter during the investigation of the claim of Charles Murphy for excavating for the Mare Island dry dock.

GALVESTON, 25.—Gen. Grant, at last night's banquet, answering a flattering toast to himself, thanked the city for the cordial reception, referred to his visit here as a lieutenant more than a third of a century ago, complimented the State on its vast domain, wished for them and the entire south that they might go on developing resources and in their prosperity forget that there is a boundary between the north and south. (Prolonged cheering.) I am sure we will all be happier and much more prosperous when the day comes that there will be no sectional feeling. Let any American who can travel abroad as I have done, and with the opportunity of witnessing what there is to be seen that I have, and he will return to America a better American and a better citizen than he was when he went away. (Loud cheers.) He will return more in love with his own country. Far be it from me to find fault with any European governments. I was well received at their hands on every side, by every nation in Europe. But with their dense populations and their wornout soil, it takes a great deal of government to enable the people to get from the soil a bare subsistence. Here we have a rich virgin soil, with room enough for all of us to expand and live with the use of a very little government. I do hope that we may be able to get along happily and contentedly, without being too much governed.

Yesterday General Grant attended the wedding of Moses Freiburg and Nora Eldredge at the synagogue, and subsequently called on a boy who in endeavoring to get a peep at him had fallen from a shed.

GOLDSBORO, N. C., 25.—Two colored Sherman delegates are elected to the Chicago convention after a struggle.

CHICAGO, 25.—An *Inter-Ocean* Washington special says: The Senators and Representatives from California are not at all pleased with the selection of commission to negotiate an immigration treaty with China. They claim they have been badly treated, because it is a subject their constituents are interested in almost exclusively and they have been given but one member of the board while two have been selected who know nothing of the situation or needs of California. They insist that no man can understand the China question until he has come in contact with that race, and that learning by experience is vastly different from learning from theory its beauties. "The theory is that everybody is welcome upon our hospitable shores," remarked one to-day, "but it is a dreadfully disagreeable one, when applied to the Chinese." The Californians claim that Angell and Trescott have their minds made up and the result of the commission will, therefore, not change the present situation.

An *Inter-Ocean's* Washington special says: President Angell has accepted the Chinese mission and it is understood here that he will be granted a leave of absence of two years from his duties as President of the Michigan University.

CHICAGO, 25.—Charles Vivian, a well known actor of the Pacific Coast, aged 34, died on the 20th inst., at Leadville, where he had been rather unsuccessfully conducting a theatre.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., 25.—The House of Representatives has adopted resolutions, by a vote of 48 to 11, submitting to the electors a proposition for an amendment to the Constitution giving women school suffrage.

ALBANY, 25.—The Greenback Convention to-night elected a delegate at large to the Chicago Convention. Resolutions were adopted similar to those approved by the Pennsylvania Convention yesterday.

COLUMBUS, 25.—The temperance people blew up a saloon in Berlin this morning. The building was completely wrecked. No names are known.

LOUISVILLE, 25.—The Senate has passed the House whipping-post bill, which Senator Hayes denounced as a measure to punish negroes.

SAN FRANCISCO, 25.—A Wallalla, Washington Territory dispatch says: Hawlish Wanpo, chief of the Cayuse Indians, died Friday last on Umatilla Reservation. The funeral was attended by over 1,000 persons,