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TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

GENERAL NEWS.

EIGHT PERSONS DROWNED.
MINNEAPOLIS, July 12.—Shortly after 5 o'clock this afternoon a heavy wind and rain storm passed over Lake Minnetonka. The small steam yacht Minnie Cook, with eight persons on board, was capsized and the entire crew drowned. News of the accident spread rapidly, and created the wildest excitement, when it became known that all the victims resided here. The unfortunate party was composed of ex-Mayor A. C. Rand, wife and two sons, Harvey and Frank, J. R. Coykendall and wife, their son-in-law, and George McDonald, engineer. Two bodies have already been recovered. The storm is described by eye witnesses as terrific.

GENERAL SHERIDAN SPEAKS.
CHICAGO, July 12.—General Sheridan who leaves Chicago to-night for the scene of the anticipated Indian trouble in Indian Territory, said in an interview to-day, that in his opinion the Arapahoe tribe was peaceably inclined, that the Cheyennes alone are likely to rise, and that the occasion of the whole disturbance was the encroachments of colonists and cattlemen on Indian possessions.

CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.
BOSTON, July 12.—Managers of the leading clearing houses of the United States report that total clearances for the week ending July 11 were \$752,897,046, an increase of 7.8 per cent. compared with the corresponding week a year ago.

ENDICOTT GOES TO NEW YORK.
WASHINGTON, July 12.—Secretary Endicott left Washington to-night for New York to be in attendance to-morrow at a meeting of the board, appointed to examine means of defense for this country, and to report recommendations for additional fortifications.

GOULD GOBBLING MINES.
DALLAS, TEXAS, July 14.—Jay Gould has bought of Robert C. Stephens, the builder of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, all his mining interests in the Indian Territory, including the McAllister mine, from which the coal supply of Texas is mainly derived. It is thought he will thus control fuel so as to annoy opposition railroads in Texas and notably the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe owned by Galveston merchants, for the control of which he has been making successive efforts. That railroad has tied in the Clerk's office for registration a mortgage to the Farmers Loan and Trust Company of New York for \$2,144,000, designed to be used in its extension. Its ultimate northern terminus is to be Denver and Kansas City.

INDIANA CROPS.
INDIANAPOLIS, July 13.—The June report of wheat in Indiana showed 61 per cent. of an average crop. Latter reports make it 64 per cent. The showers of June helped the crop and the grain is unusually large and plump, and will weigh heavy. The corn crop will be the largest ever raised in the State. Oats and hay are also very fine. The general per cent. of wheat in the northern third of the State is 88, in the central 81, and in the southern 47. The corn crop in the southern third is put at 99 per cent. in the central at 98, and in the northern at 93. Oats are also best in the southern third, while timothy and clover are better in the north. Indiana wheat is better than that of either Illinois or Ohio.

DEPRIVED OF REVENUE.
LAWRENCE, KAN., July 13.—The occupation tax that threatened an incipient rebellion, it is now thought, will be acquiesced in, and the needed revenue to run the city will be supplied. The closing of the saloons shut off the revenues so largely that the city was found without means to meet the current expenses. Drug stores are relieved of license tax, and are not required to pay a per-cent on their scales. This is the only city in the state where an occupation tax has proved a success.

INDIANS COOLING DOWN.
WASHINGTON, July 13.—The War Department is in receipt of dispatches from Indian Territory which say that the disaffected Indians are becoming quiet, and there is a favorable outlook for settlement of the Indian difficulties.

STRIKE IN THE BRICK YARDS.
CHICAGO, July 13.—Most all the brick yards in and around Chicago shut down on Saturday night, and manufacturers have reduced wages fifty cents a day. The men

refused to accept the reduction. Both sides are firm.

MILITARY CALLED OUT.
EAST SAGINAW, MICH., July 13.—The militia of the surrounding country are under arms ready to march to this place to suppress an impending riot between the strikers and citizens. The mills will be started this afternoon under the protection of Pemberton's force. There is great excitement and bloodshed is feared.

DISASTROUS STORM.
PITTSBURG, July 13.—Shortly before dark this evening the Allegheny valley was visited by one of the most disastrous storms ever known in that section. Rain fell in torrents for an hour, the wind blew a hurricane, and thunder and lightning were incessant. Reports of great damage have been received from various points along the Allegheny river, between here and Titusville.

TITUSVILLE, Pa., July 13.—A cloud burst about one mile south of town this afternoon and streams entering Oil creek near the city rose unprecedentedly high. Many houses were moved from their foundations and several were washed away. A number of families had a narrow escape. Two bridges went down the creek, and roads were badly washed. No loss of life is reported, but the damage to property is very great.

GENERAL GRANT'S CONDITION.
MOUNT McCREGOR, N. Y., July 13.—Dr. Douglas said this morning that General Grant had passed a good night, and when asked how many hours his patient slept, the doctor evidently felt it needless to go into minute details of a quiet night. The general went through the night with little or no cocaine and this morning was bright and his spirits improved, as has been the case every Monday in four weeks. The sick man takes food plentifully and has swallowed his liquid nourishment to-day without apparent pain. His voice is clearer and stronger, and his pulse has greater volume than yesterday.

THE HOP MARKET.
NEW YORK, July 13.—The hop market is still depressed, and no improvement is observed in the demand from brewers or the trade, and only small lots of from three to ten bales are dealt in. Prime quality can be had at ten cents, and even lower. The crop in Europe is said to promise well.

BUFFALO BILL IN TROUBLE.
NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 13.—A deputy sheriff went to Norwalk this afternoon and attached Buffalo Bill's Wild West show for \$26,000, on two attachments, one of \$10,000 for damages for breaking up Carver's show, and one for \$16,000 for the malicious arrest of Dr. Carver. The Cody party furnished bonds.

THE CLEVELAND STRIKE.
CLEVELAND, July 14.—Residents of Iron ward were astir at an early hour this morning. It had been announced that the plate mill would be started at 6 o'clock, and long before that hour a number of persons congregated at the railway tracks and in the vicinity of the gates leading to the mills. A detail of police was on hand. A number of former employes arrived and passed into the mill without being molested. At 7 o'clock work was commenced in the mill, which had been idle for over a week. A number of strikers were in the vicinity, but no violence was offered, and everything is quiet at this time. The situation of the civil and military authorities remain the same as for several days past. In the police court a large number of curiosity seekers were present, brought there by a desire to get a look at William G. Gorsuch, the Chicago anarchist, who was last night arrested on a charge of inciting to commit a crime. Hearing was set for July 17th.

GOULD OPERATING IN MEXICO.
CHICAGO, July 14.—A Times El Paso (Tex.) special says: The origin of the famous recent financial decree issued by the Mexican government is now attributed to Jay Gould. It is said that he has had a confidential agent in the city of Mexico for several months past, who first negotiated with the government touching a large deposit made with the government to secure Gould a grant and railroad concessions. It is said that this negotiation led to more important dealings with the general government, which resulted in Gould's suggesting and outlining a remarkable financial policy, which culminated in a decree funding \$250,000,000 of the indebtedness, and cutting off all subsidies to railroads. During these negotiations Gould is reported to have been a heavy seller of Mexican Central stock, and also of Mexican national bonds and stock. These transactions on the part of Gould are just coming to light, but good authority says they can be substantiated.

VIRGINIA REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.
RICHMOND, Va., July 15.—Delegates to the state republican convention, which meets to-morrow, are arriving by every train. From present indications the fight for governor will be between John S. Wise and Attorney General Blair. Friends of each are sanguine that they have a majority. Wise's friends claim that he will be nominated on the first ballot, while some of Blair's adherents think that Henry C. Bowen will possibly come in as a dark horse.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

THE JUNE CROP REPORT.
WASHINGTON, July 10.—The month has been favorable to the development of winter wheat. A slight improvement is indicated, which will advance the general average between two and three points, or from 62 to nearly 65. A very slight decline is reported in Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, and in some of the southern states. In Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri there has been an improvement, as well as in California and Oregon. The winter wheat region, which does not include the territories, now promises about 250,000,000 bushels.

The condition of spring wheat continues higher, though the average has been reduced slightly, the average being nearly 96. The indications now point to a crop of about 148,000,000 bushels for Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, Dakota and all the other territories and northern New England. This makes an aggregate of 363,000,000 bushels.

THE CORN CROP.

The immense corn area of last year has apparently been increased about 6 per cent. or at least 4,000,000 acres, making an aggregate of 74,000,000 acres. The largest increase is in the Missouri valley. The condition of corn is higher than in any year since 1880 except the last. It averages 94 against 93 in 1884. It is higher in the south and higher on the Atlantic coast than in the west. The Kansas average is 83, that of Michigan and Missouri 87, Wisconsin 88, Illinois 90, Indiana 92, Minnesota 93, Ohio and Nebraska 97.

THE OREGON CENTRAL GRANT.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—The commissioner of the general land office, with the approval of the secretary of the interior, has expressed an opinion that congress intended to reserve for forfeiture lands within the granted limits along the whole constructed portions of the Oregon Central railway and telegraph line from Portland to Astoria, in Oregon, irrespective of whether they were "adjacent and coterminous with uncompleted portions of the road" or not.

THE POSTOFFICE DEFICIT.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—The deficit in the post office department for the quarter ended March 21 is \$1,666,000. During the corresponding time last year the deficit was \$885,000. Thus the deficit for the March quarter of the present year is \$880,000 in excess of the deficit during the corresponding quarter of 1884. Financial officers of the department had estimated that the deficiency at the end of the present fiscal year would be between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 but they are now of the opinion that the deficit will aggregate about 6,000,000. The reduction in revenue and increase of expenditures is attributed to the business depression, which is quickly felt in the postoffice department.

THE PURCHASE OF SILVER.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—A change has been made in the manner of purchasing silver by the treasury department for coinage into standard dollars. Offers for sale of silver for this purpose hereafter will be made to the treasurer, instead of the director of the mint, and purchases be made Tuesday and Friday of each week, instead of Wednesday. The change is stated to be for the purpose of allowing the director to give his undivided attention to the business of the mint.

AGAINST LAND GRANT ROADS.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Land Commissioner Sparks has rendered a decision affirming the right of entry under the public land law, and decisions of the supreme court of the United States, of lands heretofore withdrawn by the voluntary action of the general land office for railroad indemnity purposes where no requirement of law existed for making such withdrawals. The effect of this decision, if sustained by the secretary of the interior, will be to restore entry under the homestead and other laws many million acres of public land which have been kept out of the market for many years because claimed by railroad corporations. In the course of the decision, which is quite lengthy, the commissioner cites from leading decisions of the supreme court and concludes as follows:

Following these decisions, by the authority of which I am governed, I must hold that a withdrawal of land by the commissioner of the general land office, when withdrawal from settlement, entry or other appropriation are not required by law, is effective only as information in defining the limits within which indemnity selections may be made in a proper time and manner, but it is not operative as a prohibition of settlement and entries within such limits, under the public land act laws prior to the time when a lawful selection by the railroad company has actually been made.

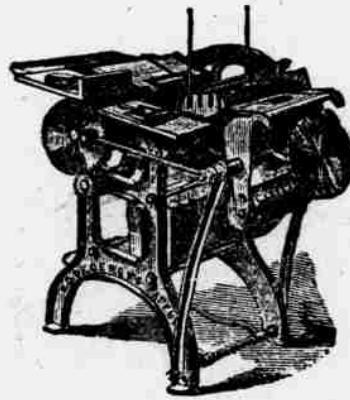
This decision was brought out by an inquiry from the receiver at the land office at Walla Walla, Washington territory, as to whether or not the Northern Pacific railroad company is entitled to the land regularly settled upon by one Miller, but which was, by a change in the line of the above mentioned road, brought within its indemnity limits.

PACIFIC COAST.

WILL WITHDRAW THEIR STEAMERS.
SAN FRANCISCO, July 13.—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company intend to withdraw their steamers from the line between this city and Australia November 1, according to a statement to be published in tomorrow's Call. The steamship company's contract with the Australian colonies expires on that date. The colonies declare they will not renew the contract by which they pay the steamship company a subsidy, unless the United States agree to pay a portion of it. The recent decision of postmaster general Vilas not to use any part of the \$400,000 appropriated by last congress to assist in the transportation of mail is said to have determined this course of action by the Pacific Mail Company.

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