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### TELEGRAPHIC.

### EASTERN STATES.

Silver Scheme.

Washington, May 17.—Senator Bayard is understood to hold the following views on the proposition to use diplomatic means to induce European nations to join in a conferinduce European nations to join in a confer-ence to regulate the silver difficulty: Congress is to be pressed to appropriate \$20,000, believing that the northern and even the Latin nations of Europe will suggest some-thing, and the President to have discretion of entering any European conference that may be called on, suggested during the re-cess of Congress. It is stated that no obcess of Congress. It is stated that no ob-jection exists to this appropriation. Jones of Nevada is understood to be its promoter.

The Western Army. General Sherman says that military affairs were never so well arranged in the West as now, and that General Sheridan has reduced everything to an admirable and effective sys-

Pension Payments.

In response to a letter addressed by Secre-tary Schurz inquiring what amount of funds can be made available monthly for the paycan be made available monthly for the pay-ment of arrears due upon pensions allowed prior to January 25, 1879, the secretary of the treasury states that including the amount already paid, \$2,500,000 will be available prior to July 1st, and \$2,000,000 monthly thereafter. At this rate nearly the whole of the next fiscal year will be required to com-plete the payment of these arrears. The commissioner of pensions, in view of this has issued a circular letter to applicants for arrears, saying that a comparatively small number of cases only can be adjusted monthly, and therefore some delay may occur in the settlement of claims; but settlements will be made in such order as to distribute payments equitably among the several penagencies as near as may be. Coming West.

Ex-Secretary Geo. C. Gorham and family left Washington to-night for San Francisco, where they will reside. Gorham says there is no truth in the report that he has formed connection with a new morning paper in

Profits on Silver.

Springer's amendment, giving the profit of silver coinage to the government as amended by Ewing, was defeated—yeas, 58; nays, 121

Wilson's Mexican Bill.

The House Committee on Poreign Affairs has authorized Wilson to report with favor-able recommendation, his joint resolution of April 21st, providing for further treaty ne-gotiations with Mexico. Subscriptions.

Subscriptions to the 4 per cent refunding certificates to date, \$15,808,720.

New York, May 18.—William Gordon, a mail clerk in the employ of M. B. Claffin & Co., has been arrested charged with swindling his employers of nearly \$6,000. He confessed his guilt and said that he was first confessed his guilt and said that he was first tempted to steal sheets of postage stamps by Thos L. Smith, a fellow clerk. They di-vided the proceeds daily for two years, when Gordon determined to stop stealing. Smith threatened to expose him if he did not con-tinue the peculations. Smith was discharged for neglect of duty six months ago; but still kept a hold on Gordon, and compelled him to continue stealing stamps. Smith was also arrested and donies Gordon's story.

Buried Allye. Easton, Pa., May 17.—John and Robert Boas, miners, were buried a hundred feet beneath the surface this morning by the eaving of ore.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—The bay mare Nettie, by Rysdyck's Hambietonian, dam by American Star, with a record of 2:18, died yesterday from blood poison caused by pick-ing up a nail.

Steamer Sunk.

PROVIDENCE, May 18.—The steamer Ashland, of the Clyde line, from New York for Fall River, in ballast, was totally wrecked on Point Judith last night in a fog. The crew

Colored Couvention.

RICHMOND, May 19.—The convention of colored delegates met here to-day for the purpose of considering matters connected with the welfare, rights and improvements of the condition of their race. Resolutions were adopted that the rights of the colored man cannot be obtained here in the midst of uncompromising oppressors of the race where the State can oppress and abridge their privileges, as in the case of Kinney-Hall, where Judge Hughes of the U. S. court decided such marriage Plogal. tions concluded with a recommendation to the colored race throughout the South to erganize themselves into emigration societies for the purpose of leaving the Sombern for the purpose of leaving the Southern States, provided their condition is not betby the authorities of the State. lengthy debate ensued.

A Breeze from Boston. Bosrox, May 19.—A special session of the New England Reform League has begun. listic ideas in the most radical form are Socialistic ideas in the most embodied in the resolutions.

tirant on the Chinese. NEW YORK, May 19 .- Advices from General Grant to April, represent a very anxious feeling throughout Asia respecting restrictions of Chinese emigration to America. Grant's response to the address of Chinese merchants at Penang, in which they ask his "powerful influence to their behalf to advote the removal of those restrictions, and thus restore the intercourse between the two nations to its former facility," was a very decided remonstrative against the contract aystem, which he collected to be slavery. On that point he said: "Americans will nat-urally feel strongly. It was in order to free one race from slavery that we fought a long war. After the terrible sacrifices made during that war to free the negro, it could not be expected that Americans would consent to expected that Americans who of slavery, in the revival in another form of slavery, in which the Chinamau was the victim." Her said that this was the objection on the part of the Americans to Chinese immigration. In other respets they had some but the kindest feelings toward the Chinese people, and who would extend to them if they chose to make their home with us, the welcome they ex-tended to the rest of the world. In his ad-dress he does not once allude to the prejumatter what sgitation might for a time effect at home, the American people would treat the Chinese with kindness and justice, and not deny to the free and deserving people of that country, the asylum they offer to the est of the world.

A Busted Revolution.

The steamer Alps which arrived to-night brings Panama dates to the 10th. Troubles in State of Canca are virtually ended. Graces, former president of that State, and all party leaders who were associated with him in the late revolution are prisoners of war. Their followers are dispersed, and their arms fallen into the hands of the national party. The Hertadistas State is now secured for the party of which Gen. Frujillo is head, and his candidate for the presidency of the Columbian union almost certain at election. Five States out of nine have de clared in favor of Dr. Munez, the Frujillo candidate. In the meantime, Gen. Renjifo, candidate of the opposition party, is using every exertion to secure his own election, but the loss of the State of Cauca upon which he depended, and needless severities practiced by him against his enemies in his own State (Antisqua) are weakening his hold upon the people there, which virtually defeats him. It is generally believed that he will not accept defeat without a desperate struggle, which may involve the country in serious disturbances. All is quiet in Begota, and generally throughout the country. Gen. Renjifo has announced his intention of executing Gen. Marulanda and several offi-cers who were captured at the battle of Ag-uadas Honduras. Large shipments of arms are going forward to Honduras, although it is not known what particular necessaity calls for them at the present juncture.

Revolutionists to be Hanged.

PANAMA, via New York, May 17 .- Gen. Renjifo has announced his intention of exe-cuting Gen. Marulanda and several officers captured at the battle of Aguadas, on the ground that they prolonged the revolution against the government after they had lost all hope of success. He lays down the doc-trine that blood uselessly shed must be avenged. Several Mexican officers captured recently in the ranks of the revolutionary party in Honduras will be tried by court-

martial and shot. WASHINGTON, May 19.—Postal changes for the Pacific Coast for last week—offices established: Lake, Lake county, Oregon, Samuel J. Steele, postmaster. Discontinued—Mer-ganser, Lake county, Oregon; Martin's Blnff, Clarke county, W. T. Postmasters appointed—O. J. Geoghegan, Gates Creak, Washing-ton county, Oregon; Levi Tollman, Chester, Lane county, Oregon; Wm. H. Shanklin, Zion, Clackamas county. Oregon; Chas. D. Mrs. E. P. Spinning, Sumner, Pierce county, W. T. Peck, Alkali Flat, Whitman county, W. T.

Growing Crops in the Middle West. Chicago, May 19,—The Inter-Ocean publishes an analysis of about 300 letters which it has received within the past three or four They represent the condition of growing crops throughout the Middle Western States; and without noticeable exception every State reports that the acreage of wheat and corn has increased and is in fine condi-tion. Kansas and Nebraska will have a very large increase in yield, and other States moderate increase. Prospects have never been brighter, although for a while there seemed danger from drought.

Away Up. Danven, May 19 .- At one o'clock this afternoon the Denver, South Park & Pacific Railway reached the Kenosha summit with the track, and at 3:30 the first passenger train reached the summit, 10,100 feet above the sea level, the highest point yet attained by any railroad in North America.

Coal Mine on Fire.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 19.—An extensive fire is raging in the Keystone mine, and very

serious results are feared.

LATER.—The fire in the colliery is still raging. It is feared that it will be necessary to flood the mines, causing great damage and throwing many men out of work.

Dundy's Decision.

Omana, May 19.—Judge Dundy says regarding his decision on the Ponca Indian case that the United States has no law or treaty setting apart a reservation in the In-dian Territory for Indians, nor removing them thereto, or keeping them thereon by force. His opinion does not declare that Congress might not make such a treaty, but

Ordered from Sitks. Washinoton, May 20.—The Alaska has sen ordered to return from Sitka to San

Legislative Bill Passes The Senate this afternoon passed the legis lative bill by a strict party vote.

The Freedman's Bank. select committee of the Senate appoints I to investigate all matters pertaining to the Freedmen's Saving and Trust Co. met this morning. Every member was pres-ent. Cresswell, Leopold and Purvis, commissioners appointed under act of Congres to close up the affairs of the institution made a statement of their operations to date, presenting schedules showing the condition of the company, and making suggestions as to the course that should be pursued with reference to the two principal items in the assets, viz: real estate and notes; that the latter were in process of collection, but as to possible to realize on it at present without suffering heavy less. They stated that a dividend of thirty per cent, had already been paid, and they hoped before long to be able to pay another dividend of twenty per cent. making fifty percent in all. They urged that as a means of enabling them to do this, the government purchase the Freedmen's Bank burning in Washington, the greater part of which is now rented for the use of the de-

partment of parties.

Two drafts of wills were submitted by the ommissioners designed to transfer the affairs of the company to the comptroller of cur-rency or such other officer of the government as Congress might direct. The commis-sioners have heretofore asked to be relieved from the duties imposed, and on submitting these bills, reiterated that request.

To be Laid Over.

The Ways and Means Committee to-day agreed to the following resolution; Resolved. That this committee will no consider at this session any bills or joint resolutions affecting the revelues; and that all such measures shall be laid over until the

regular session in December. Mary Walker Fired Out.

An episode occurred in the ladies' gulleries to-day, being no less than the forcible ejection of the famous Dr. Mary Walker, who, besides wearing her nondescript meaculine apparel, to-day sported a man's cane, with which she applauded Vance cuthusiastically, and disregarding two polite warnings, was, upon the third offense sgainst the Senate, very promptly led from the gallery and conducted to the outer door of the Capitol by one of the Capitol police.

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dice against cheap lator, nor to the peculiar of the 7th cavalry, blew his brains out in a manufacturer, of Presson, has failed; liabilities one could but doubt, that in the end, no

o'clock this afternoon with a navy revolver. No cause is assigned for the act. He came here from the East where he had a surgical operation performed on his knee, about five weeks ago, and was en route to join his regi-ment at Port Lincoln.

Lonisville Races.

LOUISVILLE, May 20.—The race, mile heats, between Peru, King Paro, Ella Row ell and Victim, was very exciting and some fast time was made. King Fare wen the first heat in 1:44; Ella the second in 1:42%, and Fare the third in 1:45.

Pious Idea.

New Orleans, May 20.—The Sanitary as-sociation has commenced the important work of systematically flushing the streets and gutters with river water.

Hanging at Nebrasko.

OMARA, Neb., May 20.- Orlando Cassler was executed this afternoon at Seward, Neb., for the murder and robbery of G. L. Munroe in July, 1878. A mob tore down the inclosure, and thus forced a public exection, although the law says that executions must be private. The sheriff appeared and an-nounced that a mob had prevented him from the execution would proceed. Cassler was perfectly cool and collected, and said he hoped to meet his friends in heaven. He did not falter or move a muscie. The drop fell at 1:30. The drop was five feet. The neck was not broken. He slowly straugled to death, and in nine minutes was pronounced

Washinoton, May 21.—It is stated that Secretary McCrary has decided to accept the position of United States circuit judge for the 8th district, to be made vacant by the resig-nation of Judge Dillon, but will not leave the cabinet before the 1st of September

Kellogg and Spofford. The Senate committee on privileges and elections have requested Kellogg and Spot-ford to inform the committee the number of witnesses they desire to call, and the points of testimony they expect to elicit. The manner of commencing the investigation.

Will Resign. New York, May 21.—President C. B. Wright, of the Northern Pacific railroad company, has announced his intention of resigning his position, that he may be able to gain health and strength to undergo a urgical operation for cataract. He will ain his seat in the directory.

Strikes in New York.

The action of the longshoremen, bricklayers and other trades unions on strike, or threatening to strike, is severely criticized by some of the morning papers. At a meeting of the bricklayers' committee, permission was given their men to work conditionally at of the bricklayers' specified places; but would not allow them to work on new buildings on any terms, save those which are authoritatively prescribed.

The Bulletin says:
"We have it on good authority that many longshoremen who have been going about idle on the wharves during the last fortnight would be glad to return to work on the steamship companies' terms but for the arbitrary decree of a similar committee and there are evidences of like species of dietation and terrorism at Pittsburg, where the committee is busy organizing another strike among iron and steel industries. The steam-ship companies, unable to get laborers here, are circulating printed hand bills in adjacent rural districts, offering employment.

Nihilium to New York.

Nihilism in New York.

The Russian consul general here has received a communication signed "Russian Revolutionary Committee," declaring that he has uttered certain slanderous insinuations and base falsehoods in a New York seciety against one of our most honored and trusted friends, and warning him that he had made himself particularly obnoxious to the order by transferring to this transit the contemptible system of Romanoff cepolings, and that he should persist in his infamy, the consequences will certainly be disastrons to him. to him. Narrow Escape.

CINCIENAT:, May 21.—W. Allen, who cloped with Jennie Atchley, wife of a farmer of Batavia, Ohio, a few days since, was capof Batavia, Ohio, a few days since, was captured in this city and placed in jail at Batavia. This morning a mob entered the jail, seized him and hung on one of the timbers of the bridge over the Little Miami river.

After hanging a few moments the rope broke, I hanging a few moments the rope broke. After hanging a few moments the rope broke, and he dropped in the river. He succeeded in gaining the shore, and was taken to a hotel, where he now lies in a bruised con-

### FOREIGN NEWS.

English Agriculture.

London, May 17.—A Times correspondent to-day interviewed several Norfolk, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire land owners, who say that farmers are falling right and left, which failures are only known locally. Many tenants. Several large owners are about to take their farmers and work themselves. Several great Sestch landlords have reduced rents 20 and 30 per cent. To-day the Prince of Wales' agent in the Duchy of Cornwall gave notice to tenante that in consideration of the present depressed state of agriculture a remission of 20 per cent. from the rents for a period of three years would be made. In no man's memory has agriculture been so profitless. rofitless. This is owing in part to bad arvests, but chiefly by the vast food impertation from America Condition of Cashmere.

LONDON, May 19.—News from Cashmere is very bad. The increase of distress and famine joined to incompetency, corruption and want of organization on the part of of-ficials, is producing a most serious state of affairs. Cholers in Poshawur is threatening to raise an obstacle to the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan. The disease has appeared in most of the cities of Punjaub and Dacoity, and rebbery by an armed gang is assuming alarming proportions in the Deccan and especially in the Poonah district. For some time past bands of Dacoits have been scouring the country and committing during attacks on houses and villages. They seem to form a part of a regular organiza-tion under the command of one Watsaldo Bulland, lately a cierk in the financial de-partment. They are suspected of having set partment. They are suspected of having set the fire which destroyed the government school, Bodaar palace, law courts, post of-fice, police office and fifty houses, in Pooffah on the night of the 13th inst. In their remarkable munifesto to the Bombay govern ment, they threaten another mutiny, and to out off the head of the Governor unless dis tress is relieved. They inform the government that unless an extension of the public works is at once opened, employment pro-vided for the people, native trades encour-aged, taxes reduced and salaries of highly paid Europeans out down, they will not cease to plunder; and will extend to the Europeans what they have hitherto confined to the natives. They will kill the Governor of Bombay and hang the judges of the court

Loly Solbe & Co., merchants in Spanish rade, East Cheap, E. C., have failed. W. Polok & Co. and Symons & Co., both of Rotterdam, have failed in consequence of the failure of the Africkanische Handetsver eniging, Panishment For Murder.

The Swiss plebiscite does not actually re ive capital punishment, but leaves Canton at liberty (as was the case until 1874) to enact or not. Both conditions of validity, viz: an aggregate majority and a majority of Cantons, have been secured in favor of this permissive measure. Catholics and Conservatives advocated the measure, point ing out the increase of murders since death punishment was abolished. The Darien Canal Congress.

Paris, May 20.—At a meeting of the Isth-mus of Darien canal congress to-day, De Lesseps said that their labors were progress-

ing rapidly and would probably be completed by Sunday or Monday next. Fontanes read a report stating that it would be necessary in order to insure permanency of the canal, that 6,000,000 tons of shipping should pass through it annually. He condemned the More Floods. PESTS, May 20 .- The river Theiss has in-

undated ninety square miles of grain fields

near Boose Beesa and destroyed two villages. The river Drave overflowed its banks and lestroyed hundreds of houses.

Military Regulations.
Benlin, May 19,—The Czar has determined to shorten the period of military service in the line by three years, which will ermit an immense increase in the number

of recruits.

English Crops and Markets.

London, May 20.—The Mark Lane Express says reports as to the present aspect of the country slithough not alarming are not cal-culated to afford farmers much satisfaction. The damage already done to wheat is no perhaps extensive, and a succession of dry, warm days, would go far to relieve the pres-ent anxiety. Provincial exchanges almost without exception were dearer at the close last week. English wheat has been marketed freely in the country, but sparingly at Mark Lane, and trade in Loudon has been marked by considerable firmness. Foreign wheat has been firmly held, holders in occasiona instances obtaining a slight advance. Should the adverse weather continue a rally may speedily take place, as imports, although on a fairly liberal scale, have not been excessive, although sales the past week have been chiefly retail. Millers have shown more inclication to extend their transactions. strong feature in the trade has been the steady continental demand for cargoes of wheat from California and Oregon. Stocks are steadily diminishing, as most imports have gone direct into millers hands and taking all things into consideration, the present position of wheat is a firmer one than it has occupied for many months. There has been very little quotable alteration in the value of spring wheat, but trade has been inanimate. Maize is steady and appear-ances seem to indicate that the lowest point has been touched. Sales of English wheat the last week were 57,279 quarters at 40s 8d per quarter, against 41,224 at 52s 1d per quarter the corresponding week the previous year. Imports into the United Kingdom for the week ending May 10th, were 992,023 hundred weight of wheat and 189,644 hundred weight of flour.

Military Display for Grant.

Hono Kono, April 9.—Li Hung Chang, viceroy of Chehli and commander-in-chief of the army, is preparing a grand review of all the troops at Tientsin for the entertainment of General Grant in Shanghal. Grant will be the guest of Vice Consul General Bailey.

The Last Rebellion. The Temperar rebel movement is as before. No recent advantage is reported on either

### PACIFIC COAST.

Pire at Chico.

Cutoo, May 17 .- A fire broke out last evening about 8 o'lock in a Chinese laundry in the center of a block on Broadway between took in its course Sherwood's carriage factory, Saunders' second-hand furniture store, Lucas' furniture store, Fargo's blacksmith shop, extending to Salem street in the same block, totally destroying five dwalling houses of L. Fargo's and a dwelling house belong-ing to E. C. Nichols. The fire crossed Broadway to Newman Johnson's buildings, but was kept from getting hold on that side. One man was barned in the Central hetel, shose name cannot now be learned. The losses will reach in the neighborhood of \$60,000; prebably \$30,000 insurance.

Smielde of Auditor Maynard.

San Francisco, May 18.—The body of the late Auditor Maynard was brought to this city last night. The report of suicide was correct. He left his friends in the amalgamating room of the Gwin mines, a few mo ments, and went into an adjoining room where a Chinaman was at work, picked up a carving knife and complaining that it was dull, sharpened it on a whetstone, and then stepped into an ice house. Here he was found sitting a few moments after, having stabbed himself. "He said," I have killed myself in a fit of mental depression." Four-teen wounds were found in his breast and abdomen, and he died in about three hours.

Rain and Races. It began raining this morning at about 9 clock and has continued briskly during the

The third meeting of the Pacific Coas Blood Horse association, set for this after noon at the Oakland track, has been post poned on account of the weather.

A Sickening Story. San Francisco, May 19.—Some six months ago a German named L. Langbehin, accom-panied by his wife and two children, a boy ago a German named L. Langbehm, accompanied by his wife and two children, a boy and girl, aged respectively six and four years took up his quarters on the vegetable much about five miles from Antioch. Langbehm and his family were fresh from the Faderland. At half past four o'clock on Friday morning Langbehm got up and prepared breakfast for his nephew, and went to the field to work. Soon after his children followed him. At about eight o'clock Langbehm was seen by Max Klein, a neighbor, to take the two children to the adjacent tules. Soon after he was observed coming out of the toles without the children and walking rapidly toward the house. Immediately after he reached it, Mrs. Langbehm rushed out in an excited state throwing up her hands in despair, and talking excitedly in German. This was followed quickly by the discharge of a gun. The neighbors rushed to the scene. Mr. Fleck, a next door neighbor to Langbehm's, reached the house first, and entering it beheld a horrible sight—Langbehm was leaning against the wall almost doubled up and dead, with a double-barreled abot gun grasped firmly in his bands the muzzle in his mouth and his toe accinat

C. M. R. Smith, of Middlesborough, has the trigger. Mrs. Langbehm testified that her husband had always been affectionate Loly Solbe & Co., merchants in Spanish and kind to herself and children; that he had no financial troubles, and was temperate in his habits.

California Crops.

San Francisco, May 21.—Crop reports re-ceived to-day from all parts of the State are very promising. The Sacramento valley will give a good acreage yield, or more. The counties north of the bay and up the coast never had a better outlook. In San Joaquin valley the prospects are excellent in the lower portion, and good above on irrigated land; but the upper portion not irri-gated will produce but little. In Santa Clara valley there will be a good yield, and southern coast counties promise well except in San Diego and the upper portion of the Salinas valley. Policeman Shot.

Regular Police Officer P. K. Rogers, a na-tive of New York, aged 60, shot and killed himself at his residence, No. 123 Ellis street, this morning. Deceased after breakfast octhis morning. Deceased after breakfast oc-cupied himself in his room cleaning his pis-tols, among which was a large regulation Smith & Wesson. The family in the dining room heard the muffled report of a pistol and running to his room, found him seated in a chair at the table dead. Blood was flowing from a wound in his breast, The Smith & Wesson lay on the table pointing toward deceased, one chamber discharged. The ball went entirely through the body and striking the opposite wall fell to the floor. Deceased had shown no evidence of an unsettled state of mind, and it is questionable whether death was accidental or suicidal. Deceased was an old member of the force, and is reported to have been in good financial circumstances.

Attempted Wife Murder. Santa Rosa, May 21.—Mrs. John Ashcroft was found wounded and insensible in a barn on her ranch in Rincon valley this morning. She had been cut with a hatchet six or seven times, and is in a precarious condition. Her husband is suspected to be the perpetrator of the outrage, as a suit for divorce is pending in the district court here. He was seen to enter the barn a shore time before she was found injured, and afterward seen to run for the hills. A large party of men searched the neighburhood and about 10 o'clock he was found, arrested and brought to jail privately.

Just before he got to jail the crowd made a
rush for him and shouted "hang him." He
was protected by the constable, under-sheriff
and Major Loucks, and locked up. The excitement is intense.

#### THE DALLES ON FIRE!

The Business Quarter of the City Almost Entirely Destroyed-The Flames Still Raging at the Last Report.

The following dispatch was received in Portland Wednesday evening by Capt. J. C. Ainsworth at 10 o'clock P. M. THE DALLES, May 21, 1879.

A heavy fire is now raging at this place. Nearly all the business part of the town is consumed. The O. S. N. Co. lose the office here and engine house. Most all the rest of the property was saved. The railroad track through the town has been damaged. We will commence to repair the track at daylight in the morning.

Another dispatch furnishes additional par ticulars:

The town is almost burned down. The O. S. N. Co's office and engine house are totally destroyed. We think the fire is now under control. The fire commenced in the hotel, and swept everything before it on First Street from Waldron's drug store and Moody's to the Umatilla House, including that, and burned one side of Second Street clear, as far as French & McFarland's. The fire crossed over and burned everything from the corner opposite Fred Derber's old stand down as far as Michebach's shop, including Humason's brick, occupied by Mr. Newman, and burned up to Condon's law office, on the corner of

Third Street. There is some danger yet. The precise hour the fire broke out is not known; but it is supposed to have started between 8 and 9 o'clock in the eve The fire crossed Third street and the telegraph office was destroyed the operator took his instruments down to the river below, and attaching them to the wire endeavored to get Portland. As no one happened to be in the office here at the time, he failed to receive a responding signal. Failing to obtain a response, the operator sent the news to Hood River. The dispatch was then sent to Portland, where Capt. Ainsworth re-ceived it at 9:30.

## A Land Mark Gone.

The destruction of Trenchard & Up shur's building at Astoria, Monday, brushed from that city an old land-mark. It was built in 1862 by Capt. Flavel, in the city. Trenchard & Upshur's loss is about \$13,000, with \$10,000 insurance. Capt. Flavel's loss on the building is \$3,000, without insurance. The building was old and dry and made a hot fire, augmented by the powder, oil, tar, etc., in it. The Astorian has the follow ing incidents of the fire : The safe was opened Monday and the

contents found to be in average fair condition. A pearl cross, made from a string of pearls presented to George Washington by Napoleon, was among the prop-erty saved. The string of pearls became an heirloom in the family of the Up shurs, and to our fellow citizen, C. P. the cross descended. It was in splendid condition—unphased by heat or smoke.

The first engine on the ground was No. 2; the first water was from No. 1. The Wonder and the Ordway were ready to serve the public with their

steam pumps if necessary.

Mr. G. W. Hume had steam up on his sumps, and Celestials ready with buckets to protect that part of town.

Knappton saw the blaze and Captain Cousins came to the rescue with sloop load of friends, followed by the Quickstep.

It seemed like an hour to Mr. Rowe the watchman, before a policeman put in an appearance after he first sounded the first, and entering it beheld a horrible sight

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#### WHAT IS NIBILISM?

The word evidently means the annihilation of the government and institutions of despotic Russia. Ten years ago the intentions of those, so called, were not well defined. Now they are accurately determined and contemplate a Republican system, with social structure without caste distinctions; encourage ment of industry and due consideration for labor. This is moderation from our stand point, but the Emperor of Russia cannot see it in that light, and the old nobility may side with the Czar, but so hateful has become the autocracy of that empire that a great party of the nobility side with the revolutionists and the emperor cannot even trust his soldiers, and arrests of conspirators have been made from among the officers of the guard. The best educated among the nobility are counted among the ene

mies of the empire, In an interview which a reporter of the Sun had with two Nihilist refugees in New York, the fact was elicited that principles of Nihilism do not admit of ormal ranks and distinctions, and that the community of ideas and unity of purpose are due to the constant dissemnation and interchange of views which have been going on for many years. There are no mad fanatics among them. All are thoughtful politicians. Those who are too ignorant to be thoughtful politicians are not properly Nihilists, that is, are not conversant with the secrets of the society, but are simply under oath of allegiance, and are employed in minor capacities in carrying out the ends of the association.

No liberal minded man pretends to doubt the abstract justice of the cause of the people as expressed by Nihilism.
The objection to this mighty movement of humanity against barbarism lies in the method adopted. Assassination is hateful to any cause. The attempted shooting of the Czar and the killing of high officials are regarded with horror by those outside of Russia who otherwise sympathize with the people. And the dislike of this murderous policy is increased by the knowledge that these deeds are not the effect of insanity or of individual fanaticism; they result from a carefully planned and boldly professed line of action. But Russians understand

it. They know that the revolutionists are simply following the example of the Imperial family; that they are practicing the rule of conduct by which the Czar and his family have always rid themselves of political enemies. The unmitigated the seizure and imprisonment of suspected persons, by the thousands, is suficient for the most violent measures on the other side.

The New York Mail says :

Against so terrible a movement, secret and irresistible, eating into the very family of the Czar, all efforts seem to be unavailing. Even if, in his terror, Alexander obtains German soldiers to guard him, who can tell whether their ranks may not contain Nihilists? There is absolutely no safety; and when the climax comes, and open warfare results, the probability is that the Nihilists will be found more lenient and just than the Imperialists.

# Moses' Reservation.

The following is the order of the President establishing a new Indian reservation in Washington Territory.

EXECUTIVE MANSION. April 19, 1879.

It is hereby ordered that the tract of country in Washington Territory, lying within the following described bounds ries, viz.: Commencing at the intersection of the forty mile limits of the branch line of the Northern Pacific Railroad with the Okinakane river; thence up said river to the boundary line between the United States and British Columbia; thence west on said boundary line to the forty-fourth degree of longitude west from Washington; thence south on said and enlarged in 1867. At that time it degree of longitude to its intersection was one of the best wooden structures with the forty mile limits of the branch line of the Northern Pacific Railroad; and thence with the line of said forty mile limits to the place of beginning, be and the same is hereby withdrawn from sale and set apart as a reservation for the permanent use and occupancy of Chief Moses and his people, and such other friendly Indians as may elect to settle thereon with his consent and that of the Secretary of the Interior. R. B. HAVES.

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