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NEW YORK, 13.—A long and excited meeting of the Erie directors was held to-day. The special committee, consisting of President Jewett, John Taylor Johnson, and ex-Governor Morgan, appointed to make a report to the stockholders on the condition of the road, presented their report, and considerable discussion followed, owing to the rumors afloat that the company could not pay its June interest. It was decided to telegraph to London that some arrangement would be made in regard to the payment of the June interest. In regard to the proposition to raise money by the sale of the company's coal lands, the report stated that a mortgage for half a million dollars had already been made on these lands on a long time loan. President Jewett declined to give the figures of the main part of the report, but said they would be furnished for publication in course of time.

Judge Blatchford, in the U. S. District Court, to-day, on the application of Jay Cooke and Charlesmagne Tower, holders of the first mortgage bonds of the Northern Pacific railroad, issued a decree ordering the sale, at public auction, of all the property, including lands and grants, of the Northern Pacific railroad; the lands and grants are to be sold in the States where they are located, the other property in this city, on the first Monday in August. U. S. Marshal Fisk and U. S. Commissioner White were appointed masters.

The following is the *Tribune's* report of the Beecher trial: "Although the end of the trial was thought to be very near, yet there was considerable surprise yesterday when it was suddenly announced, about 5 minutes before 3, that the last witness had given his testimony, and the case on both sides was ready to be summed up and given to the jury. Judge Neilson exhibited unmixed satisfaction when Evarts announced that he rested the defense of the case. The counsel on both sides also appeared relieved, and the jurymen looked at one another and smiled, as if well pleased that their long confinement was so nearly over. The reporters appeared to be ready to throw up their hats and cheer, and there were many congratulations and hands shaking among them. Before the opening of the afternoon session Evarts and Beach sat for several minutes talking and joking with the jurymen. The subject of their conversation was a proposed adjournment. The jurymen were strongly desirous of going on with the case without adjournment, but yielded finally to the wish of the counsel. After adjournment the counsel on both sides assembled in the judge's room, where they had a private conference concerning the future management of the case. Beecher stood for some time after the court adjourned surrounded by his friends, who shook his hand and congratulated him that the trial was so near completion. Beecher laughed and chatted busily, and Mrs. Beecher stood by smiling pleasantly, but speaking very little. Tilton remained standing alone several minutes, and did not glance in the direction of the group surrounding Beecher. He has been very busy with the papers in the case during the whole trial, and his face wore an expression of relief that his work was done. He left the courthouse in the company of his counsel after they had ended their conference with Judge Neilson. On Wednesday morning Judge Porter will begin to sum up for the defendant. He will occupy about two days with his argument, which will be devoted almost entirely to an analysis of the testimony; Evarts will follow him with another day's argument, devoted to two general legal features of the case. Beach will conduct the whole final argument for the plaintiff. He will begin as soon as Evarts has finished, and will occupy about two days. It is understood that Judge Neilson's charge, will not be very long, and he expects that the case will be finished the first week in June."

LEXINGTON, Ky., 13.—In the races to-day, the first race, mile heats, was won by Searcher, who distanced the other two entries, Light Coin and Lost Fortune, in the first mile, making it 1 41 1/2, the fastest time on record. Last year

Gray Planet ran a mile at Saratoga against time in 1 42 1/2.

The condition of General Breckinridge is unchanged. He is unable to converse with the friends who call, but retains his senses. There appears to be no immediate danger of death.

OSCEOLA, Pa., 13.—John Siney, president of the Miners' and Laborers' Benefit Association, addressed an excited crowd of miners here to-day. He said that if Captain Clarke, of the police force, received any injury, the responsibility rested on those who sent him here, not on the miners. He said there were times when people were justified in violating the law. It was robbing on the part of persons who came here now seeking to take the places of those out on strike, for they were robbing children and women of their bread, and should be treated accordingly. Siney then sent an infuriated crowd to Powellton, to drag the men from work, as they did at Fisher's yesterday. It is universally believed, among disinterested citizens, that if there is bloodshed and flames, the responsibility will rest with Siney and Parks, who are under the pay of the national organization, and, it is thought, are being paid by shippers in other regions, to keep up the strike.

The leave of absence granted to Col. De T. Floyd Jones, of the third infantry, has been extended to 11 months, with permission to go beyond the sea.

The Secretary of the Treasury is still engaged in prosecuting the raid against all the parties engaged in the illicit whiskey distillation. The Treasury agents have been requested, in cases where the U. S. attorneys and revenue officials fail to give their full support to the investigations in progress to report their names to the department. Agent Dilwan telegraphs that he has discovered a subterranean tank, capacity of 25,000 gallons, belonging to one of the Milwaukee distilleries.

An official telegram received at the Russian legation, from Berlin, says the Emperor leaves Berlin entirely convinced that the conciliatory disposition which exists there insures peace. The same telegram has been sent to all the Russian legations in Europe.

ST. LOUIS, 13.—The rectifying establishment of Freeman & Co., of Kansas city, and the distillery of Sheenan & Sons, St. Joe, have been seized.

HOUSTON, Tex., 13.—Jefferson Davis, in an address to the Texas veterans of the Mexican war, entreated them to be as loyal now to the stars and stripes as they had been zealous and brave in the defense of their first flag.

ALBANY, N. Y., 13.—The Assembly, to-day, unanimously passed resolutions calling on the government to recognize the belligerency of Cuba.

DES MOINES, Ia., 13.—In the U. S. circuit court, to-day, Judge Dillon gave a decision in the Union Pacific Railway terminus case, which was argued before him last Fall. He holds that the legal and stipulated terminus of the road is on the Iowa shore of the Missouri river; as to the bridge, he decides that the owners have an undoubted right to charge reasonable tolls. A *supersedeas* was issued in the case, and the right of appeal will be argued before the Supreme Court in October.

NEW YORK, 14.—A special dispatch from Rome states that the Pope's birthday anniversary was celebrated with extraordinary rejoicings, and that deputations, letters and congratulations arrived throughout the day. Twelve preceding pontiffs reached the age of 84, but Pío Nono alone surpasses the years of Saint Peter in his chair.

An investigation of the operations of the silk conspirators shows that of the silk placed upon the market in this city, the government has been deprived of a million and a half of dollars.

TRONE, Pa., 14.—About half the men at the Powellton mines were compelled by the strikers to stop work last night.

There seems to have been an open rupture between the Panama and Pacific Mail Companies; the Panama Company has been discharged from the further consideration of freights, and the Pacific Mail managers don't seem disposed to grant any concession.

CHICAGO, 14.—The raid on the illicit distilleries is being vigorously kept up. An information to condemn, for the non-payment of revenue taxes, was filed yesterday

by the U. S. district attorney, against the Union Copper Distillery, at Calumet. All the distilleries at Milwaukee, released on giving bonds by order of the U. S. circuit court, were, to-day, suspended by orders from Washington until new bonds can be issued, the old bonds having been forfeited by the first seizure. The distillers held a meeting last night, and telegraphed the distillers in Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis, asking them to join in the expense of prosecuting a suit against the government, contesting the constitutionality of the laws allowing these seizures, and for damages.

A Boston special says the wholesale liquor dealers in that vicinity are rejoicing over Secretary Bristow's raid on the whiskey ring, and the results; they have realized damage to their business by the frauds, the effects of which put prices so low that the New England people had no show to compete with western distilleries.

The Pekin Alcohol Co., and a rectifying establishment were seized at Pekin, Ills., by the collector yesterday.

Reports from portions of Missouri, Minnesota, Kansas and Nebraska state that the grasshoppers are already devastating the country of every green thing, and that the farmers are greatly discouraged. The pests seem to be young, at least they are very small, ranging from the size of a flea to that of a common house fly, but their destructive powers appear to be quite as great as those of the full grown insect. A gentleman who has recently been on a tour in southwest Missouri says the grasshoppers are devouring every thing green in that section. Cattle and horses are dying by hundreds, of starvation; they can find nothing to eat, not even in the woods, as the hoppers have eaten the buds and leaves from the trees. In Minnesota an investigation by a reporter of the *St. Paul Press*, sent out specially for the purpose, shows that, so far, only a portion of four counties is troubled with the pests, but deposits of eggs are found in other sections, and serious damage to the crops is feared.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., 14.—Chas. Davis, late postmaster at Union Springs, has been found guilty of embezzling money from letters, and, at the request of the district attorney, who states that there were extenuating circumstances, has been sentenced to the least allowed by law, namely six months in prison and fined to the amount taken. Davis was a member of the legislature in 1872.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., 14.—While the engine attached to the freight train going to New York City was passing through the arch at Sing Sing state prison, this morning, four convicts jumped on the engine, presenting revolvers at the engineer and fireman, compelling them to get off; they then cut the engine loose from the train and started southward, abandoning the engine three miles north of Tarrytown, where it was found with both the cylinder heads broken.

TYRONE, Pa., 14.—Fifty men went to work at the Sterling mines this morning, and at about eleven o'clock a fight took place with a few police and the strikers, and two of the latter were arrested; the police force was not sufficient to protect the willing workmen. L. G. Contri, editor of *L'Italia*, who, on Monday, was captured by the strikers, is at Tyrone, with forty Italians, determined to put them at work with proper protection. Military will be necessary to suppress the outrages.

COLUMBUS, O., 14.—The extensive works of the Columbus lumber and barrel company were burned this morning; loss \$23,000, insurance \$10,000.

PHILADELPHIA, 14.—The *Evening Telegraph* says, "It is alleged by reliable parties, that S. Gross Fry, president of the Philadelphia, Darby, and Spruce and Pine Streets Railway Companies, has made an over issue of Darby stock of from 10,000 to 20,000 shares. Fry, whom these allegations of wrong doing so seriously affect, is a man who has been favorably known in this city, and is the son of the late Hon. Jacob Fry, many years member of Congress and once auditor of this State."

CHARLESTON, S. C., 14.—Joseph Frazer, colored, was hanged at Camden to-day, for the murder of Benj. Cooper, in December last; he was convicted on circumstantial evidence and afterwards confessed the crime. On the scaffold, to-day,

he confessed that he had murdered his wife and child and a negro woman, and had burned many barns and houses.

ST. PAUL, Minn., 14.—Gen. Terry, to-day, received a dispatch from Ft. Randall, announcing that Lieut. Armstrong had just brought in the Andrews Wharton party en route to the Black Hills, from Sioux city, consisting of 42 men, 6 wagons and 22 horses; the party had proceeded within 60 miles of Harney's Peak.

WASHINGTON, 14.—The whiskey frauds are still receiving the attention of the Treasury Department, and solicitor Wilson is continually unearthing new frauds. Further record evidence was discovered to-day against the Union Copper distilleries of Chicago, and one hundred and fifty barrels of spirits were seized at their works, three hundred barrels were also seized belonging to Bemis and Frazer, in St. Louis, fresh proof having been obtained against them. Photographic copies of the internal revenue returns are being made at the Treasury Department and forwarded to the officers in different cities to aid in substantiating their charges. Among those made to-day was one from a gauger at Cincinnati, certifying that a certain number of barrels of spirits had been emptied and the stamps destroyed in accordance with the law, and upon a further search the same lot of spirits was found in Chicago in the original packages, thus conclusively showing collusion of the gauger with the distillers. On April 30th Mr. Wilson called upon the collectors of internal revenue in different localities to furnish certain information concerning transactions in their districts, but up to last night very few of them had responded and, to-day, the Secretary of the Treasury called upon them for an explanation or their non-compliance, and for an immediate reply; he is determined that all orders of this nature shall be obeyed, or the collectors must take the consequences. A large number of communications have been received from different sections from parties offering to furnish proof of fraud, and the Secretary has directed all such to furnish the proof to the proper officers and, if found valuable, and used, the parties furnishing it will be remunerated. Information reached here this morning that the distillers of Milwaukee had called upon those of St. Louis to combine with them in procuring the services of Matt Carpenter to obtain their release. In response Secretary Bristow sent dispatches to the supervisors at Chicago, St. Louis and Milwaukee, informing them that the best legal assistance will be furnished them in their efforts to convict those under arrest, and the government is confident of establishing the guilt of all the parties.

Commissioner Pratt will take charge of the Internal revenue bureau to-morrow. Ex-Commissioner Douglass has decided to open a law office in this city, and will practise before the Supreme Court and departments. NEW ORLEANS, 14.—The revenue cutter *John A. Dix*, with Captain Eads, J. F. Boffinger, Col. Andrews and others on board, left New Orleans at noon yesterday, and arrived at South Pass at 8 p.m. The engineers, in making the soundings for the line of proposed jetties, find eight and a half feet of water, and it is the opinion of the parties that the jetty will prove a perfect success.

NEW YORK, 15.—Morris and Tilton have taken care to see that all the letters and papers of the present suit are in their possession, and they have stored them away for use in the criminal trials which in any event, plaintiff's counsel and Moulton's lawyers expect to urge to some settlement as soon as possible after the verdict. Judge Neilson remained in his study yesterday, to outline his charge. Beecher's friends are serenely confident of a verdict, and are already counting on some joyful expression on a finding for the defendant; they claim that Judge Porter never enters upon a case until he knows which side has the truth, and then if his offer does not come from that side he refuses to be retained. This, they argue, will add such zest to his speech that he will not fail to carry the jury with him. Beach says that he believes the jury will return a verdict for the plaintiff, and on this belief purposes to make his speech brief.

Detectives connected with the capture of Lawrence say that the silk

combination to defraud the revenue is one of the greatest conspiracies ever formed, and numbers about 500 members, many being men of wealth and position here and abroad, the most extensive ramifications being in England and on the continent, agents being kept in nearly every port.

A London special says that 130 bodies have been recovered from the wreck of the *Schiller*, including those of Wm. Frahm, of Davenport, Ia., M. Huriman, of Ills., and Theo. Leonhard and family, of Augusta, Ga.

BOSTON, 15.—The investigation into the books of the liquor firms here resulted in the seizure, in transit into the city, of fifty thousand dollars worth of liquor, consigned principally to Mills & Co., and to C. A. & W. Bird; no firms in this city have been implicated in any complicity in the contraband traffic.

WASHINGTON, 15.—Judge Pierpont, the new Attorney-General, took charge of his office to-day, and was called upon by the heads of bureaus and others. Commissioner Pratt took charge of the Internal Revenue Office to-day.

The Secretary of the Treasury has just made a call for five million of the coupon bonds upon which interest will cease after August 15; the securities for their redemption should be addressed to the loan division of the Secretary's office.

ROCKLAND, Me., 15.—Alfred Spear, while drunk last night, shot his wife twice, then killed himself; his wife will recover.

NEW YORK, 15.—The newspapers have recently been discussing the formation of a mining stock board in this city, and an evening paper, to-day, says that an active interest has become manifest in this city in the silver mining operations now going on in the west, and the belief is becoming general that New York is on the verge of a new mining speculation, and the proposition to establish a new mining board of brokers is well supported.

The following from Kingston, Jamaica, dated May 8, gives the story of the latest revolution in Hayti:

"On Saturday, the 1st of May, was celebrated the annual agricultural festival throughout Hayti. On the evening previous President Dominique was advised of a conspiracy to assassinate him the following day, with a view to establish Monplaisier Pierre in the presidency, the latter being supported by Generals Bryce and Canol. While the President was in church three separate bodies of troops were sent to arrest the conspirators. General Bryce, residing immediately opposite the British Consul, was first surrounded; he refused to surrender and shot down four Haytian officers before he was fired on and mortally wounded, when he crept into the British Consul's and died. A shot intended for Bryce killed a servant of the British Consul; the servant of General Bryce was also killed. When the troops reached the residence of Monplaisier Pierre, who was the candidate for the Presidency when General Nissage's term expired, he resisted until wounded, when he retired to his attic and shot himself. When General Canol was met he was in the vicinity of the American minister's at the head of a body of soldiers. These, on seeing the government troops, forsook General Canol, and fled, and the General went into Minister Bassett's residence, under the stars and stripes, where he remained. The scene which followed is indescribable. The President is a man of overwhelming passion, and he directed the arrest of every person suspected, and arrests were made throughout the republic, causing a general panic. Several houses and stores were pillaged and burned."

Collector Freeland, acting under orders from Washington, has detained about one hundred and fifty barrels of whiskey in Brooklyn, which recently arrived from the West, and which is supposed to be crooked. Collector Freeland is now inspecting all the rectifying establishments in his district; there are fifteen such places, and the object of the inspection is to ascertain whether any so-called crooked whiskey has been received since the seizures were made public. The owners of the only two distilleries in the district have notified the collector of their intention to run to their full capacity; and all that have been closed, or partially