TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Attempt Train Robbery.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 3.—An attempt was made last night to rob the north bound express train on the Gulf of Colorado and Santa Fe road, near Blum station, 70 miles south of Dallas, by three heavily armed men. They boarded the engine and ordered the engineer to pull out or they would kill him. He obeyed, and after proceeding three miles was ordered to slacken speed, which he did. Soon a torpedo was exploded on the track and the the engineer ordered to stop. He did, and a half-dozen well armed men sprang out of the bushes to capture the train. The three men on the engine jumped off and joined their confederates. The guards on the mail and express car were awake and opened fire on the robbers, which the latter returned. The engineer then pulled out at full speed. No one on the train was hurt. It is not known whether any of the robbers were injured. The railroad officials are trying to ferret out the desperadoes.

Lost on the Lake.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—A tug last evening picked up the lake barge A. W. Luckey ten miles down the lake in a disabled condition, and towed her into port. The captain of the Luckey stated that the steam barge R. G. Peters was towing the Luckey when suddenly the Peters caught fire, 40 miles from Milwaukee, and before aid could be rendered sank stern first, with Captain Olsen, mate Larsen and eleven others, who composed the crew. The Luckey tried to assist them, but the wind was high and the barge became unmanageable. The Peters was a nearly new vessel, valued at $32,000, and owned by L. Sands of Manistee. She ranked as a first class vessel and was insured.

The Railroad Rates.

CHICAGO, Dec 3.—The *Tribune* says: Information was received yesterday that a meeting between the Union Pacific and Central Pacific roads and eastern trunk lines, for the purpose of agreeing upon rates to San Francisco and California points, will be held in New York December 11th. As already stated, the Iowa pool has appointed a commission of general freight agents and Commissioner Midgely to attend the meeting and urge the abolition of the present contract system on California business. This system was inaugurated by the Pacific roads a few years ago to meet the competition of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. Shippers who pledge themselves to ship their goods exclusively by the Pacific roads are given only about a third of the regular rates, while shippers who refuse to bind themselves to ship exclusively by rail must pay full rates, which are exorbitant in the extreme. The fact that the Pacific railroads can afford to take business from contract shippers at one-third of the tariff rates and make money shows how exorbitant the regular rates are. The trunk lines, as well as the Iowa pool lines, are strongly opposed to the continuance of the contract system, claiming that it tends to demoralize the business and does not help the roads in the least. They said the contract system does not stop competition by the steamship company, but rather aggravates it. The steamship company knows full well what contract rates are, and it meets them just as it would meet regular rates if such rates were charged to all shippers. What they want is that freight be made so low as to induce shippers to ship by rail in preference to ocean line, and that all shippers should be treated alike. They will make a strong effort at the meeting at New York to induce the Union and Central Pacific companies to recede from the position they have thus far taken.

Wants More Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—It is understood that Secretary Lincoln will recommend a slight increase of the army, but Congress is not likely to appreciate his arguments. No more Indian wars are anticipated. The settlement of most of the western country by the whites has progressed far enough to render outbreaks on the part of the Indians unlikely. The strength of the savages appears thoroughly overthrown, and with the exception of little marauding bands along the Mexican border, no further trouble is expected. The reasons for the increase of the army are that the disciplinary entirety of the army is not large enough to give officers the requisite practice in handling troops.

Appointment of Col. Tichenor.

Col. Isaac S. Tichenor, of California, has been appointed auditor of the district of Columbia. It is regarded as a wise nomination. Col. Tichenor is an old Californian, having lived in California for many years prior to the war, and earning an excellent military record in a California regiment during the rebellion. He settled here at the close of the war.

The Cotton Exposition.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 3.—Fifty thousand dollars was secured in two hours' canvass for subscriptions to the cotton exposition in 1883. It is certain $300,000 is necessary to be raised. It is intended to make it second only to the centennial.

Below Par.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—In the sale of securities of the State savings bank yesterday a note of D. D. Spencer, its absconding president, for three-quarters of a million dollars was knocked down to a countryman for $801.

Dorsey and His Friends.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 3.—Joseph Pulitzer, editor of the *Post-Dispatch*, Democratic, writes from Washington regarding the star route matters and Stephen W. Dorsey what he calls the secret history of the case obtained through authorized confidential sources. He says when it was learned MacVeagh intended to prosecute Dorsey, the latter came from the sheep ranch in New Mexico and went to the White House. Garfield told Dorsey not to give himself any unnecessary uneasiness about the outcome, but return to his ranch and rest assured he (Garfield) would be his friend. But in spite of this MacVeagh proceeded with the case, retained detectives and special counsel, collected testimony, and drew, upon the promise of immunity, from smaller members of the ring a confession of guilt which was to convict Dorsey. The latter, alarmed by the reports of MacVeagh's doings, returned. In the Spring of 1881, while in New York, MacVeagh actually procured a warrant for Dorsey's arrest. The warrant was about to be issued, but Dorsey, who had his secret agents everywhere, heard of this move and saw his peril. There was only one man who could save him. He took the next train for Washington, arrived late at night, went from the depot to the White House, and appealed to Garfield to keep his promise and save him. Garfield sent for MacVeagh. What ensued may be inferred from the fact that the warrant for Dorsey's arrest was never served, but withdrawn. This incident is historical and known to be true by Blaine. It has never been published, but it is true, and MacVeagh will not dare deny it.

Murder and Suicide.

DENVER, Dec. 3.—The *Republican's* Durango, Col., special says: Last night about 11 o'clock, while Dr. H. A. Clay, a pioneer physician and one of the most eminent citizens, was sitting in his office, his partner, Dr. Evetzky, entered and without warning fired several shots at Clay, and then blew his own brains out with the same revolver, dying instantly. Mr. Clay died this morning. They had been partners for several months in a thriving business. No difficulty was known to have existed between them until yesterday, when Dr. Evetzky received a severe cowhiding from a Mrs. Moore and Miss Hawkins, who accused him of talking about them. Evetzky was under the impression that his partner Dr. Clay, had something to do with his being cowhided, which, it is thought, led to the fatal shooting.

The Work Before Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Congress meets this morning and will begin the work of disposing of a greater amount of unfinished business than ever before confronted the national legislature of this country. At the first session of the 47th congress there were introduced in the house of representatives 7182 bills and joint resolutions. In the senate, at the same time, 2283 bills and joint resolutions were presented, making a total of 9465 measures. At least 3000 bills and resolutions will be presented, of which hardly a score will receive the approval of both houses. Six weeks at least of the pending session will be occupied in the passage of appropriation bills, and an earnest attempt to reduce the taxation will be made very little outside legislation can be expected. The lobby will undoubtedly rally here in full force and dispute every moment of time that should be devoted to public business with schemes of a private and personal characte.

Arabi an Exile for Life.

CAIRO, Dec. 4.—Arabi Pasha this morning pleaded guilty to the charge of rebellion. In the afternoon the court martial reassembled and pronounced sentence of death. The khedive commuted the sentence to exile for life. It is believed Arabi will retire to some part of the British dominions. His demeanor before the court was very dignified

Other chiefs of the rebellion will be similarly disposed of. It is now reported Arabi will be sent to the Cape of Good Hope.

Pleasant for the Sultan.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 4.—The sultan did not at end the morgue Friday, and it has since transpired that an attempt to assassinate him was contemplated. The sultan is completely terror-stricken, and hardly dares show himself outside of the harem. Dervisch Pasha will be executed.

Report of Attorney General.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The report of the attorney general was submitted to congress to day. He calls attention to the necessity of speedy legislation in the direction of affording effectual relief from delays which now obstruct the administration of justice in the supreme court, and to some extent in circuit and district courts of the United States. The entire number of suits pending in the court of claims against the United States is seven hundred and eighteen, claiming $27,591,756 during the fiscal year, 1973 civil suits and 7778 criminal prosecutions were terminated. In the civil suits 999 cases terminated favorable to the United States, and 978 were either not proved, dismissed or discontinued. For expenses of courts of the United States for the last fiscal year $2,710,912 was paid, and the amount asked to pay the expenses for the next fiscal year is $3,260,000. This estimate is made up with a view of avoiding future deficiencies and more prompt payment of public creditors. The attorney general recommends the revision of the present marshal fee bill and the increase of the appropriation enabling the attorney general properly to investigate accounts of attorneys and marshals. The remaining topics referred to in the report pertain to matters of interest only to residents in the District of Columbia.

First Day of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Congress met today. There was no general business transacted in the senate.

Herbert of Alabama introduced a bill prohibiting political assessments, Rosecrans a bill to incorporate the Yellowstone Park railroad, Kasson for better regulation of civil service, Lefevre a resolution asking the secretary of the interior whether there had been an attempt to consolidate the Union Pacific with any other road, and if so, by what authority attempted, Valentine to compel the Union Pacific to survey lands granted it, and by Cox asking the secretary of war what money appropriated by the river and harbor bill has been withheld.

Kasson's resolution was adopted allowing the civil service committee to report any time this session. It caused many jocular remarks.

Speeches of Irish Leaders.

DUBLIN, Dec. 4.—The Irish members of parliament gave a banquet to A. M. Sullivan yesterday. In a speech Kenny described Jenkinson as an ex-murderer from India who was organizing a system of provocation to crime. Sullivan extolled the power of the Irish in America. He anticipated the day would come when the American government would declare it failed to understand why the Irish trouble could not be settled by granting Ireland government rights, and would invite England to a friendly conference on the subject. Parnell expressed a confidence that the Irish party in parliament would continue to make solid progress.

The Dublin Assassins.

DUBLIN, Dec. 4.—Four men arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the attack on Dennis Field, have been discharged. One of them, Martin, was identified by a little girl as one of the men engaged in the assault, but as she was not acquainted with the nature of an oath, her evidence was not available to convict him. Field is now out of danger. The authorities have reason to believe the recent desperate outrages were arranged in London and New York.

Moses to be Left Alone.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The surveyor general of Washington Territory will be instructed by the commissioner of the general land office not to issue an order for the survey of a mining claim within the limits of Chief Moses' reservation, although it appears that the location of the claim was made before the reservation was set apart by the executive order. This decision will affect other cases of a similar character now pending before the land office.

The Nicaragua Muddle.

The *National Republican* to morrow morning will print an interview with John A. Kasson, of the house committee on foreign affairs, with regard to Blaine's statements concerning the Nicaragua canal bill. Kasson says if Blaine's remarks have been correctly reported he has never seen either the Nicaragua bill or the committee's report upon it. Neither the bill nor the report proposes that the government shall spend one dollar in construction of the canal. A private company desires an act of incorporation, after which they propose at their own expense to construct a canal across the isthmus. After the canal shall have been completed, and vessels are passing through it, the United States is to guarantee three per cent. upon the cost of the canal's construction. This is to be paid only upon actual service and for a period of twenty years. Then, Kasson says, the entire pecuniary liabilities will be assumed by the United States, and it will be reduced by every ton of shipping which passes through the canal. In the opinion of the committee this tonnage will be more than sufficient from the first day to entirely discharge the three per cent. liabilities. In conclusion Kasson expresses regret that Blaine's name should have been given to so complete misrepresentation of the provisions of a bill of such national interests as are involved in the construction of the proposed canal.

Waste Information.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—A resolution was introduced in the house to-day calling upon the secretary of the interior for information as to whether there had been any attempt at consolidation of the Union Pacific railroad company with any other railroad company, and if so, by what authority; also, if any such consolidation was approved by any department of the government, and if the government had taken any action in relation to the issue of stock and bonds by the company. It was referred to the judiciary committee.

A Desperate Pair.

MOBERLY, Mo., Dec. 5.—Nicholas, John and Richard Cook, notorious deperadoes of Mount Sterling, wanted for murder, burglary and other crimes, in Illinois and Iowa, were recognized here to-day, and when the city marshal and posse endeavored to arrest them opened fire. A large crowd of citizens gathered and pursued them, firing as they ran. They were finally overtaken. Richard Cook was killed, Nicholas mortally wounded and John was badly hurt.

Strong Socialistic Threats.

New York, Dec. 5.—An anonymous proclamation has been issued, addressed to various persons, saying the originators of it have determined to abolish by physical force certain legalized wrongs. No good man need, however, be alarmed, as they will use persuasion, reason, and all other methods first. They will be scientific in their methods, whether of destruction or construction. "For the space of another year we shall employ our energies upon the hearts and intellects of those misguided people who can see no criminality in making gambling dens of our markets of exchange, and who can see no injustice in the degradation of labor If, at the end of that time, our demands have not been complied with we shall, without further ado, proceed to active operations."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Senator Slater Means Business.

Senators Miller, of California, and Slater and Grover, of Oregon, were the only senators from the Pacific slope present at the opening of the session yesterday. Senator Slater says it makes no difference whether or not the secretary of war sends in estimates to congress for river and harbor improvements as the material for a river and harbor bill can be obtained from the engineer's report. If the secretary of war should attempt to withhold the report of the engineers he will introduce in congress a resolution calling for information as to the expenditures of the river and harbor appropriation in the last river and harbor bill, but he was forestalled by the introduction of such a resolution by Cox, of New York, who offers it with a different purpose, his object being to oppose any new bill for river and harbor improvement. As the resolution goes to Page's committee, it will serve the same purpose as his proposed resolution.

Representative Rosecrans introduced a bill for the incorporation of the Yellowstone Park Railroad Company, and to aid in the construction of a railroad to the park.

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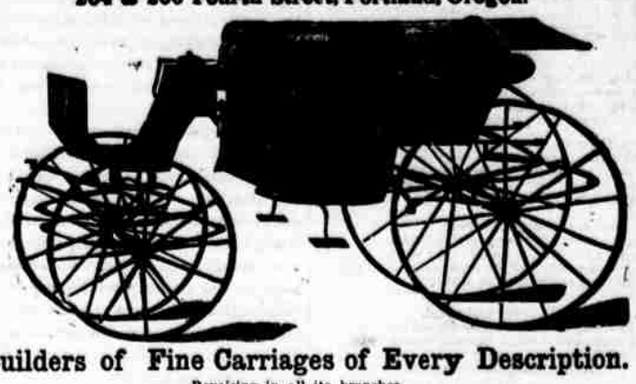

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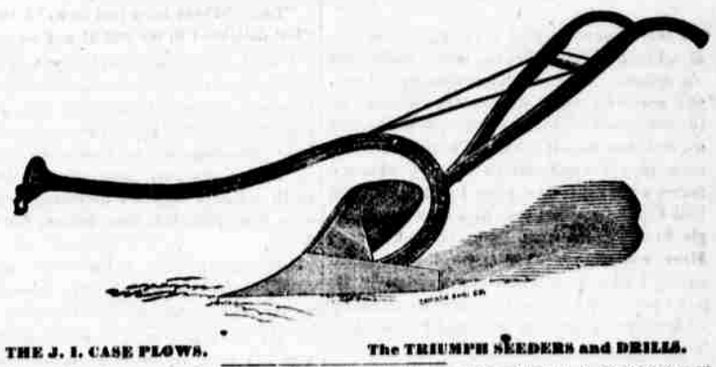

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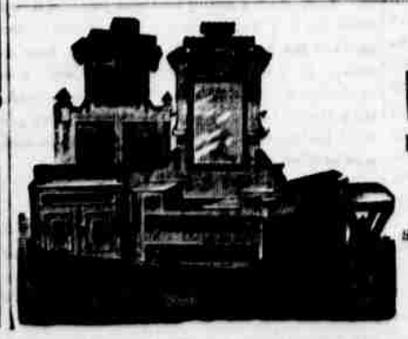

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