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FROM ALL POINTS.

The recent storms have almost totally destroyed the grain and other crops in the south of Ireland.

During the first seven months of 1883 there arrived at all ports in the country nearly 370,000 persons.

The Massachusetts prohibitionists are to hold a state convention in Boston, September 20th, and say they intend to make a vigorous campaign.

Eleven days after a girl babe had been born to a painter's wife in Hazleton, Pa., she resumed her household duties for a day and added a boy to the family.

For thirty years there has been no public gaming in Germany. Card-playing in private is almost universal, tax being collected during the last year on 3,250,000 packs of cards.

This country probably never before had so many distinguished Europeans as are now here for various purposes, chiefly that of witnessing the opening of the Northern Pacific railroad.

Advices from Loango, West Africa, dated August 15th, state that Henry M. Stanley, after penetrating far into the interior, had returned to Stanley Pool. It is believed that Stanley intends to travel over the country covered in his former journey along the east coast.

A well meaning person gives hints telling "How to live on seventy-five cents a week." There is such a thing, says the *Solano Republican*, as being too close, and most editors will just keep on squandering eighty cents a week, even if they see ruin staring them in the face.

Contracts to the amount of \$1,500,000 for the construction of new lines have been awarded by the board of trustees of the Postal Telegraph Company. Mackay, the president, will leave for California in a few days, but he will see the work fairly under way before he leaves New York.

Hicks Pasha with 5,000 troops has started from Khartoum, along the left bank of the White Nile, on a campaign against the False Prophet. The latter is reported to be resolute and decisive. Fighting is expected by the end of the month. The rebels have closed the road from Berleto Snakin.

The Austrian minister of foreign affairs has sent a dispatch to all representatives of Austria abroad informing them of the precise status of the insurrectionary movement in Croatia, and announcing the determination of the government to use extreme measures to suppress the rebellious movement forthwith.

Among the striking contrasts exhibited in character, the most frequent were the comparisons between Stonewall Jackson and Ewell. On one occasion, Lee received this devout dispatch from one flank: "By the grace of God we have beaten them on the right;" and the next moment from the other wing: "By d--d hard fighting we have whipped them on the left." One lieutenant was Jackson, and the other was Ewell.

After all the talk of driving the golden spike on the northern Pacific it was rather fatal to the romance of the occasion to use an ordinary iron spike and to drive it home with an ordinary sledgehammer. The unities were preserved, however, in this way: The same spike which was driven in the first tie laid on the road was used on the last and the man who struck the first blow struck the last, which riveted the long line of rails across the continent.

The *North German Gazette*, in an editorial, attacks the advice recently given France by the London *Times* to relinquish her colonial enterprises and concentrate her forces at home, which means, according to the *Gazette*, Germany. The *Times* article, it says, would show greater political wisdom by refraining from childish attacks

on the *Gazette*. If the *Times* retained its former acumen, it would perceive that the recent article in the *Gazette*, which was written to maintain peace, helped to lessen the tension between England and France, the effect of which was eloquently shown in the release by the French in Madagascar of Shaw, the English missionary.

The plan of using the electric light in lighthouses has been carried out in a new lighthouse at South Head, on the English coast, with the happiest results. The light is of the first order, and a revolving white light, showing a flash of eight seconds in every minute. The lamp is constructed so that gas, electricity, or oil can be used. On all sides testimony is being borne to the remarkable power of the electric light, its reflection having been seen at a distance of sixty miles.

The negotiations which have been under consideration between Prince Bismarck and M. Barattiano the Romanian Minister of Foreign Affairs, with a view of forming an alliance with Germany, have been concluded. M. Barattiano will shortly resume negotiations with Count Kalouky, Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs. These conferences are expected to result in Roumania entering into relations with the Austro-Hungarian and German empires, similar to those of Italy with those powers.

"What's that thing?" asked a dairyman, as a chromo peddler held up a picture in which all the hues of the rainbow were displayed in reckless profusion, without regard to harmony or correctness. "A cow," replied the smiling art connoisseur, with a show of pride. "A cow?" gasped the milk-handler, "well, that's the first time I ever saw a green cow browsing on salmon-colored grass. Here John!" he yelled to the hired man, "bring me the gun!" But the chromo climber climbed the fence and made a break for the woods.

A dispatch from Hongkong of the 11th, states that a Chinese mob at Canton burned the houses of several opium merchants and their wharves, causing great consternation among foreign residents, the most of whom sought refuge aboard vessels in the river. Violence was offered to persons, and a force of Chinese troops was called out, which quickly dispersed the rioters. On receipt of the news at Hongkong several gunboats were immediately sent to Canton to afford protection to foreign merchants.

China either has already or is about to intimate to the United States government that her services as arbitrator between France and China would be very favorably received in Peking. It is believed that if France sends any considerable re-enforcements to Anam, China will at once officially declare war and then demand that England fulfill her duty as a neutral power by closing her coaling stations to French transports. This would involve the French transports carrying coal enough to take them through to Saigon, or else the shipping of coal to the French Red sea station, Abok, which, in any event, the Chinese believe, would cause sufficient delay to enable the French forces at Hanoi to be overwhelmed.

A *Star* cablegram from Madrid of September 9th says: Spanish officials state that a very important discovery has been made in connection with the recent emeute in Cuba, having for its object the freedom of the island from Spanish control. It is stated that a number of well-known and influential citizens have been for some time secretly purchasing arms and ammunition in Paris and shipping them to Cuba, in such manner as to escape the attention of the Spanish officials there. These warlike supplies have been quietly conveyed into the interior and placed in the hands of a band of adventurers, whose force has been greatly augmented by the enlist-

ment of natives, and quite an army of well-equipped men are now ready to proclaim themselves in open rebellion against Spanish rule. It is also stated that substantial aid has been given this organization by wealthy Cuban residents of New York and New Orleans and that the plot has gained such a footing that large re-enforcements of Spanish troops will be necessary to suppress the revolt.

The London *Times* editorially says: France is steadily drifting into war with China. The latter is vulnerable only in those ports which occupy a quasi international position and any blow struck there will be felt throughout Europe. A shock to the English trade in the East Indies will be most disastrous. The relations between England and France will be seriously embittered thereby. The displacement of the cotton trade would put out of employment thousands of operatives in the Lancashire factories and the revenue to the British crown from India would show a serious deficit. The *Times* points out that in the event of war, the Americans, Germans, Japanese and even the Chinese themselves would secure more of the foreign and coasting trade in the east than the French.

A dispatch from Gold Spike station, says that on the arrival of the Villard party at the scene of the celebration there was witnessed a most extraordinary spectacle; three hundred men with brawny arms quickly laid the iron and drove the spikes on the last rail of the completed track, except the last spike. During the progress of the work, which was witnessed by the foreigners with amazement, the band played and the people shouted. When nearly completed a cannon salute was fired by the detachment of the Fifth Infantry present. The last spike was finally driven home by H. C. Davis, Assistant General Passenger Agent of the road, who drove the first spike on the opening of the road, and this spike was the same one driven by him first. The end was reached as the sun was setting behind the mountains. The enthusiasm of the people, variously estimated from three to five thousand, was indescribable. The height reverberated the mingled sounds of cannon and the shouts of the men.



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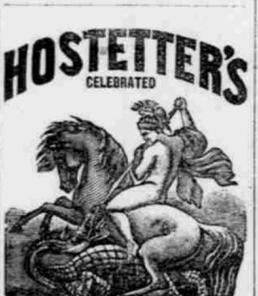
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An Olympia dispatch of the 11th says: Dr. Kalloch, secretary of the Olympia and Gray's Harbor railroad passed through here yesterday, en route from the Lower Chehalis to his home in Seattle. He reports the interest in the prospective road daily increasing; cash and land subsidies being proffered by business men and well-to-do farmers all along the line. It is now a fixed certainty that ground will be broken at a much earlier date than was at first supposed.

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