

A Summary of Important Events.

Mr. DEWEY denies that he will resign the presidency of the New York Central railroad to accept any Government appointment.

Mr. THOMAS A. STEVENS, who has announced his intention of penetrating Africa in search of Henry M. Stanley, started from London for Zanzibar on the 18th.

Mrs. B. J. CLARK and Mrs. M. J. Wright were arrested in New Haven, Conn., on the 15th, under an old Blue law which provides for the punishment of fortune-tellers.

DR. FRIEDBERG, Prussian Minister of Justice, has resigned his office in consequence of the contemptible court in reference to the indictment against Prof. Geffken.

PRELIMINARY charges have been filed with the House Judiciary committee for impeachment proceedings against Judge Barnes, of Tombstone, Ariz., for resorting to gross and vulgar language.

THERE are rumors in the Skunkin district that the derwishes are massing at Khar-toum, with a view of marching on Dongola, and that the Mahdi is contemplating the invasion of Egypt.

A NEWSPAPER reporter named Reeves was committed to prison at Dublin, on the 14th, for publishing an article in which he testified from notes he had taken of speeches delivered by Parnellites.

The thirteen White Caps who were arrested at North Salem, N. H., for assault upon John E. Welch were, on the 16th, fined \$15 and each, upon payment of which they were released.

The steamer Saginaw, which sailed on the 15th, for Dominican ports from New York, had on board 200,000 metallic cartridges and sixty cases of rifles, consigned to parties in Samana.

The coldest cold wave of the season was reported from the Northwest on the 18th. Noche, 42 degrees below zero; Morris, Minn., 30 below; and Grand Forks, Dak., 25 below.

It is announced in London that Captain Petroule, late private secretary to the Marquis of Normandy, will shortly be made the subject of a religious disquisition by the late Arthur Eckley, of Boston.

A DEPUTY United States marshal arrested John J. Burton, alias J. Warren Miller, at Trinidad, Col., on the 18th, on a charge of having defrauded the Government of \$1,115 while postmaster at Royal City, Ind.

A DEEL was fought, on the 14th, between Henri Rochefort and M. Lisarig, editor of the Paris La Bataille. The weapons used were swords. Both combatants were wounded. M. Lisarig's wounds being dangerous.

A PARTY of revenue officers returning from a raid on illicit stills in the North Carolina mountains, on the 15th, were fired upon from ambush by moonshiners. Several men were wounded and a prisoner was rescued.

THE Shah of Persia, it is understood from official announcements, will visit Russia on March 28, remaining in St. Petersburg a fortnight. Thence he will proceed to Berlin, Paris, London and Constantinople.

The largest mortgage ever recorded in Kansas was that of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Company for \$30,000,000, made to the Central Mortgage Company of New York, and placed on record on the 16th.

In the House, on the 14th, Mr. Voorhes presented petitions of 1,200 citizens of Washington Territory, asking that legislation be enacted so women can vote for members of constitutional conventions in the several Territories.

THE Secretary of State and Miss Bayard, on the 14th, entertained the President and Mrs. Cleveland at the White House, in the Cabinet and their wives, with the Speaker and Mrs. Carlisle and Senator and Mrs. Gray, at dinner.

REPRESENTATIVE NICHOLS, of North Carolina, is the latest candidate for Public Printer. He is a practical printer, and former editor of the Raleigh Dispatch, and will receive the endorsement of a great many members of the House.

The statue of Benjamin Franklin, which had been placed upon the pedestal in the space formed by the intersection of D and Fenth streets, with Pennsylvania avenue, in the city of Washington, was unveiled, on the 17th, the 183d anniversary of Franklin's birth.

EXPORTS of principal articles of provision from the United States during December last aggregated a value of \$8,282,481, against \$7,823,384 in December, 1887, and for the twelve months ended December 31, 1888, were valued at \$87,061,137, against \$87,238,616 in 1887.

SEVERAL New York jewelry firms have been forced of amounts aggregating \$75,000 by the closing of the Lehman & Co. firm, of Cincinnati, to whom they sold goods on credit. The goods were afterward shipped to Europe, but a large portion of them were seized en route.

In the international skating contest, at Hamberg, Germany, on the 16th, for the Ladies' Gold Cup, Joseph F. Donoghue, the American champion, finished first, making the distance—five miles—in the very fastest time of 16 1/2 minutes, which surpasses all previous records for the same distance.

At a joint caucus of Republican Senators and Representatives at Harrisburg, Pa., on the 17th, it was decided that the proposed prohibition amendment to the Constitution should be passed at once, and that the question should be submitted to the people at the special election to be held on June 18 next.

The site for the New York State chapel to be erected on the Gettysburg (Pa.) battlefield has been selected. It is in the eastern portion of the National Soldiers' Cemetery, on the hill where the summer-house now stands. The proposed building is to cost \$100,000, of which has already been subscribed.

In the Ohio Women's Suffrage convention, held at Columbus with an immense attendance, on the 16th, Mrs. Laura M. Johns, of Kansas, made the address of the day, and referred to Osage county as the State, where the women and city officers were women, as being the best governed town in America.

A SPECIAL from Fort Dodge, Ia., says: The movement for the organization of a society of Democratic veterans of the war is not confined alone to Indiana. Active steps are being taken for the organization of a camp in this county, and eighty-one members of the proposed organization have already been obtained.

The Senate committee on claims has reported to Mr. Hoar to prepare a general bill for the settlement of claims on account of church property destroyed in the South during the war. Claims of this character aggregating \$200,000 have been settled, and others aggregating many times that amount are pending.

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

In the Senate, on the 14th, Mr. Gray's amendment to the tariff bill was read. The amendment proposed to increase the duty on iron and steel, and was rejected by a vote of 24 to 26.

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REPRESENTATIVE STIVES, of Colorado, appeared before the House committee on appropriations, on the 17th, and made an argument in favor of Prof. Powell's scheme for irrigating the arid lands of the West.

The operating room of the main office of the Western Union Telegraph Company in Washington, is undergoing enlargement and extensive repairs to meet the demands which the inauguration will bring upon the office.

The Senate committee on commerce, at its meeting on the 14th, ordered favorable reports on the President's nominations to places in the Marine Hospital service.

Y. S. Higgins, station agent for the Rock Island railroad, and agent for the United States Express Company, at Bevington, Ia., is missing. An investigation of his accounts disclosed a shortage in express company funds of \$850, and in railroad funds of \$250. Higgins leaves an invalid wife and two children in destitute circumstances.

It is said Walter Evans, ex-commissioner of internal revenue, may be re-appointed to his old place by the incoming President.

The Buchner Epoca says that a motion will be introduced in the Romanian Chamber of Deputies for the impeachment of the Brazilian Ministry.

A SHOCK of earthquake was felt in a portion of the Leith valley and in Western Edinburgh, Scotland, on the 18th, but no damage was done.

DURING the attack on the German missionary station at Tugu, Zanzibar, the surgeons' messengers were transfused, one of whom was a woman. Three missionaries fell into the hands of the Arabs and are held for ransom. One of the prisoners is a young girl named Lucretia, who was captured at Tugu, Samoa, which arrived at Sydney, N. S. W., on the 17th, reported that all was quiet in Samoa on the 8th inst.

At a joint session on the 17th, the two houses of the Michigan Legislature elected James McMillan Senator, giving him 90 votes, against 55 for Melbourne H. Ford.

HARRY WILLIAMS, of Bedford, Ind., was shot twice in the right breast and killed in a dispute over a game of cards at Bedford, Ind., on the morning of the 18th.

JOHN S. ACSTIN, for twenty years a bookkeeper for Bussey & McLeod, of Troy, has N. Y., with \$10,000 of the company's money.

On the 17th, State Senator Geysler, of Toledo, O., permitted a newspaper correspondent to take the copy of a speech which he intended to deliver next day.

The correspondent failed to return the copy, and when the question came up, the Senator could not deliver his speech.

The directors of the Pullman Palace Car Company, on the 18th, declared the regular quarterly dividend of two per cent, payable February 1st.

In the United States District Court at Baltimore, Md., Captain Robert Mills of the oyster schooner Chickora was, on the 17th, found guilty of brutally beating his drivers, and sentenced to a fine of \$500 and one year in jail.

The jury in the Rideour murder case at Winchester, Va., were out one hour, on the 18th, and brought in a verdict of not guilty. Immediately loud cheers arose from the great crowd assembled. Rideour had previously been twice convicted and sentenced to be hanged.

The Ohio State Board of Pardons, on the 18th, unanimously voted to ask Governor Foraker to commute the sentence of Mrs. Mary L. Garrett, sentenced to be hanged January 25, to imprisonment for life in the penitentiary.

M. DE LESSERS was, on the 18th, elected president, and his son Charles vice-president of the new Panama Canal Company. The body of the wife of a half-breed named Holaday, who was killed by a bullet from a rifle, was found in a box, sixteen miles from Winnipeg, Man., sixteen years ago, was exhumed, recently, and found to be perfectly charged.

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MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

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