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SAMUEL PRECY, the actor, died the other day in Boston of small-pox.

CHEAPER telegraph facilities are being demanded by English merchants.

The Council Bluffs Nonpareil says that Jay Gould now travels with a body-guard.

PATTI's three concerts in Chicago, realized \$28,000, her matinee alone produced \$11,000.

SHERIFF sales and writ servers are protected now in Ireland by large forces of the military.

The secretary of the treasury on the 12th issued the 107th call for \$20,000,000 of continued 6s.

JUSTICE GRAY was sworn on the 9th, and took his seat on the bench in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Four deaths and twelve new cases of small-pox were reported at the Health office in Chicago one day last week.

SOUTHERN Republicans are very anxious to have the President retain Secretary Hunt, of the Navy, in that position.

It is announced that the late treasurer of Franklin county, Iowa, J. C. McKenzie, is a defaulter to the amount of \$8,500.

Six masked men took possession the other day of the house of J. M. Wolf, of Caldwell county, Ky., and robbed it of \$3,000 in silver.

The Atlanta exposition building recently sold for \$25,000 to a company which will establish a cotton factory. The original cost was \$140,000.

A BILL passed the senate the other day authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River within five miles above St. Charles, Missouri.

A DISPATCH from Tripoli says that three missionaries were murdered at Ghadames, a town in Africa in the oasis of the same name, by a band of Frisricks.

A FIRE last week in Denver about destroyed a large three story business block owned by E. F. Hallack. Loss to building and stores estimated at \$100,000.

The secretary of the U. S. treasury has issued a circular recommending all the employees of the department throughout the country to be vaccinated.

A BILL proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamy and regulating marriage was offered in the House the other day by Mr. Thomas of Illinois.

ARIZONA Territory has no governor or secretary, both offices having been vacant for sometime. It is claimed there are a dozen candidates for the governorship.

It is stated that over 11,000,000 pounds of cheese and nearly 4,000,000 pounds of butter were sold on the Elgin, (Ill.) butter and cheese board during the past year.

Gov. NANCE has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest of E. J. Kelliher, who, several weeks ago, shot a woman named Nellie Davis at North Platte, who died on the 4th.

HASKELL, of Kansas, said in his speech the other day in congress that "Gentile polygamists are sent to the penitentiary; Mormon polygamists are sent to Congress."

BRECHER, the renowned preacher of the age, has once more distinctly announced his disbelief in future punishment. It is hinted that he will have to undergo a trial for herodoxy.

SENATOR HOAR offered a resolution a short time since for a select committee on woman suffrage, and all petitions referring thereto, which was passed in the senate by a vote of 35 to 23.

The Graphic's London special reports the death of Richard Henry Dana, which resulted from a severe cold. He was conscious to the final end. His wife and daughter remained with him to the last.

A DISPATCH from Tunis says a famine is imminent in consequence of agricultural neglect during the disturbance last year, and this fact, it is expected, will produce a fiercer outbreak than heretofore.

Four months ago Frederick Miller, of Philadelphia, was bitten in the lip by a small dog. Last week he was attacked with convulsions, and after enduring terrible sufferings, died of hydrophobia.

Mr. McGAUGH offered a resolution in the senate directing the woman committee to inquire into suffrage in Utah and report a bill to annul any law conferring suffrage on Utah women. The resolution went over.

It is reported that anti-Mormon meetings are being held in different cities throughout the country with a view to inspire Congress to speedy and thorough action in wiping out the disgrace. We see it proposed to hold one in Chicago.

The first case of small-pox has appeared in Omaha. It was reported on the 14th, the victim being a man named Daniel Neilson, living at No. 1111 Jackson street, south side, between eleventh and twelfth streets. Several other cases were reported in the city.

Mr. DAVIS, president pro tem of the senate, announced the appointment of the special committee on the rights of women as follows: Lapham, Anthony, Ferry, Blair, George, Johnson and Fair.

Dr. G. H. LAMSON, the English schoolmaster accused of poisoning his brother-in-law, who has connections in New York, has been adjudged guilty of wilful murder, by a coroner's jury.

ANOTHER collision on the night of the 13th—a Baltimore & Ohio train at Mill's station being run into by a Lake Shore train. The cars, engine, telegraph office and track were nearly demolished. No lives reported lost.

J. M. WALTON, who was shot the other day at St. Paul, Ind., died on the morning of the 12th. He was shot by a negro named Frazer. He did the shooting under the influence and direction of Garrett and Mrs. Walton, who have been arrested.

CHARLES RUSSELL was found dead in a hut the other day, seven miles out from Des Moines City, having lived as a hermit for many years. A Bible record found shows he was born in the Isle of Jersey, Oct. 20, 1812. He left England in 1851.

The republican caucus of members of the Iowa legislature last week nominated James F. Wilson and James W. McMill for U. S. senators. Wilson for the long term and McMill for the short term. There was no serious opposition to either candidate.

TOMA HOR TOWNE, an Indian, was executed on the 12th at Yankton, W. T., for the murder of Lorenzo Perkins and wife in 1878. Seven Indians engaged in the murder. Three were executed, three shot while resisting arrest, and one turned state's evidence.

A RECENT dispatch from Dublin says that two bailiffs, who had been missing for some days, have been found in a deep ravine, chained together near Lough Mash, a locality desolate and lonely. A few arrests have been made, but the evidence is only snipic.

The Chicago express train from Albany ran into a Terrytown special train near Spuyten Duyvil station and telescoped the last two palace cars, which took fire and caused a loss of twelve lives. Among those killed was Senator Wagner, the palace-car proprietor.

Two young girls last week at Chicago hired horses at a livery stable, promising to return them at a certain hour, which they failed to do. The two romantic misses were afterwards arrested at St. Charles, Ill., on the charge of horse stealing, and were taken back to Chicago.

A MAN by the name of Brown, who defrauded a bank in Sioux City out of about \$3,000, and who has been dodging an arrest at Omaha and other places in the east, was the other day finally arrested at Denver. Marshal Thompson of Sioux City has gone to Denver and will bring Brown back with him.

The largest beef ever butchered in Pittsburgh,—so the Commercial-Gazette says,—was shipped a few days ago from Cadiz, Ohio, and was killed last Saturday. There was quite a contest over its purchase among the Allegheny butchers, and it was finally secured by Mr. J. F. Beilstein. The animal was known as the McFadden steer, and weighed 2,990 pounds.—Cadiz Republican.

JOHN ANDERSON, an employe on the Union Pacific rail-road, while engaged the other day in coupling cars on a freight train at Valley station, had one foot caught in a frog, and was held there until the cars struck him, and his right leg was run over at the hip, and was terribly mangled. He lived only about two hours. He leaves a wife and one child.

The secretary of the treasury has issued the 107th call for \$20,000,000 bonds of extended 6's to be paid the 13th of March. The call for redemption of \$20,000,000 bonds, which were loaned July 18th to August 5th, 1861, to be continued at 3 1/2 per cent. from July 1st, 1881, will be paid at the United States treasury March 13, 1882. Interest ceases that day. They will be continued at the pleasure of the government to bear interest at 3 1/2 per cent. from July 1st, 1881.

The members of the orthodox Mormon Church claim that the Mormon creed prohibits bigamy and concubinage as every other religious creed does, and that polygamy was the invention of an unrighteous man as a cloak for his lust. G. Z. Cannon, who is asking for a seat in Congress, claims that polygamy is a part of his religion, and he relies wholly upon the provision of the Constitution of the United States guaranteeing civil and religious liberty.

A BERLIN special of a recent date says some excitement has been occasioned there by the sudden withdrawal of the German minister at the Hague under circumstances that appear to threaten a war with the kingdom of the Netherlands. The minister, under orders from Bismarck, made certain demands respecting navigation of the Rhine and protecting German fisheries, which were coldly received by the minister of foreign affairs, and Bismarck ordered the minister to demand a passport and return to Berlin. Report to force is not improbable.

Washington, Dec. 31 '81 Court convened pursuant to adjournment.

Dr. Gray was on the stand, and resumed his story of his conversation with the prisoner in jail. He said nothing of inspiration, or divine pressure. Witness qualified the statement by adding: "I asked him questions, and my statement was based upon his replies and then I made up my mind." Witness had seen some forty cases of feigned insanity. He did not find a single circumstance, as narrated by the prisoner, to indicate insanity. He thought the prisoner sane. Witness stated he believed the prisoner had been feigning in court. He claims an inspiration from the Deity. I don't believe he believes any such thing, and in such sense, he is feigning.

The prisoner and his counsel made it difficult to examine this witness, by their continued interruptions.

Court adjourned until Tuesday, Tuesday Jan. 3, '82.

The trial was resumed this morning. Dr. Gray was still on the stand and stated that he did not believe in emotional insanity or moral insanity. Kleptomania he considered simply thieving, disomaniacal drunkenness, and pyromania incendiarism. Their designations were simply convenient terms which had been invented to cover certain crimes. The witness said insanity is never transmitted any more than cancer.

At the close of the examination of Dr. Gray the counsel for the prosecution announced the case closed on the part of the government.

Dr. Bowker, of Kansas City, testified that Mrs. Daumyer told him in Leadville that she hesitated about getting a divorce from the prisoner, because she was not sure but that he was insane.

Court adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday Jan. 4.

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J. J. Brooks was examined, said he visited the prisoner the night of the shooting, and reproved him as a murderer; he replied he was no murderer, but a christian gentleman. The act was a public necessity for the good of the country, and the witness being a stalwart, could appreciate why he did it; that he had thought over it and prayed over the matter for weeks, and became convinced that the president must go by his hand.

Counsel here disputed about the admission of testimony, the court ruling against the prisoner.

The counsel for the prosecution then submitted their statement of law points upon which they would rely and ask instruction.

The principal point and legal test of responsibility where insanity is pleaded in defence is whether the accused at the time of committing the act alleged, knew the difference between right and wrong. That if at the time of committing the deed, the prisoner knew the difference between right and wrong in respect of such act; that if he knew what he was doing, and that what he was doing was contrary to the law of the land, he is responsible.

The law points submitted included three others, but the substance of all is included in the first.

Court adjourned until Saturday, Saturday Jan. 7.

Court convened and Davidge opened the arguments upon the legal points, being continually interrupted by the prisoner. Scoville and Reed made the opposing arguments.

Court adjourned until Tuesday, Tuesday Jan. 10.

When court convened Judge Porter began the argument on the law points, which was pronounced very able, and at times eloquent. He dwelt upon the premeditation of Guiteau and referred to his lying in wait and to his dogging the footsteps of the president; he said, "was this worthless vagabond the man to be selected and inspired by God?—a cheat, a swindler, a creature of the vilest habits? He, then, is junior in the firm of Jesus Christ & Co. This murderer, tracking his victim at night, at church, at railroad stations—everywhere, till the deed is done."

SENATOR SHERMAN testified before the Senate committee investigating the contingent fund expenditures in the treasury department while he was secretary. He disclaimed any knowledge whatever of irregularities and discrepancies that had been discovered, and the secretary of the treasury had too many matters of weighty importance for his attention to watch all the minute details of the department; that he must trust details to subordinates, and could not possibly have an eye upon all their acts and accounts. Regarding the allegation that the treasury workmen had done work upon his house and been paid out of the contingent fund, he admitted that men in the treasury had been employed by him at different times, but had been paid for all work they did out of his own pocket.

The stock market was active and strong in New York on the 12th, because of the call for redemption of \$20,000,000 more of extended 6's, which means the driving of that amount of money into other securities, and because of the undenied reported agreement of trunk lines to submit matters of dispute to arbitration and in a way which means practical settlement of the railroad war.

speech, he cited from the first chapter of St. James, 13th to 15th verses, with thrilling effect upon the prisoner, who exclaimed, "you are putting it all wrong, Davidge; you are talking for money, now."

Counsel to-day worried through the interruptions of the prisoner, and concluded his argument.

January 14th, when court opened Judge Cox ruled that the counsel for the defence might read any part of the written speech of the prisoner to the jury, but as the prisoner had abused all the privileges granted him through the trial, and it was safe to assume that what he would say would be highly improper to go before the jury, he should therefore deny him the privilege.

"Guiteau claimed the right as an American citizen to be heard in his own defense. Let the record show that I appear here as my own counsel, and that I take exceptions to your ruling, Judge Cox."

Read on the part of the defense then commenced his argument to the jury, which was principally confined to a review of the expert testimony in trying to show the unreliability of such testimony, and the danger of sending a man to the gallows upon the testimony of doctors. He concluded his speech, and the court adjourned.

Supreme Court.

On the 10th inst., the supreme court announced their decisions in the following cases, which will be of interest to many of our readers. The latter touches on the validity of the levy of Platte county for bridge purposes, which was made under the advice of B. Millot, Esq., county attorney. This decision of the supreme court puts quite a feather in Byron's legal cap, because a prominent attorney of Omaha, among others, had declared that the levy was invalid.

Swearingen vs. Roberts. Error from Polk county. Reversed and remanded.

Opinion by Maxwell, J. Lake, Ch. J., dissent.

Where real estate has been sold to any person not a party plaintiff to the action, under a decree of foreclosure, the owner of the equity of redemption may redeem the same at any time before the confirmation of the sale by paying to the purchaser the purchase money, together with four per cent. interest thereon from the date of sale to the date of redemption.

State ex rel. Newman vs. Wise. Mandamus. Writ awarded. Opinion by Lake, Ch. J.

A tax levied for "a county bridge fund" although not based upon a previous estimate as directed in the first clause of the sixth subdivision of section 25 of the act "concerning counties and county officers" approved March 1st, 1879, complied sections 179, is valid, and constitutes a legal basis for a warrant drawn upon the county treasury for an expenditure for bridge purposes.

Court adjourned to Wednesday morning at 8:30.

CONGRESSMAN VALENTINE has introduced the following bills in the house: For the appointment of representatives to Congress, among the several states; to establish a branch mint at Omaha; for the relief of purchasers and locaters of swamp and overflowed lands; to establish an agricultural school in Nebraska for the education of Indians; for granting pensions to certain Union soldiers and sailors who were confined in confederate prisons; for the confirmation of certain entries under the timber-culture act; for appointment of commissioners to adjust claims arising from Indian depredations; to reimburse the state of Nebraska for expenditures in protecting settlers from hostile Indians in '61 and '62; explanatory of an act entitled "An act for a grant of land to the state of Kansas to aid in the construction of the Northern Kansas Railroad and Telegraph line," approved July 23, 1866; to provide for the appointment of official stenographers for the circuit and district courts of the United States. According to this list our Val. will have his hands full this session.

NOTICE—TIMBER CULTURE. U. S. LAND OFFICE, Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 29th, 1881. Complaint having been entered at this office by Martin Postle against Jacob Strickler for failure to comply with the law as to Timber Culture Entry No. 1348, dated June 18th, 1877, upon the Northwest 1/4, Section 24, Township 20 north, Range 1 W., in Platte County, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, respondent alleging that the said Jacob Strickler has failed to comply with the requirements of the timber culture law, that he failed to plant trees, seeds or cuttings during the years 1880 and 1881, and to protect and keep them in healthy growing condition as required by law, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear in said office on the 26th day of Feb., 1882, at 9 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning the above matter. H. J. Henson, has been appointed Commissioner, to take depositions in said case at his office in Columbus, Nebraska, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., on Feb. 21, 1882, and to have power to adjourn from day to day until depositions are taken. 38-4 M. B. HOXIE, Register.

J. S. MURDOCK & SON, Carpenters and Contractors. Have had an extended experience, and will guarantee satisfaction in work. All kinds of repairing done on short notice. Our motto is, Good work and fair prices. Call and give us an opportunity to estimate for you. Shop on 13th St., one door west of Friedhof & Co.'s store, Columbus, Neb. 37-5

DR. CARL SCROTTE, VETERINARY SURGEON. Speaks German, English and Scandinavian. Office at Dowry, Weaver & Co's drug store, COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA.

LEGAL NOTICE.

To Charles Walker, non-resident defendant: TAKE NOTICE that Charles P. Dewey and Albert B. Dewey have sued you in the District Court in and for Platte county, Nebraska, and that you are required to answer the petition filed by said Charles P. Dewey and Albert B. Dewey, in said court, on or before the sixth day of January, 1882. The prayer of said petition is for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage made by you, the said Charles Walker, on the southeast quarter of section twenty-eight, in Township eighteen north, of Range thirty-two west, of the 5th P. M., which said mortgage was given to secure the payment of six, several, promissory notes, all bearing date at Columbus, Nebraska, on the second day of December, 1880, five of said notes being for the sum of four hundred dollars, all made and delivered by you to the said Charles P. Dewey and Albert B. Dewey, and are, by the terms of said mortgage, now due and payable. The said petition also asks that the above described premises be sold to satisfy the said mortgage, and applied to the payment of said indebtedness, and for other and further relief. CHARLES P. DEWEY and ALBERT B. DEWEY, By CHAS. A. SPEICK, Attorney. 38-5

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