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THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Eastern and Middle States.

THREE United States internal revenue gaugers have been arrested in New York city, and two others indicted for extorting money from merchants on the ground of expediting the gauging of spirits.

At the inquest in the cases of the five men killed at the National Line Pier, New York city, a verdict of accidental death was rendered. Richard Johnson, one of the victims, was shown to have left three widows.

EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND urged ballot reform and Henry W. Grady discussed the race problem in the South at the banquet of the Boston Merchants' Association.

A CAVE-IN occurred at Rundy's coal mine, near Butler, Penn., killing an unknown man and fatally injuring Frank Hauff, both miners.

DR. E. C. HIGBEE, State Superintendent of Public Schools of Pennsylvania, has died at Lancaster, aged fifty-nine years.

WARREN LELAND, JR., the well-known hotel proprietor of Long Branch, N. J., has made an assignment of all his property to Joseph McDermott, a lawyer of Freehold. The liabilities, including mortgages, are \$162,000.

The injunction obtained by the electric light companies, of New York city, restraining the city from interfering with their property was dissolved, and preparations were at once made to cut down defective wires.

The State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, which met at Harrisburg, Penn., decided in favor of giving farmers the same protection enjoyed by manufacturers and against compulsory education.

Two brothers, John and Alexander McKellar, aged twenty-one and twenty-seven years respectively, were buried alive by the cave-in of a sand pit near Cassonville, Mich.

The Huron mine office and boarding house at Hancock, Mich., has been burned, and two Finnish women and one child perished in the flames.

A JOINT resolution was adopted in both houses of the Legislature at Richmond, Va., urging Virginia's Senators and Representatives in Congress to vote for holding the World's Fair at Washington.

THREE magazines, containing ten tons of nitro-glycerine, were blown up at North Clarendon, Penn. Three oil derricks were wrecked, twenty-five thousand barrels of oil burned, and windows shattered to a distance of a mile around. Loss \$70,000.

The American Federation of Labor in session at Boston made provision for a strike fund in preparation for the demand for the eight-hour day on May 1.

ANOTHER man has been killed by an electric shock in New York city; and a vigorous onslaught was made on the overhead wires by city officials, with the result that the town was left in comparative darkness on night.

A FLOOD in the Conemaugh River carried off several bridges and did other damage at Johnstown, Penn.

THREE men were killed by a coal train running through an open drawbridge over the Overpeck River near Haekensack, N. J.

MISS ETTA DURGIN, of Dover, N. H., while walking on the track in the railroad yard, was run over and killed by a shifting train.

South and West.

TIGHTMAN McDERMID, a school teacher, and his wife have been drowned in the White River, near Shoals, Ind.

THE Indians on the Great Sisseton Reservation, in South Dakota, have voted to sell 1,000,000 acres of land at \$5 per acre, throwing this large tract at once open to settlement.

A WORKING train on a logging road ran into a washout near Whitesboro, Cal., and was badly wrecked. The engineer and section hand were killed and the fireman badly scalded.

SEVERAL houses were swept away and one man drowned by a cloudburst in Santa Cruz County, Cal.; rain had been falling all over the State for eleven days, and the Sacramento River was alarmingly high.

THE First National Bank of Abilene, Kan., has suspended. Liabilities, \$116,000; assets from all sources, \$300,000.

IN a deserted cabin on a ranch not far from Coolidge, Kan., the dead bodies of a man and his wife were found, who had evidently been murdered for their team of horses.

THOMAS RIGGLE, arrested at Canton, Ohio, confessed to burning his father's house to implicate his elder brother, so that he would be sent to prison and Thomas would inherit his father's wealth.

LOUIS WITKOWSKI, Mayor of Starke, Fla., was shot and instantly killed at Gainesville by Albert Thrasher, of the law firm of Ashley & Thrasher. The shooting took place in the office of the law firm.

DIPHTHERIA has been raging at the little town of La Grange, Mo. A dozen deaths occurred. Many persons left the town. The public schools closed.

WILL CARDIN, a white man, was lynched near Cleveland, Tenn., for an assault on a seven-year-old girl.

JOHN MARTIN, Ambrose Donnelly and Bert Sheldon, all little boys, broke through the fence while skating on a mill pond at Ironton, Wis. Martin and Sheldon were drowned.

"BILL" EASTON, alias "Black Bill," "Jack" Powers and a conductor on the Northern Pacific Railroad were arrested at Tacoma, Wyoming, for smuggling opium. They are the leading men of a gang of smugglers who have been giving the authorities much trouble.

W. C. SHUTTLEFF, of Waterloo, Ia., has been appointed to the position made vacant by the defection of Cashier Silcott.

THE South Carolina Civil Rights law, which provided that the same accommodation must be furnished for both races by railroads, hotels, theatres, etc., has been repealed by the State Legislature.

THOMAS SPOONER was hanged at Fort Allen, La., for the murder of Seth Severing, and Carter Williamson for the murder of his wife at Dorseyville, La.

A BOILER at Randall Brothers & Co.'s sawmill, Covington, Tenn., exploded, completely demolishing the building and killing fireman Jones and Mr. Stewart, one of the firm. Two of the employes were seriously injured.

HARRY WALTERS fell into a vat in which he was boiling maple syrup at Union Springs, Ala., and was scalded to death.

So serious has the epidemic of diphtheria in Canton District, W. Va., become that the County Board of Health has directed the erection of a large hospital in the afflicted district, and will send a competent staff of physicians to take charge of it. Many deaths have occurred.

Washington.

PRESIDENT HARRISON, accompanied by Private Secretary Halford, has returned from Chicago.

THE Treasury Department is informed that the Government of Venezuela has restored the import duties on corn, rice, beans and

peas, which were placed on the free list last June.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL HASTINGS, of Pennsylvania, has reported to the War Department that the National Guard of his State comprises 605 commissioned officers and 7860 enlisted men, and that the total number of men in the State available for duty is 609,905.

THE Pan-American Congress held a short session at which the committees to have charge of the different subjects to be considered by the Congress were appointed.

SECRETARY AND MRS. BLAINE and their son, Walter, went to Baltimore to attend the dinner given by General Felix Agnus to Mr. and Mrs. Emmons Blaine.

PRESIDENT HARRISON, ex-President Cleveland and Justice Fuller will participate in the centennial celebration in New York city of the first sitting of the United States Supreme Court.

FRANKLIN B. GOWEN, ex-President of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, committed suicide at Wornley's Hotel, Washington, by shooting himself in the head. He was a prominent Philadelphia lawyer.

Foreign.

A COMMISSION has sailed from France to inspect the Panama Canal.

THE Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs sent by cable to the Portuguese Minister of Foreign Affairs a formal request that he would proclaim the recognition of the Brazilian Republic.

ROBERT BLOWING, the poet, has died in Venice without any suffering. He had been ill but a short time with bronchitis.

THE American Legation at Para has decided to demand the trial of Moussa Bey for the murder of an missionary in Crete.

It is decided that a conference for considering the subject of the federation of all the Australasian colonies will assemble at Melbourne in February.

THE influenza which has been epidemic in Russia is spreading through Germany. The administration of justice in the courts is suspended, because all the Judges are down with it. It is proposed to close all the schools, especially at Dantzic, where at least half the children are affected.

THREE little boys broke through the ice while skating at Port Hope, Ontario, and were drowned.

An artillery officer and a sailor have been arrested in St. Petersburg for complicity with an attempt on the life of the Czar of Russia.

The mangled body of a woman supposed to be another of "Jack the Ripper's" victims, was found among the ballast of a vessel which arrived at Middlesborough, England, from London.

DURING the progress of an anti-Semitic meeting at Vienna a riot occurred between the Radical German Nationalists and Austrian Conservatives. Five of the participants were injured.

A PORTUGUESE force in Africa, under Serpa Pinto, picked a quarrel with a savage tribe called Makoloko, and butchered hundreds of them.

A WESTERN GOVERNOR.

Horace Boies, Successful Candidate For Governatorial Honors in Iowa.



HORACE BOIES.

Horace Boies will be famous as the first Democrat elected Governor of Iowa. He was a Republican until a few years ago. In the last National campaign he worked and voted for a Democratic President for the first time. Mr. Boies was born in Aurora, Erie County, New York, December 7th, 1827, and was educated in the common schools and academy in that town. He was admitted to the bar in November, 1852, at Buffalo, and practiced in that county for fifteen years. He was a member of the New York Legislature in 1858, and moved to Waterloo, Ia., in April, 1857, where he has practiced his profession ever since. He divides his time between farming and the practice of law, in both of which callings he has been highly successful.

GOVERNORS IN COUNCIL.

For a Monument to Commemorate the Declaration of Independence.

The Governors of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Hampshire and Arizona were present in person, and eleven other States were represented by proxy, at a meeting held in Washington to petition Congress for the erection of a memorial monument at Philadelphia to commemorate the Declaration of Independence and the one hundredth anniversary of Constitutional Government in the United States. Governor Green, of New Jersey, presided, and delivered an address giving a history of the present movement, which, he said, was started as far back as 1852.

After a general discussion a draft of a bill was adopted to be presented to Congress. It donates ten acres in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, for the monument, provides for a commission comprising one citizen from each State and Territory and thirteen citizens of Philadelphia, and asks Congress for an appropriation to erect the monument, the amount being left blank.

ROASTED TO DEATH.

Electricity Claims a Victim in Ohio.

Edward Dalton, foreman of the improvement gang of the Lake Shore Railroad, who resided at Elkhart, Ind., met a horrible death at Toledo, Ohio. He was engaged in repairing a skylight in the roof of the old Union Depot, and in some manner fell upon an electric wire on the roof close by. His clothing was damped by the drizzling rain which had been falling all day, and he was immediately prostrated by the heavy current. He lay there for half an hour before the current was shut off. When picked up it was found that he was terribly burned and swollen, literally cooked. He was forty years of age and leaves a family.

FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

In the Senate.

7TH DAY.—Mr. Hale, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported back the bills heretofore introduced by him to promote the efficiency of the enlisted force of the navy; to amend sections 1529, 1530 and 1531 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the navy; and for the relief of sufferers by the wreck of the United States steamers Trenton and Vandalia, and the stranding of the Nipsic, at Apia, in the Samoan Islands, and they were placed on the Calendar. Mr. Hoar introduced a bill for a statue and monument to James Madison, and Mr. Call a bill authorizing the President to open negotiations with Spain for the acquisition of the Island of Cuba. The Senate proceeded to the House to participate in the ceremonies commemorative of the first inauguration of George Washington as President.

8TH DAY.—Among the petitions, resolutions and memorials presented and referred, were three resolutions of the Massachusetts Legislature, in favor of a Federal bankrupt law, of an international convention in reference to steamers crossing the Grand Banks, and of a pension law giving a pension to every honorably discharged Union soldier and sailor. Petitions from various parishes in Louisiana in favor of a national election law were presented by Senators Ingalls, Sherman and Everts. Bills were introduced by Mr. Butler for the emigration of persons of color from the Southern States; by Mr. Davis to establish the Tenth Judicial Circuit Court; by Mr. Gorman for an International Exposition at the National Capital in 1892, and by Mr. Stewart for the free coinage of both gold and silver, and the issue of coin certificates, to circulate as money. Mr. Call presented the joint resolution of the Florida Legislature in favor of a national ship canal across the Florida peninsula and Mr. Gibson offered a resolution (which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations), instructing that committee to inquire into the expediency and practicability of acquiring or setting apart territory for the occupation of negro or colored citizens of the United States. Executive session.

9TH DAY.—Among the bills introduced were: By Mr. Berry—To require the Superintendent of the Census to ascertain what per cent. of the people of the United States own their farms and the number of farms under mortgage. By Mr. Eustis—Appropriating \$1,200,000 for a public building at New Orleans. By Mr. Cockrell—To create the office of Assistant Secretary of War, and fixing the salary attached to the office at \$500 per year, and by Mr. Ingalls—Authorizing the Secretary of War to furnish artificial eyes to persons who lost their sight in the United States service. The Vice-President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War transmitting the reports of that Department on the war claims of the States of California and Nevada.

10TH DAY.—Among the bills introduced were the following: By Mr. Everts—To authorize corporations to become security in certain cases in the courts of the United States. By Mr. Pierce—Appropriating \$150,000 to provide for a survey for the purpose of irrigation of the State of North Dakota. By Mr. Pettigrew—To open all abandoned military reservations in the State of South Dakota to homestead entry. By Mr. Mitchell—Appropriating \$150,000 for the development and encouragement of silk culture in the United States, and by Mr. Regan—To provide for the irrigation and settlement of the arid lands in New Mexico and Texas. The bill appropriates \$25,000 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the survey, location, maps, etc. Mr. Mitchell offered a resolution, which was agreed to, calling on the Postmaster-General for estimates of the cost of extending the free delivery system to towns of not less than 3000 population and \$5000 gross revenue, and also to towns of not less than 5000 population, and \$7000 gross revenue, and Mr. Chandler offered a resolution, which was laid over, calling on the Secretary of the Navy for information as to whether unauthorized organizations exist among naval officers for purposes not merely literary or scientific; whether any of them have been organized for the purpose of influencing Congressional legislation, and whether money has been paid or contracted for to influence legislation. A number of dependent pension bills, referred to the Committee on Pensions, were discussed, and a subcommittee appointed to consider them and report to the full Committee at its next meeting. A communication from the President recommending a further extension of the limit for the continuance of the International Maritime Conference for two months from January 1, 1890, was presented and referred.

In the House.

5TH DAY.—On motion of Mr. Bayne, of Pennsylvania, a resolution was adopted directing the Clerk to inform the Senate that the House was in session and ready to proceed with the centennial ceremonies. At the request of the Speaker, the members then retired to the seats assigned to them, and upon the arrival of the Senators, together with the President, Vice-President, Cabinet members, Supreme Court Justices, etc., the ceremonies in commemoration of the inauguration of George Washington, the first President of the United States, were carried out, Vice-President Morton occupying the Speaker's chair.

6TH DAY.—A resolution was adopted calling for a committee of five to investigate the authenticity of the so-called ballot box contract, which has appended the names of several Senators and Representatives, and which was published during the recent campaign in Ohio. Mr. Butterworth, of Ohio, who offered the resolution, said his name was attached to the contract, and that it was a forgery. Mr. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, made a similar statement. The committee investigating the recent defalcations of Cashier Silcott, of the House Sergeant-at-Arms' office, made a preliminary report, stating that the shortage was \$70,708.96, and condemning the manner in which the Sergeant-at-Arms conducted the affairs of his office.

7TH DAY.—After considerable discussion as to whether the clause in the President's Message relating to coast defenses and fortifications should be referred to the Committee on Appropriations or Military Affairs, the House, by a rising vote, decided in favor of the former. The Ways and Means Committee was granted leave to sit during the session of the House. A bill was passed appropriating \$130,000 to meet a deficiency in the appropriation for public printing and binding, and \$250,000 to meet a deficiency in the appropriation for the Census Bureau. A resolution was adopted instructing the Resolutions Committee to take up the Clayton-Breckenridge contest in the Second Arkansas District.

8TH DAY.—Mr. Tracy introduced the following bills: To refund duties paid by the State of New York on arms imported in 1863. To enforce the eight-hour law on Government premises. Constituting the port of Albany, N. Y., a port of immediate transportation. The session lasted only thirty minutes; in order to avoid attempts at obstruction it was found necessary to adjourn.

WILLIAM K. VANDEBILT, the head and center of that family of millionaires, is an athletic-built, boyish-looking man of radiant complexion with a brace of unpretending side-whiskers and the most complaisant of manners. He dresses tolerably, and is not dull.

LATER NEWS.

JOHN HENIMER, aged eighty-five, whilens, turning from church at Chicago, was struck by a train at a grade crossing and instantly killed.

WORD reached Washington that the wife of Representative Joseph Cannon, of Illinois, had dropped dead at her home in Danville, Ill. Upon receipt of the news Mr. Cannon was completely overcome and took the first train for his home.

CAPTAIN LORENZO B. SHEPARD, of Beaufort, N. C., has been appointed Chief of the Revenue Marine division at Washington.

THE United States Supreme Court has decided that the law taxing telegraph receipts is unconstitutional.

TWENTY-FIVE Sioux Indian Chiefs arrived at Washington to consult with Secretary Noble upon their agreement to cede their land in the Dakotas to the Government.

PRESIDENT HARRISON through Secretary Blaine telegraphed his congratulations to Henry M. Stanley at Zanzibar.

THE Japanese Minister to this country has been called home by his Government.

A SHOCK of earthquake has been felt in Granada, Spain. At one theatre, which was full of people, the audience became panic-stricken and fled from the building.

DURING a fog in London eleven persons were drowned by walking into the river, canals or docks.

THE Brazilian receipts from customs and taxes for the first half of December are \$400,000 more than during the same period of 1888.

FIVE prominent Mormon officials at Salt Lake City, Utah, have been arrested, charged with conspiracy and misappropriation of public funds.

FIVE men entered the express office at Brownwood, Texas, knocked down the express agent and robbed the safe of \$7000.

TWO brothers, Swedes, named Berglund, were instantly killed in the Cleveland mine, near Ishpeming, Mich., by the unexpected explosion of a blast.

AN election in the First Colored Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., ended in a riot. Two men named Benjamin and Knight were fatally cut and a number of others severely hurt.

FRANK HURZY, a Chicago traveling man, met R. E. Smith, a traveling man of Louisville, at Mt. Sterling, Ky., and demanded an apology for a remark made about his wife. In reply Smith shot him fatally.

GEORGE CUENTHER, aged seventy, of St. Louis, Mo., was fatally beaten by his son Emil. The boy bears a bad reputation, and is only seventeen years old. The quarrel arose over the refusal of his mother to furnish him with money.

SIX bridges on the California Southern Railroad have been washed out at Sahland Canon, Cal., and the storm there has done \$200,000 damage.

THE delegates to the Pan-American Congress visited New York city, and were entertained by the Mayor and prominent citizens.

A BOILER exploded at the Cambria Iron Works, Johnstown, Penn., and Engineer Henegan was roasted to death by escaping steam.

THE President has nominated John W. Jacobus, a prominent New York city Republican, to succeed General McMadon, as Marshal for the Southern District of New York.

THERE is a famine in the Austrian province of Galicia, and peasants are killing their horses to save the feed.

BESHIRE, the noted Arab who led the insurgents in their revolt against the Government of Zanzibar, East Africa, and who was captured by villagers of Magalla and handed over to the authorities, has been hanged.

A PROCLAMATION has been issued by Provisional President Fonseca, declaring all foreigners shall be considered citizens of Brazil after two years' residence if they accept, but shall not be eligible for President.

The ship Reporter, Captain G. Spalding, of Newburyport, Mass., bound from Hong Kong to New York with a general cargo, sustained a total loss in the China Sea. The captain and crew were saved. The ship was valued at \$50,000.

THE Moorish Government has emboldened to Washington demanding the recall of General Lewis. Great excitement prevails in Tangiers owing to his action relative to the seizure of a case containing firearms.

THE bark Tenby Castle has been wrecked at Holyhead, England. Eleven persons were drowned.

THE LABOR WORLD.

VERMONT monument marble is being shipped to Australia.

GOVERNOR LADD, of Rhode Island, was a printers' devil years ago.

HUNDREDS of carpenters will be employed in rebuilding Lynn, Mass.

THE Labor press generally indorse the Brotherhood of Ball Players.

The plumbers and tin-smiths of New Haven, Conn., have adopted the nine-hour rule.

LABOR COMMISSIONER LAMM of Minnesota, favors compulsory education in that State.

It is not permitted in Switzerland to compel employes to work at night in factories or mills.

SEVERAL New York unions wish the Australian system of voting when selecting officers.

THE Knights of Labor have raised their per capita tax from twenty-four cents a year to forty cents.

WITHIN six years the Brotherhood of Carpenters has paid out \$270,250 in death, disability and sick benefits.

OUT of the 506 strikes that occurred in England and Scotland last year 200 were successful. The rest were failures.

CIGARMAKERS UNION No. 144, of New York city, has raised money for the Union cigar-makers who suffered by the Lynn fire.

PRESIDENT GOMPERS, of the American Federation of Labor, says that personally he is not in favor of restricting immigration.