

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

AMERICAN ITEMS.

East.

A boiler explosion in a blast-furnace at Bethlehem, Pa., killed four men and wounded several others.

The auction sale of pews in Beecher's church netted \$37,000.

The mills along the river at Camden, Maine, are running on half time for lack of water—something never before known.

The Hon. Lot M. Morrill died at Augusta, Me., on the 16th inst., at the age of 68 years. Mr. Morrill has served three terms as Governor of Maine, and sixteen years in the United States Senate.

Miss Alice Livingston, of New York, who sued a merchant named Henry Fleming for breach of promise, was awarded \$75,000. The verdict was followed by deafening applause, which the court was unable to suppress.

The City Bank, of Jersey City, has suspended on account of overdrafts by the President, cashier and book-keeper to the amount of the capital stock.

A shin-kicking match for \$250 a side was fought at Camden, N. J., by a coal miner and a saloon keeper, the latter giving up on the twenty-third round.

At Fairmount, W. Va., Mrs. Hettie Cunningham threw her young son from the suspension bridge into the Monongahela river, and leaped off herself. Both floated over the dam, but were rescued and resuscitated.

A sleigh containing three men was struck by the Montreal express at Cohoes, N. Y., and all the occupants received fatal injuries.

West.

Near Ulysses, Neb., Mrs. Thompson, while insane, put poison in the tea, and herself, husband and an adopted son died in a short time.

Near Mill Creek, Indian Territory, Alexander Hamilton murdered his wife and a man named Smith and then committed suicide.

John Cody, a Wisconsin veteran, died at Manistee, Mich., after fasting 103 days. His disease was ulceration of the stomach, and during his fast he lost eighty-three pounds.

Sixteen millions of dollars were expended in building in Chicago in 1882. The number of buildings erected was 3,112.

A severe shock of earthquake, lasting about thirty seconds, was experienced on the morning of the 11th in Missouri, Kentucky and Southern Illinois, raising people from their sleep.

The Pennsylvania Company bought at auction the Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central road for \$18,800,000.

The city of St. Louis has had a sensational case of abduction. Miss Zaida Garrison, belonging to a wealthy and aristocratic family, was the victim. She was kept concealed for a week. The affair is wrapped in mystery.

Philip Matthews, who murdered Anna Geyer, his sweetheart, last May, was hanged in the jail-yard at Belleville, Ill., on the 12th inst. The culprit said he was going straight to heaven. Mr. Geyer, father of the victim, was indignant because the execution was not made more public.

A broken rail threw a Wabash train down an embankment near Olmstead, Ill. Five passengers were fatally injured and nine others seriously. Two coaches were consumed by fire.

It is believed at Denver that the Burlington road is soon to absorb the Rio Grande lines.

S. R. Calloway, general manager of the Grand Trunk road, has been elected President of the Western Indiana Company. "Drunken Jake Sheehan," a St. Louis character, killed his son James, aged 17, by striking him a heavy blow on the chest as he lay in bed ill.

The City of St. Louis had a narrow escape from a repetition of the Newhall House horror. The Planters' House, made famous by Dickens in his "American Notes," and at one time the largest hotel in this country, caught fire at 4 o'clock a. m. in the store-room, a wooden structure overhanging an alley, but attached to the hotel proper. Due warning was given the inmates by the employees, and in a few minutes scenes of the wildest disorder were enacted, men, women and children making their way from the building in a semi-nude state. The fire department promptly responded, and in a short time had control of the blaze, although it had extended across the alley and effected \$30,000 worth of damage in Black, Tyler & Co.'s auction warehouse. Henry Blaney, 60 years old, Carlo Rebole, and Dennis Repoate, all employees, lost their lives, and a female servant, Mary Kerns broke her ankle by jumping. The damage to the hotel property is about \$10,000.

Flames broke out at Neenah, Wis., and raged until they destroyed eight business places, including a national bank and the postoffice. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Mr. Greenbury L. Fort, who represented the Eighth Congressional district of Illinois from 1875 to 1881, died suddenly at his home, in Lacon, Ill., from embolism of the brain.

F. D. Mandl's carriage and wagon works, at Stoughton, Wis., were consumed by fire; causing a loss of \$100,000, on which there is an insurance of \$70,000.

The house of Henry Pierce, near Elk Point, Dakota, caught fire while Pierce was at a barn some distance away, feeding cattle. Mrs. Pierce tipped over a lamp, and the whole room was instantly enveloped in flames. She endeavored to save her two children, who were in bed, but fainted, and Pierce arrived in time to drag her out, badly burned. The heroic father then made a dash into the blazing building, and fought madly toward the sleeping-room, but was forced to plunge into the snow very badly burned about the head and face. Both the children were burned to death.

South.

Treasurer Polk, for whose delivery on Tennessee soil the Legislature offered a reward of \$5,000, was arrested at San Antonio, Texas, and released on a writ of habeas corpus. He then started for Mexico, and was again arrested by a Deputy United States Marshal just before reaching the Rio Grande. Polk offered the officer \$5,000 to let him go, but the latter was incorruptible.

Detectives Price and Cameron, who accepted bribes from Marshall T. Polk, to run their prisoner into Mexico, were arrested at San Antonio, and will be prosecuted as accessories.

Cleveland capitalists have organized a company to build, at Chattanooga, the largest stove factory in the South.

The Hon. E. B. Washburne met with a painful accident, at San Antonio, Texas, being thrown from his horse while riding.

A party of masked white men went to the house of a negro named Lindsay, in Faulkner county, Ark., intent on mischief, but Lindsay and his friends were prepared, and fired on the intruders, killing a man named Hubbard and an unknown individual, and mortally wounding another party.

Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, who served a term at the Dry Tortugas, charged with harboring John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, died near Bryanstown, Md.

M. T. Polk arrived in Nashville, Tenn., in charge of officers. The Grand Jury indicted him for the embezzlement of \$480,000.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

All of the Garfield doctors, including Bliss, have decided to accept the amount awarded by Congress.

A report will be made to Congress in favor of purchasing for \$18,000 the house in which Abraham Lincoln died.

At the residence of Senator Cameron in Washington, Lieut. Alexander Rogers, of the army, was married to Miss Virginia Cameron, daughter of the Pennsylvania Senator, the reception being attended by all the prominent officials at the capital.

Clark Mills, the sculptor, died at the national capital at the age of 67 years.

The Assistant Secretary of the Interior has prepared a new lease of the Yellowstone Park for the Rufus Hatch syndicate, avoiding the monopoly feature of the old contract, and fixing the compensation at \$2 per acre for 2,500 acres.

Gen. Longstreet has written a letter to ex-President Grant agreeing in detail with his findings in the Fitz John Porter case, and citing an example where he disobeyed an order of Gen. Lee at the second battle of Bull Run, and made a movement which helped in the defeat of the Union army.

The New York and Western Press Associations are hereafter to be managed by William Henry Smith, who will make his headquarters in the former city.

A feature of the business situation equally unsatisfactory and threatening is the constant increase in the number of failures reported. During the week ending Jan. 11, 262 were reported, which is thirty-eight more than during the preceding week, and more than have been noted for any like period since 1879, when there was a great rush to take advantage of the expiring Bankrupt law. The West and South contributed more than half of the list.

William Gittner, Collector of Customs at Sitka, states that last season a small force of men made over \$250,000 by surface digging on the mountain sides in Alaska.

The election in the Ninth Congressional district of Indiana, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Orth, resulted in a triumph for the Republican candidate, Charles T. Doxey.

The National Tobacco Association has passed resolutions favoring a tax of 8 cents per pound on tobacco and \$3 per 1,000 on cigars, with a rebate equal to the reduction, to take effect May 1.

The Republican caucus of the members of the Illinois Legislature, on the fifth ballot nominated Gov. Shelby M. Cullom for United States Senator, in place of David Davis. His chief competitors were ex-Senator Oglesby and Commissioner Green B. Raum.

The Elections Committee of the House of Representatives will report in favor of seating Caine, the monogamous Mormon Delegate from Utah. By a vote of 6 to 4 they decided to end the Buchanan-Manning imbroglio in the Second Mississippi district by deciding the seat vacant.

The German Reichstag has been petitioned by 6,000 persons to enact a law closing commercial and industrial establishments on Sunday.

The police of Berlin broke up the largest public meeting of workmen held since the passage of the Socialist laws, because of objectionable sentiments uttered by Stosckel, a Jew-baiter.

John O'Brien has been tried at Cork for using intimidating language against land lords, and sentenced to two months in prison. Ex-suspects named Bodnutt and Gilho by were convicted of the same offense and similarly sentenced.

Edwin Booth inaugurated his Berlin engagement with "Hamlet." His impersonation created immense enthusiasm, and he was repeatedly called before the curtain.

The floods in Hungary forced 6,000 persons to abandon the town of Raab, and many were drowned in attempting to escape.

Michael Davitt, in a speech at Birkenhead, declared that the people of Ireland had had enough of futile agitation, and were going to fight it out this time.

Lady Florence Dixie has expended her relief fund of \$5,000 in relieving distress in the West of Ireland, and says that it has been the means of keeping the roofs over 20,000 persons. She claims that it is the

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duety of the Government and the Land League to help the people.

Lord Dufferin has informed the Egyptian Ministry that Great Britain withdraws from the treasury control, and suggests the appointment of a European financial adviser.

The depreciation of Irish crops in 1882, in consequence of bad weather, is placed at \$5,118,167. The loss on the potato yield alone is placed at \$4,317,687.

During a performance at a circus in Berdicheff, Russian Poland, fire broke out, and before the spectators could escape the whole structure was ablaze. Three hundred persons perished in the flames.

Michael Davitt's appearance on the platform at Oldham brought on a free fight. The mob drowned his words by noise, and made an attempt to storm the speaker's stand, but were repulsed with chairs in the hands of Davitt's friends. The police removed the disturbers.

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The multitude by this time had swelled to thousands, who stood in perfect awe, but few having self-possession and resolution enough to lend a helping hand on the canvases stretched out to receive those of the falling inmates of the burning pyramid. One man leaped down to the sidewalk 100 feet below. At first there were only Lieut. Rockwood, Detectives Riemann and Lewis, Officers O'Brien and Campbell, and a few *Semtex* men stretching the canvas,