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EASTERN STATES.
Two New York Firms Dealing in Flour and Grain Suspended.
 NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Much excitement was caused in the Produce Exchange and neighborhood to-day by the announcement that the firm of E. W. Coleman & Co., flour and grain commission merchants, 8 Water street, were unable to meet their obligations. In consequence of this news the market declined from 1 1/2 to 2 cents per bushel on wheat, and from 3/4 to 1 cent per bushel on corn. Soon afterward it was announced that J. M. Fuller & Co., grain brokers in Bridge and State streets, had also suspended and made an assignment. The failure of E. W. Coleman & Co. caused great surprise. The firm has been established more than thirty years, and did an extensive business in flour and grain. Being "long" on wheat and corn (principally wheat) they gradually got into such a position that nothing but a decided turn of the market could relieve them from embarrassment, and such a turn did not occur. Coleman & Co. made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. It is impossible at present to estimate the liabilities, but they are heavy, and the assets are chiefly of such a character that they are not available at present. Most of the firm's indebtedness is due outside of this city.

It is supposed that the failure of J. M. Fuller & Co. was precipitated by the decline in the market, consequent upon the suspension of Coleman & Co. The firm has been doing a speculative business, and was "long" on the market. It is not supposed that the liabilities are extensive. The firm was embarrassed about seven months ago, but managed to tide over. At the office it was stated that the liabilities would probably not exceed \$100,000. The failure is due directly to a heavy decline in wheat, and also losses by the failure of Lane & Son, and a Detroit house a few months ago.

Probably Lost.
 NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The bark Minnie M. Watts left this port for Portland Oregon May 12 and July 22 was seen off Cape Horn. Nothing has since been heard from her, and she is thought by her agents, Van Vleck & Co., to be lost with all on board. Soon after she passed Cape Horn a terrific storm prevailed there, and several staunch clipper ships which encountered it were compelled to put into Valparaiso in distress. It is probable that the Watts went down in the same storm, with twenty persons aboard. The cargo of railway material was valued at \$85,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—The Alta states that the Alaskan judgment will in all probability be offered to Ward McAllister, nephew of Hall McAllister of this city. Judge Ferrall of the superior court, to-day refused to dismiss the indictments for forgery and perjury, preferred by the grand jury against Miss Aggie Hill and Neilson. They will therefore be tried in the United States circuit court.

The case of Charles Ford, on the same charge, was also continued until February 11, it appearing that Ford was at St. Louis to ill to attend.

Terrible Accident.
 BRADFORD, Pa., Jan. 15.—A stream of waste oil flowing from a tank across the Bradford, Borell and Kinzua Railroad caught fire this morning and the passenger train from Wellsville for Bradford ran into it and the train was immediately enveloped in flames, as the track for a distance of fully 100 yards was covered with oil. It is believed that the gas, coming in contact with the fire-box of the engine exploded, firing the oil, which spread on the hurricane of wind which was blowing, and enveloped the doomed train in an instant. The mass of flames was so intense a heat that the windows of the cars cracked and fell in less time than it takes to write this. The passenger coach and baggage car were converted into a seething, hissing mass of fire, and the coach was filled with flames and there was a rush for the doors, but the heat was so intense that the panic-stricken passengers were driven back and forced to jump through windows to a landing in the snow. A relief train with surgeons and cots was dispatched to the scene of the calamity. Upon the arrival there a terrible sight presented itself. The passenger coach and baggage car were smoking ruins while the engine lay on its back, having turned a complete somersault. It is definitely known that only three persons, all women, were burned to death. Thirteen other persons were severely burned, a number of whom will die.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.
 BRADFORD, Pa., Jan. 15.—While a train on the Bradford and Kinzua Railroad was passing an oil well being torpedooed, the fire box was open and the gas was ignited, setting the well on fire. The train jumped the track, and twelve persons reported burned to death. Another dispatch says the engine jumped the track and collided with a tank, which exploded. Nothing definite yet. One woman is dead and ten to fifteen are badly burned.

WASHINGTON NEWS.
 THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH.
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—At a meeting this morning of the house committee on postoffices and post roads the bills of Anderson of Kansas and Sumner of California, providing for the establishment of a postal telegraph, were referred to a sub-committee, with instructions to formulate a bill and report on the project.

The same committee on postoffices has decided to take up the subject at its next meeting, and so projects for a postal telegraph are well under way. The senate committee has three bills before it, of which Edmunds is author of one, Hill of Colorado another, and Dawes a third.

Sumner who has been looking over the ground, stated to-day that he believed that if a bill could come up this month, so as not to get crowded in with the appropriations and tariff measures, it would stand a first rate chance of passing. He says some of the leading members of the house have expressed themselves in favor of a postal telegraph.

General Bingham of Pennsylvania, who was chairman of the postal committee in last congress, and who is one of the sub-committees to whom the house bills were referred this morning, said to-day that it would be ten days before the committee could get a bill in shape. "I would not be surprised," said he, "if Edmunds' or some other telegraph bill is passed by this congress. There is, of course, considerable opposition to the government taking hold of telegraphy. There is always more or less opposition to great reforms like this, but to my mind there should be no objection to it. Lines of telegraph that may be used by the common public at a reasonable expense should be controlled by the government, and it is only a question of time when it will be done. If delayed by this congress it will come up again in the next and continue to come up until adopted. I have cast about considerably on the subject and bear no opposition except from monopolists. All the bills except Hill's are similar in their provisions. Dawes' bill, introduced yesterday, provides for a fourth assistant postmaster-general to take charge of the telegraph system and for putting the whole matter in charge of the postoffice department. Hill's bill looks to the ultimate absorption of the present lines of wire opened by the Western Union and other companies. The other bills contemplate the construction of new lines."

STARCH SUGAR.
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The National Academy of Sciences, through President O. C. Marsh to-day, made a report on glucose to the commissioner of internal revenue. After stating what starch sugar is, how manufactured and chiefly used, the report says the starch sugar industry in the United States gives employment to twenty factories, having an estimated capital of \$5,000,000, consuming 40,000 bushels of corn per day, and producing grain sugar and glucose of the annual value of \$10,000,000. In Germany in 1881 and 1882 there were thirty-nine factories of this sort, consuming 80,000 tons of starch, and producing 40,000 tons of starch sugar. A thorough investigation of the whole subject was made by members of the academy, and as a result the following facts appear: That the manufacture of sugar from starch is a long established industry, scientifically valuable and commercially important; that the processes employed at the present time are unobjectionable in character, and leave the product uncontaminated; that starch sugar thus made and sent into commerce is exceptional in purity and uniformity of composition, and contains no injurious substances, and that having at the best only about two-thirds of the sweetening power of cane sugar, yet starch sugar is in no way inferior to cane sugar in healthfulness, there being no evidence before the committee that maize starch sugar, either in the normal condition or fermented, has any deleterious effects upon the system, even when taken in large quantities.

PACIFIC COAST BUILDINGS.
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—In addition to regular appropriations and those asked for by members from the Pacific coast for the improvement of rivers and harbors, there are four bills before congress for government buildings, all of which should pass. They are Tulley's and Glascock's bills, appropriating \$150,000 and \$100,000 respectively for new postoffices at Los Angeles and Sacramento, Rosecrans' bill, appropriating \$700,000 for a new postoffice at San Francisco, and Dolph's bill, appropriating not more than \$500,000 for a custom house at Portland. The first and last named were introduced this week, and are last on the calendar of the committee to whom they were referred.

Randall, of the appropriation committee intends to force economy, notwithstanding there is likely to be a treasury surplus of \$20,000,000 this year, and all appropriation bills outside of rivers and harbors, and expenses of the government, will have to stand aside. Although he does not say so, Randall desires to change the policy of the democracy from tariff for revenue to retrenchment and economy in administration of the government. He thinks this will be a stronger card in the presidential election than tariff tinkering.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Preparing for War in China.
 CANTON, Jan. 13.—The authorities of this province are vigorously preparing for war. They are building a telegraph line between Canton and the Tonquin frontier. The viceroy of Canton has issued a proclamation summoning the people to prepare to repel French invaders, at the same time expressing friendship toward other nations.

Chinese Troops Dispatched to Hainan.
 HONG KONG, Jan. 13.—Six thousand Chinese troops have been sent to Hainan. The greatest activity prevails in Canton. Barges have been sunk in the Canton river to block the channel. The troops sent to Hainan are possessed with good physique, and are fairly armed, but are indifferently drilled. Chinese officials state that some extraordinary steps are imminent.

Decisive Battle Expected.
 VIENNA, Jan. 13.—It is stated that China has definitely decided not to recall her troops from Bannin, where a decisive battle is expected shortly.

The Latest News.
 LONDON, Jan. 14.—A Hong Kong dispatch of Monday, timed 10:35 A. M. says advices from Ha Noi of the 6th instant announce that pirates attacked Nidiah on all sides on the nights of the 1st and 2d. Many were killed and wounded, and many houses were burned. On the 4th the post of Botang, near Ha-Noi, was attacked and many compelled to retire in disorder, carrying away many killed and wounded. Insurgent bands are being reorganized.

Soutay advices state that nearly all the fugitives are returning, supplied with arms. It is reported the Chinese army is descending from the province of Quang-See for the purpose of occupying Bannin.

Priests Freed by the Chinese.
 PARIS, Jan. 13.—Le Temps states that since the arrival of the French expedition in Tonquin Catholic missionaries have been subjected to renewed persecution in the southern provinces of China. A furious mob in the province of Quang See destroyed the house of Pere Pernet, who was arrested and maltreated, receiving several blows from flat swords. He was also threatened with death, and the Chinese demanded a ransom of 7000 francs for his release. It is probable, however, that Pernet will be taken to Canton. Other missionaries were also arrested at the instigation of the mandarins who have ceased to respect the treaties.

War in Egypt.
 CAIRO, Jan. 13.—El Mahdi demands £2000 ransom for five nuns and four priests whom he holds in captivity. The Austrian consul is asking merchants to subscribe the amount.

It has been decided to retain Suakem in Egypt. The rebels made a night attack on Takir, December 20th, but were repulsed. They looted the house of the principal merchant of the town, and carried off his wife and daughter. The garrison lost five killed and seven wounded. The rebels are entrenched 600 yards from the town. The garrison is short of ammunition.

A letter from Sirkat states that the town can not hold out beyond the 30th. The garrison is suffering severely from cold.

DISCOVERY OF A SCHEME TO FLEECE AMERICANS.
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The United States consul at Malaga reports to the department of state that a fraudulent scheme entered into to obtain money from credulous Americans, was recently discovered there, after having apparently been for some time in successful operation. It is as follows: An alleged cure of one of the Spanish churches writes to the head of a family in the United States that he attended, in his dying moments, a "brigadier," who entrusted to him the guardianship of a child of large property. Relationship between the person addressed is intimated. Considerable money is alleged to have been secured by the "brigadier" during his fight with the Carlist army, and secrecy is enjoined on account of the sanctity of the priestly office and efforts of the Spanish government to obtain the sacred fortune. The communication ends with a request for money to send the child to its American relations. The consul states that he is constantly receiving inquiries from the United States about such letters, and in some cases persons from this country even visited Spain for the purpose of obtaining the fortune they supposed was awaiting them.

REDUCTION OF POSTAGE.
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Hazen, third assistant postmaster general, has completed a statement, based upon returns for 140 postoffices that usually return one-half of the postal revenue, showing that the gross receipts for the quarter ending December 31, were \$5,653,876. This is a falling off in the receipts for the corresponding quarter of the previous year, of \$183,854, or 13 per cent. As the reduction of postage went into effect during the quarter, returns were awaited with some anxiety by postal officials, who were in doubt in regard to the effect of the reduced rates upon the revenues of the department. A loss of five per cent. had been expected. These receipts of a revenue sufficient at least to meet all expenses the present fiscal year.

PACIFIC COAST.

Utah Legislature.
 SALT LAKE, Jan. 14.—The legislature met this morning in the City hall. Bishop Colville was elected speaker of the council, and Charles Stayer clerk. James Sharp, son of Bishop John Sharp, was elected speaker of the house, and James F. Wells, son of Daniel H. Wells, first counsellor of the Mormon church, chief clerk. In the council are two bishops and one apostle, and in the house three bishops. Arthur L. Thomas, secretary of the territory, administered the oath, with the addition that none were living polygamy or ever had been polygamists. After a short session, the legislature adjourned till to-morrow, when the governor's message will be read. There is a small lobby, and no enthusiasm.

Mormons Urged to Stand by Polygamy.
 SALT LAKE, Jan. 14.—Apostle Tensdale, in a tabernacle sermon yesterday, said: "Don't go back on one principle of the gospel. I believe in plural marriage as much as I do in baptism for the remission of sins. I will not give up one of my principles. Do not fear to face man for God. I'd fear to go behind a veil to meet those who would know I had given up the first principle of the gospel. Plural marriage is a necessity. The church can't exist without it. It is one of the landmarks of the church."

THE CHINESE BILL.
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The new Chinese bill is numbered "H. R. No. 1798." Every preparation has been made to secure a favorable report from the committee and its early passage. No one unfamiliar with the rules of the house of representatives can understand the value of a committee report. Windy orators and obstructionists in times past have resulted in so curtailing the privileges of members on the floor that the chairman of committees practically control action of the house. As Mr. Budd of California said to your correspondent yesterday: "You don't hear anybody talking about what the house is going to do, or what the committee are going to do. It is how does the chairman stand? What is he going to do? It is gratifying therefore to know that Curtin, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, is a friend of the Pacific coast. He has been absent in Pennsylvania all the week, but has assured the members from the Pacific that the Chinese act amendments will be one of the first things considered when the committee meets. It is stated that two members of the committee—Stewart of Texas and Long of Indiana—will be in favor of reporting the bill in its present shape. Both have said so, and if they do not change their minds the bill will have practically a unanimous report from the committee."

RECIPROcity TREATY WITH MEXICO.
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—It is expected that a considerable portion of the present week will be devoted by the senate to consideration of the Mexican reciprocity treaty. A proposition has been made that an executive session discussion take place with open doors. Many senators expressed themselves in favor, but precedents, with one exception, are against such a course, and it is uncertain what decision will be reached. It is believed the treaty will be ratified, but serious objections will be made in the progress of the discussion. Some senators apprehend war and prospective annexation as a result of the complications they think sure to grow out of attempts by Americans to establish themselves in Mexico. Others hold the opinion that if the president and the senate may establish free trade relations with another government they would thus exclude the popular branch of congress from participation in the exercise of the most important function of the government—that of raising revenue.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Richard Brooker, Wallace Nash, C. H. Nash and E. Warren, all of Corvallis, Benton county, Or.
 L. T. BARN, Register.

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 In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby
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 now on file in the office of the clerk of said court, on
 or before the 1st day of the next regular term of
 said court, to be held in said county on the 4th
 Monday in March 1884, and you are hereby notified that
 if you fail to answer said complaint as herein re-
 quired the Plaintiff will take a decree against you
 dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing be-
 tween you and said Plaintiff, on the ground of wilful
 desertion for the period of three years prior to the
 commencement of this suit. Also that she is re-
 turned to her maiden name, Sarah A. Nobles, and
 for such other relief as may be just and equitable
 and costs and disbursements.

This summons is published by order of Hon. R.
 S. Bean, Judge of said Court, which said order bears
 date Nov. 22, 1883. F. M. JOHNSON, Att. for Plf.
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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has
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