

Meteorological Observations - Taken at Each Station at the Same Moment.

Table with columns for Station, Date, Time, Direction, Force, State of the sky, and State of the weather.

Maximum temperature, 56; minimum, 33. Rain above 500-water mark, 19 ft. 3 in.

THE WEEKLY

USERS of this morning appear in two parts, each of eight pages. The first is dated each Wednesday, and part "two" each Saturday.

THE MORNING'S NEWS

In New York Government bonds are quoted at 115 for 4s; 112 for 4 1/2; 103 for 5s; 115 for 5 1/2; 103 for 6s; 103 for 6 1/2.

Mining stocks were in moderate request at San Francisco yesterday morning.

Best clerk of the Light-house Board, pleaded guilty of forgery at San Francisco yesterday.

The North Pacific Railroad Company yesterday paid their dividend (\$4,000) under protest to the Marine county Tax Collector.

Charles Pratt, aged 16, was drowned in Goose Creek, near Elliott, San Jose county, yesterday.

Two children—one a baby—were drowned near Danville, Ky., yesterday.

At Lebanon, Ky., a man and a boy, killed by lightning, and a man and boy, killed.

The Rhode Island Republican State Convention nominated the present officers.

Forty men were drowned by the wreck of a fishing schooner off the Massachusetts coast.

Adolph Heinrich killed himself at San Francisco yesterday.

At a late demonstration, attended by 2,000 people, took place at Philadelphia Thursday night.

Five men were buried alive in a tunnel near St. Joseph, Mo., Thursday.

The snow blocks in the Sierra Nevada has not yet melted, and the late hour last night it was impossible to state when it will, as the snow was still falling.

The inside pages of today's Record-Union contain many interesting and valuable reading matter.

SHERMAN AND THE CONTINGENT FUND

The Congressional Committee report on the charges against Secretary Sherman of using the Contingent Fund for private purposes, and of employing persons in the service of the Government to do work about his house, when he was Secretary, exonerates him from all knowledge of or connivance in the irregularities alleged, but seems to treat the irregularities themselves as being proved.

THE GARFIELD LETTER.

Hitherto we have assumed the genuineness of the Garfield-Rosecrans letter, but if it is true, as now alleged, that it is dated subsequent to Rosecrans' forward movement, and at a time when the Headquarters of his army were at Winchester, instead of Nashville, as stated in the letter, these facts would constitute almost conclusive proof that it was a forgery.

THE CHINESE BILL IN THE HOUSE

The debate on the Chinese question in the House has not brought out any novelty in the way of argument, but it has served to show how firmly seated the sentimental objection against the exclusion of any race still is at the East.

Our New England friends, however, will find that the exclusion of the Chinese is a very different matter from the condemnation of slavery, and though they are perhaps too firmly wedded to their universal brotherhood doctrine to renounce it openly, they have only to vote for the bill now before the House to provide the means of convincing themselves that their hypothesis is not a working one.

It is indeed possible that some of our Eastern friends, such as Rice and Hoar, might be prepared to answer the question we have suggested in the affirmative; because the Chinese are not with them, and they know that they could make that answer safely.

There is, however, much difference of opinion as to the results to be expected from this law. At the East it is feared that too much is being conceded. Here we are more apprehensive that we are getting too little.

NEW YORK PRISONS IN POLITICS

Governor Cornell has taken advantage of the expiration of Mr. Pillsbury's term as Superintendent of Prisons, to dismiss him from that office.

charge, and that Mr. Pillsbury, like many another office holder, has fallen under the pressure to which members of the Legislature subjected him.

It is certainly requires a somewhat abnormal degree of brutality in a politician to hold this view, but there are politicians sufficiently embroiled to look upon insane asylums and hospitals, as well as upon prisons, in the light of legitimate spoils, and some of these have even come to the surface in California.

QUIT A MISTAKE

In his speech on the Chinese bill Page said that, "as he supposed, a high protective tariff was not for the purpose of taxing the people of the country, that the poor might become richer and the rich poorer, but for the purpose of protecting American labor, not against cheap money, but against the cheap labor of Europe and Asia."

THE IROQUOIS CLUB.

The meeting of the Iroquois Club at Chicago to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Andrew Jackson, was made the occasion for a liberal outpouring of those lofty and statesmanlike sentiments which the Democratic party somehow always reserves for such opportunities.

BRIEF SAN FRANCISCO ITEMS.

The printing of the delinquent tax list cost \$11,755 70.

The Knights of St. Patrick held a banquet at the Baldwin Hotel Thursday night.

The second annual reunion of the Princeton College Association of the Pacific coast took place at the Palace Hotel on Wednesday evening.

A citation has issued commanding executor of the estate of Harriet Skillman, alias Williams, he should not deposit with the Treasurer \$2,640 12 belonging to the estate.

The Geographical Society of the Pacific held its first annual dinner at the Mission Doree Thursday evening.

The third annual reunion and banquet of the Dartmouth Alumni of the Pacific coast was held at the Baldwin Hotel Thursday evening.

"LAST WINTER I fell on the ice," writes W. W. Huxley to the "Record" (U. S. A.) "I had badly dislocated my left shoulder, causing me intense suffering. The first application of St. Jacobs Oil gave great relief, and with the use of one bottle I quickly regained my former strength."

BOOK REVIEWS.

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ABOUT THE RAILROAD TAXES.

The following is a copy of a letter sent to the Tax-Collector of Yolo and to the various Tax-Collectors, and explains itself. It is from the Yolo Mail.

To the Tax-Collector: I am instructed by the Board to inform you that Judge Wiggins, of San Francisco, has recently rendered a decision restraining the Tax-Collector of Sacramento county from selling certain railroad property assessed in this county.

No objection to this course will be urged by the several railroad companies, as doubts all they desire to meet the issue and have their rights judicially determined.

A NOMINAL CONVICTION.

In the United States District Court Thursday, Gabino Calongo, brought from San Bernardino by Indian Agent Lawson, was on trial for selling whisky to Indians.

J. L. Crittenden, appointed by the Court to defend the man, said that the Agent unquestionably had some concealed means of making money by bringing him all the way to San Francisco for trial for such a trifling offense.

Judge Hoffman, in order that the unfortunate man might be sent home, instructed the jury that they find him guilty and recommend him to the mercy of the Court.

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