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NEW YORK, 21.—The *Times* says of Park: The purchase of the Emma mine and its sale to English capitalists, in conjunction with General Schenck, was an operation which brought him into unenviable notoriety. His friends assert that he repurchased the property and held it to the time of his death. His latest prominent appearance before the public was at the time of the legislative investigation of Judge Westbrook, when he appeared as a witness and told the committee something about the way in which he managed to obtain the control of the Lebanon Springs railroad after it had been placed in the hands of a receiver.

OSWEGO, 21.—The Mansard block owned by the United States life insurance of New York was burned last night, together with the Union Hotel adjoining. Loss \$85,000, partly insured.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, 21.—All the expelled juniors of Adelbert College are reinstated except two of the most stubborn.

CHICAGO, 20.—A Matamoros special says: A band of 45 brigands made a sudden attack on the town of Ahurcathan, Pueblo, yesterday, and by a display of firearms overawed the inhabitants, who fled terror-stricken to their homes. The brigands seized and bound the mayor, justice and aldermen and carried them away captives, intending to hold them for a large ransom.

CHICAGO, 21.—Mayor Harrison says he will not interfere with the parade of armed socialists when Herr Most arrives, unless a disturbance occurs. They violate a State law in carrying arms, but no municipal law.

ROCHESTER, 21.—Wm. C. Moore's private banking house, at Victor, N. Y., has closed its doors. The suspension was caused by the failure of the city bank of Rochester. Liabilities estimated at \$10,000. Moore made an assignment to Josiah Upton. The bank will hardly pay more than 10 per cent.

A Clinton, Ills., special says: J. A. Wilson, treasurer of De Witt County, committed suicide yesterday by hanging himself with a halter. He leaves a wife, a mother and children, who were dependent on him. He has been speculating heavily in grain, and his losses are supposed to be heavy. He was regarded as worth \$50,000.

WASHINGTON, 21.—Senator Saunders introduced a bill at the request of a delegation now in Washington, to admit Utah as a State. The delegation have been here some time, and desire to appear before the Senate Committee on Territories and urge their claims, but the matter was not before the Senate, and in order to bring it there, the bill had to be introduced. The delegation have labored under some embarrassment, because they found an indisposition on the part of Senators to introduce their bill. Saunders, however, told them that he would introduce it for them by request, although they must not take it for granted on that account that he favored the measure. The bill does not provide any organic act or any legislation on the subject of polygamy; but on the contrary stipulates that the laws of the United States are to be enforced, except such as are locally inapplicable. This provision undoubtedly will be broad enough to perpetuate polygamy were Utah once endowed with the power of a State, and out from under the dominion of federal supervision.

The report now preparing by the House committee on elections on the claim of Caine of Utah will, without doubt, recommend his admission as Delegate on the same ground that McLean of Missouri was admitted recently. The committee in its report will take the ground that Utah under the Constitution is rightfully entitled to a Delegate, and there is no doubt of Caine's election to fill the vacancy existing, the recommendation will be made that he be sworn in. The polygamy question cannot enter into the matter to any extent, because Caine is a monogamist.

RICHMOND, Va., 21.—Suit is entered in the Chancery Court, by Mrs. Henrietta Pigeon, who sues by her next friend, C. J. Carrington, for divorce from her husband, Richard Pigeon. Mrs. Pigeon alleges that she was married on July 2d, 1864, in London. Shortly afterwards they came to the United States, and

lived in various parts of the country. More than five years ago her husband deserted her and her son, the issue of the marriage, and he has not contributed to her support since. Mrs. Pigeon is none other than Mrs. Labouchere, former companion of Mrs. Langtry. The case will come up at the February term of the Chancery Court.

WASHINGTON, 21.—Ingersoll began his opening address on behalf of the Dorseys this morning. He urged them to disregard popular clamor, the wishes of the President and regard simply the facts. He began eulogizing Dorsey, when the Court stopped him; he must limit his speech to what he expects to prove, and not turn witness regarding his friendship with Dorsey.

The Attorney General recently requested Mr. Bliss to press the cases submitted to arbitration to speedy trial.

CHICAGO, 21.—Died yesterday, at the Home for the Fallen, Des Moines, a girl whose name was written in red letters in this city's criminal record—Ida Sloan, alias "Gold Dust." She was a pavement debauchee, and returned one night to her disreputable lodging house, after she had quarrelled with a room-mate, broke her skull with a water pitcher, and in a drunken stupor slept with the corpse. Awakening, she swallowed a pint of whisky, threw the body in the closet, locked the door, flung away the key and tramped the streets, drinking heavily, until late at night she was arrested and sent to Bridewell. A week later the smell of the corpse invoked a search and discovery. The girl was acquitted as evidently out of her senses when the crime was committed. She went to Denver, and perhaps to San Francisco, and after a wild, troubled life, brought up in Des Moines, where she died of delirium tremens.

Denver, 20.—Lieutenant Governor Tabor, acting governor, has commuted the sentence of Andrew Biggs, who was to have been hung at Ouray, to-morrow, to imprisonment for life.

F. M. Briggs, superintendent of carriers, and chief clerk in the Denver postoffice, was arrested to-day on a charge of abstracting money from a registered letter, and held in the sum of \$1,000; examination on the 28th inst. He is a nephew of Postmaster Byers, and heretofore has borne an excellent reputation.

Raleigh, 21.—A riot in Lincoln, originating in an attack of train hands upon a paymaster, caused great excitement. The town commissioners called out the local military company, which arrested 30 leading rioters. Repeated threats were made by negroes to burn the town. The citizens kept a patrol day and night. This afternoon the governor received a telegram stating the trouble had begun afresh. Troops are ordered to the scene.

Montreal, 21.—The chief of police has received notice from Scotland Yard of a great diamond robbery in London, and the offering of a reward of \$2,500 for the capture of the thief.

The House public lands committee to-day adopted a substitute for Packer's brush fence bill. Its provisions apply particularly to California lands.

In behalf of the bill to consolidate the Southern Pacific and the Texas Pacific, it is argued that the roads desire to consolidate merely to do business more readily under one manager, unembarrassed by the dozen or more charters under which the various corporations between New Orleans and San Francisco have been formed.

The President nominated Geo. M. Lamberton, United States Attorney for Nebraska.

The ways and means committee approved the classification of the sugar schedule as made in the Tariff Commission report, and recommended the adoption of the polariscope test. No decision about rates was reached.

The ways and means committee this morning voted 6 to 4 allowing rebate in case of reduction or repeal of the tobacco tax.

The question of unearned land by railroads is to be revived in judiciary committee after the Christmas recess. Members of the committee in favor of forfeiture say they don't intend to let the question rest if they can prevent it by pressing it for definite action by the committee.

Fifty-three members of the House have obtained leave of absence, and ten more members have left without leave. There are about twenty-five applications for leave now pending.

The Senate to-day refused to adopt the House resolution for adjournment over the holidays, but if the civil service bill is passed to-morrow, the Senate will probably reconsider its action to-day, and consent to the adjournment. If it don't, there will not be a quorum of the House present at any time next week for the transaction of business.

The Supreme Court adjourned to-day till January 23rd.

Sherman this afternoon reported to the Senate from the committee the bill proposed by the Tariff Commission with further provisions for the collection of duties on imports. The Commission found many articles being appraised for import duty under the general provision relating to articles not specified, while their substantial equivalents in material are on the free list. This is remedied in the present bill.

Congressman Cassidy, of Nevada, makes relentless warfare upon the polygamists of Utah. His latest movement in that direction was the introduction of a bill for the repeal of the act of the Territorial Legislature of 1870, which conferred upon women the right of suffrage.

WASHINGTON, 21.—A telegram is received from the superintendent of the mail service, saying the storage car on train 19, New York & Chicago railway postoffice, with contents, was burned about two o'clock this morning, six miles west of Schenectady. It contained mostly newspaper mail for the Toledo & Wabash connection, but part of the paper mail from New York was for Iowa, Wisconsin and Nebraska; also three pouches of letters for Chicago from New York City, two pouches of letters for San Francisco, and probably much of European mail for Chicago and San Francisco which arrived by the *Bothnia*, City of Chester and *St. Laurent*.

All the trans-Pacific foreign mail mailed during the 24 hours preceding 7.30 p.m. of the 20th inst., is included in the mails destroyed.

Philadelphia, 21.—Loss by last night's fire nearly \$300,000, about two-thirds insured. Loss distributed among a large number of persons.

Goldsmith's Hall, Library Street, burned; loss, \$100,000; insurance \$50,000.

Buffalo, 21.—This evening a fire destroyed the fine *Commercial Advertiser* building and all its contents, including files of the paper for half a century. The Masonic Temple occupied the upper stories, and grocery stores were in the lower part. The *Advertiser's* loss is \$175,000; insurance \$125,000. The paper will be issued from the office of the *Courier* to-morrow. Henry Smith, foreman, was fatally injured.

CHICAGO, 21.—T. B. Gardner, lumber dealer, and once worth a million, has failed. Liabilities estimated at \$60,000; assets nearly as much. This is his third failure.

Judgment is sustained here against the Keystone Building Company for \$159,000 in favor of Z. E. Packer, of Colorado. It appears Ellains, who contracted to build a company in Lebanon, Mo., to Fort railroad from and Ellains advanced Scott, Kas., an advance bonds as collateral the money, taking and been graded. After 65 miles had been laid of the road was put into the hands of a receiver. The mechanic \$60,000 against the company were \$10,000. The company is said to have \$10,000 worth of rails.

New York, 21.—The Merchants & Manufacturers' Bank of Pittsburg filed judgment for \$309,375 against Siemens Anderson Steel Company.

Boston, 21.—The *Traveller* says: Upton, president of the suspended Rochester Bank, it is rumored, made important transfers of real estate to his wife within the past few days.

DAYTON, O., 21.—Rear Admiral Jas. T. Schenck died to-day of neuralgia of the heart, aged 75. He has lived in this city since 1836, coming here after being placed on the retired list of naval officers. He entered the United States naval service in 1821, on board the *Hornet* as midshipman, and was successively promoted through the various ranks till he reached that of Rear Admiral in 1868. He saw service under Commodore Stockton in the Mexican war, and later, commanded a fleet of fourteen vessels in the attacks upon Fort Fisher in the rebellion. He was a brother of C. R. Schenck.

CHICAGO, 21.—Jere Dunn, manager of John L. Sullivan, pugilist, states the reason why no arrangement for a glove fight between Sullivan and Elliott for some other city was made after it was prohibited here, is the fact that Elliott is really a sick man, suffering from paralysis. Sullivan goes to New York after a few days, thence to the Hot Springs

for six weeks, thence to San Francisco, where he will appear.

PHILADELPHIA, 21.—Dredge boat No. 1, built for use on the Panama Canal, was successfully launched here. It is called the *Count de Lesseps*, and is said to be the largest dredge boat ever built.

HARTFORD, 21.—The Ford Brothers advertised a lecture, with an illustration of the manner of the killing of Jesse James. Just \$2 was taken at the door. The lecture was postponed.

NEW YORK, 22.—Business failures throughout the country during the last seven days, as reported to R. G. Dun & Co., mercantile agency 197, Eastern States 22, Western 62, Southern 40, Middle 25, Pacific Coast 20, Canada 12, New York City 6, this is eleven less than last week.

The *Sun's* Washington special says: Hillier and Sunderland, of California, entrusted several hundred thousand dollars to Kilbourne, Latta & Olmstead, to be invested in the great real estate pool engineered by Latta during the reign of Boss Shepherd. They both claim to have been swindled by the brokers. It is said by those well informed, that in the testimony of the charges of fraud, a whole mass of revolting perjury will come to light when the truth is published to the world.

BIRMINGHAM, Conn., 12.—Bassett's paper box, factory and Halleck's hardware factory burned this morning, loss \$10,000.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., 22.—A passenger train from New York on the New York & New Haven Road ran into a switch engine here, derailling the smoker and first passenger car and smashing both locomotives. Several passengers were badly injured. Cause, carelessness.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., 22.—Forefathers' Day is a general holiday here and was ushered in by a display of flags, firing salutes and ringing bells. The Plymouth Band, the Standish Guards and Collingwood Post of the Grand Army of the Republic marched to Pilgrim Hall where the invited guests were received. The march was then resumed to the Rock on which the Pilgrims landed, where a volley was fired by the military escort, and those present sang the hymn, "America." Thence the procession marched to the First Parish Church which was filled to overflowing, exercises commended by deaconing, line by line, the hymn—

Let children hear the mighty deeds  
Their sires achieved of old,

which was sung to the tune of St. Martin's by the congregation. Other appropriate hymns were sung and selections from scripture read. Rev. Geo. Tewksbury gave a historical address upon the subject of the day, and the exercises concluded with singing a hymn written by Gov. Long for the occasion. Upon the conclusion of the services in the church a procession was formed and marched to Davis Hall, where plates were laid for a large number of guests, and where further exercises will take place.

WASHINGTON, 22.—The Postmaster General has entered into a contract with the St. Louis inventor of the new postal envelope to furnish 20,000,000, the Government, however, not to pay for any more than used; so if they do not become popular the Government will lose nothing.

Postal experts find a great many objections to them and doubt if they will become popular. They are they will be a form for filing, one in inconvenient will catch in the end open so they will be concealed distribution of mail, cards are very likely to be lost in them.

The bills for the admission of Alaska and Washington Territories will be brought up after the holidays by Representative Burrows, Chairman of the Committee on Territories. Burrows says a strong effort will be made to secure their passage, but he has very little hope of succeeding as the democrats are determined in their opposition to anything which looks to increase republican power in Congress, or in the electoral college. These Territories being largely republican, their chances of admission are almost hopeless.

A case of very considerable importance, particularly to the people of Virginia, will in a few days be argued in the United States Supreme Court. The case of Andrew Antonio against Samuel Greenbaum involving the constitutionality of Riddleberger debt act, on which the readjuster party is based. The question is if the State can violate her solemn obligations with her creditors, in violation of that provision of the Constitution which declares

"that contracts shall not be impaired." If the Riddleberger act is knocked to pieces, the Mahone party will be damaged beyond the possibility of repairing it.

The following was received to-day: Pierre, Dak., 21st.—Indians at Cheyenne River agency signed an agreement to-day. We are on our way to Yankton. J. H. Teller, Secretary Sioux Commission.

A bill was reported in the House for the free importation of books for the blind, accompanied by a report from the ways and means committee, which bases the reasons for recommending its passage upon the fact that there is but one place in the country where these books are made.

The Secretary of War has granted the request of the French scientists who observed the transit of Venus at Fort Brooks, Florida, for permission to erect a brass tablet at that fort, in commemoration of their visit.

The number of immigrants which arrived during the five months ending November 30th, was 214,611.

There appears to have been good reason for the Riddleberger McCarthy duel not taking place. McCarthy is dead. Young Mahone, who is about the Senator a great deal, said to-day his father sent for Riddleberger and said to him: "This duel business will have to stop right off. I have made a big fight in Virginia, and have carried my point with great difficulty. Do you suppose for one moment I am going to allow you to go out and have a vacancy made in the United States Senate by McCarthy's bullet? Just as sure as you get in line with McCarthy's pistol you are a dead man. I would have no objections to your being shot at as an individual, my dear Riddleberger, but under the circumstances, I have a good deal more use for you on this earth than I have off from it. So restrain yourself my dear boy." Riddleberger accepted this advice.

The ways and means committee fixed the following rates: Brown acetate of lead, 4 cents per pound; white acetate of lead, 6 cents; white lead, when dry as in bulk, 3 cents; litharge, 3 cents; orange mineral red lead, 3 1/2 cents; lead, in sheets, pipe or shot, 2 1/2 cents; adjourned till Wednesday next.

Van Wyck reported to the Senate his bill agreed upon by the committee on public lands, which proposes to compel the railroad companies to pay taxes on lands granted by the Government. It provides that the lands which the companies are entitled to select on payment of expense of surveying and yet refuse to take patents for, shall within one year after the time the company becomes entitled to patents, be forfeited to the United States and made public domain. The Union, Central and Kansas Pacific are said to be the companies principally affected by this measure, the amount of lands involved approximating 15,000,000 acres, located in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and California.

WASHINGTON, 22.—The Dickson case bred many stormy scenes this morning. Dickson's testimony was strengthened by cross-examination.

New York, 22.—Alexander Hicks, a colored man of Brooklyn, committed a double murder to-night and seriously wounded two others. Mrs. Emma Jackson, an aged colored woman, her daughter Annie, Henry Hicks, colored, and Celestial Jeffers, brother of the murderer. Alexander, who loved Annie, was jealous of his brother Celestial, and Hicks on several occasions threatened to kill the whole family. To-night he stealthily approached and discharged a double-barreled shotgun through the window. The first struck Hicks and killed him. The second struck Celestial, severely wounded him. He instantly died. Annie's throat from next cut Mrs. Jackson's immediate death. Annie's ear to ear, causing her to be killed. After severely wounding Mrs. Jackson in the breast, Celestial shot her.

New York, 22.—Ernest D. Street, who ran a "muck" on 1st Street, last October, stabbing women, is on trial for murder. He was found insane and sent to the lunatic asylum.

Augusta, Ga., 22.—A negro who attempted to outrage a white girl near Nelson, was taken from the officers while on the way to jail and lynched.

San Francisco, 22.—A Port Townsend dispatch says: For a long time an organized system of smuggling has been carried on by sloops and boats between Victoria, B. C., and various points along Puget Sound, which the Custom House officials