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FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 23, 1881.

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TO-DAY'S NEWS.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Incendiaries burned the high school building at Snow Spring, Dooley county, Ga., first pouring kerosene on the floor.

THE BUDGET OF CHINA.

The machine room in the mill of the Watertown (N. Y.) paper company was burned last evening. Loss, \$8,000.

WILL BALLOONS DO IT?

The North Pole to be reached by Balloons. The Editor of the Herald, Dec. 22, 1881.

Crime and Catastrophe.

Edward Goodrich, 14 years old, was killed while attempting to board a moving train at Webster, Mass.

A young man named Cavasos, his bride and her mother, were murdered by bandits on the Mexican frontier of Texas yesterday.

Harry Thompson was fatally injured by the bursting of a griststone at the American shear works, in Woodbury, Massachusetts.

Heavy rains have prevailed in Cincinnati during the past three days, and a destructive flood on the Ohio river and its tributaries is feared.

Fred W. Newburg, assistant secretary of the state board of public works of Ohio was murdered yesterday in the charge of forging vouchers to the amount of \$4,000.

The Mexican Kickapoos, a band of semi-civilized Indian Territory Indians, are on the point of starvation, through failure of their crops and disappearance of game.

There were thirty-two deaths from cholera at Elwedj, Egypt, during the week ending on the 15th inst. Some of the casualties were children.

The railroad bridge over the Licking river, on the Kentucky Central railroad, at Cynthia, Ky., was washed away on Wednesday night.

Two sons of George Dejeux and Joseph Dejeux, aged respectively 7 and 8 years, were yesterday drowned by breaking through the ice in Stillwater pond, near Providence, R. I., and Wm. H. Cartell broke through the ice and was drowned at Worcester, Mass.

Three noted bandits, two of whom passed under the same name, and were known as Manuel A. Sanchez and Juan A. Franco, were captured near Reno, Mexico, on Wednesday, and hanged by Mexican vigilantes who go under the title of a "commissary."

The grand jury of the court of general sessions in New York yesterday presented an indictment against Colonel J. Howard Mott, of New York, for writing, publishing and threatening letters to Jay Gould, Welles at present is out of prison on \$1,000 bail.

A collision occurred yesterday morning between two freight trains on the Milwaukee division of the Chicago & North-western railroad at a point about nine miles north of Chicago, Ill. Both engines and several cars were wrecked.

An unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday afternoon to rob the mail coach on the mountains between Helfenstein and Dautville, in Northumberland county, Pa. The mail was carried forward under a number of coats and shoes in a bullet passing through his hat and one through his coat.

Dr. Hugh Nelson, of Baltimore, has been arrested at Chicago on a charge of malpractice. The patient, a young lady named Mrs. Wm. Wm., of Baltimore, who was operated on a few days ago. It is stated that he is under indictment for a similar offense in Baltimore, the patient in this case being still alive and expected to testify against him.

A SUCCESSFUL VENTURE.

A Prisoner Escapes From the Allegheny Penitentiary. James W. Miller, one of the Catfish, Pa., robbers, who was sentenced last August to seven years in the Western penitentiary, escaped from that institution yesterday by secreting himself in a box stowed for freight on a passenger car bound for a firm in Pittsburgh.

Booth's Theatre Sold. Booth's theatre, built by Edwin Booth as a home for Shakespearean drama, was sold yesterday to J. Angus Page and company for \$500,000, which is \$100,000 less than Mr. Ames, who owned the property, wanted. The building will be used as a theatre till 1883, and then will be turned into stores.

A King is Missing. King Louis, of Bavaria, has again disappeared from Hohenschwangau, omitting to leave word where his letters and newspapers should be forwarded. Any information as to the whereabouts of the eccentric monarch will be gratefully received by his sorrowing courtiers.

The Sins of the Fathers. John Broash, cashier of the Williamsburg savings bank, had his son, who is 44 years of age, arrested a few days ago and committed to a reformatory. A grandson of the old gentleman, now in his 14th year, is also said to be idle and dissipated owing to the example set by his father.

A Great Work Completed.

The last tunnel of workers who were employed in the construction of the St. Gotthard tunnel will be paid off to-day. The tunnel will be officially inspected next week.

THE JEANETTE.

Measures for the Relief of the Shipwrecked. Mr. Bennett telegraphs the state department as follows: Paris, Dec. 21.—Hon. Frederik Frelinghuysen, secretary of state, Washington, D. C.: Immediately upon receipt of the first news from my St. Petersburg correspondent about the Jeanette, saying that six thousand roubles are needed, I transferred that sum by telegraph through the Messrs. Rothschild to General Ignatieff at St. Petersburg, with a request to draw on me for any further sums required for the success and comfort of Captain DeLong and party.

You will see by this that everything possible is being done by the Russian government to secure the safety and speedy return of Captain DeLong and his men. If you or the secretary of the navy have any suggestions I shall do my utmost to act upon them. I intend to send a special correspondent to meet the party on its way here, and as it will be some days before he starts, perhaps you or the secretary of the navy might wish to send a few lines to me to let me know of the party's whereabouts.

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THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Another Fine Holiday Entertainment. The public school of West James street, of which Miss Emma L. Downey is teacher, gave a Christmas entertainment yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Twenty-third Psalm, recited by the whole school. Music, "Our Land is Free," by the school; Sketch of Longfellow, the poet, by Katie Helein; "The Village Blacksmith," by H. Leyden; "Evangeline," by B. Conell; "Excelsior," by E. Friend; "Carillon," by B. Sell; Music, "The Lore," by the school; Wreck of the Hesperus," by G. Swann; "The Old Clock on the Stairs," by H. Gist; "The Day is Done," by J. Gibbs