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EASTERN STATES.

Senator Jones of Nevada.
CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Senator Jones of Nevada passed through the city to-day, on his way to Washington. In an interview he said he was opposed to the passage of any law further restricting the coinage of silver. He also referred to the uncompromising hostility of Americans and the Pacific coast to the importation of any more Chinese.

The Business Outlook.
NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The dry goods trade is exceedingly dull, the autumn season being over, and with excessive stocks, prices are generally in favor of buyers. There has been little or no improvement in the iron market, and the outlook is rather discouraging than otherwise.

Died During a Seizure.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.—Quite a startling event occurred at Merchants Library hall to-night. James F. Gein and wife of New York were giving a spiritualistic performance, toward the close of which Gein stepped into the ante-room near the stage to rest after an exhausting cabinet exhibition. When followed two or three minutes later by his wife he was found dead on the floor. Examination by physicians present showed that death was caused by heart disease. Gein was a Mason in good standing, and belonged to Pacific lodge, New York. The remains will be taken to Chicago for burial after the inquest to-morrow.

Boss Tweed rule Continued.
NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The Tribune to-day contains an exposition of frauds in city contracts, extending over a series of years, by which the tax-payers of New York have suffered losses of millions of dollars. The Tribune of to-morrow and succeeding days will contain further details of this corrupt system, which has grown to almost incredible proportions.

Italian Laborers.
NEW ORLEANS, December 10.—The Italian consul called on the mayor yesterday to state that from 1000 to 1500 laborers were in the city and without work, and liable to commit excesses. He wished to ascertain from his honor whether anything could be done in their behalf. They were brought hither from the north and east, by railroad companies, at the time of the recent strike of freight handlers, and, as is usually the case, when the strike ended and the old hands returned to work these new men were of no further use and were turned adrift. The mayor was unable to suggest any measures for relief.

Clearing House Returns.
BOSTON, Dec. 10.—From the Post the following table is compiled, from special dispatches from the managers of twenty-seven leading clearing houses in the United States, which gives total clearances for the week ending the 8th, with percentages of increase and decrease, as compared with the corresponding week of 1882: Total, \$1,128,925,379; decrease, 11.2. Outside of New York, \$329,218,545; increase 9.6. The exhibit this week is an unexpectedly favorable one, both when compared with last week and with the corresponding week last year. The gain is mostly at leading trade centers, and while there has been no great improvement in speculative dealings, it must be ascribed to a better feeling in the legitimate trades.

Difficulty in China.
NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The Herald interviewed Dr. A. R. Platt, American consular representative at Chee-Choo, China, who has just arrived via San Francisco, who said: "The news that a Chinese mob has destroyed a Christian chapel in Canton has upset me very much. I fear we shall have terrible news from China yet. I left my wife in a very exposed place. I am racked with fears for her safety. A mob is likely to massacre the whole American population at any moment, for the feeling is very bitter. I hope war will not be declared between China and France, for the almost certain result to foreigners living in Chinese ports is too fearful to contemplate. I share the suspicions that Chinese laborers, who go back to China from America with certificates of former residence here, sell their certificates to other laborers."

An Appeal for O'Donnell.
CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—At a mass meeting held on the west side to-night a preamble and resolutions were passed, to the effect that as Patrick O'Donnell, an ex-soldier and citizen of the United States, is under sentence of death for killing James Carey, as from the infamous and violent character of Carey we believe him to have been the aggressor, which fact could have been shown but for the English law, which closed O'Donnell's mouth, and as there is widespread feeling in this country that political considerations influenced the court and jury, it was resolved to ask the government of the United States to take such action as it may properly do, with energy and earnestness, to secure from the English government such interposition as will prevent execution of the sentence, which is believed to be unjust, and that senators and representatives in congress be urged to use their best endeavors to secure this action.

The agricultural reports will not be ready for publication until to-morrow.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Tariff on Wool.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Representative Converse of Ohio proposes a bill, which he will introduce to-morrow if possible, providing restoration of the duty on clothing wools, combing wools and carpet and other similar wools to what they were prior to the enactment of the present tariff law. The wool growing industry, he said, is closely allied to agriculture, and the farming class are interested in the restoration of the old rates on wool, and this circumstance will give the bill strength before the representatives of the people.

His state was the chief wool producing state in the country, and had suffered the most severely from the reduction made in the present tariff law. There were in that state 46,000 wool growers, and their loss on sales of wools of the last annual clipping amounted to more than a million dollars. The first reduction of the tariff on the wool product has been felt so keenly in Ohio that both political parties there have pledged themselves to work for the restoration of the old rates.

Railroad Grants.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Among the roads affected by bills to be introduced by Judge Payson, to forfeit lapsed land grants, are the Oregon Central, from Portland to Astoria, 1,130,000 acres; the Oregon and California and the California and Oregon, unpatented lands, 416,837 acres; and certain lands of the Northern Pacific, from Wallula to Portland 5,504,000 acres. The indications are that to-morrow some thirty bills will be offered by democratic representatives, affecting railroad land grants.

Penalty for fencing public lands.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Senator Ingalls will soon introduce a bill providing that any person who encloses an area of public lands to which he has no title shall be liable to a fine of \$100 per day for the time such enclosure is maintained, and that any person obstructing the passage of another over or through the public domain shall, for every offense, pay the aggrieved party \$500. Also, a bill authorizing the resurvey of townships erroneously surveyed, or in which monuments marking the boundary have been obliterated or removed. Also, a measure providing for annexation to one of the Kansas land districts, and for judicial purposes to the district of Kansas, an unsurveyed area lying between Kansas and Indian territory and authorizing the completion of its survey.

House Bills in Congress.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Bills were introduced by Rosecrans to indemnify California for expenses incurred in Indian wars; also to prevent undue discrimination in railway transportation; also to incorporate the Maritime Canal Company of Nicaragua. By Sumner, to fix and establish the maximum rate for fares on Pacific railways. It provides that after forty days from the passage of the act it will be unlawful for those companies to charge more than three cents per mile for first-class passengers, two cents for second class and one and a half for third class.

By Tully, to declare forfeited all unearned land grants in California. By Payson, declaring forfeited land grants of a large number of roads, involving many millions of acres of land. By Springer, proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting special legislation; also, to facilitate promotion and retiring from active service, on one application, officers of the army who served in the rebellion, and general officers and volunteers. By Belford, to regulate railroad traffic; also, to authorize the appointment of a special commissioner for protecting commercial intercourse between the United States and South and Central America; also, providing for the deposit of silver bullion in the treasury, and the issue of certificates therefor.

By Wait, to limit the purchase of silver by the secretary of the treasury. By Clements, to repeal the internal revenue laws. By Henderson, to establish a board of commissioners of interstate commerce. By Townsend, to abolish postage on second-class mailable matter, and reduce the postage on transient newspapers; also authorizing the president during recess of congress to prohibit the importation of articles injurious to public health from countries which, on the same ground, prohibit the importation of American goods; also, to place salt for curing meats on the same footing as that used in curing fish. By Finney, for the construction of four gun boats and three additional cruisers for the navy.

By Cobb, to equalize pensions; also, to prevent the secretary of the interior from issuing patents to lands granted in aid of the construction of railroads where the railroads are not completed at the time fixed by law. By Holman, to limit the disposal of public lands adapted to agriculture to actual settlers under the homestead laws. By Calkins, proposing a constitutional amendment providing that no state, public or private corporation, or person, deprive any citizen of equal protection of the law, nor abridge his rights, privileges or immunities, on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

By Lowry, repealing the limitation of time for filing claims for pensions; also a resolution requesting the president to communicate to the house any correspondence that has taken place between this government and Great Britain in reference to the trial of Patrick O'Donnell, a citizen of the United States for the alleged murder of Informer Carey. By Anderson, to prevent undue discrimination by railroad companies and subjecting them to the control of states under certain circumstances; also to create an agricultural commission; also to create a postal telegraph; also to reduce postage on drop letters to one cent; also a resolution calling upon the secretary of the interior for information whether the Union Pacific has complied with the provisions of the Thurman act. By Willis, to authorize the withdrawal from distillery warehouses, without tax, of spirits to be used in industrial pursuits; also to establish a bureau of statistics on labor and industry. By Dingle, to remove certain burdens from the American merchant marine; also to constitute a bureau of commerce and navigation; also to encourage American shipbuilding. By Blanchard, to provide when terms of congressmen begin and end, and when congress shall meet. Object of the bill to cause congress to meet immediately after the election of members of a new congress, instead of thirteen months after, and provide two long sessions of each congress, instead of one long and one short as now. By Morse, repealing the act for coinage of standard silver dollars. By Whiting, to remove all taxes on the circulation of national banking associations, upon deposit of bonds. It provides that the amount of circulating notes any national banking association making a deposit of bonds shall be entitled to receive from the comptroller of the currency, shall be 95 per cent.

Senate Bills.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Bills were introduced by Hill, providing for coinage and a branch mint at Denver. By Ingalls, to prevent unlawful enclosures of public lands.

News Notes.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The issue of silver dollars the week ended December 8 was \$521,398. Same time last year \$1,189,500. Amos Webster, chief clerk of the treasury department, has tendered his resignation as adjutant general of the militia of the district of Columbia to the secretary of war. Representatives in congress from Indiana held a conference to-night to agree upon the best means of presenting to the national republican committee on Wednesday, the claims of Indianapolis as the place for holding the republican convention next year.

THE MOKELUMNE GRANT.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—With a view to the settlement of serious troubles, attended by murder and other crimes, existing between the Central Pacific Railroad Company and settlers on Mokelumne grant, in California, the secretary of the interior has requested the attorney general to bring suit to set aside the patents in order to determine the questions of titles.

SHERMAN'S BILL.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Sherman's bill for the encouragement of commercial relations with South American states provides that the president be authorized and requested to invite the republic of Mexico, of Central America and of South America, and the empire of Brazil to send delegates to a convention at Washington during 1881, to consider the best mode of establishing; and formulating the basis of peaceful, reciprocal and commercial relations, and to adopt measures considered the most practical to promote the construction of international railroads to connect the countries named with the United States. The bill provides that \$50,000 be appropriated to defray the expenses of the convention.

BILLS INTRODUCED BY SLATER.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Senator Slater of Oregon introduced in the senate yesterday a bill for the relief of the state, providing that she be paid \$257,109 her quota direct, tax levied under the act of August 5, 1861; also a bill for the relief of citizens of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana who served in the Nez Percés war, providing that soldiers get \$3 per diem, and that the injured or disabled receive a pension; also a bill fixing the prices of lands in Bitter Root Valley, Montana, within the limits of the Union Pacific grant, at \$1 20 per acre; also a bill requiring the commissioner of the land office to settle the account between the United States and Oregon for five per cent. of the minimum price of public lands now included in the borders of all Indian reservations in the state, and directing the secretary of the treasury to pay also an old bill, conferring upon the orphaned settlers in the territory of Oregon prior to the year of 1855, who did not obtain land rights to pre-emption, an equivalent amount to which their parents would have been entitled.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

China Riot.
HONG KONG, Dec. 7.—Another mob at Canton destroyed a chapel that was built at the expense of native Christians. Soldiers dispersed the mob, and 200 remained on guard at the ruins.

England and Spain.
LONDON, Dec. 6.—The foreign office announces that England and Spain will renew negotiations for a commercial treaty between the two countries.

Spain and Germany.
MADRID, Dec. 7.—A secret agreement has been concluded between Germany and Spain against revolutionary eventualities. This agreement is not aimed against France, and only against revolutionary propaganda.

Prisoners in Russia.
LONDON, Dec. 7.—A Paris correspondent forwards a second letter written in blood by a nihilist in the fort at St. Petersburg. It describes harrowing treatment of prisoners. Prisoners rot away and exhale the odors of dead bodies before life is extinct. The number of those who go mad in consequence of sufferings is daily increasing. Madmen are strapped down and whipped with the knout by the keepers. Fierce yells resound throughout the night. Many prisoners have committed suicide. It is said one woman was outraged and then poisoned. Inquiries into the affair have been instituted. Rats are the worst enemies of the prisoners. A woman with a babe was obliged to be constantly on the watch, and fight night and day to prevent ravages upon the child. The use of combs and soap is forbidden. The prisoners, especially women whose hair is allowed to grow, are literally devoured by lice. Prisoners who refuse to reply to questions are tortured, and cases of violation are frequent. The writer especially appeals to the civilized world in behalf of the women in the prison, whose situation he says is far worse than the men's.

TO PROVIDE LANDS FOR SOLDIERS.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Representative Hill will introduce a bill at the earliest opportunity, providing that surviving soldiers of the late war, including privates, non-commissioned and commissioned officers, be entitled to public lands in allotments graded according to length of service, and that widows and minor children of deceased soldiers be entitled to land which would have been, under the law, allotted to the husband or father. The allotments of lands are to be divided as follows: Those who enlisted three years or during the war, and served twelve months, or were honorably discharged after shorter service for disabilities incurred in line of duty, 160 acres; those who enlisted twelve months and actually served nine months, or discharged after a short period for disabilities incurred in line of duty, 80 acres; those who enlisted for three months, and served three months or were honorably discharged before expiration of term of service, 40 acres.

TO SUBSIDIZE AMERICAN BUILT STEAMERS.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A bill introduced by Rosecrans for the encouragement of the building of American iron and steel steamers, provides for postal subsidies of not more than \$5,000,000 per year to owners of steamers after passage of the act, in the United States, built of iron and steel manufactured in the United States.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—It is reported here that some important work is to be done shortly by the coast and geodetic survey, in the straits of Fuca, and that the work will be done by gentlemen from the east who have been assigned duty on the coast. From the disposition manifested by the department it is expected that during the present season much more work will be accomplished in this district than for some seasons past.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County.
In the matter of the Estate of }
John W. Wilkinson Deceased }
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her account for final settlement of the said estate, and that said Court has fixed Monday, the 7th day of January, 1884, at 10 o'clock, a. m. at the Court House in Corvallis, said County and State, as the time and place for hearing and determining objections to said final account.
LAURA A. MOORE,
Administratrix of the estate of Jno. W. Wilkinson deceased. 50w5

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
Notice is hereby given to all persons, that the undersigned David L. Keyes, administrator of the estate of Alexander Keyes, deceased, has filed his final account with said estate in the County Court of Benton County, Oregon, and said Court has appointed Saturday, the 15th day of January, 1884, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., of said day for the hearing of objections to said account, and the final settlement of the same.
This 7th day of December, 1883.
DAVID L. KEYES,
Administrator of said estate. 50w5

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned A. G. Mulkey has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of John Mulkey deceased by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County sitting for the transaction of Probate business. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same properly verified to me at my residence about two miles northwest of the town of Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, or at the office of Kelsay & Holgate in Corvallis, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.
This 15th day of November 1883.
A. G. MULKEY, Administrator. 47 w5

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