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EX-SENATOR THURMAN has again positively declined to be the Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio this fall.

THE latest news from the sick bed of Chief Justice Mercer is more encouraging. His physicians have now strong hopes of his recovery.

WITHIN the last two years 25,000 Democratic postmasters have taken the places of Republicans, and yet like Oliver Twist they are crying for more.

GOVERNOR BEAVER thinks, "so it is said" that the Legislature was entirely too liberal in granting appropriations and will sharpen up his veto pen when he comes to consider them.

DURING April last 73,167 immigrants arrived in the United States, and for the ten months ending April 30, 1887 the arrivals were 384,196. At this rate how long will "Uncle Sam be rich enough to give them all a farm?"

THE appointment of a new U. S. Treasurer makes it necessary to again recount all the money in the government strong box, and it is estimated that it will require over two months, for a number of expect counters to finish up the job.

THE bibulously inclined citizens of this county have been suddenly awakened to the pertinency of the remark said to have been made by the Governor of South Carolina to the Governor of North Carolina, upon the occasion of a fraternal meeting.

THE Boston *Journal* raps the great Mugwump leader in this wise: "Mr. Curtis says that both parties are at sea. His remarks generally would lead one to suspect that he is in the condition of the inebriated Indian who could not find his home but stood by his own prowess, saying: "Indian no lost, wigwam lost."

IT may now be considered a settled matter that nobody but Grover Cleveland can be the Democratic nominee next year. The fact is patent, that prominent Democrats who a short time since denounced him for his injustice to his own party, are having their mouths closed by the bestowal of offices upon themselves, or their friends.

THE N. Y. *Sun* says: "If the Fiftieth Congress is wise, the internal revenue taxes will be taken off altogether, and the whole army of tax collectors and deputies disbanded." A cold-blooded suggestion like this is sufficient to throw its Democratic brethren into spasms. What! voluntarily relinquish all these offices after only three years enjoyment of them? Never! never! while hunger and thirst exists.

THE President is busily searching among Southern Democratic lawyers, for timber out of which to make a Judge of the Supreme Court. Can he find a prominent one among them who has not subscribed to the heresy that the Constitution justified secession and rebellion? Because they were whipped into submission, is not evidence that they have changed their views, and would make safe and fit expounders of that instrument. All the same no Northern Democrat need apply.

IT is said that the coke operators of the Connellsville district, have resolved to discharge the Hungarians in their employ, because they have become so troublesome and are so lawless, and to employ Americans in their stead. This is a decision that will give general satisfaction. The Hungarians were employed because they were supposed to be steady and cheap laborers, but a thorough trial has demonstrated that they are turbulent and not to be depended upon. The coke operators have learned that cheap labor is not always the most profitable, and we trust that the lesson will abide with them.

THERE is a Democratic voice crying in the Southern wilderness against the heresy of free trade, that will make itself heard and felt in the next Presidential canvass. The new South is wakening up to the value of its immense resources in mining and manufactures, and as their daily development increases, it will demand protection for its industries. Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama can no longer be safely counted upon to support candidates upon a free trade platform, and the mention of Mr. Carlisle's name in connection with the Democratic nomination for Vice President, has drawn out a protest against his free trade principles in several quarters. It is not at all likely that Southern protectionists can prevent the nomination of an "old fashioned" Southern Democrat with free trade principles, but it appears to be almost certain that he cannot rely upon a solid South to assist in elevating him into power. The gentlemen who are busily engaged selecting a Southern candidate for the tail of the Democratic National ticket, might profitably give pause to their labors, while they consider the industrial progress of the South, and the natural tendency of all intelligent men to seek protection for their interests, and the products of their mill.

THE Democratic press, with free trade proclivities is persistently demanding an extra session of Congress, with the avowed object of making one more determined effort to stop the surplus by reducing the tariff. And what these anti-protection gentlemen hope to gain from a Congress with a largely reduced Democratic majority we cannot fathom, unless they hope to draw party lines closely, and with the aid of the President dragoon the recalcitrant into the support of what will be denominated party principles." The exigencies of the coming Presidential campaign are inciting these political manipulators, but suppose they fail in their avowed object? What then? After having played their hand, and lost, can they hope to again swindle the country by a plank in their platform that can be made to read in favor of free-trade or protection to suit localities? Politically we believe an extra session of Congress would redound to the benefit of the Republican party, but there is no apparent necessity for one. A session called to force the fighting on the tariff issue can not, we think, prove other than injurious to the party in power, and the President is too shrewd a politician not to know it. In any event, the next session will be largely devoted to manouvering for position on the Presidential battle field, and the country has not much to hope for in the way of unbiased practical legislation. Politicians may be eagre for the fray, but the business interests of the country must and will suffer, from an early session of Congress, and the consequent irritation, uncertainty, and suspense that will accompany it.

THE report comes from Washington that the administration has determined to force an issue on the tariff question. To do this, a strenuous effort is to be made to unite the Democrats in the House upon a measure of tariff reduction. The President and every member of the cabinet are reported as substantially agreed upon this point, and the formulation of a bill for this purpose will be entrusted to Secretary Fairchild. Just how the free-traders of the Carlisle-Morrison stripe, are to be brought into substantial agreement with the pro-protectionists of the Randall school, is the conundrum that is puzzling the Presidents official family. After the failure in the last two Congresses to accomplish anything in the way of tariff reduction, it has been concluded that but one way is left open to the Democratic party, and that is for the President and his advisers to formulate a bill, proclaim it an administration measure, and then apply the party lash to all recusants. As the President and cabinet are known to be fully committed to the policy of the Morrison bill, which has twice been rejected by Congress, it remains to be seen whether Mr. Randall and his followers can now be whipped into support of the policy it embodies. The South being in the saddle, and its representatives being hostile to the principle of protection, they have no thought of compromise, except on their own terms, which are a reduction of the present excessive revenue, by adding largely to the free list, and heavily cutting down duties upon certain imported manufactures. Past experience, which shows that a reduction of duties on home manufactures, increases rather than diminishes revenue, has made no impression upon these free-trade theorists, and the contrary fact that increased duties tends to a reduction of revenue has apparently no lodging place in their brains. However, one thing is apparent to politicians of every shade: the tariff issue can no longer be procrastinated, or set aside. It will be the main feature in the coming Presidential campaign, and it will be a happy event for the country if the Administration will take the decisive stop contemplated. A fair and square issue will settle the question for years to come, and the inevitable result will be, prosperity or ruin to our great and growing home industries.

Great Fire in New York.

NEW YORK, May 27.—About 1:30 o'clock A. M. fire broke out in the Belt-Line stables on Tenth avenue, between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets. They were in flames so quickly that there was no chance to save the books of the company. At 2 o'clock the walls of the building fell in with a crash, sending millions of sparks and pieces of wood high in the air.

At 1:45 A. M. the flames, aided by a strong high wind which was prevailing, had leaped across the wide avenue and communicated to the whole block on the east side between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets. The block was composed of six-story tenement houses and a coal-yard. The terror stricken tenants poured out of the building like a swarm of bees, praying, fighting, cursing in turns. The scene of terror was indescribable. The buildings burned rapidly, though the fronts facing the avenue were of brown stone. By 2:30 they were completely gutted. The flames spread to the entire square block over to Ninth avenue.

The fire was got under control at 4 o'clock this morning. The stables, with their contents, and the frame houses on the opposite side of Tenth avenue and down Fifty-fourth street were destroyed. The loss will not be much less than $1,000,000.

Elizabeth Walch, aged seventy-six years, one of the occupants of the house No. 540 West Fifty-fourth street, which was burned, was sick in her bed. The police rescued her and brought her to the side walk, where she expired from the fright and shock.

Later estimates slow that the losses by the fire will not be covered by millions of dollars. The stables are a complete wreck and the tenements on the streets facing the stables are burned. There were 1,400 horses in the stables, 150 of which were saved. The police have examined the ruins, but find no traces of loss of life. The old woman who died from fright is believed to be the only victim.

The loss is now estimated at $1,325,000. The fire raged from 1:30 o'clock till daybreak. The sun rose upon a scene of desolation, but with the tired firemen master of the situation.

The bodies of 1,200 horses were roasting in the ruins of the stables. More than one hundred families, mostly poor people, had been rendered homeless. Any number of people had been prostrated by the heat. Men, women, and children wandered all night aimlessly over the ruins of their wrecked homes, bereft of their all and bewildered at the sudden and crushing blow. The insurance will be less than $500,000. The street-car company carried $310,000.

An Explosion of Natural Gas.

WELLSVILLE, O., May 26.—The Ohio Valley Gas Company has been laying gas mains in the town of New Cumberland, W. Va. Tuesday afternoon the work was finished and preparations made to test the large mains. Before testing it was necessary to heat the pipe in order to make it fit a curve leading to the river. While this was being done and the pipe was at a white heat some one accidentally turned on the gas. When the gas reached the spot a terrific explosion occurred, scattering the huge iron mains in all directions and tearing a large hole in the ground. The gas, which was left into the pipe at a pressure of 190 pounds, immediately took fire and burned to a height of twenty feet. Eight workmen and two children, who were standing at the point where the explosion took place, were terribly burned. Four Italians, names unknown, were thrown twenty feet by the shock, and terribly burned about the face, head and hands. Two children, names unknown were badly burned. Physicians were summoned from neighboring towns to render assistance.

Prosecuting A Woman.

VINCENNES, IND., May 26.—A dynamite bomb was thrown against the residence of Mrs. Frances A. Richey, yesterday morning. It exploded with a terrible noise, and tore a large hole in the side of the building. The glass in all the windows was broken. Mrs. Richey, who was sleeping in the rear room, was blown from her bed. She rushed into the front room and found her 17-year old son on the floor, he having been knocked out.

About three weeks ago some one battered the front door of Mrs. Richey's residence with a coupling pin, but escaped without being identified. Last Sunday night, hearing some thing strike the house, Mrs. Richey's son ran out and found a lighted dynamite cartridge. He put out the fuse, and since then he and his mother have been in constant fear. Several anonymous letters were recently received by Mrs. Richey threatening her life. Just what has prompted these repeated attempts on her life and that of her son is unknown.

Absent-Mindedness Causes a Carload of Iron to Crush a Man.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., May 27.—A horrible accident occurred in the steel-works of the Cambria Iron Company last night. Thomas Bitner was lining a cupola and was working on a platform built about twelve feet from the ground, when Jacob Mishler, who has been employed as a stocker for many years, dumped about 1,500 pounds of pig metal on top of Bitner, breaking down the platform. His body was badly used up and he lived only a short time after being taken out. Mishler cannot account for his fatal mistake, as he has always been a first class workman and had the confidence of his employers and of his comrades. His fellow-workmen believe that he is absent-minded and intended to stock the cupola that was in operation, and, without using any judgment, dumped it into the wrong one. It is said that he has been discharged. Bitner was a young man and a good workman, and leaves a family.

SAD DISASTER ON THE P. R. R.

A Remarkable Collision Near Altoona—Six Dead or Dying and a Number Seriously Injured.

PITTSBURGH, May 28, 1887.—The accident which happened on the Pennsylvania Railroad near the Horse Shoe curve last night was the most appalling that has occurred on any railroad centreing in this city for years past.

The list of killed has increased, and this morning it was reported that eight persons had died, and that several of the injured were in a precarious condition.

The accident was one of the most peculiar that ever occurred on a railroad. The Fast Line express which is due in Pittsburgh at 11:55 p. m., was just approaching the Horseshoe curve from the East. It consisted of a baggage car, smoker, two passenger coaches and two Pullman sleeping cars, and was drawn by two engines.

It was shortly after 8 o'clock when the train commenced to ascend the steep grade. Daylight had scarcely disappeared and the passengers were on the alert to catch a glimpse of the celebrated Horseshoe Bend. Far up on the curve an east-bound freight train was wending down the steep mountain side. The brakes had all been set, and it was only running at a moderate rate of speed. The engine and ten of the freight cars had passed a portion of the fast line, when suddenly a creaking, crashing sound startled the passengers. The same instant a large-sized freight car loaded with coal crashed into the first passenger coach. The combined speed of the Fast Line and the freight, and the down grade of the curve caused the coal car to crush the frailer passenger coach under it as easily as if it had been a paper box. The force of the express caused the rear passenger coach to crash into the coal car for a distance of twenty feet.

The scene was frightful. One passenger coach and its load of human beings was held underneath the huge coal car, while the coach back of it was crushed and squeezed up among the debris. A scene of the most intense excitement ensued for a few moments, but soon after those who had escaped uninjured realized the situation and showed wonderful self-possession in devoting their efforts to looking after the injured, many of whom were dying.

In the front passenger coach a frightful scene presented itself. Three men lay dying under the crushed seats. One of them was Dale B. Graham, of this city. One passenger who was held a prisoner in the debris underneath the coal car, implored those around him to release him. Jack screws were procured and the coal car was partially raised. The man was released, and, although seriously injured, was able to limp away. The dead and injured were removed from the wreck and everything possible done for the wounded, awaiting the arrival of physicians from Altoona.

The cars that were most damaged were the two passenger coaches. The sleeping cars were but slightly damaged, one of them having the steps torn away. The rear end of the smoker was crushed in.

Word was sent at once to Altoona, and at 9:40 a special train left for the scene of the accident. It contained Superintendent Hutchinson, Train Master Snyder, and the following medical staff: Dr. John Fay, Dr. John T. Christy, Dr. S. M. Ross, Dr. W. S. Ross, Dr. H. Jacobs, Dr. D. W. Crosthwaite, Superintendent Robinson, of the Altoona Hospital, and a number of nurses. It was followed by the wrecking train. The injured were placed in one of the sleepers where they received medical attention. At midnight the rear coaches of the train, which were but slightly injured, were run to Altoona. Two of the injured were taken to the Altoona Hospital, and the others to the Logan House. Four of the dead bodies were taken to the undertaking rooms of Tipton & Lafferty, and two to that of Nail & Arthur. A train was then made up and the uninjured passengers were brought to Pittsburgh arriving here at 4 o'clock this morning.

A LIST OF THE KILLED AND INJURED.

DALE B. GRAHAM, son of ex-Speaker Graham, of Allegheny, killed instantly.

WEYMER Y. SNYDER, Shamokin, Pa., wearing wooden leg. Found lying dead in ditch by roadside, mangled to death. He got on the train at Altoona. Papers found on his person indicated that he is a member P. O. S. of A.

JOHN DORIS, of East Liberty, Pittsburgh, Pa. Left leg dismembered six inches below hip. Died half an hour after rescued from wreck.

J. H. STAUFFER, of Louisville, Ohio.

CHAS. E. MORRELL, residing at No. 75 Fifty-third street, New York City; travels for Emir Cracker Works, Philadelphia; fatally injured; jaw broken, right cheek laid open and eye forced from socket; died after being brought to the city.

CHARLES BIEDLEMAN, of Brinsfield, Noble county, Ind., an aged gentleman; skull fractured and terribly injured about the body; died after being brought to the city.

INJURED.

GEORGE H. PAGLES, night ticket agent at the Union Station, Columbus, O. Slightly hurt about the head and right leg; severe nervous shock.

A. AGEN, of Fayetteville, N. Y., head cut slightly and right side injured.

MISS CLARA ALBERT, of Flint, Mich., contusion of right wrist and wound above left eye. Not serious.

HATTIE LUCKETT, (colored), of Alexandria, Va., compound fracture, right leg, head cut and bruised about the body. Will probably recover.

REV. R. H. PORTER, colored, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., accompanied by Luckett, also colored; injuries are incision of left cheek and bruises to right leg.

EDITH GIESE, eleven years old, traveling with her mother from Chicago; slightly bruised and prostrated by the shock.

MRS. GIESE, of Chicago, mother of Edith; caught between the timbers, but only slightly scratched about the face.

REV. JOHN ALFORD, of Beaver Falls, Pa.; slightly injured.

BAGGAGEMASTER WILLIAM B. MOORE Wilkinsburg, slightly cut on head; was thrown out of passenger coach.

Chief Justice Mercur Apparently at the Point of Death.

PHILADELPHIA, May 28.—Chief Justice Ulysses Mercur, of the Supreme Court, is lying dangerously ill at the residence of his son, Mr. John Mercur, near Wallingford. It is thought that he may live only a few days.

The alarming symptoms were developed on Wednesday evening while the Chief Justice was attending a dinner given by Counselor Rufus Shapely to the Judges of the Supreme Court at his country seat at Wallingford.

During the evening it was noticed that Judge Mercur seemed ill and exhibited an unusual degree of feebleness. About 9 o'clock he complained of feeling badly and he was driven to the residence of his son, where he was seized with a congestive chill.

Dr. Getchell, of this city, was summoned and pronounced the patient in a critical condition. There was no improvement yesterday. Dr. Getchell went to Wallingford at 10 o'clock yesterday to hold a consulation with two other physicians. He said before he left that nothing definite could be said, as Judge Mercur's age was against him in a disease in which sudden changes are so apt to occur. He left for Wallingford last evening about 7 o'clock.

He returned at a late hour and said that the Judge was resting easily. There is a slight improvement in his condition and no immediate danger is feared.

An Extra Session Expected.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26.—An extra session of congress is now looked upon as a certainty by most of the members of the cabinet, and the president fully expects to be obliged to call it. The cabinet officers are guided in certain department matters, which would be affected by a call, by the assumption that congress will be here in October. A large number of senators and members are in the city this week, and they nearly all expect a call.

A Cattle "Combine."

ST. LOUIS, MO., May 25.—A local paper gives an account of a gigantic scheme to consolidate all the cattle interests of the Northwest and form a company which shall control $15,000,000 worth of cattle and grazing lands. It seems to have originated with the Wyoming Stock Association, of Cheyenne, and is the outgrowth of the combination of the smaller cattlemen into companies, which has been going on for several years. This scheme has been formed for organizing the largest cattle company ever known, controlling hundreds of thousands of cattle and ranges larger than many States. The failure of the Swan Brothers brought matters to a focus rather unexpectedly. The plan is to unite the Wyoming, Colorado, Eastern Utah, Western Nebraska, Southern Montana and South ern Dakota into one gigantic company, each absolutely surrendering his individual herd and ranch, and receiving proportionate amount of stock in return.

A similar association has recently been formed in Texas, but one of far less extent and less complete in its organization. The danger of throwing upon the market a large amount of stock at an unfavorable time will thus be entirely obviated, and such disasters as followed the Indian Territory sales rendered impossible. Periodical depressions, necessitating ranchmen to sell unmatured stock at ruinous prices, have been disastrous at times, and thus consolidated will, in a great measure, if not entirely, relieve this. Fear of disastrous consequences of the Swan failure compelled the cattlemen to take immediate action, and delegates were sent to New York, London and Edinburgh to impress upon the capitalists of these cities who should agree to go into the enterprise the necessity of immediate action, which they have done with commendable activity.

There are connected with the enterprise: Sturgis, Lane, Carey, Davis, Hitle and Clark, of Cheyenne, Ulrichs and Havemeyer, of New York, together with a number of Scotch and English capitalists, and some from Boston and Philadelphia. These gentlemen already have control of fully half the stock in Wyoming and have the support of nearly all the rest of the territory. The cattle will be apportioned to the ranges, the water supply fairly divided and the productive region largely increased.

President Cleveland's Trip.

BURLINGTON, VT., May 27.—Pres. Cleveland and party passed through this city on a special train at 9:40 this morning. A stop of a few minutes was made. President and MRS. Cleveland appeared on the rear platform of their car in company with Collector Smalley and were greeted with enthusiastic applause. The President made no remarks.

ST. ALBANS, VT., May 27.—President Cleveland and party arrived here at 10:30, and were enthusiastically greeted by a large crowd of citizens. The train was halted a few minutes and the President and his wife appeared on the rear platform to acknowledge the popular greetings. They were presented with two elegant bouquets by a couple children, and as the train moved out several torpedoes sounded salutes. The party will proceed direct to Maori, whence they will branch off into the Adirondack region.

UPPER SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., May 27.—The President and his party (consisting of the President and Mrs. Cleveland, Colonel and Mrs. Lamont and Dr. and Mrs. Rosman, of Brooklyn) reached the Prospect House at 7 o'clock this evening. The party reached Paul Smith's Station at 3 P. M. Three buckboards were waiting there to convey them to Saranac Lake. The President and Mrs. Cleveland and Colonel and Mrs. Lamont are located in Dr. Dunton's cottage, a short distance from the Prospect House. The President will rise early to-morrow morning, and accompanied by his guide will spend the day in fishing.

Husband to Seven.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., May 25.—John Bute Holmes, for many years a surveyor of New York City died at his home in this city a few days ago in an apoplectic fit. At the funeral service yesterday seven women, each claiming to be Holme's legitimate wife, put in an appearance and made claims on the property. They were accompanied by eleven children, who claim Holmes as their father.

The last Mrs. Holmes, who now has possession of the property, was married to him five months ago by a Catholic priest.

While the women and children were gathered at the house, wrangling as to the disposition of the property, wife No. 7 went before a justice of the peace and swore out warrants against all the rest for making threats. One of the sons took possession of part of the house, and barricading the door threatened to shoot anyone who entered. He was arrested and sent to the lockup. The women and other children were released upon their own recognizance on promising to keep the peace. To-day they all engaged counsel and will make a contest for their claim.

He Saw a Meteor Fall.

WELLSBURG, N. Y., May 27.—A monstrous meteor fell on the farm of James Harney, at Lowmanville, last night. As the stone is buried quite deep it is impossible to tell its exact dimensions. Its descent occured about 11 o'clock at night and was observed by Robert Wells, a farmer, who had just returned from Elmira. Wells was first startled by the brilliancy of the sky, as if there was a prolonged lightning. Then there was a loud hissing sound and he saw a huge ball of fire which he thought struck near his house, but it was so dark after the stone fell that he abandoned all efforts to find it. This morning a mysterious pit 40 feet across and 20 feet deep was discovered in a ten acre field on Mr. Harney's farm a mile away. The sides have caved in, but an effort will be made to find the meteor which from all accounts, is a very large one. The Harneys say the house was severely jarred during the night and think it must have been caused by the meteor striking so near them.

Shot Dead in a Courtroom.

ROCKVILLE, MO., May 26.—Last Tuesday a man called at the residence of John Anderson and when his request for a glass of water was answered by Miss Jennie Anderson he chloroformed her and committed an assault upon her. When arrested he gave the name of John Vanderburg, and the girl identified him. At the preliminary hearing yesterday the Anderson family were all present, besides many other citizens. The judge had just announced that the prisoner would be held in $10,000 bail when a shot rang out, followed in rapid succession by two more. The was a scamper for the street and when quiet was restored the prisoner was dead. No one knows who fired the shots, but as two of the Anderson boys were in the courtroom they were put under arrest.

A Famous St. Bernard Dead.

MELROSE, Mass., May 26.—The $10,000 St. Bernard dog, owned by John W. Moore, died this morning after an illness of two or three days. This dog was the largest and most valuable dog of its kind in the country, if not the largest in the world. He was imported by Mr. Moore from England in 1886 and was about four years old. He measured 34 inches across the shoulders and weighed over 200 pounds. He had taken 15 first-class gold prizes in England, and since his importation has taken about twenty-first class prizes in this country, taking the first prize at every dog show where he has been exhibited. Mr. Moore was offered $10,000 for him, but refused to sell him.

A Brave Act.

HAZLETON, Pa., May 26.—A heroic act was performed in Coxe Bros. & Co.'s mines at Beaver Meadow yesterday, by William Gallagher, a miner, by which he saved the life of a companion. Gallagher and Patrick Conoghan had prepared a blast, and on lighting the fuse ran for places of safety. Gallagher reached a safe place, but Conoghan fell in the manway across a drill, from which position he was unable to extricate himself. Taking in the situatin at a glance, Gallagher, at the risk of his own life, ran back, and, seizing the burning fuse, extinguished it. An instant later and the fuse would have burned to the powder and the explosion would doubtless have blown Conoghan to pieces.

A GREAT DISASTER.

Many People Killed by the Burning of the Theatre Comique in Paris.

PARIS, May 25.—The Theatre Comique took fire to-night during the performance of the opera of "Mignon" and many lives were lost. There was a scene of the most terrible excitement and many people leaped from the windows in order to escape the flames. Fourteen persons are known to be dead and forty-three are badly injured. It is probable that many were crushed to death in the galleries, but at present this is uncertain.

The fire broke out during the first act of the opera "Mignon." One of the wings caught fire from a gas jet, and the entire stage was immediately developed in flames. The fire soon spread to the whole house. Madame Merguillier and M. M. Tasquin and Bernard were on the stage when the fire broke out. All the actors ran out in their stage costumes.

The audience got out easily, but the gas was turned off before all had left the building, and it is feared that some were left in the upper tiers. The roof soon fell in, sending showers of sparks as far as the Place de la Bourse. With the exception of Madame Sellier, who perished in the flames all the actors escaped, although several of the supernumeraries were injured.

PARIS, May 26.—The bodies of ballet dancers who lost their lives by the burning of the Opera Comique last night are said to be lying in heaps in the ruins of the theatre. The number of persons killed greatly exceeds the previous estimates. An excited crowd surrounded the ruins to-day, which were guarded by a military cordon, and many distressing scenes were witnessed. At 2 p. m. twenty bodies in a terribly mutilated condition were recovered from the ruins, principally the remains of ballet girls, choristers and machinists. Five of the bodies were those of elderly ladies, and one of them was that of a child. The firemen lowered some of the bodies from the fourth story of the theatre by means of ropes. The remains of three men and two women were found in the stage box, where the victims had taken refuge from the flames. It is ascertained that many bodies lie buried in the debris in the upper galleries, whence escape was exceedingly difficult.

Late this afternoon the bodies of eighteen ladies, all in full dress, were found lying together at the bottom of the staircase leading from the second story. These ladies all had escorts to the theatre, but no remains of men were found anywhere near where the women were burned to death.

The walls of the theatre began falling this evening, and the search for bodies had to be abandoned for the time being, but the work of searching was resumed to-night, and a number more were exhumed. The official statement says that fifty bodies have already been recovered.

M. Reveillon, a Deputy, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies, this afternoon, estimated that at least 200 persons had lost their lives in the fire.

To-day 156 missing persons have been inquired for by relatives. They are supposed to have perished in the flames. The bottom of the theatre is flooded with water to the depth of five feet. Sixty bodies have been found floating in the water by the firemen.

The library attached to the theatre was entirely destroyed with all its contents, including many valuable scores. Six thousand costumes were burned in the wardrobe. The Opera Comique was insured for 1,000,000 francs.

An artist named Phillipe performed prodigies of valor in saving life. He mounted a ladder three times and saved three dancesses after they had been abandoned by the firemen.

In the Rue Favart a sudden gust of wind cleared away the dense smoke, when a woman and two men were seen standing in an angle of the uppermost cornice. The woman tried to jump, but the men prevented her. When all were finally rescued the woman was a raving maniac.

A singer had a miraculous escape from a dressing room in an angle at the top of the building. He says that the wind kept the flames off that part of the building, but a river of molten lead poured from the roof, the course of which he diverted with a board to prevent the weight carrying down the shaky floor.

The officers are endeavoring to underrate the loss of life. The large number of bodies found has alarmed the public.

Will Hang if they Catch Him.

HARRISBURG, May 25.—Governor Beaver decided a novel point to-day. Last week James F. McCabe, the murderer of an acquaintance in Wayne county, escaped from jail after several unsuccessful efforts before the Board of Pardons to obtain the commutation of his death sentence to imprisonment for life. As the fugitive was to be executed to-morrow, the Board of Pardons had agreed to consider an application for a re-hearing at the meeting last week, and arguments were then made in his interest.

The prisoner evidently regarded his chances of life slim, and took advantage of the first opportunity to break jail. He has thus far eluded capture, and the Governor, fearing that legal complications might arise if he allowed the day of execution to arrive without granting a new respite, to-day deferred the time of the hanging until the 30th of June next, when he will expiate his crime if he should be captured meanwhile. If not restored to jail the Governor will issue respites from time to time as occasion may require.

Gone A-Fishing.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—The President started on his trip to the Adirondacks this afternoon. He and Mrs. Cleveland drove down to the depot in one carriage while Col. and Mrs. Lamont followed in another. The President made a new departure. He left the White House by the front door, and entered the depot by the B street entrance, passing through the waiting room and the door at which President Garfield was shot for the first time since he came to this city. He had Mrs. Cleveland on his arm, and bowed and smilled to those whom he passed in the depot. Heretofore he has always taken the train at the end of the depot and got off there when he returned. This present exhibition is said to be for effect upon his second term aspiration.

Cholera in Buenos Ayres.

PHILADELPHIA, May 26.—Chief Officer Gay, of the bark MacLeod, of St. Johns, N. B., which arrived at this port to-day from Buenus Ayres, tells a frightful story of death from Cholera in that portion of the Argentine Republic. He says that while his vessel was lying in the harbor of Buenos Ayres the people of that city and the suburbs were dying off like sheep, and the disease seemed to spread like wild fire. The wife of the captain of the Golden Rule, the chief mate and one man of the bark Bremen, and four men of the bark Wylo, were stricken down with the disease and died while the Mac Leod was in port. No idea could be formed by the chief officer of the number of cases occurring daily.

Nelson Received His Punishment.

UNIONTOWN, May 26.—Yesterday evening Samuel Nelson, living in the mountain, while passing the residence of Moses Carr, on the old Cumberland pike, four miles East of here, made an assault on the Carr household, striking Mrs. Carr and storming the premises. Carr drove Nelson from the house and the latter began to hurl stones. Carr got his gun and fired. Nelson was thought to be fatally hurt, but at last accounts was stil living. Carr has not been arrested.

Pittsburgh Shovels Going Abroad.

PITTSBURGH, May 26.—The shovel trade of Pittsburgh is as good if not better just now than at any other time in the history of the trade. One firm is shipping shovels to South America and all parts of Europe. Pittsburgh has almost succeeded in totally supplanting the clumsier English shovels in the British colonies of Austrelia.

Shipment of 600 Dead Chinamen.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—The bodies of 600 Chinese will be disinterred this week and shipped to China by steamer for final interment.

The Logan Fund.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—George E. Lemon, general treasurer of the Logan fund, has completed and transmitted to Mrs. Logan a detailed statement of the source and respective amounts of the subscriptions to the fund, as well as the disposition made of the money. All subscriptions have been paid except one by George W. Murray, of Montreal, of $1,000. The aggregate of the subscriptions paid is $63,034 45. There was one subscription of $2,000 by Judge Hilton, of New York 27 of $1,000, 20 of $500 each, 13 of $250 each, 11 of $200 each, 40 of $100 each, and in smaller amounts down to $1. The money has all been invested in United States 4 per cent. registered bonds with the exception of $13,000 transmitted to Mrs. Logan direct from Chicago, and $5,000 paid on a note against the estate. Mr. Lemon expresses his appreciation of the assistance he received from friends of General Logan, and especially of the services rendered by General Eckert, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, in the free transmission of telegrams.

Three Men drooped By A Single Fire.

BATAVIA, Ohio., May 27.—A tradgedy occurred in the convict camp opposite New Richmond, on the Kentucky side of the Ohio River, yesterday afternoon. Early in the morning two colored and one white convict planned an escape. Their scheme was to murder Overseer Marshall and the one guard. Toward evening the white convict sneaked up behind Marshall and dealt him a murderous blow with a shovel. Marshall fell, and the convict gave two more blows to the senseless man's head and then turned to run. The guard heard the tumult and rushed to the scene with his gun at full cock, and was about to fire at the fleeing figure of the murderer when the two negro conspirators interposed themselves between the guard and the fugitive. The guard ordered them out of the way but they refused, and picking up stones both were advancing upon him when the guard fired. The gun was discharged but once, but it did its work having been loaded half way to the muzzle with buckshot. Both negroes and the fleeing white convict dropped in their tracks one negro dead, the other dangerously wounded and the assailant of the overseer pierced through the lungs by two buckshot. He will die. Mr. Marshall is dying.

Young Logan's Memorial Day.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., May 28.—John A. Logan, invited to participate in Decoration Day exercises here, has sent the following letter to Tod Post, G. A. R.:—

John R. Haskins, Adjutant Tod Post, city.

DEAR SIR—I am in receipt of your kind invitation to to present at the services on Decoration Day in this city. Appreciating as I do the feeling which prompted the invitation, I deeply regret my inability to be present; but I shall be with my mother in Washington on that day, which of all others is peculiary sacred to our family, and shall with her show, as best we can, not only the love and respect of our family, but of every soldier in the country for him so lately called by our Great Commander.

Again thanking you, I am, most sincerely yours. JOHN A. LOGAN.

Attacked By a Horse.

FLEETWOOD, Pa., May 27.—A 3-year-old child of Titus Ely, of this borough, fell through a hay loft into a manger of a horse stall in the barn of its grandfather, Levi Boyer, in this borough. A mare of a very savage disposition, having a colt only a few days old, seized the child and threw it upon the stable floor. The mare caught the child by the neck and was crunching its bones when Henry Boyer came to the rescue. He drew the child out from under the mare's feet after it was supposed to have sustained fatal injuries. Dr. R. N. Prestz found the collar bone broken, the right shoulder blade dislocated, and the flesh around the neck and back badly lacerated. It is believed that the little sufferer will recover, although its condition is critical.

Loss Seven Million Dollars.

CHICAGO, May 28.—A Marquette correspondent in a dispatch about the forest fires which have devastated the northern peninsula of Michigan during the past fortnight, says that a careful estimate puts the total loss at $7,000,000, including $2,500,000 caused by the destruction of the town of Lake Linden. Only eight lives are positively known to have been lost. Great destitution prevails throughout the burned district.

Sixty Thousand Children Parading.

NEW YORK, May 26.—The Eighty-eighth anniversary of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union was celebrated in that city to-day, when the little ones who attend the Sunday schools paraded through the streets, and girls wearing white dresses and carrying handsome silk banners with gold fringe. James S. Case, the grand marshal, perfected the arrangements and had about 60,000 children in line.

Brandy Labeled "Salt Pork."

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Custom officers have seized the German bark Nautilus recently from Hamburg. The vessel was searched and $3,000 worth of Havana cigars and French brandy found. The brandy was contained in boxes and labeled "salt pork." A number of arrests will probably be made.

Sixteen Hundred Car horses Burned.

NEW YORK, May 27.—3 A. M.—Flames broke ot 1:30 a. m. in the south end of the Belt Line stables on Tenth avenue, between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets. The building was entirely destroyed with 1,600 horses and nearly all the cars in the building. Two blocks of buildings are also in flames.

MARRIED.

YEOMANS—BLOUGH.—At the Lutheran parsonage in Somerset, on Wednesday, April 27, 1887, by Rev. J. F. Shearer, Mr. Albert J. Yeomans, of Johnstown, Pa., and Miss Mattie Blough, of Davidsville, Somerset county, Pa.

WELTY—SHAFFER.—On Tuesday, May 10, 1887, at the Lutheran parsonage in Somerset, by Rev. J. F. Shearer, Mr. Lucean C. Welty, of Westmorsland county, and Miss Isabella Jane Shaffer, of Somerset county.

COYLE—CLARK.—On Thursday, May 12, 1887, at the Lutheran parsonage in Somerset, by Rev. J. F. Shearer, Mr. Joseph Coyle and Mrs. Rebecca Clark, both of Johnstown.

DIED.

PLOUGH.—On Saturday, May 21, 1887, at Buckstown, Christian Blough, aged 83 years, 10 months and 14 days.

Father Plough leaves a widow, two sons and four daughters to mourn his death. The deceased united with the church 41 years ago and was an exemplary Christian to the end of his life. He had been in declining health during the past few years, and his sufferings were ever borne with patience, showing to his family and those around him his faith in the promises of the life to come, and a triumphant resurrection in Jesus Christ. May his example be an inspiration to all his sorrowing friends. The funeral was largely attended, the services being conducted by Rev. J. F. Shearer. H.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In Re, Estate of Jacob Blouch, deceased.

The undersigned duly appointed by the Orphans' Court in and for the County of Somerset to ascertain advancements and make a distribution of the funds in the hands of the Executors of said deceased, as well as of the payments of the undue notes in their hands, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment on Tuesday, the 21st day of June, at his office in Somerset Borough, said county, when and where all persons interested may attend.

H. L. BAER,
Auditor.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Dr. Wesley Cunningham, deceased, late of Milford Twp, Somerset Co., Pa.

Letters of administration of the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, the 30 day of July, 1887, at the late residence of deceased, at Gebhartsburg.

V. A. CUNNINGHAM,
R. C. CUNNINGHAM,
may25. Administrator.

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