

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

ADDITIONAL arrests are daily made of suspected conspirators in London.

MAYOR HARRISON, of Chicago, has asked the heads of all his departments to resign.

It seems that the so-called "renegades" of the Mexican border are not Indians, but smugglers.

THE volume of freight from Chicago East, within the past two weeks has fallen off 50 per cent.

JAMES ATHERTON, county treasurer of Oscoda county, Mich., is short in his accounts \$2,001.

THE rumored report that Mr. Merrick would retire from the Star Route trials is denied by that gentleman.

GEORGE SCHELLER, charged with setting fire to the Newhall House, Milwaukee, will have a preliminary hearing to-morrow.

THE Chicago painters will probably go on a strike Wednesday of this week. They demand an advance of from \$2.50 to \$3 per day.

MARTIN MANEU, a tollgate keeper on Wyoming pike, near Owensville, Ky., and three of his children, were drowned in a freshet in Prickley Ash Creek.

IMMIGRATION to the Northwest has set in a month earlier than usual, and the volumes of people seeking homes in that cold territory now will average ten thousand a week.

TOBIAS NETHERLAND was killed and Postmaster Ranking severely shocked by a stroke of lightning at Jasper, Tenn., Sunday. Two horses were also instantly killed.

TEN thousand people yesterday witnessed a game of base ball between the St. Louis and Springfield clubs, of the Northwestern League. The St. Louis club won by a score of 4 to 0.

A WAR is imminent between the Cherokees and Creek nations. The Creeks have made a law authorizing themselves to kill all Cherokee cattle coming over the line, and its enforcement is creating a disturbance.

W. A. ROOD, of Saratoga, aged fourteen years, was showing a younger brother how people were hanged, using himself as a subject, and sure enough he did hang himself. The younger brother understands how it is done.

It is shown that nearly all the fine wines, or imported wines, which Americans consume under high sounding foreign names, are the worst kind imitations so well adulterated that they can not be distinguished by taste from the genuine.

News from Washington indicates a disposition on the part of Assistant Secretary New to resign his position because the President failed to appoint him Postmaster General. Mr. New feels the slight keenly.

THE fellow Prince, who, in St. Louis, impersonated a United States detective and arrested a man named McKinna, took him to a hotel, and, under pretense of examining him, robbed him of \$150, and then left him, has been sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

GEN. SHERMAN will start upon his last inspection of the army posts in June. He will be accompanied by Chief Justice Waite, Justice Gray, Gen. Tidball and Col. Bacon. They will go through the Northern Territories, including the outposts of Alaska, and return by way of California and the Yellowstone Park.

A CABLEGRAM says that two large jars of nitro-glycerine have reached Cork from Glasgow, addressed to O'Herrily. The police have discovered a quantity of explosives freshly buried in a field at Kainap, near Cork. Two carboys of nitro-glycerine have been lying at the Clyde Shipping Company's stores in London since the 4th inst. They are consigned by a Glasgow firm to O'Herrily.

THE Southern Indiana Teachers' Association closed a successful annual session at Washington Saturday, fully 200 members being present. The next meeting will be held at Jeffersonville, commencing April 5, 1884. The officers for the ensuing year are: A. M. Sweeney, of Jasper, President; Miss Annie Sanford, of Washington, Secretary; C. D. Bogart, of North Vernon, Treasurer; D. S. Kelly, of Jeffersonville, Chairman of Executive Committee.

Immigration to the Northwest.

ST. PAUL, MINN., April 9.—The tide of immigration to the Northwest has set in at least a month earlier than in former years, and thus far has surpassed anything ever known. All roads to the Northwest are taxed to their utmost capacity, and the freight yards and side tracks are filled with cars of immigrants and movables en route to Minnesota, Dakota and Manitoba. Ten thousand passengers are received here per week and forwarded to Northwestern points by way of the Northern Pacific and Manitoba lines.

A Practical Demonstration.

SARATOGA, N. Y., April 9.—William A. Rood, aged fourteen, accidentally hung himself at Greenfield Center yesterday. The inquest to-day disclosed the fact that he had been making a practical demonstration of the manner in which executions are conducted for the information of a younger brother.

AN ACTRESS' TROUBLES

Serious Threats Held Over the Head of Mary Anderson.

Ten Thousand Dollars Demanded as the Price to Prevent a Picture of Her Nude Form Being Shown Broad-cast Over the Country.

PITTSBURG, PA., April 9.—A deeply laid plot to blackmail and injure the character of Mary Anderson, the great actress, has just been made public at police headquarters in this city. The particulars in brief are as follows: A few weeks ago the Chief of Police of Pittsburg received a letter from Dr. Hamilton Griffin, step-father of Mary Anderson. It set forth that some time previously, he had gotten a communication through the mail from Dr. George H. Marshall, of Pittsburg, accompanied by a pen printed letter. The letter purported to be an advertisement for the sale of a lot of pictures of Miss Anderson's nude form. Dr. Marshall, in his letter, explained to Dr. Griffin that he had come into possession of the pen-printed letter and had, by investigation, found that certain parties had made a large number of the obscene photographs and proposed to cast them to the public everywhere unless Mary Anderson and her family gave \$10,000. To Marshall's letter Dr. Griffin paid no attention, and in a few weeks he received a second note from him, again warning of the scheme, adding that he only told him of it because of the courtesy that should exist between physicians. Upon receipt of this letter, Dr. Griffin forwarded all the correspondence to the chief of police in Pittsburg, asking him to investigate its truth. The chief wrote back referring the doctor to Major Montooth, a prominent attorney here. A hitch subsequently occurred between the doctor and lawyer about fees, and the chief's aid was again sought. Dr. Griffin, writing that he was not able to handle the case because of a want of jurisdiction, instructed that it should be placed in the hands of the State or United States officials. The result was that to-day the whole matter was placed in the hands of the postoffice detectives or special agents at this city for a thorough investigation. Dr. Marshall has a bad record here. He was only released from the penitentiary six months ago, where he served a term for abortion.

INDIANA TEACHERS.

Close of a Successful Session of the Southern Indiana Association.

WASHINGTON, IND., April 9.—The Southern Indiana Teachers' Association closed its sixth annual session in this city Saturday. The session was attended by over two hundred teachers, among whom were some of the leading educators of the State. Papers were read by Professors D. S. Jordan, of the State University; James G. May, of Salem, aged seventy-eight; D. S. Kelly, Superintendent of the Jeffersonville schools; Howard Sandison, of the State Normal; John L. Campbell, of Wabash College; Miss Kate Huron, of the Danville Normal; D. M. Geeting, County Superintendent of Daviess county; and Hamlet Allen, Principal of the Washington High School. Professor C. E. McVay, of Cincinnati, gave experiments in natural philosophy, and Hon. E. E. White, ex-Superintendent of Public Instruction of Ohio, later President of Purdue University at Lafayette, delivered a sterling address on "Life." This was the most successful session the association has ever held. The next meeting will be held at Jeffersonville, commencing April 5, 1884. The officers for the ensuing year are: A. M. Sweeney, of Jasper, President; Miss Annie Sanford, of Washington, Secretary; C. D. Bogart, of North Vernon, Treasurer; D. S. Kelly, of Jeffersonville, Chairman of Executive Committee.

A Family Drowned Near Owingsville, Kentucky.

OWINGSVILLE, KY., April 9.—Martin Maneu, tollgate keeper on the Wyoming pike, near this place, and three of his children were drowned last night. There was a sudden freshet in Prickley Ash creek and he had no time to remove his family. The destruction of property along Prickley Ash is immense. For five miles down the creek there are not a dozen panels of fence left standing on either side, and in many places huge quantities of rock and gravel are left on the land.

Chicago Painters Planning a Strike.

CHICAGO, April 9.—Two hundred journeymen painters met yesterday to discuss a proposed strike for an advance from \$2.50 to \$3 per day. In order to perfect the organization of a Painters' Co-operative Union, an adjournment was taken to Wednesday, when no doubt the strike will be ordered. Great indignation was expressed by the men at the discovery that the bosses were issuing cards to men upon leaving a job, which bear certain cabalistic signs understood by all the bosses, and which prevent the men from receiving the highest wages.

SYSTEMATICALLY DOSED

With Bogus Wines—The French Government's Exposure of Its Dealers' Tricks.

NEW YORK, April 8.—The Philadelphia Press has drawn editorial attention to the recent expose made by the French Government of the tricks of the French wine trade, and a widespread sensation among those who have been priding themselves upon their exclusive use of imported wines is the result. The Press says: Foreign dealers have turned upon the French Government for its recent exposure of the tricks of the wine trade. Careful scientific analysis, recently made throughout all the exporting entrepôts of France, have shown that not a drop of pure wine of the Burgundy or Bordeaux market is now sent out to American consumers. Supplementing the government tests, we have had reports of the most exhaustive description from our own and foreign consuls, corroborating every charge of the French commission. But as Burgundy and Bordeaux retain precedence in the markets, the great houses of Macon, Rheims and Bordeaux have unhesitatingly placed their trade-mark upon all sorts of decoctions. Our home dealers soon became apprised of the condition of things, and, going a step farther, they have labeled home wines with the highest stamp of the Burgundy and Bordeaux vineyards, and sell millions of gallons under the fraudulent device. The French dealers have united to protest against the Government's exposure of the fabricated wines, and it is not unlikely that the subject will be smoothed over by suspension of the labors of the committee. Americans, however, have had ample warning. Most of the wine drunk in this country is either the direct product of our home vineyards, or it is a thinly disguised mixture of the strong liquors of the South, where such delicate flavor and bouquet as are marked essentials of the French wines are unknown. The extent to which this shameless traffic has been carried should have the effect of establishing American wine permanently upon every table where wine is used. For while our red and white wines lack the delicate bouquet and fine finish of the French, they are incomparably superior to the Spanish yield. The truth is there is a good deal of sham and snobbery in the business of wine drinking, as in fashions of other sorts. Millions of bottles of champagne with the labels of famous cellars are sold and drunk in this country, which cannot possibly be the product of the plains of Champagne. Even the fine brands of cognac conceal a well understood adulteration, which removes the best product of France from its ancient superiority. American dealers lose in the end by encouraging this dishonest system, because they virtually close the market to the many excellent wines we are now producing in this country.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEW

A Strong Probability That He Will Resign Soon.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Assistant Secretary New arrived here yesterday from Indianapolis, and last night he received several callers at his rooms at the Willard. The papers here say he intends resigning his position as Assistant Secretary, and that he feels the cut given him by Gresham's appointment very keenly. Said one of his most intimate friends yesterday: "I have no doubt Mr. New will resign his position in the Treasury. He is just the man to do it, and with due respect to his dignity I shall advise him to do it." "How soon?" I asked. "Not until this breeze quiets down. But I would not be at all surprised if he should resign to-morrow, although I do not anticipate it under a month. He is the kind of man to resent a cut of this kind, and he is not afraid to speak of it either; he is 'out and out' himself. I don't believe there's a Republican of prominence in the State, not even excepting Gresham himself, but that believes in his own mind that Mr. New has not been fairly treated by the Administration. He was the first man of prominence in Indiana to espouse the Arthur cause, and he took the position he now occupies with the promise of getting a Cabinet office. Never mind, there will be a day of reckoning."

National Land League Convention.

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—The Central Union, composed of delegates from the various branches in Philadelphia of the Land League, met yesterday to arrange for the National Convention, which will be held here on the 26th inst. The Executive Committee was instructed to issue a call for a public meeting to arrange for a banquet to be tendered to Mr. Parnell upon his arrival here to attend the convention. A dispatch was read from James Mooney, President of the National Land League, questioning the accuracy of the cablegrams which had declared that Parnell would not attend the convention. This was greeted with applause. Many tickets have already been sold for the reception to Mr. Parnell, to be given in the Academy of Music on the 27th inst. It was resolved to invite Governor Pattison to preside at this reception.

THE GREENVILLE HORROR.

Thirteen Lives Lost in the Hotel Fire at Greenville, Texas—Notes and Incidents.

GALVESTON, April 9.—A dispatch from Greenville gives the following particulars of the disaster on Friday night: When the hotel fell the shrieks and cries from the inmates, who were crushed in the ruins, were appalling, but the fire, which at once started in the ruins, spread rapidly and soon all cries were hushed, the flames having done their deadly work. The following were either killed outright or burned to death in the ruins: Mrs. Pruitt, proprietress of the hotel; George Pruitt, a crippled son of Mrs. Pruitt; Louis Albert, burned alive; F. D. N. Reilly, contractor, crushed; Frank West, crushed; R. H. Neal, Miss Lou Davis, J. E. Ford, Mr. Hill and four negro servants. The above named were buried in the ruins, and it was utterly impossible to render assistance to those who were not killed instantly. A few lumps of charred flesh and bones, representing the remains of human beings have been recovered. The following inmates of the hotel were injured: W. D. Pruitt, badly mangled; Dr. Turner, probably fatally crushed; M. G. Mars, bruised. The slightly injured are D. C. Bell, K. N. Denton, Tom Victores, Louis Morris, Charles Brownell, Percy Cox, W. T. McClure, and Fred. Ende, wife, two daughters, and servant. Dr. Turner lay beneath the timbers until they burned in ruin and released him. Mr. Denton escaped death by a second falling of walls, which released him. One man cut his throat when he found the flames burning him. The cause of the calamity is uncertain. It is thought that an explosion of powder in Armstead's hardware store blew out the west wall, causing the entire building to fall. The adjoining buildings were destroyed. Mr. D. Pruitt raved like a maniac when he knew of his mother's horrible death, and it required several strong men to save him from plunging headlong into the flames. A telegram was sent to Sherman for a fire engine, which came at the speed of a mile a minute, arriving at daylight. For six hours it poured a stream of water into the flames, but too late to save any lives.

Schaefer and Vignaux to Do a Little Hippodroming.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 9.—Just now excitement is running high in the sporting world; billiards is the thing. Mr. J. W. McCullagh has completed all arrangements for the match game of billiards between Jacob Schaefer and Maurice Vignaux, which will take place in Masonic Hall on Friday evening next. The table will be placed in the center of the hall, and seats will be built around it in amphitheatre style, so that every spectator will have a full view of the game. McCullagh stated this morning that it will be no exhibition affair, but an actual match. Schaefer and Vignaux have expressly stipulated that they would not play unless it was settled that the winner got all the gate money, less actual expenses. Mr. McCullagh was further required to guarantee that this sum would reach \$500. Vignaux is anxious to get even with Schaefer, and as this will be the first meeting after the tournament, each will play as hard as he can. The game will be 1,500 points, straight billiards, French caroms. Schaefer's recent victory makes him the favorite among the betting men, but where odds are given they are very small. After playing here Vignaux will go to Cincinnati, playing there three days.

MORMONS IN CONFERENCE.

Nearly Every State in the Union Represented by Delegates at Kirtland.

KIRTLAND, O., April 9.—The great Mormon Conference is being held here. Nearly every State in the Union is represented by delegates, and England, Scotland and Wales by letter. William Smith, brother of the founder, one of the original twelve apostles, and the oldest Mormon now living is here. The reports from the different missionary fields have been submitted. They show that nearly four hundred converts were made in the United States and Canada during the past year. The officials are much pleased. They say that opposition and persecution are things of the past. The missionary delegates will ask for help in the shape of men ordained by the Church. They claim that there never was a more auspicious time in the history of Mormonism than the present, and that lack of ministers alone prevents great accessions to the Church. They assert that men and women are becoming intensely interested in the subject. Social ostracism, which exists in some localities, is fast wearing off. Joseph Smith preached last Sunday and hundreds came to hear him. A memorial will be presented to Congress, expressing the earnest desire of these Mormons that it use every possible means to crush out polygamy in Congress. It is understood that ostensibly the gathering is for the interchange and exposition of Mormon doctrine and the more perfect organization of the Church. The chief motive is the establishment of a Mormon college at Kirtland. Joseph Smith preached last Sunday and hundreds came to hear him. A memorial will be presented to Congress, expressing the earnest desire of these Mormons that it use every possible means to crush out polygamy in Congress. It is understood that ostensibly the gathering is for the interchange and exposition of Mormon doctrine and the more perfect organization of the Church. The chief motive is the establishment of a Mormon college at Kirtland.

A County Treasurer Under Suspicion.

EAST SAGINAW, MICH., April 9.—On the night of March 16, James Atherton, Treasurer of Oscoda county, arrived here from Detroit and claimed to have lost his pocket book containing \$1,000. He offered a reward of \$500 for its recovery, and said that of the amount lost all but \$500 was county funds. When he reached home suspicion was aroused at the conflicting stories he had told, and the matter was investigated. He claimed that the money lost was drawn from the American National Bank of Detroit, when in fact he drew no money there, but paid \$17 to balance an account which was overdrawn to that amount. The Board of Supervisors rejected his bond, declared the office vacant, and appointed a successor. The prosecuting attorney says that Atherton is short to the county \$2,001, and will be arrested on Monday and be charged with embezzlement.

General Sherman's Tour.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—General Sherman will some time in June start upon his last tour of inspection of the army posts. He will not be accompanied by ladies on this trip, as he has hitherto been, as it will be too rough for ladies. Sometimes the party will travel on horses, sometimes on mules, and sometimes in rough wagon roads. Chief Justice Waite, Justice Gray, and General Tidball, and Colonel Bacon, of the General's staff, will be of the party. They will go first to Detroit, and thence through the northern portions of all the territories, including the outposts in Alaska. In returning, they will visit California, and the Yellowstone Park. They will not start until after General Sherman has attended the graduating exercises at West Point.

Coming Trouble in Indian Territory.

VINITA, INDIAN TERRITORY, April 9.—It is learned to-day that a war is imminent between the Cherokee and Creek nations. The Creek council has passed a law confiscating all cattle belonging to Cherokee citizens living on the line between the two nations when these cattle stray over the line. The Cherokees have no such law, and its enforcement is creating a great disturbance, and will lead to open war. Chiefs Chicote and Busyhead are now engaged in exchanging formal notes and proclamations, and Spioche's followers and the would-be avenger of the death of Sleeping Rabbit are secretly arming.

Cotton Centennial Exposition.

VICKSBURG, MISS., April 9.—The National Cotton Planters' Association has advised that the Legislature of Arkansas has made an appropriation of \$2,000 for the purpose of a State exhibit at the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition, to be held under the association in 1884. This action of the Arkansas Legislature was taken without any solicitation from the association, and may be considered a prelude to what other States of the Union will do when called upon. The next meeting of the executive committee of the Cotton Planters' Association will be held on the 27th inst. when, it is thought, the above exposition will be definitely fixed.

Not Indians, But Smugglers.

DENVER, N. M., April 9.—The fact has been established to the satisfaction of army officers that the supposed band of Renegade Indians that crossed the Southern Pacific track west of Gage Station on Thursday noon, in reality, smugglers, Captain Thompson, of the 4th Cavalry, with a squad, camped on the trail of the alleged redskins, and reports that the suspicious band were smugglers from old Mexico. Smuggling is freely indulged in, and to such an extent that it has been found necessary to attach another mounted inspector to the custom house at Deming, therefore this explanation of the suspicious body of men who made warlike demonstrations toward a Southern Pacific track walker is generally accepted as correct.

Ten Years for Robbery.

LITTLE ROCK, April 9.—On the 8th of January last a man by the name of Prince, representing himself as a United States detective, arrested a man by the name of McKinna in this city, and took him to the Grand Central Hotel, and in a private room, under pretense of examining him, robbed him of \$150, locked him in the room, and started for the train. The police were on the watch for the conclusion of his operation, and finding him through and leaving arrested him, when he offered them the money to release him. They placed him in prison, and he was arraigned Saturday and pleaded guilty, throwing himself on the mercy of the court. He received ten years in the Penitentiary.

The Murder of Mrs. Carleton.

BOSTON, April 9.—The suit of clothes which Cunliff, suspected of the murder of Mrs. Carleton, threw into the Charles River was recovered, and has been given to a chemist for examination. It appears now that Clark, the informer, told several persons besides the police that Cunliff had confessed to him. To one he said that he had the piece of soap with which Cunliff washed the blood stains off his hands, and that he would not take \$50 for it. The police point out a number of inconsistencies in his story, but it seems incredible that he should tell such a story if it were not partly true.