

TWELFTH YEAR.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

The Chief Twinklers in the Star Route Conspiracy Again on Trial.

The Supreme Court Settles the Title to 20,000 Acres of Land in Thayer County.

Another Bill Introduced to Repeal the Presidential and Congressional Elections.

Mr. Belmont Pleads for Mutual Control of the Nicaragua Canal.

Startling Revelations Made by Imprisoned Thieves and Monte Men.

Senator Van Wyck Asks for Papers Regarding Railroad Building in the Niobrara Reserve.

Proceedings of Congress and General News.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—The minority statement submitted to the house to-day by Mr. Belmont, of New York, from the committee on foreign affairs, respecting the Nicaragua canal, recited at length his reasons for non-concurrence in the bill agreed upon by the majority of the committee. The document is devoted to a review of the whole question relating to the proposed canal, and closes as follows: "The proposed canal is to be built entirely within the jurisdiction of Nicaragua, just as the Panama canal is to be built entirely within the jurisdiction of the United States of Columbia. Spanish speaking republics and governments to the south are as deeply interested in such canal across the Isthmus and their wishes in respect to political control are entitled to kind and even generous consideration by the government of the United States. It certainly becomes the government of the United States, as the most powerful in its present strength to treat its neighbors to the south of it in conformity with a standard of justice so absolute and perfect as to defy reasonable criticism."

IN THE STAR ROUTE TRIAL.

Merritt contended that Stephen W. Dorsey should be compelled to appear personally in court for trial. The motion was opposed by Ingersoll on the ground that attendance in court would be at the risk of perpetual blindness, but maintained that his presence was unnecessary during the trial. The judge sustained his previous position that the defense might just as well be maintained in the absence of the defendant as in the presence, except as to the point of his offering to testify. The affection of Dorsey's eyes did not prevent his being physically and mentally competent to testify. The author of "Paradise Lost" had written that grand work without a glimpse of sight and one of England's generals was a blind man.

IN THE STAR ROUTE TRIAL.

Ingersoll moved for a continuance of the case so far as Dorsey was concerned. Overruled. Judge Wylie then directed that the jury be called, and twelve jurors having answered to their names, he rendered his decision on the question of peremptory challenges, holding that the defendants in this case were entitled to four peremptory challenges for all of them, and cited authority for the decision. The defense excepted to the ruling.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The senate in executive session confirmed a large number of nominations, including General Pope and Colonel McKim to be major general and brigadier general respectively. No contacts.

THE PRESIDENT NAMED CHANDLER.

The president nominated Chandler B. Watson collector of customs for the southern district of Oregon.

SECRETARY TOLSON HEARD ARGUMENT.

Secretary Tolson to-day heard argument on the motion to reopen the case of the seizure of public lands near San Francisco.

CAPITAL THINGS.

The citizens' committee had an interview in the jail to-day with O'Leary and Murphy, convicted three card monte and banko men. Each detailed the circumstances of many robberies, including the government printing office money theft, gave the names of the thieves and the detectives who "stood in," as well as the per centage of the proceeds the robbers gave the detective, which was 20 per cent. The detective, it was even said, planned some jobs and selected the men to execute them.

Murphy and O'Leary gave a circumstantial account of the Christiany diamond robbery, and alleged that the diamonds of the ex-minister, valued at from \$15,000 to \$20,000, were disposed of at a great sacrifice in New York and a heavy per centage given to the detective who are named. "The wife of one of these men," O'Leary said, "now wears dresses made from silk taken in the Burdette robbery, and given to the detective as his part of the plunder." It is alleged that the entire detective force of the district received dividends weekly from banko and monte men. The detectives involved, save one dismissed for betraying the government's interests in the star route cases, are yet on the force. Magruder, a member of the committee, thought he recognized O'Leary, who is well educated, and

asked him if he had ever been at college.

O'Leary answered "at Gonzaga college." "Then," said Magruder, "we were college mates. I now remember you well." O'Leary seemed greatly mortified at this identification.

THE POSTOFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL.

provides the carrier service may be extended to ten or twelve new cities during 1884, the cities to have a population of 20,000, or the revenue from its post-fits of \$20,000 and service to be furnished at the discretion of the postmaster general. The bill appropriates \$43,948,520, and reduces the amount for star routes \$2,250,000. This is the largest item of reduction, and with the amount cut off in dropping special service, \$600,000, makes the total amount appropriated \$695,389 less than for the fiscal year of 1883.

THE NEBRASKA LAND CASES.

The supreme court rendered an opinion to-day in the Nebraska land cases, affirming the decree of the circuit court. It holds that when the applicant, Van Wyck, made his entry under the patent therefor title had passed from the United States and consequently no right could be conferred upon him. The opinion is decisive of a large number of cases, besides the one here presented, and will settle the title to 18,000 or 20,000 acres of land in Thayer county, Nebraska.

Articles incorporating the Mexican Central Telegraph and Telephone company were filed to-day; capital stock, \$450,000.

VAN WYCK AND THE PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

A republican senator is said to be in trouble about the chairmanship of the pensions committee, made vacant by the resignation of Secretary Tuller. Senator Mitchell is the next on the list, but he has a chairmanship, and Senator Van Wyck, who comes next, it is claimed, has declared his independence of caucus rule. For this declaration some of the senators do not like to give him the chairmanship. The republicans are trying to settle the matter amicably before calling a caucus.

The house committee on education to-day authorized Chairman Sherman (Ill.) to report to the house with a favorable recommendation for his bill appropriating \$10,000,000 annually for the next five years to aid in public education. It is proposed that this sum be distributed among the several territories by the secretary of the treasury in the ratio of territory.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—After the morning hour the senate took up the bankruptcy bill, the question being on Senator Brown's motion to postpone indefinitely. Debate ensued, by a vote of 34 to 26, to postpone indefinitely, and by a vote of 34 to 30 was adopted the Lowell bill, introduced by Senator Hoar as a substitute for the one reported by Senator Ingalls from the committee on judiciary.

On motion of Senator Sherman the Lowell bill was sent to the committee on judiciary for revision.

Senator Van Wyck offered a resolution, which was spread to, directing the secretary of war to inform the senate whether any corporation is constructing a railroad through the Niobrara military reservation without authority from congress, and whether the military authorities have assented thereto, and for what reason.

Mr. Slater presented a memorial from the chamber of commerce of Astoria, Oregon, asking an immediate forfeiture of the land grant of the Oregon Central railroad. It was referred.

Also a concurrent resolution from the legislature of Oregon in favor of a passage of the bill to incorporate the Niobrara canal company. Referred.

Mr. Morgan, from the committee on public lands in Alabama—to form operation laws relating to mineral lands.

After an executive session the senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—Mr. Belmont, (N. Y.), a member of the committee on foreign affairs, presented his views on the Nicaragua canal question. It was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Townsend, (Ill.), offered a resolution providing that it is alleged that certain existing railway lines of transportation have entered into combinations for the purpose of preventing the construction of competing lines into the territories and through states thereby establishing monopolies in transportation and directing the committee on commerce to report without delay prohibiting and punishing such combinations.

Mr. Strat, (Minn.), objected to a present consideration and it was referred to the committee on commerce.

Under a call of states a number of bills were introduced and referred.

By Mr. Bingham (Penn.), a resolution inquiring what railroads, aided by the government, have failed to construct and maintain their own telegraph lines or leased the telegraph property to other companies.

By D. B. Hill (Tenn.), to abolish internal revenue taxes and allow a rebate on whiskey and tobacco; also, to reduce the specie in the treasury to \$150,000,000 by requiring the secretary of the treasury to pay out silver dollars for the current expenses of the government.

By Mr. Springer (Ill.), proposing a constitutional amendment relative to the election of president, vice president and members of congress. It fixes the term of president and vice president at six years, and makes the president ineligible to election for the next succeeding term; abolishes the electoral college, and provides a direct vote for president; every state shall be entitled to as many votes as it has senators and representatives

in congress, and the vote of each shall be cast in proportion to the popular vote in the state for each candidate.

The term of members in congress is fixed at three years, and each session shall begin the first Wednesday in January. In counting the votes cast for president in joint convention each senator and member shall have one vote.

The District of Columbia bills were then considered, and the speaker announced a few appointments on committees.

On motion of Mr. Steele (Iowa) a bill passed authorizing brevet commissions to be commissioned officers for distinguished conduct in engagements against hostile Indians.

The post-office and military academy appropriation bills were ordered printed as if reported. Adjourned.

A Whiskey Explosion.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

PITTSBURGH, December 11.—A Belle Vernon, Pa., special says: This morning at 5:30 o'clock a copper still containing twenty-five barrels of whiskey, at the Gibsonton mills, exploded, injuring William Lucas fatally and destroying the main building, together with the United States warehouse, containing 4,000 barrels of whiskey. The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

PITTSBURGH, December 11.—Later account says the fire from the first explosion, all efforts to control being useless, it soon enveloped the distillery proper, passing through the receiving room, grinding mill, malt house, and then through the covered passage-way to the warehouse. In two hours the buildings were totally destroyed. The distillery was the largest in the country, its capacity being 1,600 barrels per month. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

The Fitz Porter Bill.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—When the bill for the relief of Fitz Porter is reached in the senate Senator Logan says he will oppose it to the end. In a conversation this morning on the subject, when reminded that Grant and others were bringing a strong pressure to bear in Porter's favor the senator said he did not think Grant was any better informed about the case than he, and at all events he had no vote on the pending bill.

Mme. Tassand's Wax Works.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

NEW YORK, December 11.—Food Gahardt returned to New York to-night and gave a dinner at the Hotel Brunswick. A duplication of Mme. Tassand's wax works, which all American visitors to London are pretty sure to visit, is among the amusement enterprises to be established in New York. The wax works, which are a former resident of New York, in Twenty-ninth street, are to be removed to an annual outlay of \$200,000. They will soon stock this house with the wax works and call it "Mme. Tassand's."

A Row at Opelika.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

OPELIKA, La., December 11.—The two factions of the old and new city councils raised a riot, yesterday, in which the mayor and police were involved. Nine white men and one negro were shot down. Seven will die. The mayor has gone to Montgomery to apply for troops.

Suspended Mills.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

PHILADELPHIA, December 11.—The large Riverside rolling mill at Triton and the cotton mill at Newcastle, Delaware, closed Saturday for an indefinite period; 400 have no work and employment. The iron mill closed on account of illness of trade and the employees of the cotton factory struck against a reduction of wages.

The Braggatt Boats Out.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

CHICAGO, December 11.—Tom Allen and James Elliott, the pugilists, were to have met this evening at "Parson" Davis's place, to put up the preliminary forfeit for a prize fight for the championship. Elliott and his backer were on hand, but Allen failed to appear.

A Shooting Student Bounced.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

CHICAGO, December 11.—A student in the Chicago university to-day had trouble with a fellow student. President Anderson, of the university, reprimanded him and he replied with impertinence. Dr. Anderson undertook to remove him from the room, when he drew a revolver and tried to shoot the president. He was disarmed, and the faculty subsequently expelled him.

Death of Mrs. Trisler.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., December 11.—Mrs. Margaret Trisler, so terribly butchered by her husband, John Trisler, last Wednesday morning, died this morning. The verdict of the coroner's jury was death at the hands of John Trisler while suffering from mental aberration.

Langtry's Boston Debat.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

CHICAGO, December 11.—A Boston special says: So far as Mrs. Langtry's dramatic abilities are concerned, it may be said by way of illustration that the theater here was only about two-thirds filled last night to see her play "Rosalind," and nearly, if not quite, a third of the audience left before the performance was closed, and Saturday is a good night for theaters here.

Boston Merchants' Dissatisfaction.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

BOSTON, December 11.—Interviews are published with leading sugar refiners in which dissatisfaction is manifested with the report of the tariff commission.

Beautiful skin, and fair complexion, robust health, and powers of endurance follow the use of Brown's Iron Bitters.

THE OLD WORLD.

The German and French Budgets Discussed in their Respective Parliaments.

The Irish Land Commission Decides a Test Case in Favor of the Tenants.

France and China Preparing for a Tussle for Territory.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

THE EGYPTIAN JUDICIARY.

LONDON, December 11.—It is understood high law officers will accompany General Wood for the purpose of arranging the judiciary affairs of Egypt.

GERMAN LAW MAKERS.

BERLIN, December 11.—The reichstag rejected the motion to refer portions of the budget of 1884-5 to the budget committee by a vote of 224 to 43. The house also rejected the motion to refer the budgets of 1883-4-5 to the budget committee for the purpose of having the committee consider whether the objections to the system of biennial budgets have solid foundations. It was finally decided the committee should only discuss certain portions of the budget for 1883-4.

The Prussian delegation in the reichstag submitted a motion providing for increase of duty on raw tin to fifteen pfennigs and on wrought tin to twenty-five pfennigs per hundred weight.

THE FRENCH BUDGET.

PARIS, December 11.—The debate on the extraordinary budget began in the chamber of deputies to-day. M. Tirard, minister of finance, maintained that the deficit of 65,000,000 francs in the budget for 1882 was more apparent than real, 1,000,000,000 francs had been devoted to the redemption of the public debt. He declared the deficit for 1883 would not reach 1,000,000,000 francs. The government was determined to oppose all fresh expenditures not rigorously justified. He insisted upon the necessity of carrying out public works by instalments. Tirard's speech was received with applause.

THE CHAMBERS WILL NOT SIT TO-MORROW.

ON account of the funeral of Louis Blanc, Gambetta left his bed to-day.

TESTING THE LAND ACT.

DUBLIN, December 11.—Full court of the land commission, on appeal, confirmed the decision of Commissioner Litton on the test case affecting 1,200 tenants on the estate of Sir John Leslie, County Monaghan. The question was concerning the interpretation of the "hanging gale" clause of the act of rent act, and it was decided strictly in the tenants' favor.

THE CONDEMNED REBELS.

CAIRO, December 11.—The expected decree will be issued in a few days degrading Arabi and other condemned pashas, and ordering the confiscation of their property.

SHIP LOST.

LONDON, December 11.—The British ship Fiona for San Francisco via Queenstown, previously reported lost with all hands, went ashore on a sand bank three miles off Supercote, Lincolnshire. She has broken in two.

PAYING THE BILLS.

LONDON, December 11.—It is understood Egypt will contribute £3,200,000 monthly towards the expenses of the army of occupation.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

PARIS, December 11.—It is stated that China is making great preparation to resist French designs on Tonquin. The French government is consequently urged to take active measures.

BOURSE BUSINESS.

BERLIN, December 11.—The government will oppose the bill taxing foreign investments. Certain large banks have resolved to loan for their business to foreign places if the bill becomes a law.

THE RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR.

St. Petersburg report that 10,000 Chinese have crossed the Transbaikalian frontier.

A SHARK.

St. Thomas, December 5.—Two sharks of earthquake on the 4th. An unaccounted fisher at Point-a-Petre burned; loss, 400,000 francs.

THE HEATHEN MOVING.

PARIS, December 11.—Telegrams from Saigon report that 10,000 Chinese have crossed the Tonquin frontier.

NOTES.

LONDON, December 11.—The liabilities of Sibena Kuff, the Russian millionaire, whose failure is announced, amount to several million roubles. Gladstone had an audience with the queen to-day.

A railway collision occurred at Kungjerg to-day. Two persons killed and nine injured.

The town hall at Dumbarton, Scotland burned to-day.

The Northwestern War.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

NEW YORK, December 11.—The sub-committee of the northwestern roads met again this morning. President Porter, of the Omaha road, said that before he joined the others that he had not changed his mind on the territorial question as far as he knew. The solution was no nearer than it was on Saturday. Haight, of the Northwestern, said that the committee would talk over all the subjects in dispute this morning and would then try, if possible, to come to an agreement. It was certainly time that something was done. He thought that concessions would be made which would leave room for hope for a settlement. Merrill, of

the St. Paul, said so far as he knew matters remained the same as on last Saturday, and he would make no prediction as to the result of the committee's work. Riddle, of the Rock Island, said the outlook was no brighter at present than it was at the commencement.

New York, December 11.—The sub-committee reported to the full meeting this afternoon that it had not been able to agree and the conference adjourned until 3:30 to-morrow afternoon to give the committee further time to consider the questions referred to it.

The English mail for Australia goes forward to-night via the Pennsylvania road.

Bank Robbed.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

KINSELEY, Kan., December 11.—The Etowah County Bank was entered Saturday evening at 6 o'clock while the cashier was at supper, the vault opened by working the combination, and robbed of \$12,000. Parties are suspected, and it is thought the money will be recovered soon.

On Saturday evening L. G. Boise, cashier of the bank, locked the safe and went to his supper. G. W. Crawford, county treasurer, has an office in the rear of the room occupied by the bank. He left the building with the cashier and they returned together about an hour later. It was then discovered that some one had been in the room in the meantime, a number of coins being scattered about the floor. The cashier unlocked the vault and safe and then discovered that \$12,000 had been stolen.

The burglars evidently had entered the building from the rear and passed through the treasurer's office into the bank room, a panel of the door between the rooms having been broken. Treasurer Crawford was acquainted with the combination to the vault, being in the habit of keeping his books there, but no one else knew it except the cashier. Boise was not in the building at the time the robbery occurred. It is likely developments of interest will be made in a day or two. Detectives were soon set to work and it is reported that the money has been recovered.

KANSAS CITY, December 11.—A Larned (Ky.) dispatch says: Intelligence was received here to-day that the robbery of the Kinsey bank, which occurred last Saturday night, had been traced to the county treasurer, G. W. Crawford, at Edwardsville, by means of a bunch of keys and a glove dropped at the door of the vault, and that Crawford has acknowledged himself guilty and agreed to surrender the stolen money, which it seems he hid away somewhere outside of Kinsey. At present Crawford is kept under guard at his residence in Kinsey.

Dependancy and Death.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

CHICAGO, December 11.—Mrs. Dora Wendell, who has been living in the city for some years past, and whose husband died there, committed suicide here to-day. Dependancy on account of the death of her husband and child was the motive.

A Free Fight in School.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

CAMBRIDGE, O., December 11.—Wm. C. Frazier, a school teacher of Cumberland, this county, during an attempt to discipline pupils to-day, became involved in a general fight, in the course of which he stabbed and killed John Hayes, aged 20, and severely cut Charles L. Frazier. He gave himself up and is in jail.

Bank Frauds.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

BOSTON, December 11.—The receiver of the Pacific national bank has begun actions to recover upon the notes for various small amounts, and has attached the property of the National Security bank to the amount of \$20,000. He alleges the Pacific bank had in its possession checks, together with deposits, at the defendant bank to the amount of \$11,000 at the time of the contemplated insolvency, and that the transfer was fraudulent.

Caulkers on a Strike.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

NEW YORK, December 11.—The ship caulkers are on a strike. The Master Shipwrights' association insists that no caulkers shall be employed unless the association has full control of the work.

Senator Morrill Dying.

Special Dispatch to This Day.

AUGUSTA, Maine, December 11.—Lot M. Morrill is gradually growing weaker in both mind and body.

HE WAS FIRED.

A Loquacious Young Man From Lowell East.

The fine Italian voice of a pretty youth was heard warbling yesterday morning, awakening the echoes of a chilly atmosphere. His refrain went like this: "Once you see me at a Madison Square young man, a Marshall H. Mallory Very song salar Boom 'The Professor' young man."

After threatening to run him in, the policeman escorted him to the sanitarium. Here he disclosed his identity. He said he was Frank Farrell, business manager of the Madison Square "Professor" company. He wore a sweet pretty smile. After divesting himself of his velveteen or rather ulster, he remarked in sotto voce, very piano, "The Professor is coming; he'll be here soon, during the present month, before another moon, the 16th of December will see him." There was a wicked sub sitting over at the managing editor's desk, who is both skeptical and wags.

"What 'Professor'?" he asked the sweet youth. "The professor of Madison Square,"

Mr. W. H. Gillette," promptly responded Farrell.

"Who the deuce is he?" again queried the sub. "Who is he? Who is the professor?" roared the lily-of-the-valley youth. "A most excellent and simple-hearted gentleman. In intellect, in scientific analysis, in power of abstract reasoning, a veritable genius. An expert in affairs of the heart, in society of service, an inexperienced child. Withal a positive and yet a negative character."

"What did he do? Break open any banks or wreck any railroad?" asked the wicked sub.

"Dot He courted nine girls, jilted eight girls, and married one daisy in one short mid summer day," demurely said Farrell.

"You don't say! Tell me all about it," quickly spoke up the sub, seeing the vision of a \$20 article floating in the air. "I'll make a good item. Where did it happen?"

"In the White Mountain, last summer. Some of the Louisville ladies may remember it. Do you wish the whole story? Yes! Well, you see, Professor Hinsdale—that's his cognomen—of the Boston university, went in June to the Poggawansett house where his aunt was spending the holidays. The Professor was a confirmed book worm, and in his forty-one years' sojourn on earth had never had a love romance. His aunt desired him to make a choice, and recommended a certain young lady visitor as 'an excellent opportunity.' She coaxed him in what he was to say to the 'excellent opportunity.' The Professor, in his absent-mindedness, spoke his speech to every girl in the hotel and before noon he frightened all the opening beds of humanity with 'he had resolved to lead a bachelor life no longer, and straightway the fun began. Nine of the girls accepted him, but he forgot all about them and married a daisy—Daisy Brown, a child of the woods, whom at times and simply and honestly 'specimens' proved too much for the verdant scholar. He jilted the other girls, but not until several funny incidents had occurred."

"Well, what has all this to do with us?" exclaimed the disappointed sub. "Jumping Moses! To do? I exclaimed he; 'why, a heap. 'The Professor' is to appear Saturday night next at Boyd's theater."

"O, then it is a play?" said the other.

"To be sure. Didn't think it was a prayer meeting, I hope! 'The Professor' is from the Madison Square theater, New York. He is 'Hazel Kirke's' brother and 'Emerson's' brother as it were. It ran in New York 151 nights. We bring along all the pretty girls—and they are pretty—all the college boys, the original scenery, the original company, and a real waterfall."

The play was written by Mr. W. H. Gillette, who takes the title role. He is also one of the authors of "Esmeralda." "The Professor, Mr. Gillette presents an entirely new character on the stage. The work is a literary gem. It is a valuable contribution to stage literature. It is as entertaining as anything Southern ever did. Prof. Hinsdale is as positive and as amusing a characterization as Dundreary. Mr. Gillette was a member of Macaulay's stock company some years ago, and was somewhat a local favorite. "The royal, loyal Gillette, my boy, is the people's pride and pet and joy. They go to laugh and enjoy his fun; they shout and yell, every mother's son and daughter—as Gillette as 'The Professor.' He and he stopped to take a breath and a chair, while the sub threatened to take to Council Bluffs if the loquacious youngster didn't suppress himself immediately.

Finally two policemen removed Mr. Farrell to the Paxton, and quiet reigned around the office.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

The loggers of Wisconsin are doing lively work in the woods. A recent fall of six inches of snow facilitates the work.

The wages of operatives at the Springfield, Ill., watch factory were reduced from ten to fifteen per cent December 1st.

At a recent meeting of