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CURRENT COMMENT.

GENERAL ROSECRANS has been confirmed Register of the Treasury.

GOVERNOR HILL has signed the bill permitting women to practice law in New York.

WILLIAM K. VANDERBILT will pay five thousand dollars for the use of a London residence for ten weeks this summer for himself and wife.

FRANCIS MURPHY indorses the Dow liquor law just passed by the Ohio Legislature, and says it will close one-third of the saloons in the State.

A NEW coke syndicate, backed by independent operators and by Baltimore and Pittsburgh capitalists, is being formed to fight the old organization.

IN Tamaulipas, Mexico, the bitterest feeling was reported existing between Governor Cuellar and his old time enemies recently put in power by President Diaz.

THE remarkable manifesto issued recently to the Black Sea fleet by the Czar produced a temporary feeling of panic in all European bourses, but the feeling was soon removed by the subsequent promulgation of the peaceful views of the new Government of Greece.

AT Albany, N. Y., recently, Attorney General O'Brien applied to Alton B. Parker, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of a receiver for the New York Broadway Surface railroad, as provided in the bill recently passed rescinding the charter of that company, and Mr. John O'Brien was thereupon appointed.

FROM an Indian Territory special it is learned that a general expulsion of intruders or "boomers" upon the Cherokee strip has begun. The work of removal is in charge of Captain Price and a company of the 5th United States cavalry. The "boomers" number several hundred, and many of them have built houses and made other improvements.

NEWS has reached Texarkana, Ark., from sections in and about upper Red river of a plague among the fish of that and tributary streams. The cause of the fatal havoc is not known and the incident is a mystery to the oldest inhabitant in the valley. The plague is progressing slowly and much apprehension is felt that it will be very far-reaching.

THE trial of the suit of James H. Goodsell to recover $250,000 damages from the Western Union Telegraph Company was closed at New York recently by a verdict for Goodsell against the Western Union for the full amount, to which was added $1,750 for counsel. Damages were claimed by Goodsell for breach of contract, the Western Union having failed to make good a contract he held with the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company, which the Western Union absorbed.

A RECENT telegram from Stillwater, Minn., says: The family and farm hands of L. H. Townshend, who resided about fifteen miles from here, were thrown into a panic yesterday by a sudden loud report and upheaval of dirt and stones four hundred feet into the air at a point near the farm house. Townshend thinks the eruption due to an earthquake. A hole twenty-five feet deep was torn in the earth and stones hurled out by the explosion were found half a mile away from the farm.

A LARGE number of petitions were reported coming to the Senate relating to oleomargerine and other imitations of butter. The great majority of the petitions are from agricultural and dairy associations and favor the bill proposing an internal revenue tax of ten cents a pound on the product named, and regulating its manufacture and sale, while the opposing petitions are from produce exchanges and similar commercial bodies protesting against any such tax and suggesting that it would be sufficient for Congress to require that such products be properly labeled.

IN the Court of Claims at Washington recently, Judge Davis delivered the decision of the court in relation to the liability of the Government for the French spoliation claims in which the Chief Justice and all judges concur. The court, after discussing the law, is of the opinion that the claims are valid obligations against the country which sacrificed the rights of its individual citizens to secure a great national advantage, and that the treaties of 1803 and 1831 with France, and the treaty of 1819 with Spain, do not apply to the spoliation claims, and therefore the claimants should recover.

MR. CHARLES HUTCHINS, of Boston, appeared before the Senate Postal committee recently in regard to a change of the law respecting rates of postage on second-class matter at letter-carrier offices. By the present law, he says, the postage on monthly periodicals, when delivered by carriers in the city where published, is from five to thirty-five times as much as when transported to any other part of the country, including free delivery at all other carrier offices, or from five to thirty-five times as much as is charged on weekly papers for delivery in the city where published or elsewhere. He advocated the passage of the pending bill, making the postage on second-class publication deposited in the letter-carrier office for delivery uniform at one cent a pound.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESSIONAL.

IN the Senate on the 18th several communications from the Secretary of the Treasury were received transmitting information called for. Several bills of a local nature passed. At two o'clock the Pension bill was placed before the Senate, but was temporarily laid aside to permit Senator Coke to address the Senate on the Labor Arbitration bill, when it was again taken up, and pending consideration the Senate went into executive session and then adjourned.

In the House several standing committees reported. Among bills reported was the Post office Appropriation bill, with the Senate amendment, being that known as the $10,000 subsidy to American vessels. The House went into Committee of the Whole upon the bill, and during the debate which followed the clause, which was the subject of contention, was characterized by Mr. Guenther of Wisconsin as a gift to the Pacific Mail monopoly. Without reaching final action the House adjourned.

AFTER routine business in the Senate on the 19th, the Pension bill was taken up and after several amendments had been offered and the one making pensions not less than $4 per month and an amendment making the service three instead of six months were adopted, the bill finally passed by a vote of 43 to 11. The Bankruptcy bill was then laid before the Senate. Adjourned. In the House the Committee on Laws Regulating the Election of President, reported a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment creating the office of Second Vice-President. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Senate amendment to the Post office Appropriation bill. After general debate the committee rose and the House adjourned.

THE Senate on the 20th passed the bill to authorize the Cheyenne & Northern railway to build a road across the Fort Russell and Fort Laramie reservations. The Staten Island Bridge bill was then discussed until two o'clock, when the Bankruptcy bill was laid before the Senate, but temporarily laid aside to continue debate on the Bridge bill. The bill was finally passed. This is a bill giving the Baltimore & Ohio road certain terminal facilities at New York. The Bankruptcy bill was then further discussed until adjournment. In the House the Senate amendment to the Post office Appropriation bill was taken up in Committee of the Whole, and the $10,000 subsidy to American vessels created a long debate. The amendment was finally defeated by the decisive vote of 128 to 81, after which the House adjourned.

AFTER the usual routine business in the Senate on the 21st, the bill providing for closing the business of the Court of Claims was taken up and finally passed. The Urgency Deficiency bill was passed without debate. The Senate insisted on its amendments to the Post office Appropriation bill and a conference committee was appointed. The House bill establishing certain additional life saving stations was passed. Several pension bills were then passed, and pending the consideration of others a debate was sprung on the practice of passing private pension bills without proper consideration. The Senate then adjourned until Monday. In the House the bill passed prohibiting the importation of mackerel during the spawning season. Among the bills passed was one removing the charge of desertion from the record of Franklin Thomas Seelcye. This is the case of a woman who for two years served in a Michigan regiment as a soldier without disclosing her identity. Thirty pension bills passed at the evening session.

THE Senate was not in session on the 22d.

In the House the Senate bill passed extending the time two years for the completion of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad through the Chickasaw and Choctaw reservations. After passing a few private measures, the House went into Committee of the Whole for general debate on the Dunn Free Ship bill. When the committee rose the Senate amendments to the Urgent Deficiency bill were non-concurred in and the House adjourned.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

PROF. THEODORE DWIGHT has been unanimously elected President of Yale College, to succeed President Noah Porter, resigned.

THE President has nominated John Ostrander to the register of the land office at Olympia, W. T.

SENATOR DAWES has reported from the Committee on Indian Affairs a bill appropriating $40,000 for the removal of the Eastern Cherokee Indians to the Indian Territory.

SENATOR BLAIR has introduced a bill in the Senate to restore to officers and their widows and minor children the rate of pension received prior to the reduction of July 25, 1866.

THE new Greek Prime Minister's policy will be for peace.

DR. DIO LEWIS, the eminent physician and scientist, whose manifestos on health matters have given him a world-wide reputation, died at Yonkers, N. Y., on the 21st.

GLADSTONE has decided to convene a meeting of the Liberal party before the debate in the House of Commons on the Home Rule bill has been concluded. This will be done in order to consider the differences that have arisen concerning the measure.

SENATOR CHACE has made a favorable report on the proposed copyright law, which covers foreigners and natives alike and gives an author the sole right to dramatize his copyright books.

SECRETARY RAYARD has recommended additional legislation for the repression of the opium trade in accordance with the supplemental treaty with China, which went into effect in 188[illegible].

ATTORNEY GENERAL GARLAND was again before the Telephone Investigating Committee on the 21st.

RETURNS from the election in the Second Congressional district of Louisiana, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Hahn, indicate the election of Wallace, Democrat, over Martin, Republican, by about 3,000 majority. Only about half of a full vote was cast.

DON CARLOS, the Spanish pretender, has published a manifesto repudiating the infant son of Queen Christina, as the rightful successor to the throne of Spain.

PROF. LEOPOLD VON RANKE, the historian, died in Berlin May 23.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A TELEGRAM was received at the War Department on the 20th from General Miles, stating that Lieutenant Brown's infantry troops and the Fourth cavalry had struck the Indians Sunday evening and captured seven Winchester rifles, ammunition, saddles and a few horses. The Indians turned westward again and were followed by Lawton's and Hatfield's commands. They were near Santa Barbara and Buena Vista Monday.

JAHNE, the convicted New York Alderman, was sentenced by Judge Barrett to nine years and ten months imprisonment in Sing Sing.

CONSUL GENERAL PHELAN recently took the depositions of the captain and crew of the Ella M. Doughty, the fishing steamer seized in Canada, and also interviewed the customs officer and found out on what charges the vessel was held. These were: Neglecting to enter at the custom house and purchase bait. Mr. Phelan thinks this is a particularly hard case as the captain was ignorant of the fact that Englishtown was a port of entry.

IN Sin Bois County, Choctaw Nation, the other night, residents emptied the jail; the worst criminals were badly flogged before being set free.

AT the Richmond (Va.) conference it was decided to retain the name "Methodist Episcopal Church South."

A FREIGHT and passenger train collided on the bridge over the Cimarron river at Springer, N. M., recently. Several passengers were shaken up and two stock cars wrecked.

EX-ALDERMAN JAHNE was taken to Sing Sing on the 21st.

A KENTUCKY judge has decided against an insurance company in the case of a suicide by an insane man.

LOYAL L. SMITH, who failed and fled from Omaha, has confessed judgment for $155,000 in favor of Chicago parties.

FIGHTING occurred on the 21st between Greek and Turkish outposts. The relations between the two Governments continued strained.

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG filed a declaration in Washington recently to the effect that Eugene Higgins, of the Treasury, offered to sell him the position of photographer of the Department for $1,000. Higgins emphatically denied the story.

BUSINESS failures for seven days ended May 20 numbered: For the United States, 147; Canada, 20; total, 167. The total the week previous was 176.

THE eruption of Mount Etna was reported increasing. The molten lava was only two hours distant from Mendoni, eight miles from Catania on the 21st, when the inhabitants fled. Many dwellings were destroyed, but no lives were lost. Earthquake shocks were constantly occurring.

DR. NORVIN GREEN, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, was in Montreal recently negotiating for the transfer of the lease held by his company of the Canadian telegraph systems to the Canadian Pacific Company. There was no doubt that this would be accomplished.

THE other morning Sam Johnson (white), his wife and daughter, W. Hall and two negroes left their home a few miles below Knoxville, Tenn., for Lenoir, with a boat load of grain and produce. There was a swift current and the boat struck a rock within twenty feet of the bank, and all but Johnson were drowned.

A RUMOR was current in Berlin that all the German army officers traveling in France had been recalled, and that staff and other officers had been refused their usual summer furloughs. The recall was probably due to the French espionage law.

THE United States steamer Nipsic, from South America, which was thought to have met with an accident, passed Sandy Hook inward bound on the morning of the 22d.

A NUMBER of barns and sheds belonging to the Boston & Albany railroad at Brighton were burned the other morning. Loss, $20,000, fully insured.

DELEGATES from the Chicago packing houses met the other night to discuss the situation in the stock yards. Every department of work was represented. The division was unanimous to hold out for a continuance of the eight hour day.

THE customs duties of Roumelia have been increased thirty percent.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER, for eight years the assistant mail clerk of the Louisville (Ky.) postoffice, was arrested by Inspector Brown, of St. Louis, recently, charged with robbing the mails.

CLEARING-house returns for week ended May 22 showed an average increase of 17.1. In New York the increase was 5.9.

AMERICAN securities were quoted in demand on the London exchange during the week ended May 22. In Berlin negotiations for the conversion of an old Russian loan gave tone to the money market. European bourses were generally depressed.

THE Spanish Government proposes to sell about $20,000,000 worth of the crown lands and forests to defray expenses in the army and navy.

A CIRCUS train collided with a passenger coach at Attleboro, Mass., recently.

ALGER BOHM BAKER and son were drowned at Parkersburg, W. Va., recently.

INTERNECINE fighting between Greeks and Turks took place on the 23d. Many were wounded. A truce was agreed to and an interview arranged between the commanders.

THE officers who were hurt in the bomb explosion in Chicago will be maimed for life.

A NEW railroad, it is reported, is to be built from Chicago to New York by English capitalists, to be known as the Midland.

J. K. WALTON, one of the wealthiest men in Union County, was found dead in his barn at Anna, Ill., the other morning, shot through the head. It was supposed to be the work of tramps.

THE steamer Dean Adams was burned at Memphis recently. The boat cost $42,000. The cargo was destroyed.

ARMOUR & Co., Swift & Co., George H. Hammond & Co., N. K. Fairbank & Co. and Samuel Willetton, manufacturers of oleomargarine and butterine, have made a protest against the report of the Committee on Agriculture, claiming that it is unfair and asserting that their products are pure and in no way deleterious to health. In support of this they quote the certificates of the Illinois State Board of Health.

THE annual demonstration was held in Paris on the 23d at the graves of the communists buried in the Pere la Chaise cemetery. No disorder occurred.

THE Telephone Investigating Committee closed its inquiry on the 23d. Prof. Alexander Graham Bell says there is not a particle of truth in the story that he paid to Z. Fink Willur while he (Willur) was examiner in the Patent Office the sum of $100 for information contained in the caveat of Prof. Elisha Gray.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

THE grand lodge of the Brotherhood of Railway Brakemen, in session at Chicago recently, announced the expulsion of the twenty-six members of the order who originated the strike on the Missouri Pacific railway. Thirty others have been suspended ninety days for participating. Grand Master Wilkinson says the brotherhood does not sanction strikes.

BOB LLOYD, a dairyman, was killed by Apaches near Mescal on the South Pacific railway recently.

BUTCHERS, in convention at St. Louis recently, took steps to form a combination against the dressed beef monopolists.

THE President has vetoed two more pension bills passed by Congress, one favoring David W. Hamilton and the other John D. Hall.

SECRETARY LAMAR has ruled that the Interior Department will recognize courts of the Cherokee Nation as courts of record, which possess the powers of similar courts of the States.

TORONTO, Ont., was in the hands of a mob on the night of the 25th. The street car strikers and sympathizers overturned cars and assaulted conductors and drivers.

A HOUSE, of ill-fame was burned near Rhinelander, Wis., the other night. Four of the inmates perished. The fire was believed to be incendiary.

PENSION cases were before the Senate on the 25th. The Bankruptcy bill was taken up. The House continued the debate on oleomargarine.

CORA LEE was arraigned at Springfield, Mo., on the 25th, for being accessory to the murder of Mrs. Sarah Graham.

PREMIER GLADSTONE called a meeting of his supporters for the 27th to consider what steps to take in event of the probable defeat of his home rule measure.

THE charges made by the Ohio Legislature of corruption against Senator Payne have been forwarded to Washington.

Four miles north of Brownsville, Tex., recently, Lewis Williams the owner of a dairy, became jealous of one of his three assistants and shot him dead. The two other employes and Laxton and Bowers, then fired at Williams, inflicting a wound from which he died in a short time, but not until he had returned the fire and fatally wounded Bowers.

A GREAT mass meeting in behalf of Irish home rule was held at Chicago on the 25th.

THE Des Moines (Ia.) *Daily Leader* office was destroyed by fire the other morning, through the carelessness of a boy in the press room. Loss, $50,000.

THE two sons and another young man have been arrested for the murder of Swain Anderson, a wealthy farmer of Mountain Grove, Mo. The boys have confessed the parricide.

A FIRE on Branden street, San Francisco, recently, made about fifty families homeless. Loss, $75,000.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

Railroad Assessment.

The following statement shows the number of miles, the assessed valuation per mile and the total assessed valuation of railroads in the State of Nebraska, as determined by the State Board of Equalization:

Name of Railroad.	No. of miles.	Assessed Valuation per Mile.	Assessed Valuation Total.
Burlington & Missouri River	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Omaha & South Western	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nebraska	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Republican Valley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atchison & Nebraska	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lincoln & North Western	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nebraska & Colorado	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago, Nebraska & Kansas	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Pacific, main & branches	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Pacific, Kearney Valley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Omaha, Niobrara & Black Hills	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Missouri Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Joseph & Grand Island	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sioux City & Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago, St. Paul, Minn. & Omaha	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Republican Valley & Kansas	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]		[illegible]

Miscellaneous.

ANTON SCHAF having German relatives for some time past been living in reduced circumstances at Omaha, committed suicide the other evening by hanging himself. His dead body was found hanging in the house in question by some of the neighbors.

IT is said that the West Point paper mill is now running day and night. The company is far behind with orders and it will probably take it the best part of the summer to catch up. The break in the dam has proved a serious backset but the prospects for the rest of the year are exceedingly bright.

JOHN MURPHY, an employe of the Union Pacific shops at Omaha, was injured the victim of a frightful accident. He was engaged in cleaning a piece of machinery and was holding in his hand a can partly filled with benzine. A workman near by was hammering a piece of red hot iron when a spark from the iron flew into the benzine can, causing a terrific explosion. Murphy was knocked down and rendered unconscious. His face and neck were burned in a frightful manner. Fellow employes rushed to his rescue and succeeded in extinguishing the flames which had ignited his clothing.

THE channeling channel of the Platte, undermining the north end of the bridge at Fremont. Unless measures are adopted promptly to stay the ravages of the current a portion of the bridge will be taken out.

The people of Gordon, Greeley County, have started a fund to build an academy. The Irish Catholic Colonization Society has made a cash donation of $1,[illegible] which, added to the subscription of the town people will make the fund to $5,000.

THE body of Henry Bateman, a German machinist, aged about thirty-two, was found recently in a decomposed state in the chaparral on his claim on the Omaha reservation, seven miles east of Wisner. He had been dead several days.

AT Blair the other evening a team became frightened at a train and ran over a lady by the name of Pettis who was wheeling a baby in a buggy. The child was picked up for dead, but finally recovered consciousness. The lady was seriously wounded about the head.

JOHN BOLLE was recently mysteriously murdered at Omaha.

JAMES BRYANSON was hanged at Sidney on the 21st for the murders of John and James Pickiston on the night of September 16, 1885. The victims were father and son. They emigrated about one year ago from Fairfield, Me., to Cheyenne County, and settled on a homestead thirty miles north of Sidney. They were murdered one night and Reynolds next morning reported that two negroes committed the deed, he only escaping. His suspicious actions led to his arrest, trial and conviction. He attempted to play the insanity dodge, but it failed to work. A few hours before execution Reynolds made a full confession of the crime.

A NEW house, unfinished, belonging to H. E. Noble, at Lincoln, was destroyed by fire the other morning. Loss, $2,000. The residence occupied by Noble was damaged to the amount of $200. Noble's furniture was damaged $600, and J. L. Osborne's furniture was damaged $1,200. J. H. Cloddock's carpenter tools, worth $150, were destroyed. This is the third time Noble has suffered within six months, and the fires are supposed to have been incendiary.

It is said that the building boom of the new town of Strang is seriously hindered by the inability to secure teams to haul lumber fast enough for the carpenters.

A LITTLE son of John Miller was seriously injured at Friend the other day by a kick from a horse, being very badly hurt about the face.

THE cowboys of Northwestern Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado recently formed themselves into a mutual protective association under the name of the Knights of the Lariat.

THE other night Phillip Ryan, of Dodge County, had two head of cattle and two horses killed by a stroke of lightning.

THE completion of the railroad to Loup City has been delayed from lack of iron and other causes, hence the grand celebration will not take place as soon as expected, and it is suggested that the barbecue be postponed till the Fourth of July.

ONE gang of workmen is sinking the well for the railroad company; another is laying the foundation for the coal house; still another is at work on the depot, a large force of men and teams is grading for the side tracks; and these, with the track layers on the southern line, make a business like appearance in the vicinity of the B. & M. yards at Fairmount, according to the *Signal*.

OXFORD has a broom factory.

A. C. MEGERDEE, a foreman on the Union Pacific bridge at Omaha, lost his footing the other morning and fell. He sustained concussion of the brain, a fracture of the left hip, fracture of the left arm, the breaking of all of the ribs on his left side, together with other injuries. He only lived forty minutes.

THE people of Cleveland and Dustin have made arrangements to go in together and have a big celebration on the Fourth of July at Dustin.

The report is that the Union Pacific will build one hundred miles of road west of Loup City up the Middle Loup valley.

THE dog tax at Atkinson is three dollars.

A HERD of stock steers numbering 567 head and belonging to Dakota County's cattle prince, Tim Carrahine, was driven through Wakefield recently on its way from the Hamburg country to the Winnebago reservation.

STROMSBURG has been designated as one of the ten leading cities in Nebraska that will receive weather predictions by telegraph at the Government's expense.

A SIOUX weather prophet predicts that on June 29, 30 or August 1, there will be the most terrific hail storm ever seen in that locality.

THE Norfolk skating rink is no more. A stage has been put in and a neat little opera house is the result.

A MASKED BATTERY.

The State Introduces a Witness in the Maxwell Trial That Creates a Genuine Sensation.

ST. LOUIS, May 25.—The detective, McCullough, who caused Maxwell's confinement in jail, was the sensational witness in the Preller murder case yesterday. He said he had been a detective for five years and had belonged to Pinkerton's agency in New York for three years, and A. S. Drummond, United States secret service in New York. He was doing United States work for Drummond, who was his uncle. He was last employed by Wainwright Bros., proprietors of a large dry goods house in Philadelphia as a detective to follow along having charge of eighteen men.

The witness said the story of his employment to detective Preller was a fraud and improvised for a cash consideration. He manoeuvered to get the witness of Maxwell, and the other conspirators, and to aid, in reply to the question of defense also filed an affidavit in support of his claim to secure the admission of witnesses to answer.

No, no, the statements were made constantly. About ten days after I was told to be taken to Omaha. I was in my room and said they were not fit and I was to break him down, and that the people had to get him into Preller's and had given him a drug, and he was in the drug room. Maxwell has appointed Preller to have attempted to kill Maxwell and said I knew it. Maxwell said I was and said I would be a fool to be in the room with him. He told me that he had shot Preller in the back. This was the beginning. We had conversations. He told me that Drummond's nephew, a man of Boston, had been in the room and had said he was a detective. He said he was a detective and had shot Preller in the back. He said he made up his mind an account of the assistance to be done. On Sunday, he said, Preller was in his room. Maxwell came and complained of pains. Maxwell told him he was a trained detective. He introduced himself, and agreed that he should fix it. Preller, he said, took off his coat and vest and lay down for a good sleep in the room where Preller was sleeping. When he was asleep he had a blow which left his head black and blue. He said he knew that was the time to kill him. He said he had a knife in his pocket and was ready to do it. He said he was sorry he did not do it. He said he was sorry he did not do it. He said he was sorry he did not