

Vice President Wheeler thinks he will spend next summer in Europe.

The latest alleged purchase by Jay Gould is the New York World, for which it is said, he paid \$250,000.

Up to Monday morning 318,937 immigrants had arrived in New York since the beginning of the year.

It would be comforting just now to hear something about the warm blood of our Governor, if it wouldn't in the same breath say with that icicle.

The centennial anniversary of the founding of Independence in this country was celebrated in the Old Murray Church, at Gloucester, Mass., last Sunday.

Gen. LeDuc, Commissioner of Agriculture, has completed arrangements for the establishment of an experimental farm, 20 miles from Charleston, South Carolina.

Some of the South Carolina papers are poking sarcastic fun at Wend Hampton for stating that he did not send his letter to John Sherman with any hostile intent.

The weather in London on Christmas was reported as warm as summer, with heavy blooming in the streets. The old proverb of a green Christmas making fat graveyards, may be in store for them.

For once Chinese cheap labor has been found too dear. In a New Jersey manufacturing town the Chinese laborers indulged in the luxury of a strike, and their employers replaced them with American laborers, the result being that the Chinese have retired from the field.

Frank Michael, of Navarro, Texas, was sentenced last week to 99 years in the Penitentiary for killing Alice Bricker. The killing of a woman in that locality must be regarded in a far different light than the killing of a man hereabouts, where they only get one year for the latter crime.

Gen. Grant declared recently in New York that he would never speak to Senator Blaine again. He regards the warfare waged against him in the contest for the Chicago nomination as a nature to put an end to all friendly relations between them. We presume that Senator Blaine will live through it.

Christmas, with all its merry making and pleasurable emotions, brings with it distress and woe to many households. The one just past has not been an exception and was fruitful in shocking stabbing and shooting affrays throughout the country, drunkenness in nearly all cases being the inciting cause.

The Cincinnati Gazette says the withdrawal of Foster from the Senatorial contest means that Secy Sherman will be nominated for Senator by acclamation and Foster renominated for Governor by acclamation. That paper forgot to add in the latter case—"subject to the will of the State Convention."

On Friday last, near Erie, Pa., six out of a family of seven had died of trichina, and another family of four were supposed to be past recovery. The disease was not at first understood and was reported to be typhoid fever, but when an examination of the pork that had been eaten was made it was discovered to be fairly alive with trichina.

It is stated that a non-partisan effort is being made by members of all political parties in Pittsburg, looking to the election of officers who will manage the public business in the interest of honesty and economy. The city now has a debt of about \$150,000, and prominent business men begin to think it about time to put on the brakes.

The Eastern seaboard enjoyed a northeast gale all day Sunday and all Sunday night, compared with which the previous storms were as zephyrs. Vessels were wrecked in the harbors, and railroads and wagon roads blocked with the snow and ice. The storm began with heavy rain, and ended with blinding snow and wind at sixty-eight miles an hour.

Christmas was a doleful day for the Oklahoma colonists. In addition to their bleak and uncomfortable surroundings, they received a dispatch from their delegate to Washington stating that the President refused to modify his proclamation against them in any degree, and they are left to camp upon the plains, near Caldwell, without a hope of Executive clemency.

We see by the Wichita Republican, that the Oklahoma colonists are camped one mile from Caldwell, and having plenty of time for hunting have an abundance of wild game on their bill of fare. Squirrel, quail, prairie chicken, rabbit, turkey, and (cat-an-not-yet-cooked), is given as the list of game on the bill of fare. The soldiers camp is only about a quarter of a mile distant and they mingle with and are said to enjoy the society at the Oklahoma camp very much.

This learned professions do not monopolize all the salaries or fees. H. J. Jewett, president of the Erie railway, has a salary of \$40,000 a year; Tom Scott, president of seven railroads, draws \$100,000 salary—\$24,000 from the Pennsylvania, and the balance from the other six.

J. W. Garrett, president of the Baltimore & Ohio, has a nominal salary of \$40,000. There are at least fifteen general managers of railroads whose salaries run from \$10,000 to \$15,000; nine general superintendents, with a salary of \$7,000 to \$10,000, and a number of officers in the same rank who receive over \$5,000.

We are indebted to F. Hollenbeck, Esq., for a copy of the Christmas number of The Republic, of Washington, which reproduces a very handsome and well-illustrated picture of Chief Justice Waite, in an article of considerable length. The writer of the article has evidently seen Mr. Waite and knows something of his characteristics, as the description sounds familiar to those who have known Mr. Waite in this vicinity for many years. But the writer tells something that we are not so familiar with. We quote: "Although his appointment was a universal surprise, that it should be said of the Chief Justice now, that if there should be a vacancy in the Chief Justiceship tomorrow, every Judge upon the Supreme bench would vote for him in preference to anybody except himself. So with the law, yet precisely at the last." From this it will be seen that Chief Justice Waite has not only all his characteristics since he left the Maumee Valley, and is capable of preserving his reputation among the best legal minds of the country.

OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT.

Your Excellency, the President of the United States, and the Chief Magistrate of this Nation, Sir:—The unpresidential and unpresidential course you have pursued during your administration to preserve the integrity and purity of our Republican institutions—to administer impartial justice to all citizens of the Nation East, West, North and South—both at home and those in foreign lands and on the high seas—to regulate our internal improvements and to regulate our foreign relations, have been the glory of your administration. It is reported that a movement has been started in Cincinnati to raise a fund sufficient to erect a new Campbellite or Disciple church in Washington City, where President-elect Garfield can worship in more style than at "the little church around the corner."

A bill is shortly to be introduced in both Houses providing for the investigation of the methods used to influence the money market in New York. But it is greatly to be feared that no Salon of the Western continent can fathom the mysteries that envelop the transactions of Wall street.

The breeders of Jersey cattle are requested to meet at the rooms of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture, in the Capitol Building, Columbus, on Tuesday evening, January 4, 1881, to take into consideration the formation of a State Jersey Breeders' Association, and other matters of interest to the representatives of this interest.

We are pleased to notice that Capt. J. W. White, of Toledo, has been appointed to the position of doorkeeper to the Capitol, at Washington, with instructions to be at his post on the fourth of January. Capt. White has been a resident of Toledo since childhood, had a good record as a soldier, and led a good strong arm in Dixie.

Before our edition last week had reached its destination, Sidney, Ohio, was thrown into another ripple of excitement by the unexpected elopement of a "sweet sixteen"—Miss Huldah Wight, and James Farmer, a prominent business man. Both parties were highly respected. They were traced to Lima, where the nuptials were performed, where all further trace has been lost. Sidney is at a loss.

Coal miners in the Stungay Creek and Hocking Valleys are again on a strike, this time for pay twice a month instead of monthly. We hear a great deal about developed and undeveloped richness of the coal mines of the State, and the prospects of coal mining with the competing lines of railroads branching out from these mines, but with the increased competition also comes the increase in the price of coal. In this result of the numerous strikes, a combination of coal dealers, or the fault of the railroads?

The Democratic papers generally are well pleased that John Kelley's political head has been severed close to his shoulders. The position he has held for some years past, that of Controller of the City, is said to be worth about \$32,000 per year, and besides it gave him almost unlimited control over the politics of the city. But it has been shown of all this wealth and power by the nomination of another man by Mayor Cooper and a combination of Irving Hall Democrats, Republicans, and a few Tammany Hall Democrats.

Master Woodman, in his annual address to the National Grange, very properly terms the transportation question one of the most important. He quotes from the Declaration of Purposes to show that the Grange is not the enemy of capital or transportation companies, but does oppose the tyranny of Monopolies and any such management of corporate enterprises as tends to oppress the people and rob them of their just profit. He also cites legal authority to show that the efforts made to induce Congress to regulate interstate commerce, so as to protect industrial interests from extortion, were based upon well grounded causes.

Dayton Journal: "The Senatorial question in Ohio is practically disposed of. John Sherman will be United States Senator, and Gov. Charles Foster will be Postmaster General in the Cabinet of President Garfield. That is what we have been saying in the Journal for about a month past."

This may be a practical disposition of the parties, Bro. Bieckham, but there are several States yet to hear from.

Lima Gazette: Gov. Foster knows how it is himself, now. For the past eight or ten years he has been sticking his knife into people in a promiscuous manner, so that it helped himself, and this winter the time has arrived when some of them were able to pay him back, and the manner in which they brandished their tomahawks was rather ominous. Seeing the situation he has with remarkable good sense, withdrawn from the canvass for Senator, and thereby escapes a slaughter, which would have certainly had he stood upon the track until the battle was on.

THE NAPOLEON TRAGEDY. The terrible shooting affray at Napoleon, Henry county, on the first hour of Christmas morning, some of the particulars of which are given on our first page, has created no little excitement throughout the Northwest, and particularly in Napoleon. Serious threats of lynching Governor R. K. Scott during the day, but better council prevailed and he was taken to the De-fiance jail for safe keeping over Sunday. The preliminary examination took place on Monday and Tuesday and Scott was bound over for a hearing in Common Pleas, and refused bail, which could have been given in almost any sum named. Scribner, Hurd & Scribner, of Toledo, and Judge Hays, of Napoleon, have been secured as counsel by the defense.

The remains of Warren G. Drury, the young man shot by Gov. Scott, was taken to Bellevue, Ohio, his former home, for interment on Wednesday. The services were conducted by the Masonic fraternity of Elmore, of which he was an honored member, assisted by the fraternity at Bellevue.

Columbus Temperance Mass Meeting. We are in receipt of a circular giving the particulars of the Ohio State Temperance Conference and grand Mass Meeting to be held at Columbus on January 12th and 13th, 1881. Rev. W. H. Boole, of New Jersey, will deliver his celebrated lecture—"The Barabam and Usurpation of the Liquor Legislation," on Wednesday evening. On Thursday evening Miss Frances Willard, of Ill., will lecture. The names of some twenty of the more prominent workers in the country are announced to be present on this occasion. Local temperance organizations and churches are earnestly requested to appoint delegates and urge their attendance, also to send the name at once to L. U. Seead, Lock Box 3, Columbus, Ohio, giving name of railroad and station starting from. A failure to do so will necessitate full fare. If necessary the use for the return of tickets will be extended to January 31st, sharp.

TERRIBLE CALAMITY.

A Widow Lady's Residence Burned and Two Children Consumed in the Flames.

MITCHELL CENTER, Dec. 27, 1880. EN. JOURNAL.—On Friday night last the widow Anthony met with the most appalling calamity that has ever visited this community. About the hour of 10 o'clock her house was discovered to be in flames. The family were all asleep at the time, Mrs. Anthony and three children occupying a room on the lower floor of the main building, while her son, aged 14 years, and her brother's child, aged about ten years, were sleeping up stairs. It is supposed the fire originated in the kitchen, and was awakened when she opened the door leading to the kitchen, and met with a volume of seething flame and smoke that soon filled the room, and in an instant she and her three children were consumed by the heat and smoke before she could get the children out of the building. At this time the two children up stairs were still asleep, but were awakened by the screams of the mother and children below, but when they got to the head of the stairs they were met by the flames and smoke, and before they could get down they were consumed by the heat and smoke. What a terrible order for a mother to pass through. After the fall into the burning bodies of the children could be seen, but soon the upper floor gave way, and the lifeless trunks and burning debris fell to the lower floor. By this time a number of the neighbors had arrived, but they were unable to do anything, as the fire had spread so hot that they could not get near it. Finally they succeeded in making a loop on the end of a wire clothes line and fastened it to the roof, and by means of this they succeeded in getting the bodies of the children out of the burning building. Before they could reach the lower floor, however, the fire had spread so hot that they could not get near it. 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