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THE New York Assembly has ordered an investigation into the lobby and its methods.

THE bill for the eleventh census calls for an appropriation of \$6,000,000.

THE Hennepin Canal steal has been again shelved by a committee of the House.

FOUR THOUSAND Irish emigrants sailed from Queenstown for the United States in one day last week.

THE Post-office Appropriation Bill proposes to devote \$69,133,340 to the support of the Post-office Department.

THE New York Senate has passed a bill to limit the number of liquor licenses to one for each 300 of population.

A CITY ticket composed of women for the Council and a woman for Mayor has been elected at Oskaloosa, Kans.

THE reduction of the public debt during March amounted to \$21,566,559 68. Total cash in the treasury, \$586,454,902 66.

THE gavel used by the presiding officers of the United States Senate has been in use for over fifty years. It is made out of an elephant's tooth and has no handle, nor it never had one.

THE New York Democratic State Convention for the election of delegates to the National Convention will be held in this city on Tuesday, May 15th.

A BILL has been introduced in the United States Senate to remove the prohibition against the appointment of ex-Confederates to positions in the regular army.

THE four best advertised men in America to-day, and without the expenditure of a cent on their part, are Robert G. Ingersoll, Chauncey M. Depew, Father McGlynn and Roscoe Conkling.

SOME experiments have been placed on record (says the London Electrician), in which a number of eggs were hatched out in a magnetic field, with the result that the chickens were all more or less deformed—blind, deaf or lame.

MUCH of the so-called ivory now in use is simply potato. A good, sound potato washed in diluted sulphuric acid, then boiled in the same solution, and then slowly dried, is already to be turned into buttons, poker chips and innumerable other things that ivory was used for once upon a time.

THE saloon has evidently lost its grip in Philadelphia. The judges of the License Court, acting under the new law, are manifesting the most contemptuous indifference to the interests of the liquor-selling tribe, and seem actually to relish the opportunity to smite the business hip and thigh.

WHILE England is contemplating a monument to Raleigh, France has decided on one for Parmentier. It would be hard to suggest the names of two men who had less in common; but each in his own country will be recognized as the introducer of the potato. Parmentier's is a clearer title than Raleigh's.

A BILL introduced by Senator Morrill, now before both Houses of Congress, confers upon the director of the mint, with the approval of the secretary of the treasury, the power to cause new designs or models of authorized emblems or devices to be prepared and adopted for use in the coinage of the country. This is an admirable measure.

AT Wath, in Yorkshire, six dozen hot cross buns are thrown from the top of the tower of the parish church at noon on Good Friday, in accordance with the will of Thomas Tuke. At one time forty dozen used to be thrown but the crowd used to create a riot in the church yard, and it was at length decreed to distribute thirty-four dozen more sensibly at the church door.

TELEGRAPHIC. In Epitome of the Principal Events Now Attracting Public Interest.

Roscoe Conkling died at his home in New York after a short illness. McDowell Crawford, colored, was shot and killed by an unknown person at a point two miles from Nolensville, Tenn.

The body of a Chinaman was found hanging to a tree about three miles from New Westminster, B. C. An inquest was held and a verdict of suicide was returned.

Thomas M. Kennedy, a wealthy cattle dealer, of Brownville, Texas, was killed by Sheriff Jose Marie Esparza, a wealthy Mexican near Ferry Landing, Texas.

At Jennear, La., in a dispute at the polls Nicholas Provost was shot dead, and his brother L. P. Provost, was mortally wounded. The trouble is said to have arisen from a family feud.

Carrie Beiswenger, while scrubbing at Wheeling, W. Va., ran a big splinter under her thumb-nail. A physician removed it, but her arm swelled badly, and lock-jaw set in, and it is said the girl cannot live.

The Western nail manufacturers met at Pittsburg, Penn., and fixed the basis of a scale of prices. The scale slightly advances nails between ten and twenty penny, and will reduce those under ten-penny.

The jail at Friars Point, Tenn., was burned, and five prisoners perished in the flames. An effort was made to rescue them, but without success. The jail is supposed to have been fired by one of the inmates who was under sentence to the penitentiary.

The assembly at Albany, N. Y., passed a bill providing for the execution of the death penalty by means of electricity. This is the bill recommended by the commission. It prohibits newspapers from publishing details of executions.

While two Indian policemen attempted to arrest Sagate, an Apache Indian, and his son, at Los Cruces, N. M., who were drunk and causing trouble in camp, a fight ensued in which one of the policemen were killed. Sagate's son was fatally and three women were severely injured by stray shots.

Chester Draper was accidentally shot and killed by Percy Candland, at Salt Lake City, while a party of which Draper was one were serenading a newly married couple, friends of Candland. The latter fired the shot as a practical joke, to frighten the serenaders.

The marines and blue jackets of the North Atlantic squadron, participated in a sham battle, at Pensacola, Fla. Five blue jackets and a marine were wounded. It is supposed the material in the cone of a shell had hardened, and tore off, the metal cone wounding the men.

Two notorious criminals were captured at Billings, Mont., having in their possession fifty-eight head of horses, bearing thirteen well-known Nevada brands. One of the men has been recognized as Teton, the noted horse thief and murderer, for whose capture there are rewards aggregating \$6,000, in Nevada and Idaho.

The residence of D. A. Hoffman, a farmer near Oak Ridge, Mo., was burned and three of his children were consumed. Three other children were so badly burned that it is expected they will die, and Hoffman was so seriously injured that he died. It is thought Hoffman became suddenly insane, and fired his house himself.

Frankie, the little daughter of Robert Pell, of Paducah, Ky., was burned to death. She was playing with her brother around a fire in the yard during the absence of her parents. Her clothing ignited and was totally burned from her body. She survived but a couple of hours.

Edward Cosser, a colored man of St. Louis, possessed of considerable wealth, returned to his home unexpectedly, and found Rev. Sidney Hibler, pastor of the Methodist church and principal of the school, at his home. Not being satisfied with his explanation, he shot him in the head, killing him instantly.

Orrin Steere, a farmer, living near the village of Lisbon, N. H., while sitting in his dining-room reading a paper, in company with his family, was killed by an unknown assassin, who literally blew the top of his head off. A load of buckshot was fired through a window four feet away. No reason is assigned for the crime. The entire country is hunting the murderer.

A five section men were passing the Gerlings White Sand Company's works in a hand car, on the St. Louis, Kansas City & Colorado road, near La Bodie, Mo., a blast exploded, blowing an immense rock upon the hand car. All of the men were fatally hurt. Their names are Harry McCowan, Thomas Bemmer, Smith Dougherty, Clark Patton and Ed. Shepherd. Three of them died.

COAST CULLINGS. Devoted Principally to Washington Territory and California.

A. Treffell, who was badly burned in the fire at Bodie, died.

A postoffice has been established at Metlakatla, Alaska, and William Duncan was appointed postmaster.

John B. Bennett has been appointed postmaster at Kent, King county, Washington territory, in place of W. H. Morton, who has resigned.

Charles John Zimmerman, engineer in the railroad yards at Nogales, A. T., was shot and instantly killed on the street by John Sherman.

Abraham Winn, was killed in a shaft at Colusa, M. T. being knocked out of the cage by striking the wall in ascending.

Wm. Deffney was struck by a large piece of rock falling from overhead in the 300-foot level in the west Colusa mine, M. T., and it is doubtful if he recovers.

Another car load of colored immigrants arrived from Charlotte, N. C., at Fresno, to work in the vineyards. Another installment will follow the 10th of next month.

William Sneed, postmaster at Seasco, Thurston county, Washington territory, has been removed, and S. M. Blumner appointed postmaster in his place.

E. O. Bagge, a native of Schleswig, Holstein, and professor of music, shot himself in the head at Los Angeles, dying soon after. Despondency was the cause.

Hi James, wanted at Stockton, Cal., for the murder of Lem Dougherty at Lodi a year ago, has been captured at Hailey, Idaho. James shot at a gambler, and killed Dougherty, a bystander.

Marshal Meade, who arrested and convicted Smart and Green, the train robbers, at Tucson, Ariz., has been awarded \$4,000 by the Southern Pacific Company.

Sydney March, who was killed by a runaway horse at the blooded horse races in San Francisco, was a resident of Portland some years ago, where he was engaged in the dry goods business.

A railroad laborer named Joseph Davis, was killed near Pomona, Cal., by a Southern Pacific train running through an open switch and striking a hand car. A number of others had a narrow escape.

Arenta Hendricks, 6 years of age, was probably fatally burned at Oroville, Cal. While playing with matches his clothes caught fire and burned the lower part of his body so that the flesh came off in pieces.

The postoffice and store at Washougal, W. T., kept by Geary & Herzog, was entered by a 13 year old boy named Chris Gabel, and robbed. The boy stole a sum of money, a quantity of postage stamps, cutlery and other small theft goods.

Myers's salmon cannery at West Seatle, W. T., on the other side of the harbor, caught fire and burned to the ground. The loss is about \$15,000. The seines, tin, boiler, engines and other cannery equipments were insured for \$540.

Michael Morris, a german tailor, 28 years of age, who recently escaped from the Territorial asylum at Stela-cyom, and has spent the past few days wandering aimlessly about the court house and county jail, was adjudged insane and taken to Salem.

Louis Schwartz, 3-year-old son of Simon Schwartz, a merchant of San Francisco, was run over by a truck on Folsom street and instantly killed. D. Stevens, the driver of the truck, surrendered to the police and was charged with manslaughter.

A reporter named Bruce Douglas, attempted to commit suicide at Los Angeles. He shot himself through the shoulder, after a struggle with another reporter who tried to prevent the deed. Douglas claims to be the last living descendant of the Earl of Douglas.

At the coroner's inquest in the case of John Melsutt, the Maltese chicken peddler who was murdered in his room at San Francisco, the jury found that in their opinion deceased came to his death by blows from a hatchet or an ax in the hands of Julian Partelli, his partner.

An old pioneer named John Barton was found dead at Downieville, Cal. His chest was entirely gone, and the contents of the cavity were blown away. He was mining alone, and it is supposed committed suicide by placing a cartridge of giant powder on his breast.

The board of directors of the San Francisco Creamery Company, held a meeting. A committee was appointed, with full power to act in regard to the building of a creamatory and furnace. The sum of \$2,000 was appropriated for that purpose, and a furnace will be erected on a lot which was purchased some time ago by the company for \$4,000.

Charles Nilsson, a sailor, from Forfarshire, died in the Astoria hospital of consumption.

CONGRESSIONAL. Legislation Pertaining to the Interest of the Pacific Coast.

SENATE. Senator Mitchell introduced a bill, making it unlawful for the postmaster general to annul a contract which had been made for carrying mail until the contract had expired, unless the service is to be expedited in different manner from that provided under contract.

The senate committee on foreign relations decided by a party vote, to report the fisheries treaty adversely.

Mayor Pond will appear before the house committee on public lands, to present the case of the wagon road land grant in Oregon.

Teller reported back the house bill to give validity to certain patents for inventions that were irregularly issued, being signed by the second assistant secretary of the interior, instead of the secretary himself; passed.

Butler reported back the house bill to ratify and confirm an act of the New Mexico legislature creating the county of San Juan; passed, with an amendment declaring Aztec the county seat.

The total number of bills and resolutions introduced in the senate and house is 12,568. So far the house has passed 425 bills, and the senate 831, and 185 house bills and 24 senate bills been sent to the president for his approval.

HOUSE. Hermann was noted by Postmaster-General Dickipson that the mail service between Vale and Burns, Or., has been increased.

The house committee on judiciary decided to report favorably the copyright bill introduced by Breckenridge.

Hermann urged the Secretary of the Interior to direct his agents, during the coming summer, to exercise careful watch to prevent forest fires next summer in Oregon and elsewhere. Belmont introduced a bill to prohibit the coming of Chinese laborers in the United States; referred. Its main provisions are similar to those contained in the new treaty.

The conference report upon the bill authorizing the President to arrange a conference between the United States and South and Central American republics, Hayti, San Domingo, and the empire of Brazil, was agreed to.

The bill to establish a department of labor was passed.

Bain, of Pennsylvania, offered an amendment providing that in Indian day and training schools that are church or religious, and are assisting in educational work, the Christian bible may be taught in the native language of the Indian, if, in the opinion of the persons in charge of the school, it is deemed conducive to the moral welfare of the pupils; adopted.

A bill general in its character, forfeiting all lands opposite railroad lines not completed within the time specified by law, was agreed to by the house committee on Pacific railroads. The Indian and pension appropriation bills passed the house.

PORTLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including BUTTER, EGGS, DRIED FRUITS, FLOUR, GRAIN, FEED, and HIDES.

MISCELLANEOUS. A woman never reaches old enough to boast of her youth. The sod houses of farmers... The California papers... A waiter in a New York... The Minneapolis... change pays some \$20,000... The number of tigers... dia last year was 1,499... The cost of compiling... which are about to be... already exceeded \$1,000,000... In Northern Alaska... only four hours out of the... winter, and the Alaskan... be duly thankful. Base ball... only play one game a day... worth \$250,000, although he... assessed for \$18,895 worth... Samuel Harris, a negro of... burg, Va., is worth \$80,000... bond there is an Afro-A... barber named William Lyons... worth \$50,000... Rev. James Ramser, of... County, O., is worth \$150,000... the largest individual holder... Bank of Findlay. There are... number of negroes with... Ohio amounting to \$75,000... Stewart Ellis, of Raleigh, N. C.,... filled a Government contract... entering on a building work... 900. W. C. Coleman, wholesaler... retail merchant of Concord, N... owns several of the finest... horses in the State.

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