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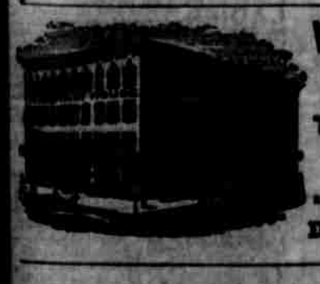

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## EPITOME OF THE WEEK.

### Interesting News Compilation.

### XLVIIIth Congress.

TUESDAY, Feb. 12.—Bills were introduced in the Senate to suspend the coinage of the standard silver dollar until June, 1886, and to receive trade dollars in small amounts for postage and revenue stamps; and to prohibit the assessment of Government officials and employes for political purposes. In the House bills were introduced—to retire or recoin the trade dollars; to provide for building the Michigan & Mississippi Canal, and to convert the three, four and four and one-half per cent. bonds into two and one-half per cents, paying a premium equal to the amount saved to the country.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 13.—In the Senate the McPherson bill to provide for the issue of circulating notes to National banks was advocated by Mr. Bayard as being in the line of absolute security. Mr. Sherman offered an amendment as to bonds bearing more than three per cent. interest. He said sentiment in Congress was hostile to the suspension of silver coinage or the adoption of a new ratio between the precious metals, and that a silver standard was casting its shadow upon the future. In the House a petition was presented for pensions to Union soldiers confined in Andersonville, Belle Isle or other Confederate prisons.

THURSDAY, Feb. 14.—A bill was passed in the Senate to make all public roads and highways post-routes. Mr. Logan introduced a bill to provide that honorably-discharged soldiers or sailors be preferred for appointment to civil offices. Mr. Beck handed in an act for the organization of Supreme Courts in the Territories. The McPherson bill relative to National bank circulation was debated. In the House Mr. McKinley presented a telegram from Cleveland recommending that the flood relief appropriation be increased to $1,000,000. A debate followed on the Mississippi contested-election case of Chalmers vs. Manning, but no action was taken.

FRIDAY, Feb. 15.—The session of the Senate was occupied in debating the bill to provide for the issue of circulating notes to National banks. Adjourned to the 18th. In the House the Chalmers-Manning election case was taken up, and a resolution declaring that Manning was entitled to a seat from Mississippi was defeated by a vote of 92 to 157. Adjourned to the 18th.

### From Washington.

ON the 13th the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington made the last delivery of one and two dollar notes warranted by the appropriations, and it was said there would be determined opposition in Congress to providing for any more small bills.

THE death of Colonel Edward Simms, aged ninety years, one of the defenders of the capital from the British in 1814, occurred at Washington a few nights ago. He had lived there since the foundation of the city.

THE National Union League has summoned a National Council to meet at Washington March 6.

DURING January, 1884, exports of breadstuffs were valued at $12,281,781, against $15,835,577 for the same time in 1883; for the seven months ended Jan. 31, 1884, $100,256,207; for the same time last year, $133,680,133.

CONGRESS on the 14th had bills before it asking the appropriation of $10,000,000 for the erection of eighty-nine public buildings.

THE President has ordered the promotion of Lieutenant Rhodes, of the revenue cutter Dexter, for heroic work at the wreck of the steamer City of Columbus.

THE House Committee on Appropriations, after a conference on the 14th with Secretary Lincoln, decided to report a bill for an additional sum of $500,000 for the flood sufferers.

THROUGHOUT the United States and Canada the business failures during the seven days ended on the 15th numbered 339, against 290 the previous week. The distribution was as follows: New England States, 34; Middle, 57; Western, 86; Southern, 45; Pacific States and Territories, 21; Canada and the Provinces, 66.

THE President on the 15th accepted the resignation of John C. New, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, to take effect immediately.

ON the 15th an additional appropriation of $200,000, making the total amount $500,000, for the relief of the flood sufferers, passed both houses of Congress and was signed by the President.

### The East.

SEVERAL prominent lawyers were implicated in a gigantic conspiracy which was unearthed in New York City on the 12th. It consisted in issuing false divorces and selling them throughout the country by confederates, the references and the Judge's name being forged.

BY a coasting accident at Biddeford, Me., a few evenings ago Henry Colbroth was killed and several other men were badly injured.

ON the 13th General Sheridan arrived in New York to have a conference with General Grant. The latter was still forced to use crutches to get about his home.

Two boys from Berlin, Ont., arrested the other day at Niagara Falls, carried three loaded revolvers and a book relating the adventures of Frank and Jesse James.

A BAND of nine counterfeiters, some of whom were looked upon as respectable citizens, were captured in Kentucky on the 13th by Government detectives.

IT was reported on the 13th that nonunion miners were being visited at night in the district about Shaners, Pa., by masked bands, after the Molly Maguire fashion, and warned to leave. Some of the men were terror-stricken, and the operators would apply to the Sheriff to stop the nocturnal visitations.

THE heaviest fog ever known in New York City prevailed on the afternoon of the 13th, and so dense was it that persons could not distinguish buildings across the street. Only four ferries were running, and ocean steamships were tied up in slips.

MRS. CARRIE VANDERGRIFT, of Burlington, N. J., the wife of a wealthy coal dealer, was met in her yard a few days ago by an unknown man, who threw the contents of a vial of vitriol in her face, destroying her eyesight. The cause for the horrid deed was unknown.

THE arrest of three attendants at the State Lunatic Asylum at Utica, N. Y., took place on the 13th, on the charge of causing the death by violence of Evan D. Hughes, a patient.

BARBARA MIZER (colored) was fatally shot by Louisa Powell (colored) at Philadelphia on the 13th. Each received a comic valentine, and each accused the other of being the sender.

THOMAS SIMS, of unsound mind, informed his mother the other day at Whitehaven, Pa., that in a dream he had been commanded to Bloom. He then walked to the high bridge at Rockville, passed off and was horribly mangled.

MOSES and Jackson Lewis, colored, were killed by a boiler explosion at a saw-mill near Lewisburg, Ky., the latter's two sons and a daughter being scalded to death.

A SCHEME was made on the 14th to immediately resume work in seventy-two coal-pits in Pennsylvania, thus giving employment to eight thousand idle men.

WENDELL PHILLIPS's will, recently made public, conveys his entire estate, valued at $250,000, to his widow and adopted daughter.

THE lumber district at Albany, N. Y., was flooded by an ice gorge on the 15th, and many streets in the lower section of the city were submerged.

THE O'Neil wagon-shops at Cortland N. Y., valued at $100,000, were burned recently.

### West and South.

IT was reported on the 12th that since the subsidence of the flood at Powhattan, W. Va., sand and water were thrown high in the air at intervals in geyser fashion. The phenomenon attracted much attention.

THE Virginia Legislature has, by a strict party vote, passed a Congressional Apportionment bill which gives eight districts to the Democrats and two to the Coalitionists.

THE soldiers' barracks at Fort Sully, Dak., were destroyed by fire on the 12th, and the troops were compelled to camp out while the thermometer registered twenty-five degrees below zero.

IN the case of Frederick M. Ker, the Chicago defaulter, Judge Dickey, of the Illinois Supreme Court, on the 13th granted a supersedeas, and a hearing will be had in March.

A HEAVY snow-storm prevailed throughout Minnesota during the three days ended on the 13th, and the mercury ranged from twenty to thirty degrees below zero. Travel by rail and otherwise was almost entirely suspended.

AN order for a ten per cent. reduction in the wages of machine molders was withdrawn on the 13th by the Pittsburgh mill-owners, thus averting a strike.

AT Adrian, Minn., the body of Martin Riley, a farmer, was found murdered in a straw-stack on the 13th. His son, aged fifteen years, who had disappeared, was supposed to have committed the crime.

THE thermometer registered forty-five degrees below zero at Halleck, Nev., on the 13th, the coldest ever known in that section.

ON the night of the 12th an aged couple, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Wilson, of Winnetka, Ill., were murdered by some one unknown. Mr. Wilson was nearly eighty years of age. Mrs. Wilson had for years been confined to her bed with paralysis. The venerable couple were believed to have considerable money in the house. Mr. Wilson was a highly respected citizen, a native of New Hampshire, and the last of a family of ten brothers.

JASPER SHEARIS, of Danville, Ky., was shot and robbed recently by his brother-in-law, George W. Rawley. By feuds in the family for the past thirty years ten persons have lost their lives.

UNDER different aliases two men secured sixty-seven complete suits of clothes and seventeen pairs of shoes from the Relief Committee at Wheeling, W. Va. They were arrested on the 11th for fraud.

THE failure is reported of L. D. Mowry & Son, cotton factors at Charleston, S. C., with liabilities of $150,000.

ON the 14th ten Mormon proselytes, five of whom were girls, from Cleveland County, N. C., passed through Atlanta, Ga., en route for Utah.

THE marriage of Captain Paul Boyton, the noted swimmer, to Miss Maggie Conley, took place in Chicago on the 14th.

A STAGE-COACH, filled with passengers, was on the 14th reported lost in the mountains of Colorado. The snow was ten feet deep on the level.

BURGLARS the other night stole one of the most comprehensive coin collections in the United States from the office of Dr. H. C. Brainard, of Cleveland, O.

INVESTIGATION into the causes of the election riot at Danville, Va., was commenced on the 15th at Washington, the first witness being a colored policeman who was a spectator of the bloody work.

GEORGE EMERY, the engineer at the Hoosier Flouring-Mills in Indianapolis, was caught by the shaft of the fly-wheel a few mornings ago and whipped to a frightful death.

THE Trinity River overflowed on the 14th and submerged a section of Dallas, Tex., and a rise at Elm Fork flooded the country for miles between Denton and Dallas. Five miles of trestling on the Missouri Pacific Road had been washed away.

A FEW days ago A. M. Chadwick, County Judge at Omaha, Neb., dropped dead on the street from apoplexy while on his way to attend a wedding at Trinity Cathedral.

WHILE cleaning a revolver a few days ago Edward Gordon, of Bellefontaine, O., shot his wife near the left ear, inflicting a fatal wound.

A LARGE grain elevator owned by Fred Norton, at Jonesboro, Ind., was destroyed by fire a few evenings ago.

THE suspension was announced on the 14th of Mr. Bradley, Collector of Customs at Emerson, Manitoba, for the embezzlement of large sums.

AT Parkersburg, W. Va., David C. Keller, pilot of the Scioto, sunk in collision near Mingo Junction, July 4, 1882, fifty-four lives being lost, was found guilty on the 14th of voluntary manslaughter, but recommended to mercy.

THE Chicago Young Men's Christian Association Employment Bureau reported on the 15th thirty thousand to forty thousand men and boys unable to procure work, which was twenty per cent. more than usual. The applicants came from every walk in life.

NEAR Marietta, O., W. R. Miller was found murdered on the 15th, and his wife and brother were arrested for the crime. It was said the woman threatened to kill her husband because she loved his brother.

A RECENT registration of voters at Norfolk, Va., showed 2,935 colored and 2,922 white voters.

MRS. CARRIE HUNTER, the young and beautiful wife of James M. Hunter, a wealthy stock-raiser residing near Rogersville Junction, Tenn., was shot and instantly killed while sitting near a window on the evening of the 15th. Who committed the crime, and for what cause, was unknown.

A FEW days ago the wife of Rivens Percefield, living near Bloomington, Ind., left her little daughter alone in a room with an open fire place, and when she returned the child was lying on the floor burned to death.

MISS EMMA ROGERS, of Chattanooga, Tenn., a beautiful girl aged twenty years, was fatally burned the other night by her clothes catching fire from a grate. She had been nursing a sick brother for a week, and being overcome with sleep sat down near the fire.

AS ABOUT one-half of a flock of six thousand sheep on the Dakota bed lands, owned by Marquis Demores, have died this winter, the belief was expressed on the 15th that they were poisoned by his enemies.

FRIDAY morning of the 15th the rear wall of two adjoining buildings in Pearl street, Cincinnati, used as boarding houses, and occupied by thirty-five persons, fell with terrible crash. Fifteen persons were killed and many others more or less injured. The dead are all Germans except one.

AVERSE of the Hikatats that the Indians were starving at the Poplar Creek and Wolf Point agencies, in Dakota.

SPECULATIONS by John B. Rappe, President of the Central Bank of Upper Sandusky, O., caused the failure of that institution on the 16th, with liabilities of $130,000.

THOMAS BENTON was hanged on the 15th at Plaquemines, La., and some of the women in the assemblage shrieked and many fainted.

JOHN BEATTY was attempting recently to convey his wife and three children and two young ladies named Weatherford across the Lackwater near Newburg, Tenn., on the Tennessee River, when the skiff was dashed against a log by the current and upset, and Mrs. Beatty and all the children and one of the young ladies were drowned.

TREASURER MASON, of Jay County, Ind., was on the 15th reported to be a defaulter to the amount of $46,000, and suit had been commenced against his bondsmen.

### Foreign Intelligence.

THE death is announced of John Hutton Balfour, of London, the distinguished British botanist and physician, at the age of seventy-six years.

LONDON advices of the 11th state that Captain Gardner and seven men of the bark Champion, from Baltimore for Hamburg, were washed overboard during a gale. The remainder of the crew were rescued by the steamer Sirocco, after being in the rigging four days without food, and badly frost-bitten.

ADVICES of the 12th state that the recent massacre of over two hundred and fifty Christians by the Chinese occurred in the province of Phanhoa instead of at Tonquin, as previously reported.

ON the 12th Tewfik Bey, commanding at Sinkat, preferring death to surrender, spiked his guns, blew up the fortifications and made a sortie, when the Mehdi's forces slew Tewfik and six hundred men, entered the town and destroyed the garrison. Seven British men-of-war had been ordered to Egyptian waters, and infantry and cavalry would be sent from Suez to Suakim as soon as possible.

AN earthquake a few days ago wrecked several buildings at Bitlis, Asiatic Turkey.

A FARMER was stabbed on the highway near New Ross, Ireland, on the 12th, and then had his throat cut.

A DISPATCH of the 13th states that the Chinese had massacred over fifty Christians in the neighborhood of Hue and the mission-house was demolished. Bands were pillaging and murdering and crying: "Death to the Christians!" The vicarate of Eastern Cochin China was endangered. Christians in the vicinity of Tourane were fleeing to Puinhoin, hoping to find the French there.

AT Dundee, Scotland, seven persons were drowned a few days ago by the upsetting of a boat.

MR. GLADSTONE was seized by the collar on the 14th by a ruffian on the streets of London and roughly shaken. The assailant escaped and had not been apprehended.

A MASS of ice near the Caspian Sea, upon which some fishermen were working, was on the 14th said to have been carried out to sea, and all the fishermen were believed to have been drowned.

A DESPERATE fight occurred the other day near Matamoras between a party of Mexican custom officers and a band of smugglers, in which two of the latter were killed and two of the former were badly wounded. Dry goods of the value of $8,000 were seized.

AT Arequipa, Peru, a waterspout a few days ago caused the drowning of several persons and great damage to property.

AT Madrid the other day the commercial treaty between Spain and the United States, to go into effect March 1, was signed.

IN London a few days ago the Lord Mayor presided at a mass meeting which passed resolutions condemning the Egyptian policy of the Government as having caused the sacrifice of thousands of lives.

IN the recent outbreak at Sinkat two hundred women and an unknown number of children were massacred by Soudan rebels.

A COMPANY has been formed in London under the provisions of the Irish Tramways act to purchase estates, relieve overcrowded districts and encourage fixed residence.

THE Judge and other officials of Monastier, on the Albanian frontier, in Greece, were captured by brigands on the 15th.

### LATER.

AS the floods recede it becomes evident that in many quarters the damage wrought has been vastly greater than supposed. Many houses that still stand are unsafe and will have to be torn down. In not a few towns whole streets have been swept bare of houses or completely wrecked. Another large building collapsed in Cincinnati within a few hours after the people had removed from it. It will require two more days for the railroad companies to get at their tracks to make repairs in the city. The river is falling for some distance below Louisville. Relief measures are being vigorously pushed.

GENERAL GORDON has reached Khartoum.

IT is announced that Geo. C. Gorham will retire from politics and journalism.

ADMIRAL CARR GLYNN, the man to whom Adelaide Neilson willed her property, is dead.

ARCHBISHOP FEEHAN arrived in Chicago on the 17th from Rome. He was given a royal reception.

FRED. DOUGLAS seems to have settled down to housekeeping quietly. His former housekeeper has changed her mind about suing him.

FATHER JAMES J. RYAN, formerly a well-known Catholic priest of St. Louis, Mo., but recently of Shenandoah, Ia., died at that place the morning of the 17th.

THE Soudan rebels under Osman Digna are preparing a warm welcome for the Egyptian troops, in the same locality where Baker Pasha and Colonel Moncrief met their fate.

MEXICO will add five per cent. to import duties on the 15th of May.

THE New York banks held at the close of business on the 16th, $28,011,600 in excess of legal requirements.

THE Bey of Tunis has given permission for the French engineers to let the sea water into the desert.

TEN freight conductors on the Boston & Albany Road, have been arrested, charged with robbing freight cars.

A GENERAL strike of railroad coal miners in the Pittsburgh region is apprehended on account of a half cent reduction in wages.

THE Knights of Labor have presented to the Dominion Parliament a protest against contract passages for emigrants to Canada.

A MINNEAPOLIS (Minn.) family of six persons contracted trichinosis from eating pork. One of the victims died and it was thought the rest probably would.

THE Exhibition of Pesth, the hottest place in Hungary, is in ruins.

### SOUTHERN GLEANINGS.

W. A. Nunnery, of Kershaw County, S. C., has been sentenced to ten months in the Penitentiary for changing a $1 National Bank note into a $10 note.

In Austin, Tex., a few evenings since, John Gardner, a tinner, who was amusing himself by firing into D. A. Schmidt's dwelling was fatally wounded by Schmidt.

At the Devil's Glen on the Chattahoochie River, Ga., a few days ago, a man who had kidnaped two children of Jacob C. Worthington, a wealthy turpentine farmer of Madison, Fla., was shot dead while resisting arrest. The children are safe.

Emigration from South Carolina to Texas and Florida is said to have been quite general among the negroes throughout the former State for some time. One party of eighty-two colored men went from Barnwell to work at railroad construction.

John Yonker, a man fifty years of age and a German by birth, committed suicide at Austin, Tex., a few days ago by taking poison. No cause for the act is known.

Noah Jackson, convicted in East Carroll Parish, La., of the murder of Emma Jacks, will be hanged March 7. Wm. Moore, of St. Marys Parish, who escaped a short time before the day fixed for his execution and was recaptured, had the 20th inst. set for his execution.

A resolution was introduced in the Mississippi Legislature providing that members should not travel on anything without paying, except on a mule. Its consideration was indignantly postponed.

A severe hurricane passed over portions of Texas a few days ago. It was followed by a decided fall in temperature.

The Farmers' and Dairymen's Convention met at Jacksonville, Tenn., recently, and had present 300 delegates from the Northwestern States. Much interest was felt in the proceedings.

Miss M. A. Lucas, of Chester County, S. C., has brought suit against James F. Ferguson, claiming $20,000 for breach of promise of marriage. The trial, which takes place next month, will be the third of the kind in the State.

A Merchants' Exchange committee of Dallas, Tex., had raised $4,000 of a $10,000 fund guaranteed for the Cattle Men's Convention in that city.

Memorial services in honor of Wendell Philips were held, a few nights ago, in Galveston, Tex.

W. Emanuel, a broker, of Atlanta, Ga., is under arrest for alleged crooked dealing with his patrons.

The Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, at its recent session, at Jacksonville, Tenn., gave a banquet, at which nearly 300 were present.

Eight counterfeiters were arrested a few days ago in Louisville, Ky. They had been passing spurious silver dollars and half dollars.

L. D. Mowry & Son, cotton factors, Charleston, S. C., have suspended. Liabilities, $150,000.

The Rawley family, of Boyle County, Kentucky, has within thirty years figured in affrays in which ten men were killed. The feud with the Shearins resulted a few days since in the shooting of one of that family by George W. Rawley.

Aaron Parrott, a faro dealer, while standing in front of the Crockford Saloon in Sherman, Tex., a few days ago, was shot and dangerously wounded by George Burgis, proprietor. Domestic trouble is said to be at the bottom of the affair.

Dr. J. W. Drake shot and instantly killed John A. Scarboro, at Clapp's Factory near Columbus, Ga., a few days ago. The killing appears to have been in self-defense.

Dennis Reed, while trying to cross Waller Creek, at Austin, Tex., which was greatly swollen by recent rains, was, with the horse he was riding, swept down by the torrent and drowned.

In Brown County, Ala., a few days ago, Fred Plattenburg of Selma shot W. J. Robinson, a horse drover, from Murfreesboro, killing him instantly. The men never met until a few minutes before the shooting. Plattenburg refused to lend Robinson's friend $2. All were drinking.

Three fence-cutters have recently been captured in Edwards County, Tex. One confessed. He says there were six in the band. The rangers who made the arrests were after the other three.

S. F. Jones, a patient confined at the Anchorage Insane Asylum, Louisville, Ky., committed suicide a few days ago by hanging himself with a towel. One end of the towel was secured to the grating which barricades a window of his room, and the other he tied tightly around his neck. He then stepped off of the sill of the window and was strangled to death before he was discovered by the attendant.

Henry Booth was arrested a few nights ago by the watchman for attempting to saw away the piles supporting the new bridge over Sunflower River at Rolling Fork, Miss., on the L., N. O. & T. R. R. It seems that the culprit desired to saw the bridge timbers in such a manner that the structure would fall when a train ran on it. It is said that the man was instigated by interested parties, who claim that the bridge obstructs navigation. He was held to answer.

Frank Fries, for many years in the employ of the Wells-Fargo Express Company at San Antonio, Tex., as money clerk, has disappeared. His safe has been broken open and accounts and cash found all right. He was last seen on the main plaza at night alone. He was of a retiring disposition, of temperate habits and very powerful build. The generally accepted theory is that he was murdered to obtain possession of his safe key, which he carried with him. He was also known to keep large sums of money on his person. Some papers belonging to him were found on the bank of the river and the water was dragged. He was of a fine family, well known in San Antonio, and one of the most popular and influential young men in the city.

Vitriol fiends have invaded Atlanta.

South Carolina runs 195,112 cotton spindles and 5,652 looms, producing manufactured goods annually to the value of $9,000,000. Other mills are soon to be built adding 35,000 spindles and 740 looms. Upwards of 5,000 hands find employment in the mills.

Religious statistics from Atlanta, Ga., show the total valuation of church property in that city to be about $1,600,000. Two white churches pay pastors salaries of $3,000. Among the colored churches one pastor gets a salary of $1,200, two get $1,000, and several get $500.

A post-office has been opened at Gaston, formerly East Dallas, Tex.

William G. Russell, G. and Thomas J. Gregory, charged with the homicide of John C. Copeland, in Lancaster County, S. C., and for the arrest of whom the Governor had offered rewards, have been captured. They were surrounded in the house of a relative before daylight, and surrendered without resistance.

Continued search for Mrs. D. C. Addoms, who disappeared from Galveston, Tex., about New Year, was being made, but no clue to her whereabouts could be found. Her husband, who is a prominent Knight Templar, and who is now in Galveston, is in great trouble.

### THE LIMIT REACHED.

*After Going Above Seventy-one Feet at Cincinnati, the Flood Commences to Slowly Subside—Scenes of Desolation in Its Track—The Terrible Condition of Thousands of Homeless Sufferers—A Glimpse of What is Being Done for Their Relief.*

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 21.

The flood reached its climax to-day—71 feet and 8 of an inch at noon. It remained stationary at that until two o'clock, when a decline was noticed. At 2:30 it had gone down half an inch, and since then has continued to decline—slowly, very slowly, but surely and steadily.

The news that the fall had begun was hailed with joy by every class of citizens. The city is in a terrible condition. Business is suspended in nearly all the wholesale houses and manufacturing establishments. As yet there has not been any great catastrophe in Cincinnati, but everybody is nervously apprehensive of one at any minute; unless the waters fall very gradually, it would seem almost impossible to escape without immense losses from warehouses and stores, filled with costly goods, crumbling and falling from their walls being weakened by the waters so long about them.

The situation at Newport, the second largest of our Kentucky suburbs, is much worse relatively than in Cincinnati. The waters have risen, till out of the 117 squares in the town eighty have been overflowed, over two-thirds of the town, and of the 18,000 inhabitants over 9,000 have been or are being afforded relief, mostly food.

When half a city is in such a condition the scenes of distress may be imagined. The distress and grief can only be pictured and hardly described. Looking over the vast territory now submerged naught but ruin and desolation can be seen. The terrific wind and rain storm last night laid waste many houses. The streets are now in many places blocked with houses, stables, porches, etc., making it very difficult for the relief boats to navigate. A reporter went through the flooded districts with a relief committee, and found people actually starving. As coffee, bread and meat were distributed to the poor sufferers they grabbed at the eatables in a dazed, half-famished manner that was heartrending to witness. Twenty houses were counted turned bottom upward. Ten thousand peple were given dinner at the soup-house to-day. Seven thousand loaves of bread, 2,000 pounds of meat, 1,500 gallons of soup and 1,000 gallons of coffee were distributed by the relief committees to-day.

In Covington the situation is not much worse than yesterday. The town stands much higher than Newport. About 1,000 people are being fed there.

At Dayton, Ky., by actual count, there are 315 houses submerged. Taking on an average seven people to a house, it makes over 2,000 homeless people.

On the Ohio side, Mill Creek Valley, at the west end of Cincinnati, presents a scene of the utmost desolation. Houses are inundated, some of them to the second story, and others submerged; stables and sheds are overturned; tops of freight cars protrude from submerged railroad tracks, and all kinds of rubbish and refuse is floating about.

At Lawrenceberg, Ind., over 500 houses have been swept away and upwards of 4,000 people are homeless. Fears of still greater damage are not unfounded, as the banks built to protect the city from an overflow of the Miami river have been broken down, and a resistless torrent of twelve to twenty feet of water is pouring through the heart of the city.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 14, 6 P. M.

The river continues to rise. The canal gauge registers forty-six feet, eighteen inches higher than at any time last year. The strong wind of last night caused the waves to do much damage in the submerged district. A great many houses have fallen or floated off. The water is still rising, though the ground is hard frozen, and this morning reached the cellar of the Board of Trade building, putting out the fire in the furnace. There is no likelihood of any further rain and the river is expected to be at a stand by morning.

Inch by inch the water has come up at Jeffersonville till nearly every street has disappeared. If the water continues to rise at the present rate, by noon Friday there will not be a dry spot in the town. Sights are the most appalling and distressing. Houses have caved in and hundreds of people are huddled together in some buildings. Many remain in second stories, shivering, suffering from dampness and cold, and in many cases hunger. The penitentiary is still out of water, but a little more water and the convicts will become flood sufferers with nowhere to go.

Utica, Ind., is almost out of sight. The inhabitants fled to the hills for safety. Clarksville is entirely depopulated.

INDIAN, O., Feb. 14.

Telegraphic communication was re-established to-day. Three-fourths of the town is under water, including the entire business portion. The water is seven feet higher than in 1883. Though it has fallen considerably, it is still above any known high water mark. Soup-houses are open, but are inadequate. Thousands are homeless and penniless. Every door is open, but there is not enough room. Frame houses are swept from their foundations and brick buildings crumbled into the water. At Ranging Rock but four houses are above water. Coryville has but two houses above the flood. Starvation stares thousands in the face. The iron mills have stopped, and many employes were destitute before the flood came.

GALLIPOLIS, O., Feb. 14.

The relief steamers Nora Bell and Montgomery returned from a trip down the river. They report the village of Athalia almost entirely swept away. In Millersport twenty or thirty houses are gone. At Proctorsville the water is in the second stories. Ceredo, West Virginia, lost $900,000 worth of lumber.

EVANSVILLE, IND., Feb. 14.

At Shawneetown the water is approaching the second story of the Riverside Hotel and steadily swelling. Officers of the last boat from there describe it as a scene of desolation equal to that of last year. No houses as yet have been moved from their foundations, but as the water swells the danger increases, and there is great dread of wind, which would inevitably do great damage. One hundred and twenty pens of corn in the water were counted on the Indiana side in a distance of ten miles below Henderson. It can not be reached. This represents 20,000 bushels, the loss on which will be at least 50 per cent.

MADISON, IND., Feb. 14.

The flood in the Ohio river at this point will probably reach its height to-morrow morning, two feet higher than the flood of last year. The damage to property in this city will be greater than last year on account of the additional height of the water.

LAWRENCEBURG, IND., Feb. 14.

A fearful windstorm last night added further desolation to the place by uprooting more houses. The losses on property can be safely placed at not less than $400,000. Nine inches more would have flooded the floor of the highest located house in the city. The cold weather, though welcome as stopping the rise, brings much suffering to the people in cars and other places not prepared for fires.

MADISON, IND., Feb. 14.

The river is still rising and is expected to reach its highest to-morrow. It is now two feet above last year. Seven houses were washed away to-day, and as many more from Milton, Ky., and others lost their foundations. It is estimated 5,000 people here are homeless and destitute.

MAYSVILLE, KY., Feb. 14.

The winds caused much damage here and at Aberdeen, Ky., last night by wrecking houses. The loss by the flood in this locality cannot be less than $500,000. It is snowing and freezing. The river rose five inches last night and came to a stand this morning. It has since fallen three inches. Fifteen hundred people are homeless.

ASHLAND, KY., Feb. 14.

There is genuine suffering here because many employes of the iron-works were thrown out of employment some time ago by the burning of the Kentucky Furnace. Now the flood has driven them from their homes. The river is receding.

### FACTS AND FIGURES.

—The skeleton measures one inch less than the height of the living man.

—During the year 1882 212 deaths occurred in North Adams, Mass. The same number happened in the year 1883.—*Troy Times.*

—The New York Young Men's Christian Association has a membership of 3,556, of whom 1,569 were added last year.—*N. Y. Sun.*

—Ontario has a total population of 1,544,820, of whom 609,218 are foreigners—185,456 being Irish—more in proportion than dwell in the United States.

—A couple of wheels in a machine shop at Scranton are said to be the largest in the world. Their combined weight is 124 tons. It cost $50,000 to make them.—*Philadelphia Press.*

—Of the 160 members of the New York Legislature, 85 were born in the counties they represent, 44 in other counties, 12 in other States, and 21 in foreign countries. The oldest man is Senator McCarthy, 70, and the youngest Assemblyman Hasbrouck, 24. There are 23 ex-soldiers in the list, against 14 last year.—*N. Y. Times.*

—The Cape Ann *Advertiser*, published at Gloucester, Mass., reports that during the eight years ended with 1883 the total loss of life among those engaged in the fisheries from that port was 998. During 1883 alone seventeen vessels and 209 lives were lost. The worst year in the sad history of the perilous business was 1873, when thirty-one vessels and 174 lives were sacrificed.

—The tea-drinkers of America form an army of no small proportions, judging by the statistics of teas imported. The total importations for the last four years were: 1880, 81,746,401 pounds; 1881, 79,986,710 pounds; 1882, 74,507,840 pounds; 1883, 83,000,000 pounds. The imports of last year were: Greens, 12,000,000 pounds; blacks (all kinds), 18,500,000 pounds; Japans, 23,500,000 pounds.—*N. Y. Herald.*

—The amount of fry and mature fish distributed by the Fisheries Commission of New York since its establishment, according to the Secretary of the same, is as follows: Shad, 55,618,000; salmon trout, 11,245,000; whitefish, 3,580,200; brook trout, 6,160,700; salt-water salmon, 352,000; land-locked salmon, 118,000; California salmon, 678,000; California trout, 1,643,000; hybrid trout, 45,300; sturgeon, 155,000; eels, 93,000; mature fish: bass, pike, perch, yellow perch and bull-heads, 45,762. Total, 79,632,012.

—A writer in the Cincinnati *Enquirer* gives the following estimate as the proper proportion of weight to height in women: Five feet in height should weigh 100 pounds; five feet one inch, 106 pounds; five feet two inches, 113 pounds; five feet three inches, 119 pounds; five feet four inches, 130 pounds; five feet five inches, 138 pounds; five feet six inches, 144 pounds; five feet seven inches, 150 pounds; five feet eight inches, 155 pounds; five feet nine inches, 163 pounds; five feet ten inches, 167 pounds; five feet eleven inches, 176 pounds; six feet, 180 pounds.

### WIT AND WISDOM.

—Better three hours too soon than one minute too late.—*Shakespeare.*

—Miss Alcott says "she has fallen in love with a great many pretty girls in her life, but never once the least bit with a man." Just so with us.—*Boston Post.*

—"Is Jay Gould a humorist?" asked a countryman of a Wall street broker. "I believe not," replied the money-handler; "but he is considered a man of infinite chest."—*N. Y. News.*

—De 'oman what dresses ter please herself shows sense, but de 'oman what dresses ter please some udder 'oman wid 'sperior finery is got a soft spot summers near de top o' her head.—*Arkansaw Traveller.*

—"What will you think of your beautiful wife thirty years from now? that is the question," says Mgr. Capel. Oh, bless you, Monsignor, she'll be all right. The conundrum is, what she will think of us?—*N. Y. Herald.*

—He was a new hand at printing, and set it up to read on the hotel bill of fare: "Baked Indians in pudding," instead of "Baked Indian pudding." Now the printer and the proof-reader never speak as they pass by.

—Advice to the young: Knowledge, economy and labor are the shining virtues of civilized man. They form the most enduring basis of society and the surest source of National and individual welfare.—*Peter Cooper.*

—The Empress of Russia has ordered a cloak which is to cost $40,000. It will be of sable fur, trimmed with gold and enriched with precious stones. She could hardly put on more style if she was an editor's wife.—*Oil City Derrick.*

—"Ah! it was a gale," said Mrs. Ramsbotham; "it shook our house by the seaside, and I couldn't help murmuring to myself, as I lay awake, the words of the old song, you know, my dear: 'Cease, Rude Boreas.'"—*Boston Post.*

—A lady who had recently lost her husband and her friend were seeing dinner together at the residence of the latter. "I sympathize with you from the bottom of my heart in your great sorrow," said the friend. "It must be terrible to lose such a man." "Ah, me, yes," sighed the widow, "it is only the hope of soon meeting him in a happier land that gives me courage and a desire to live."—*Texas Siftings.*

—"What do circus folks do in winter?" asks a contemporary. The clown devotes the season to planting a fresh crop of jokes from the standard printed prior to the American Revolution, and occasionally writes for the London press to vouchsafe; and the trapeze man, who splinters ribs with his fall, secures employment in a shoop handling lumber or hammering tough beef. No doubt the others find employment suitable to their respective talents.—*Norristown Herald.*

### Jane's Letter.

"I always thought Jane would do well," said Mrs. Leatherhead, as she laid the letter she had been reading on her lap, and wiped her spectacles from the corner of her apron, "for she always would never marry a poor man, and she has kept her promise."

"Indeed," said Mr. Leatherhead, "who has she married?"

"She has married a man who reminds me when she left home she said she was going to Chicago."

"Married a man who reminds you of Chicago, eh? Well, I don't see how that will enable her to keep her promise, unless, of course, she married a man who was employed in a shoop handling lumber or hammering tough beef. No doubt the others find employment suitable to their respective talents."

"Indeed, I—"

"Yes, I—"

"Married a man who reminds me of Chicago, eh? Well, I don't see how that will enable her to keep her promise, unless, of course, she married a