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VERY LATEST NEWS REPORTS.
Destructive Fires.
NEW YORK, May 4.—John Lawrence's moulted and planting mills, First Avenue, burned to-day; loss, \$40,000; insurance, \$35,000.
Election of Directors.
The Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad stockholders to-day elected the Vanderbilt party directors for the ensuing year.
Steamer for Portland.
The iron steamship George W. Elder, built by John Bosh & Sons, at Chester, Penn., and recently sold to a Portland, Oregon, company, to ply between that port and San Francisco, will leave those waters about the 15th inst. for the Pacific coast by way of Cape Horn. She is now being thoroughly overhauled at Eagle wharf, Hoboken. This steamship is about 1,600 tons burthen, of handsome model, and very much resembles in appearance the new Pacific mail steamers.

No one knows better than yourself that I am moved to this labor solely by my duty to the dead. Very sincerely, A. G. RIDDLE.
Blaine's Reply to Riddle.
WASHINGTON, May 5.—Blaine replied to Riddle thus:
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3, 1876.
Hon. A. G. RIDDLE.—Dear Sir: I am totally surprised by the tone of your note touching Mr. Knowlton. I was especially careful to make no reference to him that in my judgment would offend the most sensitive feeling. You cannot but be aware that Knowlton's name has been used for some years past, and with vindictive force and frequency, reported as coming from a man, but which you know he never gave, to be carried and quoted in all directions, and I had to choose between discussing and tacitly admitting it, with all its damaging imputations. But no one, save yourself, can see in my reference to Knowlton's name the slightest disrespect to his memory. On the contrary, it relieves him from the anathema of a malignant calumny. It, however, you do not judge it to be wise, or prudent, or expedient, to seek a personal controversy with me over Knowlton's Black Hills.

Chinese Question.
WASHINGTON, May 6.—Congressmen Page and Piper had an interview with Secretary Fish to-day on the Chinese question. He assured them he was not only willing, but anxious to procure a treaty modification to prevent the evils of which the Pacific coast complains, and reiterated his former statement to Page, that he had already instructed Minister Seward to bring the subject earnestly to the attention of the Chinese government; but he was at a loss to know just what modifications would accomplish the desired end, he, therefore, asks the Pacific delegation in congress to consult with each other and the committee on foreign affairs in both houses, and then suggest to him what they think best, whereupon he will immediately forward the suggestions and direct Minister Seward to secure the consent to a treaty modification in accordance therewith if possible.
Page has to-day had a talk with Prof. Seave, a member of Congress of very high standing from Massachusetts, who has traveled in China and who promises his best assistance in showing that the Burlingame treaty is a one-sided affair, benefitting China at our expense, and requiring amendment for many reasons. Page says that at the end of the present session, nothing shall have been accomplished of a positive nature in this regard, he will move for the appointment of a joint committee of two Senators and three Representatives to visit the Pacific coast during the next session. A strong report signed by such men as Representative Seave, he thinks, commands attention here, if it cannot be obtained sooner.
Senator Sargent and he will advise the total abrogation of the 5th and 6th articles of the treaty, though he fears that Secretary Fish will not be willing to go that far without legislation.
Sargent's Chinese speech.
Sargent's speech on the Chinese question has excited much interest here. Congressional sentiment on the question now is awakening under such efforts and the discussion by the California press, California was slow to appreciate the many drawbacks of Chinese immigration, and it is not surprising that Eastern sentiment responds but slowly. But Sargent's argument and statements of facts, evidently expressing the certain features of the degrading influence of Chinese in California, seem to excite the public mind into a more careful examination and review of the whole subject. The threatened modifications in San Francisco, however, tends to create a reaction against this improving sentiment, and aggravate the difficulty of securing a constitutional remedy. If your people are tolerant, there is hope that the Senate may soon initiate a movement looking to a modification of the treaty. In the meantime Piper will push his bill securing the rigid execution of the existing law relative to coolie importation. The theory of Piper's bill is that the law of March, 1875, would be efficacious if Collector Shannon executed it with vigor. Piper therefore proposes to amend the 5th section by adding the following:
'When any two citizens shall file with the collector of any port of the United States an affidavit stating that they have reason to believe that on board any vessel arriving at said port there are any persons prohibited from landing by the act, he shall be the duty of said collector, to make, or cause to be made the inspection provided for in this act, and every collector and inspection officer who wilfully refuses, or neglects to make such inspection or enforce the provisions of this act shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$2,000, or by imprisonment for not less than three months or more than one year; provided, that this amendment shall not be so construed as to relieve the collectors of ports from causing the inspection of vessels to be made as provided in the original section, though no affidavit be made as required by this amendment.'
This amendatory bill will be submitted to the House with a unanimous recommendation for its passage as soon as it can be called for report.

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Presidential Speculation.
NEW YORK, May 6.—Blaine still leads for the Cincinnati nomination, though the Bristol press on the party machinery grows stronger daily. Politicians now concede more freely that Conkling would beat Tilden in this State if both were nominated. The best opinion denies the recent impression that Tilden had captured Southern Georgia. It is certain he is not even the choice of the delegates to St. Louis. Gen. Hancock is more talked of by the Democrats. Wise of Virginia, declares that Pennsylvania should support him as her citizen, whose heroic conduct in arms only equaled by his scrupulous devotion to the principles of civil liberty in time of peace. The Sun claims that no man was ever nominated for President without the cordial support in convention of his own section of the Union, and on this theory count Blaine out in the fight. Blaine's friends say New England will unite upon him after a few complimentary votes for others.
PACIFIC COAST.
E. S. Paymaster Attacked and Robbed.
YREKA, May 6.—The mail carrier from Trinidad on arriving at Sawyer's Bar, in this county, states that Col. Wingard U. S. Paymaster, his clerk and a man named Baird were attacked by two highwaymen known as the "Two Brothers," who commenced shooting without giving any notice or warning, killing the clerk and shooting Wingard through the arm. The party were attacked between Trinidad and Horse valley in the redwoods. The clerk, being shot, was killed, and \$1,800 taken from his body. Wingard's horse getting frightened, ran off, and Wingard, who was behind, dismounted and took to the woods. Col. Wingard was on his way to Fort Gaston to pay off the troops. He has taken to the fort and his arm discovered to have been broken by the bullet. One of the robbers has been caught.
SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—The U. S. paymaster robbed on the way to Fort Gaston proves to have been Col. Brodhead, in the 6th, instead of Col. Wingard. The clerk was only slightly wounded.
Stage Robbers Caught.
Sheriff Hayes, of Calaveras county, this evening helped in the city prison, Mitchell, Brown, Mitchell, Ravels, Henry, Clifford and Robt. Maxwell, on the way to San Quentin. They are a portion of the stage-robbing gang who have been for a long time operating in Calaveras and adjoining counties.

fracture of the skull, and a severe laceration of the face, the skull was fractured, and the brain exposed. The patient is in a very serious condition, and it is doubtful if he will survive.
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Wife-Murder and Suicide.
CHICAGO, May 3.—Anthony Gehering, a carrier for the morning papers, killed his wife and then himself this morning. It appears that about nine o'clock in the morning, after having delivered his papers, he went to the house of his mother, dropped his bank book containing a note requesting a burial and pardon for what he was about to do. Then he went home, immediately shot his wife, killing her instantly, and by the same means committed suicide. The bodies were discovered soon afterwards, whether in blood, in the house 33 West Madison st., where a woman kept a laundry. The people were Germans, and had been married only eight months. Gehering was of a most violent disposition, and was very jealous of his wife. The coroner's jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts.

Redeemable Currency Theories Referred.
WASHINGTON, May 4.—Piper's speech in the House last night, was a spirited refutation of the irredeemable currency theories lately advanced by Kelly and other soft money Congressmen. And an argument to show that the only feasible plan for returning to specie payments is to reduce the amount of notes now in circulation. He thought an easy and rapid way would be to reduce paper currency to \$50,000,000, either by retiring national bank notes, or by issuing legal tenders, or by carrying on both operations at once. He believed that a partial substitution of legal tenders for national bank notes would be desirable for a short time, as it would save the government from a considerable amount of interest. Another means of contraction and redemption advanced by Piper is to reduce the legal tenders by issuing bonds, and to allow free banking secured by deposit of government bonds. These three banks, however, should be organized as specie paying institutions, with an obligation to serve in metallic currency. Under such a system the metallic guarantee of \$50,000,000 would allow a circulation of \$200,000,000 in paper, which would be sufficient to supply the business wants of the country. One of these plans he believed would finally be adopted, or the country will go from bad to worse, and he insists that the present is the proper time to make the comparatively trifling sacrifice required for the return to an honest currency system.

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Hill to Annex Alaska to Washington Territory.
WASHINGTON, May 4.—The Senate committee on territories, to-day heard arguments from Mitchell, in advocacy of his bill to annex Alaska to Washington Territory as a county. Prof. Edmitt, late special agent of the Treasury Department in Alaska was the chief opponent of the bill, which he contended was wholly unnecessary.

Military Expedition Against the Sioux.
CHICAGO, May 4.—The Tribune's St. Paul special from Ft. Lincoln says the column to cooperate with Gibbons and Crook's commands from Fort Ellis and Laramie will start next week. Gen. Terry, department commander, will probably accompany the expedition to column and direct its operations. Custer is expected here on Friday and will go forward and complete the preparations which Major Dismal has been charged with during his absence. The three columns, Gibbons's being already in Upper Yellowstone, will move towards the mouth of Big Horn with such divergence from direct lines as is necessary to gather the main bodies of the hostile and wild Indians. Terry understands that Crook's column will again move northward within three weeks.

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Scientific Expedition to the Coast of California.
OMAHA, May 4.—Recent arrivals from Custer City say a great scarcity of food exists throughout the Hills. Sugar is 40c a pound; bacon, 50c; corn, 50c; flour, \$20 a sack in Custer. The road from Laramie to Custer is strewn with the wagons of parties who have been attacked by Indians. On the 10th of April a party of Indians came within 100 yards of Custer City, and ran off thirty head of horses.

Mexican News.
HAVANA, May 4.—The steamer brings news from Vera Cruz to April 23 as follows: All forces are at Tehuacan dividing the campaign in the State of Puebla, and regular troops to the number of 15,000 are operating in the States of Vera Cruz and Puebla and the valley of Mexico. Fifteen thousand men in detached bands through the States of Oaxaca and Vera Cruz. The Puebla and Mexico Railway between Vera Cruz and Mexico continues interrupted; 4,000 Pronunciados are scattered along the line of the road and they have destroyed thirteen of its bridges. The capture of Matamoros by Diaz is not considered important. The two Republics newspaper says that while the interior States remain faithful the movement of Diaz will have no influence on the revolution.

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