

The True Northerner.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The East.

The medical commission, which conducted the autopsy upon the Siamese Twins, at Philadelphia, report the following as the most important of their discoveries: They found that the two livers, which were supposed to be joined only by blood-vessels, were really one body, the parenchymatous tissue being continuous between them, so that when they were removed from the bodies and placed on the table they formed one mass. The so-called tract of portal continuity is therefore liver tissue. It will be remembered that Chang was said to be possessed of one more pouch than Eng. When the liver was removed, however, an upper hepatic pouch was found, also, proceeding from Eng, so that the band contained four pouches of peritoneum, besides liver tissue. These disclosures show that any attempt during life to separate the twins would, in all probability, have proved fatal.

The Boston School Board still refuses to allow the women recently elected to take part in its sessions, notwithstanding the decision of the Supreme Court of the State that they are as much entitled to seats on the Board as males.

The West.

Dispatches from Cheyenne report that the military preparations continue. Gen. Sheridan has returned to Chicago, but Gen. Forsyth will remain and accompany the expedition against the Indians.

A fire destroying property to the amount of \$45,000 occurred in South Bend, Ind., on the 26th ult. The Singer Sewing Machine Company is the principal loser.

A dispatch from Saginaw Bay announces the glad tidings that all the fishermen drift on the ice have safely reached the shore.

Cincinnati is enjoying a little Tammany sensation of its own. It has been discovered that Hon. William S. Groesbeck and Mr. Burnett gave each \$12,500 to an Alderman to influence the passage of the bill through the Council authorizing the purchase by the city of Burnett Woods Park, owned jointly by the two gentlemen named. The evidence was too palpable to admit of denial, and Groesbeck and Burnett both plead guilty, but held that they gave the money with the understanding that it was not to be used in an "improper manner." Too thin.

Christopher Rafferty, who murdered, Policeman O'Meara in Chicago, on the 5th of August, 1872, suffered the extreme penalty of the law at Waukegan, Ill., on Friday, the 27th ult. Rafferty, although a poor laboring man, a rough character, and before the commission of the crime for which he has suffered an ignominious death, apparently almost friendless, had enlisted the sympathies of a number of friends, who exerted almost super-human efforts and expended money without stint to save his neck from the halter. He was twice tried and three sentenced to death. All attempts to secure a fourth trial having failed, Gov. Beveridge was besieged by friends of the condemned criminal, armed with petitions and letters, praying for a commutation of the death sentence. They labored in vain. The Governor sternly refused to interfere, being fully convinced that Rafferty deserved death for the awful crime which he committed under such atrocious circumstances.

The National Crop Reporter furnishes estimates as to the local consumption of the last wheat crop, during the current crop year, in the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin, according to which these States produced, in 1873, an approximate of 168,000,000 bushels. The average consumption is placed at 361 per cent, or an equivalent of 61,000,000 bushels.

Senator Chandler has sued the Detroit Free Press for libel, claiming \$100,000 damages. The alleged libel is in a dispatch from Washington charging Mr. Chandler with drunkenness and disgraceful conduct in the Senate.

Rev. R. M. Barnitz, President of the American Bible Association, has sued the St. Louis Democrat for libel, laying damages at \$50,000. The Democrat charged that while a guest at a hotel in that city he permitted a female boarder to share his room with him.

A number of Chicago saloon-keepers advertise their business by hiring women to visit them, and pray and sing after the manner of the Ohio courtesans.

The annual report of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad has been published. The gross earnings for the year 1873 were \$11,500,000; net earnings, \$4,970,558; net earnings over every liability, \$260,082.58, or 10.73-100 percent on the capital stock. The capital stock now amounts to \$19,897,000, and, with that in the Burlington and Missouri road, \$26,429,562.75.

Elder Jacob Knapp, the well-known Baptist pulpit orator and revivalist, died recently in Rockford, Ill., aged 74.

Ex-Lieut. Gov. Morgan Bates, of Traverse City, Mich., is dead. He was a veteran journalist, and was foreman of the New Yorker, edited by Horace Greeley, nearly forty years ago.

Mr. Royal Buck, of Red Willow, Neb., writes a letter denying that he has been killed by the Indians, as reported, and denouncing the report of Indian depredations in his section as base fabrications; says no savages have been seen or heard thereabouts for months, and that all these scares are gotten up to turn emigration away.

The South.

A bill has been introduced in the Mississippi Legislature to regulate railroad fares, and will, if passed, make a reduction from 12 1/2 to 4 cents per mile.

Lieut. Turner, of the Tenth Cavalry, recently encountered a band of hostile Indians on the Double Fork of the Brazos, in Texas, and sent eleven of them to the happy hunting grounds.

The Galveston (Texas) census, just completed, shows a population of 31,350, not including the floating population, an increase of over 20,000 in three years.

The Mississippi Supreme Court, in the case of Dickinson vs. Brown, involving the question of the legality of the marriage between a white man and a negro woman, has rendered a decision in favor of the colored bride. A large amount of property was involved.

Washington.

The House Commerce Committee have prepared a bill to compel the Chicago and Northwestern railroad to allow the use of the bridge

across the Mississippi River at Clinton, Ia., to the Chicago and Dubuque Railroad Company. It will undoubtedly pass.

Leading members express the opinion that Congress will not adjourn before July.

We give below an analysis of the vote of Western Congressmen on the proposition to revive the franking privilege: Illinois—Barriere, Clements, Farwell, Fort, Hawley, McNulta, Morrison, Robinson, and Ward voted no. Burchard, Cannon, Corwin, Huribut, Knapp, Marshall, Martin, Bay, and Rice voted aye. Eden absent and not voting. Wisconsin—Barber, Eldridge, Hazleton, McDill, Busk, Sawyer, and Williams, voted aye, Mitchell voting no. Minnesota—Averill and Dunnell, voted aye. Michigan—Begole, Conger, and Field voted aye, the rest of the delegation voting no. Iowa—Donnan and Orr voted aye, while Cotton, Kasson, McCrary, McDill, and Pratt, voted no, Loughridge absent. Ohio—Danford, Gunkel, Neal, Robinson, Southard, and Woodworth voted aye. Parsons, absent. The rest in the negative. Of the Indiana delegation, Coburn, Niblack, and Hunter voted aye, the rest of the delegation voting no. In the Missouri delegation, those voting aye were Buckner, Clark, Glover, Hatcher, Havens, and Parker. The rest in the negative. The entire Kansas delegation voted aye.

The Naval Appropriation bill, as passed by Congress, makes a total appropriation of \$18,000,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1. This is in addition to the \$4,000,000 deficiency, already provided for on account of the Virginia difficulty.

The House has passed bills granting a pension of \$50 a month each to the widows Genes. Meade and Canby and the mother of Gen. McPherson.

The Supreme Court is again in session, after a recess of several weeks.

The Secretary of the Treasury has directed the Assistant Treasurer at New York to sell \$3,000,000 of gold for the month of March.

A very important bill, looking to the punishment of Mormons for polygamy, and the freeing of all but first wives from their unnatural bonds, has been prepared and introduced in the House by the Committee on Territories. It provides the machinery by which the United States District Courts may recover the jurisdiction in these, and, in fact, all civil and criminal cases which have been usurped by the Probate Courts, and limits the evidence necessary for conviction of polygamy to simple proof that the man and woman live together avowedly as husband and wife. The illegal consorts may get their freedom upon a petition to the United States District Court, which may also decree them enough of their husband's property to support themselves and their children.

Appointments by the President: Orange Jacobs to be Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court of Washington Territory; John W. Ross, Collector of Internal Revenue, Fifth District of Indiana. Postmasters—Benjamin B. Gale, Atchison, Kan.; E. A. Trilbon Tecumseh, Mich.; Robert A. Sinclair, Jonesville, Mich.; Fred D. Lewell, Supervisor of Internal Revenue for New England, in place of Simmons.

The Southern Representatives, it is said, will oppose the Senate amendment to the Bankruptcy act. This amendment permits the discharge of voluntary bankrupts only when the assets equal 30 per cent. of the indebtedness.

A Washington dispatch states that Judge Durell has forwarded his resignation to a trusted friend, to be tendered in the event of the Judiciary Committee of the House reporting articles of impeachment.

The increase of the Government's revenue during the past month has been quite encouraging, and indicates the gradual and sure recovery of the country from the effects of the financial panic.

During the month of February the national debt was decreased 2,500,057. The following are the official figures:

Six per cent. bonds \$1,214,663,150
Five per cent. bonds 258,097,250
Total coin bonds \$1,472,760,400
Lawful money debt 14,678,000

Matured debt 9,813,800
Legal tender notes 384,732,922
Fidelity deposits 50,319,100
Fractional currency 48,546,493
Coin certificates 40,569,240

Total without interest \$21,678,887
Total debt \$2,266,330,977
Total interest \$28,065,065

Cash in the Treasury, com. \$85,528,222
Cash in the Treasury, currency 5,757,754
Special deposits held for the redemption of certificates of deposit, as provided by law 50,200,000

Total in the Treasury \$149,705,976
Debt less cash in Treasury 2,116,624,966

Decrease during the month \$2,500,057
Bonds issued to the Pacific Railroad Company, interest payable in lawful money, principal outstanding 64,623,512
Interest accrued and not yet paid 23,386,661
Interest repaid by transportation of mails, etc. 5,643,347
Balance of interest paid by United States 17,352,344

Political.

The Iowa Anti-Monopolists held a State Convention at Des Moines on the 25th of February. Sixty-two counties were represented. Resolutions were adopted favoring a "faithful administration of the laws"; of "political reform"; repudiating the doctrine that "to the victors belong the spoils," and instead thereof a "true system of civil service reform"; denouncing a protective tariff as a monopoly, and demanding free iron, steel, salt and lumber; that all corporations are subject to legislative control; favoring a modification of the banking system; opposing all grants of lands to railroads and other corporations; condemning the pretended repeal of the salary-grab as a fraud when not applied to the President as well as to all others concerned; denying the well-to-do a State Printer and Binder alleged necessary for the Government; opposing a party organ, supported by public patronage; denouncing the Credit Mobilier and other National Treasury steals.

The report telegraphed from Washington that the nomination of Simmons to be Collector of Boston had been rejected by the Senate was premature. The nomination was ratified by a vote of 30 to 16.

A bill has been introduced in the Ontario Parliament which provides that in voting in municipal elections, and in elections creating debts, the basis of suffrage shall be real property. Each property owner is to have one, two, or more votes, and women who are property holders have the same electoral rights as the men.

It is claimed that Butler's victory in the Boston Collectors' contest has vastly strengthened his chances for the Governorship of the Bay State, and bets are freely offered

in Washington that he will get the regular nomination next fall.

Congressman and ex-Mayor Pierce, of Boston, it is said, will be pitted against Butler in the forthcoming gubernatorial campaign in Massachusetts.

The Grange.

The so-called Boston Grange, which was organized by the National Grange, refuses to disband, and has set up an organization of its own.

Granges are being organized in Wisconsin at the rate of sixteen per week.

Indiana has 1,460 granges—an average of sixteen to each county.

General.

The recent accident on the Great Western railway of Canada, near London, was one of the most shocking and singular disasters that has occurred on the rail for a long time. A passenger train, bowing along at a rate of thirty miles an hour, caught fire in the forward part of the saloon coach. Before the train could be stopped the whole interior of the saloon was wrapped in flames, and eight unfortunate beings were either burned or suffocated to death, four being seriously burned. A number of passengers saved themselves by jumping from the windows.

A grand three weeks' naval drill off the coast of Florida has just closed. Twenty-four men-of-war, including frigates and monitors, engaged in the maneuvers.

The insolent Spaniards have been at it again. The American bark Everett, which arrived at New York last week, reports that she was boarded off Havana and searched by Spanish soldiers.

Foreign.

The German exploring expedition in the Libyan Desert, under Gerhard Rohlfs, the well-known traveler, has reached the famous oasis of Dachel, containing 17,000 inhabitants. Valuable geographical discoveries have been made, and six maps of the country have been taken.

A dispatch has been received at the London War office from Sir Garnet Wolseley, commanding the British forces in Ashantee, dated Comandoo, Feb. 26, in which he states that he had reached that city the day before, after five days' hard fighting, attended with severe loss. The cholera continues to rage in Buenos Ayres with unabated violence.

The project recently set on foot for a new Atlantic cable has been abandoned.

The city of Panama was recently visited by a disastrous conflagration. The greater part of the business center of the town was burned, involving a loss of about \$1,000,000.

The famous Tichborne claimant, who has been trying to pass himself off as the heir to the title, estates, etc., of Sir Roger Tichborne, in England, has at last succumbed. The impostor has, after a trial of 180 days, been found guilty of perjury, and sentenced to fourteen years' penal servitude.

The news from Spain is that Serrano has been declared President of the Republic, Gen. Zabala, President of the Council of Ministers, and that the Spanish troops have suffered a severe defeat near Bilbao.

The Chinese Government has notified the foreign Ministers at Peking that it cannot guarantee the safety of foreigners at Tientsin.

The news from Spain is important. Bilbao, the capital of the province of Biscay, and an important strategic point, has surrendered to the Carlists. The insurgents also surrounded a camp of 5,000 Republicans fifteen miles from Bilbao, and a bloody battle took place, in which 1,000 of the latter were killed. The remainder took flight, closely pursued by the Royalists, and all were either captured or drowned in the attempt to cross a river in the way of their retreat.

Dr. Kenely, it is stated, will appeal to the House of Lords, should he fail in the courts, for a new trial for the Tichborne claimant.

A London dispatch says Earl Pembroke has been appointed Under-Secretary of the War Department.

Late Cuban advices represent that the patriots more than hold their own. They number 12,000 armed men, and could put three times that number in the field if they could procure arms and ammunition. The native Cubans are all on their side. Nearly half the area of the island is in their possession. The Spanish troops in the field number 25,000 regulars and 25,000 volunteers.

A Paris telegram announces the election of Ledru Rollin to the Assembly, and the serious illness of Count de Chambord.

Berlin correspondents of London papers, represent the condition of Emperor William as very critical, and that his situation causes much solicitude in political circles, though the local press continues to give favorable reports to the public. It is said his nerves are extremely weak, and he can endure no fatigue at all, and no excitement.

Lancashire, England, was recently the scene of a terrible boiler explosion, by which twenty persons were killed and thirty wounded.

Twelve of the crew of the ship George Darling were drowned in the recent gale on the Scotch coast.

Official advices received in England report that a million people in India are in a starving condition.

Advices from Havana report great excitement in that city owing to the alleged departure from Baltimore of the steamer Edgar Stewart on a filibustering expedition, and that the Spanish naval officers had determined to sink her, with all on board, if she was found near the Cuban coast.

The Prince Imperial of France will attain his majority—majority to govern—18 years old—on the 16th of the present month, and great excitement exists in the provincial towns of France, where millions of Bonaparte letters, landfills, songs, etc., are being circulated through the postoffice. The leading electors are in receipt of the Prince's photograph, underneath which are the words, "16 Mars, 1874. Appel au Peuple."

The rebel forces besieging Nagasaki, Japan, have been routed.

The most painful anxiety is felt in England concerning the safety of the British expedition in Ashantee.

The Temperance Crusade.

The war against the cohorts of King Alcohol is still being vigorously prosecuted, and is spreading all over the country. In the towns of Ohio, where the movement was first started, the women's singing and praying bands show no signs of flagging, and express a determination not to abandon the field till the last rum-hole has been closed. The battle is raging at the very gates of Cincinnati, and the saloon-keepers of that city are in a state of tremor, not knowing at what moment the great temperance tidal wave may burst upon and overwhelm them. At Milford and other suburban towns the sounds of prayer and song are heard

in the air, and saloon after saloon is surrendered. At Dayton, the war is raging at fever heat, and there is much enthusiasm and excitement. A dispatch states that "the whole moral sentiment of the city is arrayed against the saloon-keepers, and they are overruled with words of praise and encouragement." At Xenia, the work is being pushed with vigor, and the determination to conquer is more deep-seated than ever among the ladies. They have organized a corps of one hundred children, who visit the saloons as a singing band, sometimes alone, sometimes as the choir of praying women themselves. The most popular song of the little folks is said to be "I am commencing."

"Say, Mr. Barker, has father been here?" At Osborne the excitement is at white heat. Both parties appear to be determined, but the saloonists declare that they will never throw up the sponge. The black flag floats from the ladies. The first Presbyterian Church, and the ladies declare it shall never come down until the lion is caged.

The campaign is being prosecuted in the West all around Cleveland, and it is expected that the city itself will be invaded before many days.

In Indiana the temperance war is spreading. The ladies of Indianapolis are seriously discussing the propriety of scattering the ball in motion in that city. The movement has been inaugurated in Goshen and several other towns. In Jeffersonville and Richmond praying and singing bands are constantly plying the rum-dealers to abandon their wicked business. They are meeting with poor success, the enemy evidently being a stubborn and hard lot.

In Michigan the temperance advocates are moving. At Sturgis every saloon has been closed, and the Sturgis work is being pushed in other towns.

Illinois is becoming seriously infected. At Deshler the friends of the cause are moving. Lexington is waking up. Jacksonville is getting the kindling ready for a blaze. At Oswego the prayer cure has been adopted. Danville, Joliet and Bloomington are preparing for a move.

In New York and New Jersey the advance columns of the crusaders have appeared, and in some of the interior towns of Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are the only large cities, except Indianapolis, where the crusade has been inaugurated. The result in these cities will be watched with interest.

John Lichtenfel, a Richmond, Ind., saloon-keeper, emptied his liquor in the street, signed the pledge, gave the key of the saloon to the women, and in a few days started a butcher-shop.

Grandmother, the stubborn liquor-dealer of Oxford, Ohio, who tried to get an injunction against the praying women, has surrendered, poured out his liquors, and signed the pledge. The bells were rung, and great rejoicing ensued.

Two Springfield, Ohio, hotels have been declared nuisances, and ordered to close till the proprietors give bonds not to sell spirituous liquors.

The women of San Francisco have opened a praying crusade against the rum-holes.

The Centennial—Message of the President.

The President has sent the following message to Congress in regard to the Centennial Exhibition:

To the Senate and House of Representatives: I have the honor herewith to submit the report of the Centennial Commissioners, and to add a word in way of recommendation. There have now been international exhibitions held by three of the great powers of Europe. It is the duty of the United States to mark the anniversary of our Independence should be marked by an event that will display to the world the growth and progress of a nation devoted to freedom and to the pursuit of fame, fortune, and honor by the lowest citizen as well as the highest. A failure in this enterprise would be deplorable. Success can be assured by arousing public opinion to the importance of the occasion. To secure this end, in my judgment, legislation is necessary to improve the exhibition both national and international. The benefits to be derived from a successful international exhibition are manifold. 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