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WEDNESDAY.....March 13, 1881.

MR. WALTER BLAINE, now a resident of St. Paul, has been appointed private secretary to his father, Secretary of State.

SECRETARY LINCOLN did not arrive at Washington until Thursday last; on Friday he entered upon his duties as Secretary of War.

IT is estimated by the officials at Washington that the surplus revenue for the remaining four months of this fiscal year will amount to $45,000,000.

ALL the surplus money in the U. S. Treasury is to be used to buy Government bonds, thus saving interest, and keeping the money in circulation.

THE London *World* predicts that General Garfield will be an immensely popular President, and says that four years will not see the end of his stay in the White House.

HON. L. P. MORTON, M. C. of New York has been appointed by President Garfield and confirmed by the Senate, Minister to France in place of Gov. E. T. Noyes, resigned.

GOVERNOR GEAR of Iowa has appointed Judge J. W. McDill, U. S. Senator to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Senator Kirkwood to go into the Cabinet.

THE Cleveland *Herald* announces by authority that the savings of President Hayes out of his salary for four years were $66,000. It took $33,000 per year to run the White House.

THE late Secretary of the Navy, N. Goff, has been appointed and confirmed as U. S. Attorney for West Virginia, the place he held when President Hayes called him to his Cabinet.

ASSISTANT POSTMASTER PEARSON, of New York city, has been appointed postmaster. He is a son-in-law of his predecessor Post Master General James, and is said to be a most capable official.

THE Republicans in the Maine Legislature have unanimously nominated Congressman Frye for U. S. Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Senator Blaine.

Mr. W. A. M. Grier of Hazelton, in this State, the man who voted for Garfield, first, last and all the time in the Chicago Convention, is being strongly urged for second assistant Postmaster General.

EX SENATOR ANGUS CAMERON (Republican) has been elected by the Legislature of Wisconsin, to succeed Hon. Mat. Carpenter, deceased. Cameron's former term expired on the fourth of this month.

HON. EDWARD MCPHERSON declares that he is not an applicant for the appointment of First Assistant Postmaster General, and would not accept the position if tendered him, but he says he is a candidate for clerk of the next House of Representatives.

THE new Cabinet appears to give entire satisfaction to Republicans everywhere. Nothing but words of commendation are heard in regard to it. It enters upon its onerous duties with the fullest sympathy and best wishes of the entire party throughout the country.

IT turns out that the B. & O. Railroad did not secure the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad. While its agent thought he had the purchase made, the Pennsylvania people quietly gobbled up the majority of the stock and have thus become the owners.

THE bill to refund Allegheny Co. the money paid for riot losses at Pittsburgh, got a black eye in the appropriation Committee of the House at Harrisburg, on Wednesday last, it being decided to report it with a negative recommendation.

THE appointment of Congressman Morton as Minister to France and the election of Frye to the Senate will subtract two from the narrow Republican majority in the House, and make things interesting, should an extra session be called before their successors are elected.

SENATOR MAHONE of Virginia, has climbed up on the fence along side of Senator Davis and declined to enter either the Democratic or Republican caucuses. These two gentlemen hold the balance of power in the Senate. If they divide, when the new Senators are all in their seats that body will be a tie, and it will take the vote of the Vice President to decide.

THE rush for office at Washington is tremendous. Thousands of applicants haunt the White House and the corridors of the departments. The hotel keepers are reaping a rich harvest. The "ins" and the "outs" are equally anxious, the former fearing they may have to go out, and the latter fearing they can't get in.

IT is announced at Harrisburg that Governor Hoyt will appoint Dr. Higbee, of Mercersburg College, State Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Wickersham's term expired in June last, and he has been holding over ever since. The Governor has now selected his successor, who will be nominated within a short time.

EDITORS will rise. Two members of the new Cabinet—Messrs. Blaine and James—were editors when they last occupied the position of private citizens.

THE Democrats of the Senate resolved to reorganize the committees, without waiting till the vacancies occasioned by the appointment of three of their colleagues to the Cabinet were filled. The Republicans have refused to submit any names, but the Democrats have filled up the lists. When the new Senators arrive a reorganization will be made, provided Senator Mahone, of Virginia, acts with the Republicans. Senator Davis, of Illinois, the other Independent, as usual, sides with the Democrats, but refused to accept the chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee.

THE New York *Tribune* says:

President Garfield made a statement to a friend the other day which is calculated to send the hearts of a million or so of office-seekers down among the gloomy recesses of their boots. He should make no removals, he said, simply to make place for somebody else. Under no circumstances would an incumbent who had satisfactorily performed his duties be removed before his term of office had expired. This is the settled policy of the new Administration, and if the great American public, or that portion of it which is hungering and thursting for office, will absorb this fact, it will be money in its pocket and at the same time give needed relief to the President.

THE Washington correspondent of the Pittsburgh *Dispatch* under date of the 8th inst. writes that paper, among other things the following:

"The Independent Republicans are bestirring themselves, and notably in the Sixteenth Pennsylvania Internal Revenue District. The Collector of that district, Mr. Scull, wears a tight fitting Cameron collar, and having control of a newspaper published in Somerset, he never omits an opportunity to punish the Independents. In view of the fact that a very large majority of the Republicans of this district own themselves, Scull may find out that thrift does not always follow fawning. The Independents are busily at work preparing to push John G. Ogle, Esq., a resident of Somerset for the office of Collector of that district.

If the *Dispatch* man had written that William H. Koontz, instead of "the Independent Republicans" was bestirring himself for Mr. Scull's removal, he would have been nearer the truth, but inasmuch as Mr. Koontz furnished him the news, and as he is in the habit of assuming that he is the Republican party of Somerset County, it was but a small advance in egotism to style himself the "Independent Republicans" of the nine counties constituting the district. Be that as it may, we know that not a single Republican in the district has asked for Mr. Scull's removal outside the faction of bolters and kickers in this county that follows Koontz's lead.

After a ten days' campaign at Washington, Mr. Koontz, with his protege, Ogle, returned on Friday evening last, and on Saturday a petition was gotten up asking for Scull's removal and Ogle's appointment, which was signed by the Court House clique who dance as "Boss" Koontz pipes, including that Stalwart Republican, County Commissioner McClintock, and on Tuesday Mr. Ogle returned to Washington with the precious document in his pocket.

Outside the distillers in this County, who are the heavy tax payers, we presume, in a business point of view, it makes but little difference to the people who is Collector. But to Republicans who value principle, and who believe in party integrity, and in preserving the party organization, it is a matter of much moment, whether Mr. Ogle, who lent himself to the Greenback bolt in 1878, that resulted in the defeat of General Campbell for Congress, is to be exalted to position under the new National administration, and whether Republicans who never wavered are to be punished simply because they do own themselves, and will not obsequiously submit to the dictation of Wm. H. Koontz, and abjectly follow him into the camp of the bolters.

THE Republicanism of the Garfield Administration is uncompromisingly stalwart—there is an abundance of evidence to show that. Ex-Governor Jewell, after a few days' sojourn at Washington, discovered this, for in conversation with the correspondent of the *Hartford Post* he said: "I believe the present Administration will give us Republicans in office the country over, which will give us a Republican party the country over. In many of the Southern States we have had no party for years, so large a portion of official patronage being in Democratic hands. This condition of affairs, I hope, and know, is going to be changed. I have had a very satisfactory interview with—I won't say whom—since I have been here, and one thing you can set down as certain, that hereafter none but Republicans will be put on guard."—*N. Y. Tribune.*

A President Plagued.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—"I don't know," said a gentleman to-day, a Republican Congressman, "whether the President and cabinet would have been more troubled and worried by hordes of office-seekers had the Democrats carried the election, but I am certain if Hancock had suffered a much severer siege than Garfield is undergoing he would have been killed. Garfield looked to me thoroughly used up to-day, and there is not the slightest prospect of relief for him unless he can muster up courage to shut himself up and appoint an army of secretaries to see people for him. How would it be, by the way, to introduce a custom of publishing all applications for office in the newspapers? It strikes me as a good plan.

THE CZAR OF RUSSIA ASSASSINATED BY THE NIHILISTS.

HIS CARRIAGE BLOWN UP AND HIMSELF HORRIBLY MUTILATED—THE ASSASSINS ARRESTED.

LONDON, March 13.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to Reuter's Telegram Company says: "As the Emperor was returning from a parade in the Michel Manege, about two o'clock this afternoon, a bomb was thrown which exploded under the Czar's carriage, which was considerably damaged. The Czar alighted unhurt, but a second bomb exploded at his feet, shattering both legs below his knee and inflicting other terrible injuries. The Czar was immediately conveyed in an unconscous state to the Winter Palace, where he died at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. Two persons were concerned in the crime, one of whom was seized immediately. The explosion also killed an officer and two Cossacks. Many policemen and other persons were injured.

"The imperial carriage was attacked on the Katerinafsky Canal, opposite the imperial stables. While the Emperor was returning with the Grand Duke Michael, from the Michael palace, in a close carriage, escorted by eight Cossacks, the first bomb fell near the carriage, destroying the back part of it. The Czar and his brother alighted uninjured. The assassin, on being seized by a colonel of the police, drew a revolver, but was prevented from firing it. The second bomb was then thrown by another person, and fell close to the Czar's feet, its explosion shattering both legs. The Czar fell, crying for help. Colonel Dorjibky, though himself much injured, raised the Emperor, who was conveyed to the Winter Palace in Colonel Dorjibky's sleigh. Large crowds assembled before the palace, but were kept back by a troup of Cossacks. The imperial family were all assembled at the death-bed. The Council of State was immediately convened. All places of public resort are closed."

BOTH ASSASSINS ARRESTED

The Cologne *Gazette's* St. Petersburg dispatch says: "The two assassins were immediately arrested. The glasses of the gas lamps in the Michael Garden, beside the canal were broken in pieces by the concussion of the explosion. A cordon of guards was drawn around the scene of the murder. The streets are densdly thronged with excited crowds. The utmost sympathy for the Imperial family is everywhere expressed. The bells of the principal churches are tolling."

ANOTHER ACCOUNT OF THE CRIME.

The *Standard's* St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs that the Czar's right leg was nearly torn from his body, and his left leg was badly shattered. A Cossack and a passerby were killed on the spot. The Grand Duke Michael was wounded. An officer of the escort and a Cossack have since died. The Czar lingered an hour and a-half. All efforts to rally him failed. The only word he uttered after being struck was the name of the Czarewitch. The latter, on leaving the palace after the death of the Czar, was hailed as Emperor by the crowd. He was surrounded, contrary to his custom by a strong mounted escort. The people are intensely excited and indignant. The soldiery who greatly loved the Czar are furious. All the officials hastened to the palace to inquire as to the Czar. Telegrams announcing the death were sent to all foreign courts and to every part of the empire. It is stated that the bombs were made of thick glass filled with nitro-glycerine. The assassins stood on oposite sides of the road. The carriage was moving fast and the first shell struck the ground behind it, and the back of the carriage was blown out. The coachman implored the Czar to enter the carriage again, but he moved a few paces from the carriage to see to the wounded of his escort. The assassin who threw the first bomb tried to point a revolver at the Czar, but the pistol was struck from his hand. The Czar seemed to recover consciousness before his death, as he motioned away the doctors who wished to amputate his legs. The Czarewitch and Czarcona drove to their palace after the death amid the sympathizing cries of the people. A company of guards surround the palace. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh and the Grand Duke Alexis has left London for St. Petersburg.

THE CZAR HORRIBLY MUTILATED.

LONDON, March 14.—The *Times* has the following from St. Petersburg: "The doctor's bulletin, published at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, stated that both legs were broken below the knee: the lower part of the body was severely injured, and the left eye torn from its socket. The Grand Duke Michael was not hurt. The assassins were disguised as peasants. One report states that one of them was so roughly treated that he has since died. All of the army officers have been ordered to remain in their barracks. The Council of the Empire, under the presidency of the Czarewitch, was still sitting at midnight. A manifesto will be published to-day."

The *News'* St. Petersburg correspondent says: "When Colonel Dorjibky asked the first assassin his name, he replied Roussakoff. Service will be held at the Winter Palace on Monday. Afterwards, the new Emperor will receive the homage of the officers of state."

GOD'S WILL BE DONE.

The *Official Messenger* of St. Petersburg makes the following announcement: "God's will has been done. At 3:25 o'clock this (Sunday) afternoon the Almighty called the Emperor to Himself. A few minutes before his death the Emperor received the sacrament."

Office Robbed.

LOUISVILLE, March 10.—Between two and three o'clock yesterday morning. Frank Brewer, night clerk, was in charge of the office of the American Union express company, when four masked men entered at the rear. In not over five minutes afterwards Brewer was lying gagged and bound in the corner, and the quartette had possession of the keys of the safe; also of the combination, which was written on a paper in Brewer's pocket. The burglars struck a bonanza, helping themselves to cash to the amount of from $7,000 to $15,000. The detectives some time during the morning succeeded in arresting four employees of the express company. The agent stated that all the property may be recovered.

Welcome Home.

FREEMONT, O., March 8.—Ex-President Hayes, accompanied by Mrs. Hayes and their sons Rutherford and Scott and Lucy Cook, arrived here at 7 o'clock this evening from Cleveland, and were met at the depot, which was finely decorated, by over a thousand citizens, who cheered the party enthusiastically as they passed beneath the motto, "Fremont welcomes the return of ex-President and Mrs. Hayes." A reception committee of ten prominent citizen met the ex-President at Clyde, and escorted him from his special car to a carriage, which was surrounded by nearly 200 torch-bearers. The large concourse of people them formed a procession. All the residences, public buildings, lawns and parks along the line of march were brilliantly illuminated. The procession halted before the Hayes residence. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes stood in the doorway and acknowledged the applause of the assembly. Hon. Homer Everett then delivered the address of welcome.

Ex-President Hayes stepped forward to reply, amid enthusiastic cheering. He thanked his neighbors and friends for their hearty welcome, and went on to say that it was with pleasure that he and his family returned from an agreeable residence in Columbus and Washington to rest in his home at Freemont. Continuing he said: "It strikes me that this is a good place to find an answer to the question that is often heard, what is to become of the man—what is he to do—where is his place, who, having been chief magistrate of the republic, retires at the end of his term to private life? It seems to me the answer is near at hand and sufficient. Let him, like every other good American citizen, be willing to bear his part in every useful work that will promote the welfare, the happiness and the progress of his family, his town, his state and his country. With this disposition he will have work enough to do, and that sort of work which yields more individual contentment and gratification than the more conspicuous employment of public life from which he has just retired. We all recognize, in a general way, that our institutions rest upon the character of the private citizens. What the people are, our government will be. Character is formed at home; the family and the home are the unit and the foundation of our free society, of our American civilization.

"I prefer not to speak of the administration which has just closed. I will say only these few things: It has been from the beginning to the end of my term, my earnest desire and purpose to so do my duty that every section of our country and all descriptions of our people would have the benefit of an honest, liberal, patriotic and just administration of the general government. If, in any marked degree, my administration has been blessed with success, it is largely due to the able statesmen to whom have been confided the great departments of the government, and who have been the official counsellors of the President. I am happy to know that this welcome is in no wise partisan. It is one of the agreeable features of the occasion, that all parties are here represented. Something of the same good fortune has followed me throughout my administration; in Congress, and among the people, from the South as well as from the North, I have received encouragement. I have received support from men whose political affiliations are opposed to my own. For all this I am and forever will be profoundly grateful. All eyes are now turned to the new administration which has just assumed the responsibility of the national government. To those who agree with its principles and have confidence in its head and in his advisers, as I have, I would say: 'Let us give it a beauty and generous support.' To those who would not have chosen the new administration let me say: 'Imitate your gallant and patriotic leader, General Hancock, who, by his presence and cordiality at all the ceremonies of the inauguration, said to his fellow-citizens, let us give to President Garfield a fair hearing and fair play.'"

After the speech the greater portion of the assembly attended an informal reception. All the members of the Hayes family were present.

Shot Dead.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., March 10.—Jehiol Aumic, a brakeman on the Eastern Division of the Erie Road, was assaulted by tramps on his train at Sterling Junction, N. J., at an early hour yesterday. As the train was leaving Goshen he saw some men getting upon a car. When the train was nearing Sterling Junction he went to the car, and when he approached the men one of them wrenched the break-stick out of Aumick's hand and struck him over the head with it. The two men clinched when the tramp drew a pistol and shot Aumick, the ball striking him on the right side of the lower jaw and passing out at the back of his head.

Aumick was thrown from the car in a partially insensible condition. When the train arrived at Suffern he was missed and the engine was run back after him. He was found lying beside the track, and was taken to Port Jervis. His brains were oozing from the wound, and the man was in a very bad condition.

An ante-mortem statement was taken, Aumick's story was about as given.

His switch key was stolen from him, and it is thought this is one of the objects of the attack upon him by the tramps, who have escaped.

Aumick is twenty-one years old, and his parents live at Mongaup, a few miles west of Port Jervis. He has had trouble with tramps before.

Pennsylvania National Guard.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The Executive Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies has addressed, through Captain Corbin, the following letter to Governor Hoyt, of Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Executive Committee:

"I desire to thank you, and through you the officers and men of the National Guard of your State, for the fine display and soldierly bearing during the parade in this city on the 4th inst. I will add that not a complaint has come to us of the misconduct of a single officer or soldier of the entire command. Their drill and soldierly bearing drew forth praise of every one, and their conduct while in this city gave evidence of their high moral worth as men and citizens.

ESTRUCTION AT DANVILLE

The State Hospital at that Place Burned.

DANVILLE, Pa., March 6.—Yesterday the state hospital for the insane at this place was one of the most imposing public edifices of this section of the state; to-day it is a mass of smouldering ruins. For years its construction has been actively prosecuted, and only in 1881 could its completion be obtained.

The cost to the State for the erection of the buildings which are now almost entirely destroyed, has been at least $600,000. These buildings covered an area of nearly two acres of ground and had a frontage of 340 feet. It was a substantial structure of stone, situated about a half mile to the east of Danville.

At about 8:15 last evening a fire broke out in one of the female wards of the east wing, temporarily unoccupied for the purpose of repairing it. The cause of the fire is yet unexplained. Efforts to stay the progress of the flames were rendered abortive by the fact that the fire originated in a closet wherein the water plug and hose are situated, and the pipes soon became so heated that the water could not be turned on. Attention was then turned to rescuing the patients, some five hundred of whom were then under treatment in the institution. Fortunately most of the females were at that hour attending services in the chapel and those were at once transferred to the bakery, and other detached buildings in the rear. Naturally the fire caused much excitement among these unfortunates, and very different was the effect upon many of them. Some of them became greatly frightened, whilst others considered it a great treat gotten up for their enjoyment. These latter stubbornly resisted all efforts to remove them. Some of the attendants were roughly handled, and the more athlete of the inmates were only taken to places of safety by main force.

No lives were lost. The bad condition of the roads prevented prompt assistance from the town. The asylum was at too great a distance to utilize the fire pressure of the Holly system of water works here and a team of horses conveyed the Friendship steamer to the scene as the main building broke into flames. The Friendship and other fire companies of the town have been doing all in their power but the scarcity of water prevented very successful work. Adjacent towns were telegraphed to for assistance but the steamers from Sunbury and Milton did not arrive here until 5 o'clock this evening. Had they responded promptly it is probable that the entire west wing could have been saved. From the east wing to the centre, thence to the west wing the fire spread rapidly, the heavy cornice under the tin roof greatly assisting in this whilst inside, the Carolina pine flooring, doors, etc., were greedily lapped by the flames. In their efforts to remove the inmates many of the attendants lost their private effects, but most of the movable property of the hospital was saved. There remain at present but a section of the extreme west wing, consisting of about six wards. The hospital was insured for $250,000. The ruins are still in flames despite the continuous efforts of the firemen. None of the detached buildings of the hospital have been injured. C.

Desperate Affray at Mount Savage, Md.

CUMBERLAND, March 10.—A terrible tragedy occurred this evening at Mount Savage. It seems that a young man by the name of Alexander Thrasher had a fracas on Wednesday night with Joseph Pratt, both aged about 20 years, blows being struck, but no deadly weapons used. This evening about 4:30 o'clock the same parties met again, Pratt being accompanied by Frank and George, two younger brothers, and after a few words Thrasher rushed at Joseph Pratt with a knife and stabbed him in the heart, killing him instantly, and about the same time cut Frank in the right side, but not dangerously. Dr. Alexander Thompson, physician of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, attended the wounded and examined the body of the deceased. Thrasher was arrested by the citizens and made no resistance. A jury of inquest was empanneled, but owing to the lateness of the hour their verdict has not been made public. The affair causes intense excitement, both at Mount Savage and in this city. Both young men are respectably connected, their parents being alive. Their fathers being P. J. Thrasher, formerly a merchant of Mount Savage, and James Pratt, a well-known and highly respectably connected farmer. The cause of the difficulty is unknown. The locality of the tragedy was in the centre of the town, and can be seen from the depot. Thrashed will be delivered to Sheriff Hankamp early to-morrow morning.

Revenge.

ST. LOUIS, March 9.—Michael J. Rielly, an ex-letter carrier, formerly a policeman, while descending from the third to the second story of the shoe factory of Philip Grant & Co., about 11 o'clock this morning, met Albert C. Hatch, a former employe of Grant & Co., who was going up stairs, and shot him in the head, killing him instantly. From acquaintances of both men it is learned that Rielly had seduced Hatch's wife, and had on two or three occasions taken her away from home and spent two or three days and nights with her at a time. Hatch vowed vengeance, and openly and repeatedly stated that he would kill Rielly on sight. When they met on the stairway this morning Hatch attempted to draw a weapon, but Rielly was too quick for him, and sent a bullet through his brain before he could get his pistol out. Hatch's hand was in his pistol pocket when he died. Rielly was taken to the police station, but refuses to make a statement until he has consulted a lawyer.

Affray.

CINCINNATI, March 10.—A feud has long existed between Joseph McDermot and Mat Lightfoot, both farmers of Kentucky. They met last evening and the quarrel being renewed, both drew pistols. Attempts to separate them failed, and both fired about the same time. A ball from McDermott's pistol took effect in Lightfoot's left hip, inflicting a painful wound, while Lightfoot's aim was more fatal, his pistol ball piercing McDermott's heart, killing him instantly. Lightfoot, not knowing that he killed his man, fired three more shots at him as he lay on the ground. Lightfoot was at once arrested.

A Dreadful Disaster.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 11.—This afternoon a large boiler in the Phœnix Boiler Works, owned by Donaldson & Patterson, exploded, instantly killing six men, and wounding several others, one of the proprietors, Mr. Patterson, being among the former. The business of the firm was very large, the manufacture of boilers being carried on to a great extent, while the firm made a speciality of testing old boilers by steam, and making the necessary repairs to them. An old boiler belonging to the tugboat Mary S. Pierce which had been in use nearly 18 years, was being tested, when, without any apparent cause, it burst, literally leveling the works, which were 100 feet long, by 40 wide, and 80 high. Mr. Patterson, together with a ponderous mass of the exploded boiler, was hurled across the street and through a solid board fence, leveling a portion of it to the ground. His body was terribly mutilated, his entrails and some of his limbs hanging to the wrecked fence, while one leg was found fifty yards away from the building. The bodies of the other men killed were scattered in every direction. The force of the explosion was so great that windows of buildings half a mile distant were demolished, and, in the immediate vicinity, people were thrown to the floor in their houses, and tables were overturned. The adjoining buildings were shaken to their foundations. The noise of the explosion resembled an earthquake. A large piece of the boiler was blown hundreds of feet into the air, and went crashing through the roof of the Mills elevator, situated nearly 500 feet away, and the dome of the boiler was thrown over 100 feet into the air, and landed half a mile distant.

LIST OF CASUALTIES.

Those known to be killed are: Robert Patterson, aged 56 years; leaves a wife and 6 children. John Langenfield, aged 38 years, unmarried, was found under the remains of the boiler, bleached and burned almost beyond recognition. Francis Chadwick, aged 62 years, engineer, in charge of the boiler, had his side blown away and bled to death: leaves a wife and three children. William Wager was blown to pieces; leaves a wife and four children. William Gibson, nephew of Patterson was blown to pieces; leaves a wife and two children. An unknown man was so badly burned as to be unrecognizable. The injured are as follows: Henry Mackey, left leg broken, head cut, and injured internally; will probably die. Carlotto Voltz, both legs blown off, and cut in the back and chest; cannot recover. George Renner, boy, about 16 years old, leg broken, head cut, and injured internally; will probably die. Alex. Rupert, right leg broken, also injured internally; is unconscious and will probably die. Rob Mexyich, left side body and face badly cut; was standing twenty feet from the boiler when struck will recover. Michael May, hurt in stomach and left side of face. Wm. Knorr, right foot smashed; will recover. Sixteen of the men were employed in the works at the time of the accident, six of whom escaped unhurt. The regular force is twenty-five, but 9 of the men and boys had been laid off. Mr. Donaldson one of the proprietors, had driven from the works but a few minutes before the accident happened, and was only a few squares away. The loss will probably foot up $15,000; insured for $1,00 against loss by fire only.

Oil Fire.

PHILADELPHIA, March 9.—This morning a fire broke out in the Belmont Oil Works, W. L. Elkins & Co. proprietors, at Twenty-fourth and Mifflin streets. The flames spread rapidly and it was soon found necessary to send in a second alarm to get additional fire companies to the scene of the conflagration. The fire broke out in the benzine agitator, located close to the gasoline works, at the time the agitator was full, containing two hundred barrels. It was a frame building with sheet iron covering. The building and contents were entirely destroyed. The flames then spread to the gasoline works. These were a series of brick buildings, one, two and three stories high. These were entirely destroyed. A high northeast wind prevailing drove the fire in a southwesterly direction along Mifflin street. Then the stable, lubricating oil shed, and three or four dwellings used by employes of the establishment were burned. The lubricating oil building, containing tanks and barrels, next to the shed, were destroyed, as were the contents, consisting of about two hundred barrels of oil. The canning house was greatly damaged. Total loss $100,000; no insurance.

Arrested.

CHICAGO, March 10.—A gang of eight young thieves, seven of whom are under 17 years old, and the eighth, who is 25, hired by the others at one dollar per day, was captured by the police last night as they were removing to a hiding place 15 flasks of quicksilver, which they had thrown into the snow from a freight car of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, near South Park. The depredations of this gang of young criminals dates back to New Year's. They have made it their practice to board freight cars, either breaking locks or finding doors open; and once in they were not particular as to the character of the goods they would steal. Groceries and dry goods were generally their spoil, which they would throw out alongside of the track, to be picked up by companions. Besides the 15 flasks of quicksilver recovered, it is known that they have stolen this kind of freight before and pawned it. The police have for some time been informed of the robberies, which are reported to have aggregated more than $30,000.

Incendiarism.

ROSITA, Col., March 10.—Early this morning a fire broke out in Miller's grocery store, and spreading thence, destroyed the entire business portion of the city, including the post office and its contents, together with several stocks of merchandise. The fire was evidently of incendiary origin, an out-house, the ice-house and the floor of the grocery having been saturated with coal-oil. The out-house was first discovered to be on fire, and immediately afterward the flames broke out in the interior of the store, and an explosion soon occurred, scattering fire brands in every direction. The water supply from the mills was soon exhausted, and the flames were allowed to take their course. The loss is estimated at $130,000.

Destructive Fire.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 10.—The greatest conflagration known in Kansas City for many years occurred this morning on Union Avenue, between Mulberry and Santa Fe Sts., by which was destroyed that part of an elegant new block of buildings occupied by Woodward, Faxon & Co., wholesale druggists; Kelly, Wells & Co., wholesale hardware dealers, and Ogleby & Co., wholesale grocers. The flames were first seen bursting from a rear window of Woodward, Faxon & Co.

By the time the firemen arrived, at 4 o'clock, the roofs and windows glared terrifically with the leaping flames. A series of explosions, numbering not less than seventy-five, took place, caused by cans of gunpowder in the establishment of Ogleby & Co. and by barrels of coal oil in the drug house of Woodward, Faxon & Co. These explosions were loud enough to be heard by hundreds of people throughout the city and by families two miles distant.

The water pressure, which should have been ninety pounds to the square inch, was scarcely sufficient to carry the stream to the second story windows. The loss of Woodward, Faxon & Co. was $85,000; insured for $60,000; Ogleby & Co.'s loss was $80,000; insured for $75,000; Kelly & Co.'s was $80,000, fully insured. The building owned by Olmstead & Hall, was valued at $50,000; insured for $28,000.

Accident.

BALTIMORE, March 10.—The train which left Washington at 4:20 yesterday afternoon on the Baltimore & Potomac road for this city was wrecked by a washout near Winans Station, about eight miles south of Baltimore. A south bound train had passed over the road but a few minutes before, and the north bound train was running at a speed of about twenty miles per hour when the accident occurred. The train consisted of one baggage, two express, two combination and two passenger cars. The engine and the tender, the baggage and express cars and one combination car were wrecked. The engine fell over and L. M'Keever, the fireman, was caught under it and killed. None of the passengers were injured. The authorities of the road in this city were notified, and a train was sent out to which the passengers were transferred and they reached the city at 7:50 o'clock. About seventy-five feet of the road bed was washed out. M'Keever, the man killed, was the fireman on the train in which ex-President Hayes was a passenger last Saturday afternoon, and escaped from that accident uninjured.

Loss of Life.

LONDON, March 7.—Details of the earthquake which occurred at Casamacciola, on the Island of Ischina, in the Mediterranean, on Friday afternoon, confirm the reports of great damage to property and heavy loss of life. The first shock occurred at 1:30 p. m. and the second an hour later, and this lasted seven seconds, accompanied by a noise like subterranean thunder. This was followed by the crash of falling houses and shrieks of the victims. The loss of life is estimated at 200, and the damage to house property at 1,000,000 francs. It was first supposed that it was connected with the partial eruption of Vesuvius on the 3d inst., but Professor Palmieri thinks the catastrophe was due to some local phenomena, such as the sudden sinking of the ground owing to the corrosive action of the mining springs.

A dispatch to the *News* from Naples reports that another shock of earthquake occurred at Casamacciola on Monday. Eleven more bodies have been found.

The *News* dispatch from Rome says the latest report showed that 126 persons have been killed and 170 injured.

Terrific Explosion.

CHICAGO, March 11.—A large stone weighing 2,600 pounds, in the flouring mills of August Fisher, exploded last evening with a loud noise, and four persons were more or less seriously injured by flying pieces. The stone was an imported article, four feet in diameter and a foot thick, and was making about 275 revolutions per minute, John Birthouger, a stone-dresser, engaged at work on a neighboring stone, had both his legs broken by flying pieces, and the soles were torn from both his boots. Mr. Fisher, standing ten feet from the stone, had his left leg broken in three places above the knee. Theodore Blokele, a stone-dresser, had his face terribly disfigured. Mr. Taylor, a commission merchant, who was in the mill on business, was lifted from the floor and thrown twenty feet, but was not seriously injured. It is supposed there was a flaw in the iron band, which gave way under the centrifugal force when the speed of the stone was accelerated by the absence of corn in the hopper.

A Serious Railroad Accident.

PITTSBURGH, PA., March 13.—At 3 o'clock this morning a freight train ran into a yard train on the Pan-Handle bridge in South Pittsburgh, throwing three gondolas and the tender of the yard engine off the bridge into the street, fifty feet below. The conductor of the yard train, Charles Carney, was instantly killled. Patrick Cullin, a brakeman, had his skull fractured, legs broken and was otherwise injured, so that his recovery is doubtful. R. Harrison, another brakeman, had his legs broken and fingers cut off. His injuries, however, are not considered dangerous. The accident was caused by both trains getting into the same block at once, the operator, Foster, having a white signal up. Foster says he did not know the yard train was coming, as the fog was too dense to see it. Coroner Hope had him placed under arrest, but the jury exonerated him and he was released.

Cremation.

WASHINGTON, Pa., March 9.—The body of Arthur Strabos was taken from the casket this morning without ceremony and wrapped in a sheet soaked in alum water. It was then laid on the iron crib, and at 9 o'clock it was placed in the retort of the LeMoyne furnace. At 9:22 the furnace door was opened and revealed the body gradually wasting away. At 10:20 a. m. the head began to crumble, and three-quarters of an hour later nothing remained but a few bones. At 11:30 the furnace was scaled up to cool, incineration being then regarded as complete. There were present Mr. Devore, undertaker of Pittsburgh; P. R. Roberts, of Lunday's Lane, Erie county; A. C. Quimby, of Crawford county, and Capt. James M. Cox, of Philadelphia.

A Big Leap.

TRENTON, N. J., March 8.—Abram Wright, a burglar, made a desperate attempt to escape from the custody of an officer having him in charge by leaping from a Pennsylvania railroad train last night. The prisoner, with another burglar, broke into a country store and post office at Red Valley, Monmouth county, and carried away a load of goods. Detective Brady, of Chambersburg, traced him to Williamsburg and there arrested him on Sunday, when he agreed to come without a requisition to this State. Brady and his manacled prisoner boarded the five o'clock train from N. Y., to this city. Just before the train reached Monmouth Junction he asked permission to go to the end of the car and it was accorded him. He leaped from the window of the closet and fell, terribly cut and bruised, by the railroad track. Brady missed him at once. The train was stopped and backed up to where he yet lay unconscious. He was taken on board and carried to Trenton. He is dangerously injured.

Cut up.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—To-night while Lewis Colquitt, brother of Gov. Colquitt, of Georgia, Yancey Martin and A. E. McBee, were playing pool in the National Hotel, the three got into a row over a remark made by one about a woman, and left the billiard room in anger. When in front of the hotel Colquitt drew a knife and cut a frightful gash in Martin's neck. He also cut McBee in the left eye and across the face when he attempted to interfere. Colquitt then threw the knife away and made his escape. The wounded men received prompt treatment, and were sent home. Their wounds are not necessarily dangerous. All are well connected. Colquitt is married, and holds a clerkship in the Sixth Auditors office; Martin is a clerk in the Treasury, and McBee is a clerk in the Capital.

Suicide.

PHILADELPHIA, March 11.—Wolfgang Kisling, after having reached his three score and ten, took his life in a most singular way last night. Kisling resided in Cram's avenue, Roxborough, and yesterday sold his little property and afterwards appeared to regret it. Last night he disappeared and was not found until this morning, and then it was discovered that he had plunged his head into a barrel of rain water and held it there until he became suffocated. When found, this morning, the ice had formed on the surface and around the submerged portion of his body. No other reason can be assigned for the man's suicide except the melancholy, consequent upon the regret at having sold his property.

Whisled to Death.

ST. LOUIS, March 11.—A dispatch to the *Republican* from Clarksville, Mo., says: "B. G. Read, superintendent of a paper mill at that place, went into the basement of the mill this afternoon to oil a shaft journal, when he was caught by a nut on a pulley wheel and carried around the shaft a number of times. Both of his feet were beaten off by striking against the floor above. The engineer's attention was attrsted by the noise, and he shut off steam. On going into the basement he found Read's mangled and dead body hanging from the shaft. Deceased came from Pulaski, N. Y., last June, and assisted in organizing the mill company of which he was a member.

A Venerable Official.

WASHINGTON March 7.—Judge James Lawrensen, an old attache of the office, who also acts as notary public for the Post-office Department, administered the oath of office to Postmaster General James today.

Judge Lawrensen has filled a clerical position in the department at Washington since 1834, a period of forty-seven years. Previous to entering the department he served fifteen years in the Baltimore Post-office, having entered that office in 1819. Since his connection with the department at Washington he has administered the oath of office to seventeen Post-masters General.

Lively Pistol Practice.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—At Maxey, Arizona, last night, Dick Lloyd, a notorious cowboy, shot E. Menn, and was himself shot dead by one O'Neil. At Eldorado, Nevada, Hank Parish shot a man named Clark, over a game of cards in Greenwood's saloon, and then killed Greenwood. When the Coroner came, Parish, at the muzzle of a pistol, compelled him to take from Greenwood's pocket the money he had won from Parish and return it to the latter, who defies arrest and remains at large.

Four Negroes Lynched.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 11.—A special to the *Democrat* from Little Rock, Ark., says that information has been received of the lynching of four negroes implicated in the murder of Ishmael, near Jonesboro, Craighead county, by a gang of masked men, variously estimated at from two to three hundred. The lynchers sprang out of the woods surrounned the building where the negroes had been temporarily placed, overpowered the guards, and taking the prisoners, hanged them to a tree near by, and dispersed as silently and as quickly as they had gathered.

Murder.

NEW ORLEANS, March 8.—A dispatch to the *Democrat* from Little Rock reports a horrible murder at Jonesboro, Craighead county, Arkansas. Mattie Ishmael, eighteen years old, was left alone in a house while her father went to a mill. On his return he found his daughter lying on the floor weltering in a pool of blood. She had been murdered with a club or an axe. The object of the murder was robbery. Her father being wealthy, it was supposed there was a large sum of money in the house. The place was ransacked but no money was found. A number of negroes have been arrested.

Deaths from Starvation.

BERLIN, March 10.—An Alexandria newspaper states that a traveller named Gessi, who was second in command to Gordon Pacha at the time of the latter's campaign against the slave traders, and who has since been engaged in similar operations in Darfur, arrived at Khartoum on the 2d inst., and reported that half of his party had died of hunger.

Gets It.

HAVANA, March 10.—Cameron, with friends celebrated his birthday here yesterday. General Blanco extended the freedom of the island. Mr. Cameron visited Moro Castle in the afternoon and received many of his countrymen in the afternoon. He gave a dinner in his honor in the evening. Mr. Cameron made a speech reviewing the important events of his life. During the evening quiet he was presented with a gold as a memorial of the occasion. In the evening Mr. Cameron attended the opera by invitation of Captain General. Mr. Cameron is making a study of the tobacco growing system. He will sail for home on Saturday next.

Hairbreadth Escape.