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GENERAL EASTERN NEWS.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

Mississippi River Steamer Burned.

ST. LOUIS, March 13.—The steamer Jas. Howard, belonging to the New Orleans anchor line took fire at quarter past 10 to-night while lying at the Fulgate wharf-boat at the foot of Market street, and was reduced to a wreck in about half an hour. Loss on the boat $75,000.

The Burnt Steamer—A Far-fetched Coincidence

ST. LOUIS, March 14th.—The steamer Howard which burned last night, was the largest on the western waters, being 3,000 tons burden. She was ten years old but in thorough condition and very valuable. The passengers all escaped from the upper deck by being let down with ropes. The captain's conduct was highly commended and his coolness alone saved every life.

The Grand Duke Alexis of Russia went from Cairo to New Orleans on the Howard in 1872, and it is considered a coincidence that her destruction and the assassination of the duke's father should occur on the same day.

THE DEAD EMPEROR.

The Courts of Europe in Mourning—Alexander III. Succeeds as Autocrat of the Russians.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 14.—The bells of the city are tolling, and there are everywhere to be seen manifestations of mourning on account of the assassination of the czar. Arrangements for the funeral of the murdered emperor will be made on the most extensive scale benefitting the high rank of the dead ruler. It is the prevailing opinion here that the new czar of Russia will find serious obstacles confronting him at the outset of his reign. Rumors of nihilist's plots are rife, and fears of outbreaks and further assassinations are entertained.

The Assassins.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 14.—Russiakoff, who threw the first bomb, has been a student two years at a military academy. The second bomb thrower has been arrested. He is also a young man.

Secretary Blain Officially Notified of the Succession

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The following dispatch is just received.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 14.—To Blaine, Washington: Czarowitch ascends the throne as Alexander III.

(Signed) FOSTER

When the Great Lion Tamer Met His Match

A story is told of Van Amburg, the great lion tamer, now dead. On one occasion, while in a barroom, he was asked how he got his wonderful power over animals. He said: "It is by showing them that I am not the least afraid of them, and by keeping my eye steadily on theirs. I'll give you an example of the power of my eye." Pointing to a loutish fellow who was sitting near by, he said: "You see that fellow? He's a regular clown. I'll make him come across the room to me, and I won't say a word to him." Sitting down, he fixed his keen, steady eye on the man. Presently the fellow straightened himself gradually, got up and came slowly across to the lion tamer. When he got close enough he drew back his arm and struck Van Amburgh a tremendous blow under the chin, knocking him clear over the chair, with the remark: "You'll stare me like that again, won't you?"

—Logs are in good demand in Seattle at from $4 50 and $5 50 per 1000 feet, according to the quality, and piles are selling at from 3½ to 4½ cents per foot, and are in good demand for home use and shipment to San Francisco. Loggers should not grumble at these figures.

A STRIKING EXPERIENCE

An Apparently Authentic Case of Premonition

From the Salem (Mass.) Gazette.

Here is a true story which contains some interesting features: Last Friday morning the 9:30 train was on its way from Salem to Boston at full speed. A man occupied a left-hand seat near the center of the car, next to the window. He was, of course, on that side of the car that would be nearest to any train that might pass on the other track. As he sat there, this speculation, without any particular cause, entered his head: "Suppose a freight train should pass, and a piece of lumber should break away from its moorings, and so far project as to come tearing along the side of the passenger train. How many passengers between the center and rear end of the car would have presence of mind sufficient to jump out of the way on receiving the warning of the first collision at the front end of the car?" It was not a thought inspired by fear or nervousness, but simply one of those speculations that will enter a man's mind in a moment of idleness, when he is gliding along in comfort on a railroad train.

The thought passed away, and the man took up his newspaper and began to read with a mind at ease. Not more than five minutes elapsed, and possibly not three, when a thump and a crash were heard which challenged the attention of every person in the car, and justified the stopping of the train for a moment to see what had happened. It was found that something from a passing freight train had struck the passenger car at exactly the point where the man was sitting who had been indulging in this speculation about that kind of accident. The window where he was sitting was smashed in, a hole was stove in the side of the car so that outside daylight could come in, the ironwork which supports the seat at the side of the car was wrenched from its place and broken, and a piece of wood perhaps two feet in length, five feet in breadth, and half an inch thick or more, from the passing train, was hurled into the car either through the window or otherwise, and fell at the man's feet. In fact, there was a wreck right at the point where the man was sitting, and his coat was covered with splinters and broken glass. But, notwithstanding all this, he did not experience even a scratch, and so quickly was the whole thing done that he is not even conscious of experiencing any more of a shock than any other passenger in the train, or, in fact, any shock whatever beyond the noise of the crash. It was really a marvelous escape, and very strange in view of the passing thought that had entered the person's mind a few moments previously.

The man alluded to was the writer of this paragraph, who was at first inclined to laugh and joke about the affair with the other passenger, but who, on more deliberate thought, was inclined to think the circumstances were sufficiently remarkable to justify this little narrative, not by way of fostering superstitious tendencies, which need no special cultivation in the human mind, but to furnish one more or those striking coincidences of thought and event that are often so curious, and to show how wonderful may be an escape from death.

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A Wonderful Record of Change.

Hermit, in the Troy Times.

The changes which Peter Cooper has witnessed include the entire series of the national presidents. What a majestic array of national dignitaries! He was born when Washington was in his first term, the presidential office being the old city hall in Wall street. He was six years old when Washington retired at the close of the second term, and he was eight when the old hero died. He was thirteen when Burr killed Hamilton, and is said to be the only person who can remember the latter. He was seventeen when Fulton made his first trip up the Hudson in the Clermont. The Erie canal was one of the projects discussed when he reached manhood, though the war with Great Britain delayed it ten years. His first vote was cast for Madison, and he has been a regular voter ever since—a period of sixty-eight years. He was thirty-five when the first railroad in America was projected, and he built the first locomotive of American manufacture. His whole life has been identified with public improvement, and he has been a leader in the advance of the age, having witnessed a grander march of progress than any other man in the entire annals of the human race. Probably the most wonderful of all these improvements is the telegraph, which will always be one of the marvels of science. The next is the progress of journalism.

How the Acquaintance Began.

Mrs. Bartlett the mother or the young man who has just married the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, first became acquainted with the Baroness on the occasion of her son Ellis entering Christ Church college, Oxford, by reason of an incident not considered of any moment at the time. Ellis was to recite a select piece of English literature, but his mother, Mrs. Bartlett, insisted on making the selection for her son herself, and chose an extract from Longfellow's "Hiawatha." The recitation turned out to be a marked success, and Baroness Burdett-Coutts was so pleased with it that she asked an introduction to the boy's mother, Mrs. Bartlett, of Philadelphia. The acquaintance so begun ripened into close friendship, and from that time Wm. L. Ashmead Bartlett, whom the Baroness has just married, became a prime favorite, and when he grew to manhood, a close friend, being the almoner of the Baroness on many important occasions, but never her secretary or in her paid employment in any way.

Charles Brown while out coon hunting with a party of friends a week ago in Alder grove, Humboldt county, noticed a hollow tree and imagined that some of his game might have struggled in there. He volunteered to explore the tree, and two of his companions hung on to his heels. Mr. Brown soon struck a furry surface and heard a noise as of young cubs sucking so he hollowed to his friends and they yanked him out in quick time. They next lashed a stick across the hole and thrust in their cleaning rods, the end of one tangling in the fur of a cub, and enabling them to drag it out. As soon as it felt the cold air it howled, and then Mrs. Bear came tearing out in a terrible rage. The hunters took to the trees, firing guns and pistols as they retreated with such haste that one gentleman got the lobe of his ear filled with powder. They killed the bear, however, and secured the cubs.

A Fireman's Heroism.

At the burning of the Western Electric Manufacturing company's building recently in New York, the coolness, nerve and heroism displayed by Luke Cavanagh, a member of the department, was the subject of general comment: Cavanagh during the excitement ascertained that a man had been seen at an open window overlooking the narrow alley below making frantic efforts to get out, but he had withdrawn several times, apparently dismayed at the meagre prospect of escape, the narrow cornice at the base of the window scarcely affording a resting place for his feet, while a misstep would result in a fearful fall of between sixty and seventy feet. Taking in the situation at a glance, Cavanagh ascended to the roof of the adjoining building, placed the ladder across to a window opposite, over which he quickly passed. He then planted the lower end on the narrow cornice and slowly raised the other end until it touched the window above, at which the imperilled superintendent stood, and securely held it until he came down. Then the ladder was thrown across to the other building, and both safely walked across amid the cheers of the great crowd below, who had been excited spectators of the daring rescue.

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Subsistence Office, Department of the Columbia, Vancouver Barracks, W. T. March 1, 1881.

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Samples of the Flour proposed to be furnished must be submitted with the proposals. The Flour to be tested by baking before acceptance. Proposals for quantities of Flour less than the whole required will be received. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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