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CURRENT NEWS.

Two freight trains collided on the Eastern Railroad, at Kennebec, on the 19th, killing three persons and wounding several others.

It is stated authoritatively that the transfer of the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Co. to the Western Union was completed yesterday, the 19th. By the terms of the lease the Western Union, which owns three-quarters of the stock, is to pay four per cent. per annum on the whole capital of two million dollars.

The Samana Bay company's enterprise is a failure. The President's father-in-law, Col. Dent, was buried in St. Louis on the 20th.

The first section of the Oriental expedition of Topographical Corps sailed from New York on the 20th for Egypt, with Professor James Strong in charge. He will be joined by George May Powell and assistants at the mouth of the Nile in March, and proceed through Sinai, Meab, Basha, Central and Western Palestine, Asia Minor, and Greece.

E. Woodward, county Auditor under the ring, has surrendered himself, and offers to give full information if immunity from punishment is assured him.

A committee of the Church of the Pilgrims and Clinton Avenue Church, Brooklyn, have addressed a long letter to Henry Ward Beecher and the members of Plymouth Church, declaring that denominational alliance with that church will be suspended should they affirm the previous proclamation of the right of Plymouth Church to judge in every case what fellowship, advice or assistance may, according to the laws of Christ, properly be offered or received from other churches.

Sheriff Brennan, and his Deputy, of New York City, have been cited by Judge Dannels to appear and show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of Court, in allowing Harry Genet to escape.

The trial of ex-Mayor Hall is progressing in New York.

Attorney General Williams has furnished a written opinion to the Secretary of State declaring that the Virginus, at the time of her capture, had no right to carry the United States flag, and that her registration by Patterson was a fraud. An official investigation of the Virginus case will be commenced at once in New York.

The Times recommends the President to withdraw the name of Williams, on the ground that "Lawyers regret the nomination."

The amendments reported by the Senate Committee on Civil Service to the House Salary Bill, are in the form of a substitute for the bill. It repeats the law of March 3, 1873, so far as relates to members, officers or employees of Congress, fixes their salaries and compensation at exactly what it was at the time of the passage of that act, and fixes the salaries of Cabinet officers at \$8,000, and requires the Secretary of the Treasury to convey into the Treasury all sums withdrawn or returned which are due or have been received under the act of March, 1873.

The impression is gaining ground that the Virginus had no right to fly the American flag.

The Postmaster-General has announced that he will arrange a system by which European mails shall be dispatched from New York four times a week, on steamers sailing on any given Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday, which, according to past record best fulfills the conditions of speed, security and certainty.

Strong opposition in the East to the confirmation of Williams as Chief Justice. The adjournment of Congress without deciding the matter, is taken by some as indicative of defeat.

Trouble is anticipated in settling the mayoralty question in Metamora.

Berthold, of the French Legation, has been appointed Minister to Washington.

MacMahon has had his pay increased.

The King of Dahomey has joined the Ashantees.

Fever continues among the British.

One half the supply of food in Bengal is exhausted, and famine is hardly to be avoided.

The Dutch troops in Acheen are in possession of all the country on the left bank of the Acheen river.

Congress has adjourned until after the holidays.

Newton Booth was elected United States Senator for the long term, on Saturday, the 2d, by the Legislature of California.

Great rejoicing in many parts of California over the result of the election, and the people claim a victory over monopolies.

Frank Callow was run over and killed at Townsend street depot, San Francisco, on the 20th. He leaves a family.

A Key West dispatch of the 22d. states that the Colorado and Poughatton, the latter with the monitor Minuteman in tow, arrived there on the 21st. The Colorado reports passing, early the day before, the Ostipee with the Virginia in tow, the latter having steam on.

The Polish exiles propose to erect a statue to Kosciusko in Central Park, New York.

The Senate has confirmed Walter VanDyke as District Attorney for California; Edward Marchessault, for California; William F. Wheeler, Marshal for Montana; Sylvester C. Silsby, Postmaster at Idaho City, Idaho; William H. Gilliam, Postmaster at Seattle, Washington Territory.

John Bedford was drowned on San Francisco bar on the 19th.

The Schooner Mary Hart is beached, bottom up, at the mouth of Smith river, twelve miles north of Crescent City.

A man named Jamison, from Tacoma, was killed by the upsetting of the stage near Tenino on the 20th.

Mr. Kelly has introduced a bill giving Oregon two years more time to select swamp lands.

From Havana, Cuba, December 18th, we have this: It is reported that a steamer named Santiago de Cuba has succeeded in landing a filibustering expedition on the southern coast of the island, between Guantanamo and Santiago. Advices from the insurgent sources state that a column of 500 Spaniards set out on Monday last to surprise the depot of arms and ammunition near Guaimaro, but fell into an ambush prepared for them by Gen. Gomez with 600 cavalry. Only 100 of the Spaniards escaped. The commander and 200 soldiers were killed and the remainder were taken prisoners. The Cubans subsequently released General Martella and the other officers, and after attending to the wounded sent them under escort to the vicinity of the Spanish lines. A Spanish column under Col. Arminan has started in pursuit of the insurgent force.

Orders have been given from Washington to close all extra work at the Charlestown navy yard. Several employes have been discharged.

Henry W. Genet has been convicted of fraud in connection with the building of the Harlem Court House. Another Tammany thief in trouble.

A Westport, Connecticut, man has got a jury in a tight place. He weighed 200 pounds, and tumbled head foremost into a well, and they can't tell whether he died from drowning or from hitting his head against the bottom.

The End of the World—To make money.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

Gold in New York, 110 1/2. Legal tenders, 80 3/4. Wheat in Liverpool—Average, 13s 4d @ 13s 6d; Club, 13s 6d @ 14s.

The southerly winds have about accomplished the work of opening up the Columbia river to our commerce, and transactions in grain will now commence in earnest.

The ship Navigator, from Rio Janeiro in ballast, after a delay of twenty-five days in the river, has finally reached Portland, as has also one or two other vessels, and the warehouses being full to repletion, it is expected that these vessels will have dispatch. There are some ten or twelve vessels still below in the river, all coming to load grain, and still others to arrive.

There has been exported so far this year, about 700,000 centals of Oregon Wheat, including that lighted to San Francisco, mostly to Great Britain, and the vessels here and on the way will carry about the same quantity, leaving a large surplus yet unprovided for. But there is a large fleet of vessels on the way to San Francisco, in ballast, from various foreign ports, and the high rates of freight offering here will no doubt be sufficient inducement to bring many of them to our river.

There is very little change to note in prices ruling, save an advance in Oats, and a few domestic articles like choice butter, eggs, &c., in consequence of approach of the holidays. There will undoubtedly be a still greater advance in the price of Oats, as the supplies in California are being worked off. We may look for an advance of about twenty per cent. during February and March, and perhaps a still further advance in April. From the present outlook, however, it will be unsafe to hold longer than until some time in March, as the abundant rains and snow-fall in California assure good crops for another year, and farmers will feed up everything on hand before buying, and teamsters, and those keeping feed-stores, will likely buy in small lots, anticipating low prices after harvest in their own State.

There is likely to be a call for bread-stuffs in the East Indies, as the report of a threatened famine in that region comes to us by telegraph.

Upon the whole, we think there is every reason to calculate upon a good price for our remaining surplus, and nearly as much for the next year's crop. We advise the sowing of an increased acreage the coming year.

Following is the receipts of Oregon produce in San Francisco, by coastwise trade, from January 1st, 1873, to December 1st—eleven months: Flour, 388,053; oats, centals, 112,946; Wheat, centals, 276,546; salmon, barrels, 3,951; half barrels, 3,450; packages, 109,561; apples, ripe, boxes, 13,214; dried, packages, 1,835; butter, packages, 1,566; beef, barrels, 100; bacon, packages, 499; lard, packages, 3; hams, packages, 16.

The exports of Wheat from Portland to the United Kingdom since the commencement of the present harvest season, August 1, 1873, were as follows:

AUGUST.	
vessel.	centals value
Br sh Lieut. Mary, Cork.....	12,946 22,040
SEPTEMBER.	
Br sh Otage, Liverpool.....	25,007 45,200
Br sh Privater, Cork.....	25,021 52,400
Am bk Wetterhorn, Liverpool.....	21,208 42,116
Br bk Windermere, Cork.....	24,718 45,000
OCTOBER.	
Br bk Romeo, Liverpool.....	18,998 35,000
Gr bk Theresa Behu, Queen's.....	12,857 27,715
NOVEMBER.	
Br sh City of Paris, Liverpool.....	25,270 55,740
Br sh Fochero, Liverpool.....	21,728 45,456
Lord of the Isles, Liverpool.....	25,027 42,100
Elektra, U. K.....	17,750 35,000
Nr bk Vesta, U. K.....	12,117 24,200
Br sh Santa Rosa, U. K.....	22,257 46,454
Nr bk Santa Rosa, U. K.....	12,289 25,728
Nr bk Guagner, U. K.....	17,728 35,500
Br bk Eskdale, Liverpool.....	25,513 45,000
DECEMBER.	
Br bk Abou, U. K.....	22,280 44,500
	222,021 520,208

During the months of October and November 18,919 barrels of flour were shipped from the same port to Liverpool, valued at \$118,000.

San Francisco Markets.

WHEAT—Firm at \$2 25 @ 2 3/4 per 100 lbs. FLOUR—Extra in demand for export at \$3 75 @ 4 \$ bbl. OATS—\$1 00 @ 80 per 100 lbs. ONIONS—\$1 75 @ 1 85 per 100 lbs.

Portland Markets.

WHEAT—\$2 25 @ 2 3/4 per cental of 100 lbs. OATS—48c per bushel. FLOUR—Firm; choice brands \$3 50 @ 3 60 per bbl. BARLEY—\$1 40 @ 1 45 per cental. ONIONS—1 1/4 @ 2c per lb. BUTTER—Extra dairy 30c @ 35c per lb; common, 18c @ 20c. EGGS—Weak at 30c per dozen. POULTRY—Grown chickens, 45c per dozen. HIDES—Choice dry, 14c per lb; salted, 7c.

Albany Markets.

WHEAT—White, per bushel, \$1 OATS—per bushel, 37 1/2 cts. POTATOES—per bushel, 50 c. ONIONS—per bushel, \$1 @ 1 50. FLOUR—per bbl, \$6 00. BEANS—White, per lb, 3c @ 4 c. DRIED FRUIT—Apples, per lb, 5 cents; Peaches, 16c; Plums, 16c; Currants, 10c. BUTTER—Fresh roll, 15c @ 20c per lb. EGGS—per dozen, 30c. CHICKENS—per dozen, 45. SUGARS—Crushed, 16c; Island, 16c @ 12c; San Francisco refined, 12c @ 10c per lb. TEA—Young Hyson, \$1 25; Japan, 75c. COFFEE—25c per lb. SALT—1 1/2 @ 2c per lb. SYRUP—Heavy Golden, per gal, \$1 00; Kx heavy Golden, \$1 00 per gal. BACON—Hams 12c, Sides 8c, Shoulders 8c. LARD—In Hks, 11c per lb; in kegs, 9c. OILS—Devon's Kerosene, 75c per gal. per can, 5 gals, \$2 50; Lined Oil, raw, per gal, \$1 25, boiled, \$1 37 1/2. HIDES—Undressed deer skins, 20c per lb; dressed, \$1 25; dry cow hides, Hmt No. 1, 10c @ 12c per lb; green salted, No. 1, 5c @ 6c; sheepskins, 25c @ 30c each.

THE BOY WHOSE MOTHER CUTS HIS HAIR.—You can always tell a boy whose mother cuts his hair. Not because the edges of it look as if it had been chewed off by an absent-minded horse, but you tell it by the way he stops on the street, and wriggles his shoulders. When a fond mother has to cut her boy's hair, she is careful to guard against any annoyance and muss by laying a sheet on the carpet. It has never yet occurred to her to sit him over a bare floor, and put the sheet around his neck. Then she draws the front hair over his eyes and leaves it there while she cuts that which is at the back. The hair which lies over his eyes appears to be surcharged with electric needles, and that which is silently dropping down under his shirt band appears to be on fire. She has unconsciously continued to push his head forward until his nose presses his breast, and is too busily engaged to notice the snuffling sound that is becoming alarmingly frequent. In the meantime he is seized with an irresistible desire to blow his nose, but recollects that his handkerchief is in the other room. Then a fly lights on his nose, and does it so unexpectedly that he involuntarily dodges, and catches the points of the shears in his left ear. At this he commences to cry and wish he was a man. But his mother doesn't notice him. She merely hits him on the other ear, to inspire him with confidence, and goes on with the work. When she is through she holds his jacket collar back from his neck, and with her mouth blows the short bits of hair from the top of his head down his back. He calls her attention to this fact, but she looks for a new place on his head and hits him there, and asks him why he didn't use his handkerchief. Then he takes his awfully disfigured head to the mirror and looks at it, and, young as he is, shudders as he thinks of what the boys on the street will say.—Danbury News.

WOULD SELL.—An exchange tells the following story:

"Buy any butter here?" said a countryman, who walked into a dry goods store in a certain city, and looked much like a character who knew a great deal more of himself than he cared to tell. "No, sir," replied the merchant, "we don't wish to buy any." "Want to buy any eggs?" "No, sir; we keep a dry goods store here." "So! Wa'al, then, may be you'd like to buy some chickens—fat as pigs, and a mighty sight nicer tew." "No, sir; I tell you we don't deal in anything but dry goods." "Couldn't I sell you a nice, fat shoulder of pork?" "I tell you, sir, we deal in dry goods exclusively here." "Wa'al, then, what will you give for dried peaches?"

An evidence of the lightning-like rapidity with which things are moved along in these days of telegraphs, it is said that a minister of the Disciples' Church recently immersed one hundred and sixty-three persons in one hour in the Mississippi river; or at the rate of nearly three a minute.

GENERAL GRANT.—Ex-Senator Foote writes this to the Washington Chronicle:

General Grant was called upon six years ago, in a manner and under circumstances difficult to be resisted by any ordinary man, to cause General Lee and Joe Johnson to be arrested and tried for treason, despite the solemn *parol* which had been accorded to them, and in shameful disregard of the fidelity with which its conditions had been complied with. There were not a few then in whose bosoms revenge was rankling and some even in high places were heard to cry aloud that the "time had come to make treason odious." What was the conduct of this great captain when called upon to do a deed of shame? He indignantly refused to be used as an instrument for the perpetration of such injustice and tyranny; and, with something of the stern and lofty virtue of an Aristides or a Cato, nobly risked his own official position upon the result; thereby, in my judgment, acquiring more of true glory than he ever had previously done in all the successful battles which he fought in defence of the Constitution and the Union. Who has dared openly to censure General Grant for acting this noble part?

A Tucson special to the San Diego Union says:

"LINCOLN, December 10.—David Warner, Mr. Herrel, J. L. Glynn and Juan Martin, have been killed under the following circumstances: Juan Martin, constable, and a posse tried to arrest two others, Warner killed the constable and the posse killed Warner. The bodies of the other two were found completely riddled with bullets some distance out of town. Afterwards the bodies of two Mexicans were found in a stream near Lincoln. Friends of Herrel are suspected as the murderers. The Sheriff and a posse of 25 men undertook the arrest of Herrel's men, who were drawn up in line with Henry rifles and revolvers, and promptly invited the Sheriff's party to come on. The latter did not accept and no arrests were made.

People who are foolish enough to risk their money in betting on horses should be taught caution by a witness at a recent trial of a horse case in Springfield, Mass. The witness was a well-known horse trainer, and edited the Court with a description of how the best of horses are made to come in last, and quoted a number of instances in which this method of cheating has been practiced.

Wilkie Collins has canceled all his lecture engagements in this country, because, first, he cannot do himself or his audience justice, and finally because the lecture business is greatly overdone. Mr. Collins should have learned these somewhat important facts before he came here; but better late than never.

It is reported that Harry Genet, one of the New York ring thieves, and who escaped from duress vile a few days since, had got away in a yacht, provisioned and equipped for a long voyage—destination, Rio Janeiro. Ex-Senator Taylor, of Jersey City, was with him.

A Pekin, Illinois, Coroner's Jury rendered a verdict that a man, whose body was found in that river, came to his death by a blow on the head, "which was given either before or after drowning."

A movement is on foot in London to erect a monument to Oliver Goldsmith, the centenary of whose death occurs next year. At present he is only honored by a simple slab bearing his profile in Westminster Abbey.

The workmen of London have a Shakespeare Club, where they meet, with their wives and sisters, to read and discuss Shakespeare. The men say that the women understand Shakespeare better, and know more of him, than they do.

Herr Woerlau, a bookseller of Nuremberg, at a recent public meeting, spoke of the Emperor of Germany and his Chancellor as "Herr Wilhelm Hohenzollern, and his dragoon, Bismarck." He is now serving out a term of three months in prison.

The Peoria Review says: "A Peoria letter-carrier, after walking nine miles and delivering the same letter to 137 men, none of whom would receive it, sat down on a log and wept because Peoria was such a fool as to catch the old man's war-club."