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COOPERSTOWN, GRIGGS CO., D.A.F.

Buffalo is the third city of New York which has applied to itself the civil service provisions of the State act...

Since the Chinese immigration to California was prohibited by congressional enactment, the net gain over previous years in free white immigration has been very large...

In hunting for the very last revolutionary centennial, it has been found that the evacuation of New York did not mark the final departure of the British as their soldiers occupied some military posts on the Penobscot...

When every member of the Senate was allowed a private secretary at the expense of the government, it was predicted that the House would follow suit...

Massachusetts is having another discussion of the Sunday question. The laws of the Bay State on the subject are in a curiously chaotic condition...

The committee of the New York Legislature on the Adirondack forests will report against the purchase of woodlands in bulk. The reasons given are that all valuable soft timber near the streams has been cut away...

The immigration statistics for December show a total immigration during the month of 23,766, making the aggregate for the year 1883 560,196.

This is the richest country in the world, the total wealth, according to Bradstreet's, amounting to forty-three billion dollars. The total for Great Britain is thirty-eight billions.

A newspaper correspondent has got into trouble in Lowell, Massachusetts, by sending untruthful dispatches to city newspapers. One of these related to an elopement from North Chelmsford...

CONDENSED NEWS

Washington News Notes.

In the senate Oscar Malmros of St. Paul was confirmed as consul at Leith; Everett P. Freeman as register of the land office at Redwood Falls...

The house committee on invalid pensions is decidedly opposed to the proposition to abolish pension agencies, on the ground that agencies are of great convenience to claimants.

At a meeting of the senate committee on privileges and elections the following sub-committees were elected under the Sherman resolution: For the Mississippi Branch of the investigation—Hoar, Cameron, (Wis.), Frye, Saulsbury and Jones...

Hon. Milo White will introduce a bill in the house granting a pension of \$4 per month to all who served in the army during the late war who were not disabled, and \$8 per month to all who were disabled by reason of wounds received while in the service.

The question of a Canadian reciprocity treaty is under consideration by a subcommittee of the house committee on foreign affairs, consisting of Hitt of Illinois and Belmont of New York.

The house committee on elections voted in the contest election case of Garrison vs. Mayo, of Virginia to give the seat to Mayo on prime facie evidence.

General News Items.

The fact that Senator McMillan has abandoned the idea of becoming a candidate for the position of judge of the Eighth judicial circuit in place of Mr. McCreary, whose resignation goes into effect the 4th of March, causes some gossip here as to who will be recommended by Minnesota people for the place.

At Eau Claire, last week, Joe La Motte, a youth of nineteen was married by a Justice to Edith Nelson, a girl of fifteen, after an acquaintance of only a few hours, and without the knowledge of their parents.

The Ogalala Land and Cattle company headquarters in Omaha, which recently purchased Paxton & Sheidley's herds of cattle, numbering 45,000 head, has also purchased Bonser's herd in Western Nebraska, numbering 45,000 head...

The New England Free Thinkers' convention has formed an association, with by laws demanding that churches shall not be exempt from taxation, that the judicial oath shall be abolished, all laws enforcing the observance of the Sabbath and Christian morality repealed, the Bible removed from the public schools and government aid refused to sectarian schools.

The New York Household Magazine offered a \$15,000 brown stone house, a \$5,000 government bond and other premiums to subscribers, and issued to each a ticket with a number in the same manner as do lotteries. Anthony Comstock has seized the office of the magazine, and put thirty pretty girl clerks out of work.

The Minneapolis board of trade passed a series of resolutions condemning any forfeitures of Northern Pacific land grants and calling upon Minnesota congressmen to use all lawful means to prevent any legislation having such object in view.

John Faulds, a wealthy mine owner of Catlin, Ill., claims to have been wrongfully kept in an insane asylum more than a year.

The United States circuit court at Mobile, Ala., has dismissed all but one of the cases, pending since 1880, for alleged violation of election laws.

J. Perryman & Co., general merchandise, of Paris, Ark., has failed with liabilities of \$25,000.

It is estimated by good authorities there are 3,780 deer on the 756,616 acres in the Adirondacs.

Episcopal Bishop Peterker has confirmed thirty convicts in the West Virginia prison.

From 1879 to 1881 there were 150 trials by court martial in the army, and 122 convictions.

The suit of Josh Hart of Trenton against Gath for \$20,000 libel is on in New York.

Use of bloodhounds to catch convicts in Texas, is to be investigated.

Riddell & Clark, St. Paul commission dealers, failed for \$3,000.

Wilson Noble, the Central Park, N. Y., caterer has failed.

Doings of Criminals.

Andrew Johnson of Racine, Wis., a young Dane dissipated in his habits and enamored with a young girl of fifteen named Bertha Brasmann, entered a restaurant where the latter was employed. The girl, seeing him enter the place, remarked: "I don't want anything more to do with you."

Information is received that the dead body of William Bradshaw, a wealthy farmer living eleven miles from Albany, Gentry county, Mo., was found near his home Saturday, the 23d, with his head crushed with a club, and face, hands and feet burned to a crisp. Incisions about the premises are that the old man was assassinated by robbers, who tortured him with fire to make

him reveal the hiding place of his money and afterward beat him to death with a bludgeon.

A Whitesboro, Texas, special says both stages between Whitesboro and Gainesville were robbed recently by three road agents. Five hundred dollars were secured. Mr. Moon, on the coach from Gainesville, saw the other coach stopped. He levelled a pistol at one of the robbers but desisted upon discovering a Winchester rifle pressed against his own ribs by a highwayman, who requested him to hand over his pistol and money.

At Lancaster, Tex., an old gentleman was fatally stabbed by his maniac brother, whom he had been caring for. The maniac was kept in a room at home a number of years, in preference to sending him to an asylum. He escaped, got hold of a knife, and inflicted several frightful wounds upon his brother before he could be secured.

A man, believed to be James D. Girton of Shelbyville, Ind., was arrested at Dallas, Tex., for fraudulently using the mails under the firm name of Harry Morton & Co. He was receiving an immense number of letters from Indiana and other Western States in reply to his advertisement.

The Nebraska vigilantes who captured Kid Wade near Le Mars, Iowa, have over laid his brother-in-law, Jordan in the same vicinity. The prisoners stand an excellent chance of being lynched.

Four prisoners attacked the sheriff at Monticello, N. Y., on the 6th in attempt to get free. Two were secured and shot dead, and the fourth escaped.

Eleven citizens of Robertson and Limestone counties, Texas, were arrested charged with severely whipping a negro on the West border of Leon.

Daniel Reiff, formerly a Pennsylvania railroad conductor, was convicted in Philadelphia as charged with conspiracy to defraud the company.

Bandimol, who shot his wife, and then himself, near Detroit, Minn., neither being seriously wounded, escaped from custody.

Jennie Downes, adopted daughter of Nathan Merwin, the richest man in Woodbridge, Conn., sues him for seduction.

Three editors in Palma, Majorca, have been condemned to eight years' imprisonment for violation of the press law.

At Union City, Mich., Deputy Postmaster Emer was shot in the street by James Say, who was drunk.

Rowell, who killed Lynch at Batavia, N. Y., will divorce his wife.

The Casualty Record.

Brigham Young academy at Provo, Utah, was destroyed by fire, causing a loss \$30,000; no insurance. It was a Mormon school with 400 students. No lives were lost but there were numerous narrow escapes. The nitro glycerine laboratory was removed before the fire obtained headway.

William Mackenzie, a Scotchman, and land inspector for the Corbin Mortgage company of New York, was thrown out of his buggy near Columbia, S. C., and killed. He was soon to be married in Brooklyn.

From the Old World.

Vienna cable: Since the revolution of 1848 Vienna has never passed through such a crisis of anxiety and alarm. The government is in possession of what it believes to be most trustworthy evidence of a plot to assassinate the emperor. The dynamite cartridges found in the opera house are exactly similar to those found near the body of Detective Bloch and in the murdered money changer's office. A large quantity of dynamite was recently ordered for the Arlberg tunnel, but on its arrival at Vienna one large case, weighing 150 kilograms, was missing. The police made a thorough search for it, but in vain. Saturday night eight battalions of infantry stood in their barracks under arms prepared for an immediate movement.

Waddington, French ambassador, presiding at a dinner in London to aid the French hospital, welcomed the sentiment of the lord mayor of London that cordiality between France and England should ever be preserved. He spoke strongly in favor of a closer knitting between the two countries of the bonds of peace and good will, which were so important to their interests and those of the world. A rupture of relations between them, he said, would be calamity beyond conception. All their recent quarrels were transient. It was, then, the duty of civilization and humanity to maintain good feeling. He knew that was the sentiment of leading statesmen of England and France.

The Paris Temps says the language of the Marquis Tseng, the Chinese ambassador continues most warlike. He is only waiting an attack on Bacinh to make a formal declaration of war against France. The Chinese government has ordered the viceroys of different provinces to report immediately the number of soldiers they can furnish.

The Kreuze, Zeitung, of Berlin anti-semitic, says the United States congress was quite entitled to pass an opinion on the social, political and economic condition of the Germans, but it might have spared the legislature, of which Kasker was a member, from the communication of the resolution eulogizing Lasker.

Personal Gossip.

Gen. Oliver H. Palmer was buried in New York on the 5th. Many prominent citizens, members of the legal profession and army and navy officers attended the funeral. Among the pall-bearers were chief Justice Noah Davis, Carl Schurz and Julian T. Davis and Commander Allen Brown, U. S. N.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt is likely to revisit the United States next season for a short tour under the management of Mr. Henry E. Abbey. It is understood that Mr. Abbey has for sometime been quietly booking a tour for her, without mentioning the names of the attraction.

A special cable to the Boston Pilot announces that the Rt. Rev. Mr. Hostlot, D. D., rector of the American college at Rome, died in Rome recently.

The New England Historic Genealogical society has elected Gladstone, the British premier an honorary member.

J. W. Davis, of Homestead Monument fame, has gone to Washington with a new plan for raising funds.

Dr. Lee of Hartford wills \$25,000 to missions and schools.

WENDELL PHILLIPS DEAD.

The Great Orator and Abolitionist Breathes His Last, a Victim of Heart Disease.

Boston, Special Telegram, Feb. 2.—Wendell Phillips died at 6:15 o'clock at his residence, 37 Common street. He had been seriously ill only since Saturday last. On the morning of that day he was taken very suddenly with an attack of heart disease. A physician was promptly summoned and pronounced the trouble argina pectoris, the malady which brought Charles Sumner to the grave and caused the death of Mr. Phillips' father and three brothers. It had been hoped that Mr. Phillips' strong constitution and the fact that he had enjoyed remarkable health for years would enable him to rally, but the disease made rapid progress. He was confined to his bed on Sunday, suffering terrible pains, and his physician was summoned to the house four times. The patient rallied, grew better from day to day, and hopes were entertained until Wednesday of a speedy recovery. On Wednesday came a relapse so serious that constant medical aid was required. On Thursday his condition became so critical that it was hardly thought at midnight that he could live until morning. Again he rallied slightly, but the relief was only temporary. In attempting to lift himself in bed to-day he overtaxed his feeble powers. A terrible paroxysm was brought on, and in order to quiet the sufferer it was necessary to employ anaesthetics. It was evident that the end was near. Phillips realized this, and except during the time above referred to, was conscious until the last, though too feeble to speak. He had been unable to speak for two or three days. He had taken no prominent part in public life for more than a year, feeling that, though in excellent health, he had reached an age when quietness and rest were requisite. He received many flattering invitations to lecture, but was heard but seldom. He last spoke in public at the old South church the day following Christmas, when the statue of Harriet Martineau was unveiled. The enforced removal from his home on Essex street was often in Mr. Phillips' mind, for he frequently spoke of the change with regret, and some of his friends, thinking that brooding over this matter may have brought, in some degree at least, the disease which proved fatal. When Phillips died there were none in the death chamber save the wife whom he had cared for with such constant tenderness these many years, and his adopted daughter, with other members of the family and household. His death was peaceful, and though the illness had been painful, the end happily was free from all suffering. The arrangements for the funeral are not yet completed, and it probably will not be held for several days.

British War Preparations. The London Times says the best proof that the government is alive to its responsibilities in Egypt will be given if it advises, as we believe it will advise, a small increase of the army. It is also decided that parliament will be asked to grant \$2,000,000 for additional defense of Clyde, Humber, Mersey and Tyne rivers, British Channel to ports of Aden, Singapore, Hong Kong, Point de Galle and Ceylon, and Islands of St. Helena and Ascension, all being of vital necessity for our fleet which in case of war will have to depend upon the coaling facilities for their power to defend our possessions. Our army is never more than adequate for the work it has to do, and the occupation of Egypt put a severe strain on our ordinary military arrangements. The importance of improving our defenses may be judged from the fact that property at Liverpool alone, which a hostile fleet could destroy, is estimated at \$400,000,000.

German Trichinosis. The special commission who investigated the outbreak of trichinosis in Elmersleben, Saxony, have made their report. The town contains 750 inhabitants, of whom 257 contracted the disease. For years a large proportion of the people had been in the habit of eating raw minced pork spread on their bread for lunch, in the belief that meat is more nutritious raw than when cooked. Suddenly an epidemic appeared, which attacked one-third of the people, 25 per cent. of the cases proving fatal. None of the remedies prescribed by the doctors had the slightest effect. The disease ran a course of from three to eight weeks, proving the most fatal among the older people. While there were numbers affected who had cooked their pork before eating it, it was noticed there was not a single fatal case among this class. The conclusion is that in a period of years there was one lot of diseased pork received to which the epidemic was due; but the fatalities were all owing to the common habit of eating meat raw.

Minnesota Senatorial Gossip. Washington, Special Telegram—It is understood that Senator McMillan has abandoned the idea of becoming Judge McCreary's successor. This conclusion seems to have been reached since the return of Senator Sabin. It appears that the matter was held under advisement until it could be ascertained what Gov. Hubbard's intentions were. Not finding that he is likely to do the right thing, Mr. McMillan, it is reported, finally decided not to be a candidate for the judgeship. It is further reported that Mr. Sabin wanted Mr. Dunnell appointed, but that Gov. Hubbard was not so inclined; also that McMillan's friends in Minnesota were not favorable to the appointment of Cuth Davis to the senate. McMillan having come to this decision it is said Senator Sabin will recommend the appointment of Gen. Sanborn to the judgeship, and that the rest of the delegation will support him.

Kentucky's New Senator. In the Senatorial caucus on the 5th inst., at Frankfort, Carlisle was withdrawn and Blackburn nominated on the first ballot, the vote standing Blackburn 63. Joseph C. S. Blackburn was born in Woodford county, Kentucky, Oct. 1, 1838. His ancestors were of Scotch-Irish extraction, but for several generations were residents of Virginia, whence they emigrated at an early day to Kentucky. At the age of fifteen he was sent to the classical school of B. B. Sayre at Frankfort, Ky., and afterward graduated with honor at Center College in 1857. Af-

ter holding various local offices, and serving in the confederate army, in 1874, he was nominated for congress by the democracy of the Ashland district, to succeed James B. Beck, and was elected by a majority of over six thousand over his competitor, E. C. Marshall; and in 1876, being re-nominated without opposition, he was re-elected by an increased majority. He was re-elected in 1878, again in 1880, and again in 1882. He was candidate for speaker of the national house of representatives at the forty-sixth congress, but was defeated by Randall after a close contest. In 1858 he was married to Therese, daughter of Dr. C. C. Graham of Louisville, Ky., and has four children. Mr. Blackburn is a speaker of considerable power, and has always taken an active part in the business of congress.

"Kid" Wade Lynched in Nebraska. The report has reached Sioux City from upper Elkhorn county in Nebraska, that "Kid" Wade, leader of the Niobrara outlaws and horse thieves, was hanged by vigilants. The vigilants have their headquarters at a place called "The Pen" at the mouth of the Long Pine. They have arrested a large number of men from the parts of Northern Nebraska taken them away to "The Pen" where they are tried and disposed of. The fate of those arrested is not definitely known, but as they were never seen again, it is supposed that they are shot, hanged or conducted out of the country. The terrible earnestness of the vigilants, and mystery of their ways, causes men to shudder when their doings are mentioned. It is positively known that they have lynched eleven men, and equally sure that others have met the same fate, but how many, or by what means, only the grim executioners and lean kyes of the Long Pine can tell.

"Kid" Wade was captured at Le Mars about three weeks ago by two of these avengers. He was taken in a stable, the officers having succeeded in getting between him and his weapons, and wisely made no resistance. He was a small man and only about twenty-one years of age, but in that time seems to have lived at least fifty years of sin.

The Forfeited Land Grants. Secretary Teller has sent to the senate in response to the resolution offered by Mr. Van Wyck calling for them, copies of the mortgages executed by the Trans Pacific Railroad company on lands granted by the act of March 3, 1871, and a list of the names of railroad corporations now claiming lands that were not named during the grant of the grants, etc. The mortgages are seven in number, and in transmitting the copies the secretary points out that only one of them—that bearing date of June 1, 1872—is on lands granted by the act of 1871, and says this was satisfied Dec. 9, 1879. A statement is submitted by the commissioner of the general land office, showing the condition of railroads, to aid the construction of which lands have been granted. It sets forth the following as the statutes most important:

Northern Pacific—Time fixed for completion July 4, 1877. Length proposed, 2,362 miles. Completed within the specified time, 530 miles. Since completed, 1,340 miles. Now uncompleted, 491 miles. Estimated number of acres granted, 46,947,200. Number of acres patented up to June 30, 1883, 746,390.

Ohio Murder and Lynching. Peter Clifford, a brakeman on the Ohio Central railroad, was awakened late Saturday night, the 23d inst., at Revville, Ohio, by two men, who asked him to come to the door. As soon as the door was opened one of the men put a pistol to his breast and fired. Clifford fell into the arms of his wife saying "The Hickeys have killed me," and died in a few minutes. He was much esteemed among the neighbors and was only recently married. The Hickeys, who bear a hard name, were arrested, four in number, including Joe Reddy, a brother-in-law of Clifford. Last night a mob of several hundred surrounded the jail, took Richard Hickey and Reddy to a grove near where Hickey was hanged. Refusing to confess, Reddy was also strung up, but the rope broke, and he begged so piteously and protested innocence, that the crowd spared him for trial.

Mrs. De Long's Kindness. Philadelphia Special: Mrs. De Long, the widow of the gallant commander of the ill-fated Jeannette, recently purchased a lot in one of the cemeteries near New York, and has intimated a desire to bury in it the remains of her late husband. She has written letters to the families of those members of the ship's crew who lost their lives in company with Lieut. Commander De Long, asking that their bodies may be interred in the lot. All expenses will be borne by Mrs. De Long. The only Philadelphian on the Jeannette was George W. Boyd, a fireman, and his remains are now being brought home, together with those of his commanding officer and the other victims. Boyd's family have declined to accede to the request, and will go to New York on Feb. 15 to receive his body, which will be buried in Cedar Hill cemetery, above Frankford.

"Blessing of the Throat." A peculiar and novel ceremony took place on the 3d at St. Raphael's cathedral in Dubuque. It was what is called the "Blessing of the Throat," and was inaugurated within the past year or two, owing to the spread of diphtheria and kindred throat trouble.

The ceremony consisted in the congregation going in single file to the altar, where the priests held lighted candles, which were placed under the chin of each applicant in the form of a cross, while the priests recited prayer. The church was crowded all day long with the faithful, many bringing children to receive the blessing. It took three priests to attend to all the applicants.

Murder and Suicide for Love. Marengo, Iowa, Special.—A German farm laborer employed by Mrs. Shuster near Millersburg, this county, fell in love with Mary Shuster, who did not reciprocate. Mary rejected him. On the 5th she went to the barn. He followed, drew a revolver, and shot her in the forehead. He placed the muzzle in his mouth and blew his own brains out. The girl was not discovered until nearly night and was nearly frozen to death. There is little hope of her recovery.

The land sale at Taylor's Falls was closed by the commissioner of the general land office on the 23d inst., probably on account of so few bidders being present. The following townships were offered which are now subject to private entry: Township 44, ranges 15, 22 and 23; township 82, range 23; township 45, range 22 and 23.

At Litchfield the highest price for wheat is 86c. It is estimated that over two-thirds of the crop has been marketed.