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### MIDNIGHT.

### THE CAPITAL.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)  
**WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.**—The President has telegraphed to Gen. Babcock that he will return to Washington at noon to-morrow.  
**MOVEMENT OF DISTILLERS.**  
The distillers in some of the whisky districts have been making overtures to the revenue officers, to the effect that they can make more money by running their distilleries according to law, provided all distillers do the same, than by making illicit whisky, and incurring the risk of detection and consequent penalties. They therefore propose to form an association to aid the revenue officers in detecting dishonest distillers.  
**WHEREABOUTS OF MINISTER CURTIN.**  
Advises received from His Excellency Andrew G. Curtin, state that owing to the prolonged absence of the Emperor from St. Petersburg, it has not been possible to present his credentials as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to that Court. He was, till lately, at Dresden with his family, under the instructions of Secretary Fish, awaiting the return of Minister Gortschakoff from London, when he will be promoted. Hon. T. J. Coffey, the Secretary of the Legation, who accompanies the ex-Governor, and has placed his children at school at Dresden. The health of Minister Curtin has been excellent, and he has received during his visit many attentions from not only American, but English, French and German tourists at Dresden who are enthusiastic in their expressions of admiration of our Pennsylvania Ambassador.

### CHICAGO.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)  
**CHICAGO, Sept. 21.**—The California Pioneer excursion party reached this city at seven o'clock last evening, and are now quartered at the Sherman and Tremont houses.  
This forenoon a commissary car well filled with the necessities of life, as well as the luxuries of the table, was sent by Drake, of the Tremont house, in the direction of the excursionists. It met them at Joliet, and the party, which it was soon discovered were both hungry and dry, did ample justice to the good things they found in the commissary car. There was enough for all the hungry and dry ones.  
A committee of Chicago citizens took a train of Pullman's cars and met the excursionists at Rock Island Junction. Here the two trains were connected, and came together. On the way to the city a lively and cordial interchange of salutations, courtesies and good feeling took place. On reaching the Chicago depot an abundance of carriages, with a band of music, were in waiting, to which the excursionists were quickly transferred, and moved to the procession to the two hotels named.  
The excursion party numbers about two hundred, about one-third of the number being ladies. The male portion is composed of large, fine-looking and stalwart men. They all wore a badge consisting of the picture of a bear surrounded by a wreath made up generally of the national colors.  
The party will remain here until Thursday morning, when they will leave for Philadelphia via Chicago, Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania railroad.  
By tomorrow the excursionists are to visit the four cities and in the evening will be entertained with a grand banquet.

### HALIFAX.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)  
**HALIFAX, N. S., September 21.**—News from Newfoundland says: The country is becoming agitated by the confederation discussion. The unionists are well organized and have a large part of the press in their favor. They have issued a campaign paper, and look forward with confidence to a victory at the election. The anti-unionists are also well organized. Their steamer has made trips about the colony carrying anti-union speakers, and no labor is spared to defeat the confederation.  
In the course of a few weeks a proposition will be made to the government of Prince Edwards Island by the government of Canada, in regard to the terms by which that island will be received into the confederacy. If the former government think the proposition made by the Dominion equitable, the House will at once be dissolved and the whole question submitted to the people.

### UNIVERSALIST CONVENTION.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)  
**BUFFALO, September 21.**—A Convention of the Universalists of the United States assembled to-day, Rev. Bartholomew, of Auburn, presiding.  
Twenty-one States are represented. Rev. W. Bruce, of Indiana, read a report on Sunday Schools, showing the cause generally prosperous and recommending a closer union between the Church and Sunday School.  
Rev. Richard, of Ohio, read the annual report on the state of the Church—a brief document.  
Rev. E. H. Chapen, of Massachusetts, read a report on Educational Colleges, and a report on the state of the Church in the West. The Convention will probably adjourn at the entire week.

### NEW YORK CITY.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)  
**New York, September 21, 1869.**  
It appears that the frauds discovered in the Methodist Book Concern consist in the alleged fact that a son of Dr. Porter, one of the agents, has received commissions for the past eight or nine years averaging not less than seven per cent. for purchasing printing paper for the institution—that is, the agent purchased his son, who is a paper broker, to charge a heavy commission for doing what it was the agent's duty to do himself. Reports say the purchase of which commissions have been allowed, amounted to \$150,000 per annum, and also that the son paid the concern at rates which gave him a greater profit. Irregularities are also reported in the binding department, but no particulars are known. A rigid investigation is progressing, and the implicated parties have been dismissed.  
Wm. V. V. Reddy, the blacksmith, was arraigned for a first trial in the Court of General Session. The court room was densely thronged. The complaint, in reference to Reddy, falling to appear, Reddy was remanded to the city prison.  
The Committee appointed by the Citizens' Association, Chamber of Commerce and Produce Exchange, have called a convention of the representatives of all Boards and associations throughout the State interested in the management and trade of canals, to meet in New York on the 19th of October, to consider the proposed instituting reforms in the management of canals. The Committee of the Citizens' Association charge that the condition of the canals is deplorable, that the money has been fraudulently disposed of, and suggest the reforms needed, and point out officials who have been guilty of neglecting their trusts.  
It appears that the insurance case alluded to yesterday was one where there are two claimants—the children of a first wife as heirs of their mother, and the second wife as creditor, to repay money advanced by her to her husband, who committed suicide. The Royal Insurance Company is sued by both parties, and simply declines to pay either party until a decision is given by the Court, to which is entitled the money.  
The ship Yosemite has cleared for San Francisco with 1,000 tons of oranges, etc., for Mare Island Navy Yard. The Semarant, to sail soon, is to take out a similar freight.

Mary Kanis, who has continued to draw a pension as the widow of Michael Kanis, a deceased Union soldier, although she married James King, who has been held for trial.  
The cases admitted to the Quarantine hospital from the French Corvettes are not yellow fever, but a very intermittent fever and debility.  
The Journal of Commerce learns from a gentleman who is a participant in the sale of the Cuban Republic, that the Cuban Republic has taken the field in person as commander in chief, and Gen. Jordan, who recently held that position, is made chief of Gen. Jordan's staff.  
Mr. Koopmanschup, now in this city, has contracted with the Texas Land Company for the introduction of 5,000 Chinese laborers.

A Havana letter says: Henry S. Koppes, a British subject, and for many years connected with the New York Herald, was arrested on Wednesday night, and confined in the city prison. The cause of the arrest is unknown, but is supposed to have some relation to his connection with the Herald.  
Detectives have arrived here in search of Myers, the absconding defaulter of a branch of the Montreal Bank at Quebec, who has been seen in the city. They are confident of recovering a large portion of the abstracted \$200,000.  
The base ball match between the Mutuals and Nationals, of Washington, was won by the Mutuals, score, 2 to 1. Ex-Brigadier General Calvin E. Pratt has been nominated for Judge of the Supreme Court of Kings county, to be tried by the Court of Sessions.

The store of Guttenberg Bros., on Leonard street, was robbed on Sunday of nearly \$5,000 worth of shawls and fancy goods.  
Several officers were badly beaten in quelling a riot at East New York yesterday. New York route, and the rioters were badly wounded before it was suppressed.  
The steamer City of Boston, from Liverpool arrived to-night.

### SAN FRANCISCO.

Odd Fellows Grand Lodge—Masonic Council—Ex-Secretary returned.  
(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)  
**SAN FRANCISCO, September 21.**—The session of the Grand Lodge to-day was mostly occupied in receiving reports.  
Arizona Territory is transferred to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California.  
The meeting of citizens and the Grand Lodge in the hall of the Chamber Commerce last evening was a pleasant reunion.  
The Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the State of New York held a Council in Virginia City, to-day.  
Secretary Seward reached Los Angeles to-day on route for San Francisco. His reception was enthusiastic.  
United States steamer Mohican returned from Siberia to-night with Prof. Hall and Rogers, of the United States Naval Observatory. Washington, who went north to observe the eclipse. The expedition was a decided failure. The steamer arrived at Flover Bay July 29th, and anchored in Emma Harbor. The astronomical party erected an observatory at Wapuk-Spa, where Rogers took his station. Paper currency, a discount, and trade dull. Business is almost at a stand still. The Mikado is still at Yeddo. Great jealousies exist among the Danmols, and all are expecting a great earthquake long. It is said that there was a conspiracy at Kiota a few weeks ago, to put Gen. Edinburg in the Emperor's stead. It is said that the Mikado is being put down, and was organized by the people who are opposed to the Mikado company. Mr. Seward is expected there. Preparations are being made to receive the Emperor before the Pope and Council. Preparations for the Emperor's visit are being made to show him as much of Japan as he can see.

### BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Gov Walker will be inaugurated at Richmond, Va., to-day.  
Yesterday morning the journeymen tailors of Boston struck for an advance in prices.  
Major Adams, of Memphis, has chartered the steamer Edinburg for the Arkansas trade.  
Horatio Seymour has been selected as delegate to the New York Democratic State Convention.  
At Richmond, Va., Monday night, a serious fire occurred, destroying several large buildings, and a loss of \$50,000.  
The house and stable of Capt. C. E. Smith, at Cape Elizabeth, Me., were burned Monday night by an incendiary.  
Louisa A. Minor charged with poisoning the family of Dr. Deane and Lowell Mass., has been discharged, after hearing.  
David Green, a respectable citizen of Jacksonville, Fla., was arrested on a charge of a riotous evening since by a party of men concealed in the underground.

The excursion of California Pioneer, two hundred in number, left Omaha yesterday morning for New York, via Chicago, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.  
A dispatch from Santa Fe says the official returns are nearly all in. Over two hundred delegates are expected to Congress by 2,500 to 3,000 majority.  
Twenty-four persons belonging to Rockport, Maine, are thought to have been in the steamer that was wrecked. Seven bodies have been washed ashore.  
Indications are that the National Musical Convention, to convene in Music Hall, Boston, to-day, will be attended by a large delegation, representing various parts of the country.  
The Pacific Express Company will commence business on the first of October. Wells, Fargo and the Pacific Union Express Company will not carry their last freight after that date.  
Arthur arrived in Toronto yesterday morning for New York, via Chicago, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, and greeted him with cheers.  
Delegates to the New York Democratic State Convention, to be held at Syracuse on Monday next, are expected to arrive to-day. The attendance promises to be large. The indications are that the present Democratic State officers will be re-nominated.

The Congressional church in West Concord, N. H., yesterday morning, was burned yesterday morning. Loss \$10,000, insured for \$5,000. An insane man named Spear, from Boston, is in custody of the police, on a charge of having set fire to the church.  
A dispatch from Norfolk states that three negroes were swallowed up by the sea, on the coast of the District of Columbia. They were employed in getting out lumber, and the three were found in a hole in a dam, and burned to a cinder.  
A game of base ball at Philadelphia Monday afternoon for the benefit of the sick and wounded soldiers of the Civil War. The teams were the Athletics and Keystones, resulted in favor of the former by a score of thirty-two to twenty-one. The receipts reached nearly \$10,000.  
The Arizona Miner publishes a list of Indian outrages. They have recently killed a number of settlers, burned a mission, and destroyed a train of mules and pack animals. Governor William A. Pile, of this territory, left for Washington to-day.

The twenty-fourth annual Industrial exhibition of the Province of Ontario, commenced in London, Canada, yesterday. The exhibition is held in the Crystal Palace. The grounds to-day.  
The coroner's jury in the case of the accident at Athens, Pa., returned a verdict that the cause of the accident was the disobedience of orders, and John Rahm, despatcher at Towanda, for running a fast train a few minutes late, and the least inhabitant. The rooms of Martin & Co., and Keen & Co., at Anoka, have been carried out and millions of feet of logs swept into the stream.  
The New York Times of Tuesday says: We are credibly informed that the new agent of the Methodist Book Concern, Rev. Dr. Lanahan, has discovered in that establishment great corruption and fraud, involving losses to the amount of several hundred thousand dollars. The subject is now undergoing investigation. As soon as the details can be given to the public without prejudice to any but the culpable parties, will be published. These funds is said, have been going on for some eight or nine years, and of course their extent is not yet ascertained with precision.  
Private advices from Japan say the currency is in a bad way, there being much business money in circulation. Paper currency is a discount, and trade dull. Business is almost at a stand still. The Mikado is still at Yeddo. Great jealousies exist among the Danmols, and all are expecting a great earthquake long. It is said that there was a conspiracy at Kiota a few weeks ago, to put Gen. Edinburg in the Emperor's stead. It is said that the Mikado is being put down, and was organized by the people who are opposed to the Mikado company. Mr. Seward is expected there. Preparations are being made to receive the Emperor before the Pope and Council. Preparations for the Emperor's visit are being made to show him as much of Japan as he can see.

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