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NEWS NOTES.

Iowa has an anti-horse-thief association with a membership of 2,000.

The next international rifle match with the British militiamen will be held in the fall of 1883.

The people of Keokuk, Iowa, have grown desperate over thirty-eight burglaries in four nights without an arrest.

Buffalo meat has been so plentiful at Deadwood, Dakota, of late, as to become almost unsaleable at any price.

Scores of Russian children in Harvey county, and in western Marion county, Kansas, have recently died with diphtheria.

The Lehighville Chronicle estimates the output of Leadville for 1882 at \$18,220,827.74.

Since January 1, 1882, 170 residents of New Haven have died at ages ranging between seventy and ninety-eight years.

In 1883 there are only 37 days, including Sunday, between New Year and Lent, and society people will have to hurry up if they go through the usual round of gaiety.

Secretary Chandler has ordered a reduction of \$7,000 monthly in the cost of running the navy yards.

The Mayor of Westford has been sentenced to five weeks imprisonment for publishing a portion of the report of a meeting of the Ladies' League, calculated to cause intimidation.

A merchant saved about a dollar at Quincy, Ill., by using cancelled postage stamps, as he had already paid a lawyer \$100 for defending him, without as yet being sure of escaping imprisonment.

The President of the Comstock mines, controlled by the Bonanza trust, decided at a meeting to cut down the wages of all officials, but leave the wages of the miners untouched.

It is said that there have recently been important conferences of influential Republicans at Washington, ostensibly dinner parties, but really to harmonize the party and make Edmunds presidential candidate in 1884.

A wrestling match, catch-as-catch-can, has been arranged between John Graham, the champion heavy weight of England, and Clarence Whidler, of Kansas City, to take place at Louisville within four weeks.

W. C. Anderson, a young telegraph operator at Leakeville, Canada, who recently fell heir to \$750,000 by the death of an uncle in Scotland, has been notified of the bequest of another \$100,000 by the decease of another uncle.

A gentleman who has special facilities for obtaining inside news from members of the Cabinet, says that the freezing-out process that has been in progress for a long time will result within the next thirty days in removing Judge Folger from the treasury department.

Attorney General Brewster has decided that a National bank cannot legally accept checks drawn up on it when the drawer has no, on deposit there-with the amount stated on the face of the check.

In 1780 Congress passed a resolution to erect a monument to Baron De Kalb at Annapolis. Though it has been heard of a number of times during the century that has intervened, it was not until the 23rd ult. that a bill appropriating the money—\$10,000—was passed by the Senate.

General Grant has left nothing undone to Prince Arisugawa, uncle of the Mikado, the honors he himself received while visiting Japan. His attentions have pleased the Prince so much that the relations of the two countries are likely to be still more cordial in consequence.

The Indiana Legislature fixed \$2,000,000 as the maximum cost of the new State capitol. The contractors assert that they have already lost \$250,000 on their contract, and ask for \$1,000,000 more to complete the work, alleging that changes in the plans and specifications have caused the prospective deficiency.

A tragedy occurred at the close of a prayer meeting near Abilene, Kansas. Christmas was being celebrated and insulting presents were hung on a Christmas tree, which were considered insulting to three young women of the neighborhood. A free fight ensued between the brothers, a lover of one of the girls, and the parties suspected of the insult, and the result was that two men were killed and several injured.

The bark Gembok, arrived in New York Dec. 27th from Auckland, reports that on October 9, at 4 p. m., during a southwest gale and thick snow squall, a ball of fire passed across the ship, injuring three men and breaking both gunwales, and ripping the planks from the stern of the starboard boat, and exploded about twenty yards from the ship with a loud report, sparks flying from it like rockets. It was no lightning nor thunder at the time.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Strike with Coal Miners.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—A Des Moines special says: All miners in mines tributary to Des Moines, except two and numbering 800 men, stopped work because of a reduction of one-half cent per bushel.

Governor Cleveland's Message.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Gov. Cleveland's message contains the following: In my judgment, the State should not realize profit from its coal and iron, especially in the face of competition between convicts and those who honestly toil in thereby increased and the overcrowding of any of the prisons, with its attendant evils results.

Human Monstrosity.

MATTOON, Ill., Jan. 2.—Something unprecedented in the annals of human depravity in this country occurred in the practice of Dr. D. McFall last Saturday night, being nothing less than the birth of two male children from two well formed bodies, united from the sternum, with one neck, a well formed head and chin resting on the right shoulder of the mother.

New Postal Cards.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The post office department has constructed for a large quantity of new style postal cards, the same being better adapted to use. Fears have been expressed by some postal experts that it would interfere greatly with the revenue of the department, especially if the reduction of postage to two cents should be adopted, but those in favor of the new cards reply that similar fears were expressed when the postal card was first proposed, and that as now, letter postage was 3 cents.

Board of Jeannette's Inquest.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Lieutenant Jeannette, recalled before the Jeannette board this morning and examined relative to the trouble between DeLong and Cullina, made a statement of the difficulty substantially the same as before the board. When asked: "If you had the oversight and command of the party when you landed, would you have remained fifteen days as did James and Veslek and the others were looking for your shipmates?" "I would have been forced to remain twenty days on account of the weather and the state of the party, but would have gone with them if I had been unable to go. These two were sent as messengers to Helena for clothing provisions and transportation. They were not looking for our shipmates."

Cause of Gambetta's Death.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—The autopsy shows the death of Gambetta was the result of peptic phlegm. Surgical operations would have been dangerous and unavailing. No lesion was discovered in the organs, except the intestines. The post mortem examination of Gambetta, was held in order to contradict a rumor that he died caused by a bullet in the abdomen. The corpse lies in state in the Rue St. Didier until the funeral. Gambetta's father has gone to Nice to obtain a state funeral. The Cabinet decided that the funeral shall be similar to the funeral of Thiers and Benjamin Constant, and the Government National defense. Parliament has decided to close their shops on the day of the funeral.

Obituary and Burials.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—A New York special says: The champion pugilist, says he and Sullivan have agreed to give sparring exhibitions about the country. They give five exhibitions in Boston and other cities, and then start for the Pacific slope. They divide half and half the proceeds. Being asked if Sullivan didn't consider his name given away by drawing the fight with DeLoach, Coburn replied: "That's all right, but I think my name will draw too." "Don't you know a great many people along the Pacific coast?" "The more the better," he said. "If you and Sullivan go on an extensive tour, who will be with Jim Mac?" "I don't know," he said. "I have been asked to return at any moment required." "Do you know anything about the status of the unknown?" "Nothing more than that he is in New Zealand." "What does he think of him?" "He says he can lick any half-breed they bring. I believe he can too." Sullivan is a sturdy young fellow, who does not do much with you at the benefit. He failed to get in on your face." "He did very well. You must remember no man can hit me on the nose if I don't want him to. Jim Mac tried it and failed."

Gov. Cleveland Criticized.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Judging from press comments Gov. Cleveland's message is not a little disappointing. The World says: There is nothing specially striking about the message. So far as it indicates anything at all concerning the author he will be a safe and solid regulator of affairs of the State.

The Sun says: Its ideas are few and not its foremost part. It is sound and on the side of official economy.

The Sun says: It is regretted he did not speak with more emphasis on three or four matters of great public importance; but Cleveland is constitutionally cautious and conservative.

The Times says: It is made up chiefly of a series of rather bold statements of the condition of the public service. It is singularly barren of suggestions and recommendations regarding matters of the first importance, and such as are made are rather commonplace.

The Tribune says: The message, considered as a whole, is commonplace. Cleveland is seen to be a man of ordinary ability, and without that firm grasp of the underlying principles of government which goes with statesmanship.

The Herald says: The message unfolds easily through and around various topics of interest in the State administration, and is extensively statistical and mildly suggestive.

Fight over Prohibition.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 3.—Special preparations are being made for a big fight in the Legislature over the proposed prohibition amendment. It is reported that the liquor dealers have a powerful lobby established.

Both Killed.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—A Baird, Texas, special says: Thomas Jones and Gen. L. Frank, of Cotton Springs, met on the street, Frank with a shotgun and Jones with a revolver. Both were fired and both were instantly killed.

Bad Weather for Loggers.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—An East Coast, Wis. special says: Reports from various parts of the State are extremely unfavorable. There is a general snow and the roads are in a bad condition, and loggers are looking for their work. A cold snap and freeze would help them.

Fire in St. Joe.

ST. JOE, Jan. 3.—A disastrous conflagration broke out at 10 o'clock this morning. The fire began in an unguessed grain elevator of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, and spread rapidly, destroying the elevator and the passenger depot of the Hannibal & St. Joe, two box cars, several flat cars loaded with lumber, and a number of frame houses. The property originally cost one hundred thousand dollars.

Account of Stock.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The debt statement today shows the decrease of the public debt during December to be \$18,412,228.55; cash in Treasury \$912,504,567.74; gold certificates outstanding \$24,000,000; silver certificates outstanding \$12,000,000; refunding certificates outstanding \$400,720; legal tenders outstanding \$346,081,046; fractional currency outstanding \$7,023,074; cash balance available \$140,071,721.57; decrease since June 30, \$61,593,780; column of debts during December \$4,100,225.

Postponing Parke's Funeral.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The funeral services over Trece W. Parke were postponed to the 10th inst. The church was open and a number of persons assembled, but about ten minutes after the appointed hour it was announced the body had not been sighted. It was also announced that notice of the funeral would be given and the congregation dispersed. The Rev. Elias arrived about eight o'clock this morning.

A Funny Scene.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—There was a funny scene in the House yesterday. The bill was taken up for street railways in Washington with important amendments tacked on. The House being weary and impatient to pass it when Ohio, who was in the barber chair, heard of it. He bounced from the chair, wiping his face with a towel, and forgetting his coat, leaped into the room demanding the Speaker's attention. When he had done this he ran back to his coat, which he pulled on minus his collar and necktie, and then returned to the speaker's attention. He was embraced, but in dead earnest, and for once, at least, commanded the attention of the House and got the amendments rejected.

Crosby on Game.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Gen. A. A. McDowell, of Arizona, is here. Gov. Crosby, of Montana, says a Times' editorial, speaks with force and directness in an interesting letter to the necessity of the stringent enforcement of the laws for the protection of game in the Yellowstone Park. By proper effort the wild and game of this region—some of them the most interesting of the North American fauna—may find continued protection, and while affording delight to tourists, may abundantly insure security in the overflow of their national increase, which may become the lawful prey of the hunter. As it is, the butcher and the skin hunter have in the park; the former killing merely for the sake of his reputation as a mighty hunter, and the latter leaving carcasses valuable for food to rot in the open air. To permit this wanton destruction is to prepare for a no distant day when deer, antelope, mountain game and all big game of that region will have been exterminated. The Governor's suggestions are forcible and timely.

Congressional.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—A bill was introduced by Holman of Indiana limiting to two years the period for the presentation from the time the same occurred of claims against the quarter-master or commissary general, and to one year from the passage of the act, the presentation of the names of States for money expended in suppressing hostilities.

The Ways and Means committee took up the cotton shoddy tariff. On grades valued not exceeding 25 cents per pound, an advance was made from 7 1/2 to 10 cents; valued more than 25 cents a pound and not more than 40 cents from 15 to 18; 40 and not more than 50 from 20 to 22; 50 and not more than 60, 25 to 27; 60 and not more than 70 from 30 to 35.

A bill was also passed providing that perfume tobacco may be sold by manufacturers or purveyors in the form of cartridges directly to legally qualified manufacturers to be used in the manufacture of cigarettes or smoking tobacco without the payment of tax.

Strikers and Reporters.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2.—A reporter of the Globe-Democrat visited Carondelet last evening to interview the iron workers on the Vicksburg strike, and a party of men in session, headed by Don Davidson, and was only saved from being mobbed by the efforts of two police officers. A crowd of about twenty accompanied a police sergeant to the Knights of Pythias hall. While there a man tapped him on the shoulder, and calling him by name, politely requested him to step outside a minute. The reporter complied, when he was suddenly struck a violent blow in the face, and a thrust made at him with a knife, which penetrated the left lung. A couple of police officers opportunely arrived and interfered, and Davidson, who is believed to have organized the assault, was arrested. The situation at Vicksburg is unchanged, and

Semi-Weekly Miner.

CONFERENCES IN ST. LOUIS.

The Freed Mother and the Discreet Father of the Cuba.

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Yesterday afternoon the lioness appeared in her outer cage, and seemed the picture of contentment. The old lion in his cage adjoining, watched her growl and her step and her look with curiosity and anxiety. But when feeding time came he grabbed his fourteen pounds of meat and basted himself with it, apparently without the least concern for the lioness. When the lioness got near her meat she carried it at once to the dark edge where the cub lay.—N. Louis Globe Democrat.

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"What did you give her for?"

"Thirty-five dollars. Oh, here she is," he added, as a little six-year-old Blackfoot girl came capering down the bank to meet him and take possession of the nuts. The little one had on a new dress, warm stockings, new shoes and a little black blanket, all of which had evidently come out of the store where he had been.

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European Sentiment on Gambetta.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 3.—The Novoye Vremya says Gambetta's death is an irreparable loss to France and Europe.

The Zolov says the French Republic is without a head and its chances for a prolonged existence disappear. With great effort a treaty has been made to think that revenge has been done with Gambetta.

The Friendly says Gambetta's death will be favorable to the peace of Europe.

Foreign News.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—At the Imperial reception Monday, Bismarck, in the presence of the Emperor, and now that parliamentary institutions are working satisfactorily, it would cause no misfortune to the country if he gave place to other men.

BREITENBURG, Jan. 2.—The case of Delany, charged with attempting the life of Judge Lawson, was noble progress and the jury returned a verdict of guilty. He will be tried for conspiracy to murder tomorrow.

OPERAS BEATS IN CINCINNATI. CINCINNATI, Jan. 3.—The sale of season reserved seats for the opera festival began this morning with the hall full of bidders. Six private boxes sold at premiums ranging from fifty to two hundred and five dollars. With the premiums and price of seats they set twelve hundred and fifty-nine dollars. The first choice of the body of the house sold for eighty dollars, and the second for sixty dollars.

Miscellaneous.

DUNDELORE, Jan. 3.—Market square here is flooded.

ATHENS, Jan. 3.—The Frontier Commission has concluded its labors and a party of men is favorable to Greece on all points.

MAVERICK, Jan. 3.—The Rhine has reached the height of 5.75 meters. With great effort a treaty has been made to think that revenge has been done with Gambetta.

HONOLULU, N. J., Jan. 3.—Waterworks and machinery were burned last night, but will soon be in working order. It was the work of an incendiary.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Red Cloud interviewed Secretary Teller today, complaining that General Crook, six years ago, took over 100 of his horses. He asked \$10,000 damages. Will confer further.

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