

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gathered from All Quarters.

CONGRESS.

The Senate on the 16th, after the usual routine business, took up the bill introduced by Senator Butler to provide for the emigration of persons of color from the Southern States...

The House on the 18th Mr. Frank introduced a bill locating the world's fair at St. Louis, and creating a corporation to carry on the same. A resolution was adopted permitting the special committee investigating the ballot box forgery to sit during the sessions of the House...

The new Brazilian flag came into New York harbor on the 20th for the first time, at the masthead of a bark. An official list of the losses of the Thanksgiving day fire at Boston, Mass., has just been made public.

The residence of Luther McCalmet, at Unionville, Mo., was burned on the 20th and his aged mother and two young girls were consumed in the flames before they could be rescued.

George W. Wright, charged with the embezzlement of \$88,666.20, while supreme treasurer of the order of Tontine, pleaded guilty at Philadelphia on the 20th and was then sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 and to undergo an imprisonment of four years and nine months.

Indian Agent Leahy, who has just returned to Ashland, Wis., from a trip to the Lac Court O'Ruelles agency, says that if something is not done immediately many of the Indians in that reservation will starve. He urges that Congress take immediate action.

David Meyer, jeweler of Hartford, Conn., has failed for \$130,000. His assets are estimated at about half that amount. At a meeting in New York City on the 21st of the National Association of American watch manufacturers, the Springfield Watch Company resigned from the trust.

Articles of incorporation were on the 21st filed in the New Jersey Secretary State's office by the American Tobacco Company, which it is supposed is to consolidate a number of companies. The capital stock is fixed at \$25,000,000. The number of shares is 400,000.

During the calendar year of 1889 there were 109,140,917 pieces of coin executed at the mints of the United States, having a total value of \$85,104,923. The Philadelphia Presbytery, at a meeting on the 21st, voted against a revision of the Confession of Faith.

The statement that 5,000,000 illegal United States silver dollars made in Mexico and sent to the United States are now in circulation, is denied by Director of the Mint Litch. Two men were killed and three wounded in a wreck on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad near Shamokin, Pa., on the 21st, caused by a freight train running into a large rock that had rolled onto the track.

In the United States Court at Chicago on the 21st the jury returned a verdict in the case of Orlando J. Read vs. Dr. Frederick Hageman, giving the plaintiff \$8,000 damages. Read asked for \$10,000 because of the alienation of his wife's affections by the doctor.

A dispatch from Tacoma, Wash., says that at least ten human beings and thousands of cattle and sheep perished in the blizzard which began with a year and raged over Washington for a week. Reports from the Colville reservation are to the effect that cattle are dying by hundreds from starvation and thirst, and that the ground is covered with over two feet of snow and in some places drifted mountains high.

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PERSONAL AND POLITICAL. OWEN CHAPMAN, Solicitor General of the United States, died suddenly at his home in Washington on the 19th of a catarrhal affection of the kidneys, aggravated by an attack of the grippe. He was sixty-six years old.

The bye elections in Newfoundland have resulted in the election of the Government candidates by large majorities. ADDISON C. NILES, ex-judge of the California Supreme Court, died at San Francisco on the 18th. He was a native of Oswego County, N. Y.

Mrs. Lydia Bacon died at Sudbury, Mass., on the 18th at the age of 102 years. Her ancestors were noted for their longevity. Her grandmother lived to the age of 103.

GENERAL M. M. VALLEJO, one of the most conspicuous figures in the history of California, died at his home in Sonoma on the 18th, aged eighty-one years. He was a member of the first constitutional convention of the State, and for some years before his death had been regarded as the oldest living native Californian.

HON. FREDERICK CHASE, treasurer of Dartmouth College, probate judge of Grafton County, N. H., and a local historian of note, died on the 19th of influenza at the age of fifty years.

MARSHALL FIELD has given ten acres of land, valued at \$100,000, as a site for the Baptist University at Chicago which J. D. Rockefeller has endowed with \$600,000.

HENRY A. PHILLIPS, of New York, one of the re-rotated chiefs of divisions in the Pension Office, has been removed by Secretary Noble. W. H. Reynolds, of Pennsylvania, was appointed to the vacancy.

In his inaugural address to the New Jersey Legislature, Governor Abbot advocates the adoption of the Australian system of voting in all its essential features, including the exclusive use of an official ballot.

FOREIGN. The funeral of Searle, the oarsman, at Sydney, Australia, recently, was witnessed by 170,000 people. The mayor, aldermen and a deputation of members of Parliament took part in the procession, which was the longest ever seen in Australia. A monument will be erected to Searle's memory.

A terrific gale accompanied by thunder and lightning prevailed on the 19th on the Irish sea. Much damage was done to property along the coast. Several persons were killed by lightning and a number were drowned.

PRINCE AMADEO, duke of Aosta, brother of the King and formerly King of Spain, died at Turin on the 18th of pneumonia. He was forty-five years old and was King of Spain from December 4, 1870, until February 11, 1873, when he abdicated.

At St. Johns, N. F., John Gorley and three children perished by fire on the night of the 20th. Gorley died in the flames while making a third attempt to rescue his children from a burning house. His remains were found with his head burned off and a child in his arms.

The show window of W. S. Walker's jewelry store in Montreal, Can., was robbed of \$30,000 worth of diamonds on the 21st by three men. The robbers fastened the store door from the outside, smashed the plate glass window, secured the booty and escaped in a sleigh.

HON. JOHN MCSWEENEY, the most prominent criminal lawyer in Ohio, died at his home in Wooster, that State, on the 22d, from acute pneumonia. He was seventy-one years old.

An accident occurred on the Midland railroad, near Gordon, Ala., on the 22d by which Engineer Raleigh and Fireman Flood lost their lives. The tender left the track and carried with it the engine and several cars.

The engines and boiler houses of the Mount Jessup Coal Company at Scranton, Pa., were blown to pieces on the 22d by the explosion of four of the boilers. Fireman Munley, of Archibald, was instantly killed and several German laborers were fatally injured. The buildings caught fire and were totally destroyed.

E. P. KISNER, of Luzerne, was re-elected chairman of the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee at the meeting of the committee on the 22d. A mail car on the Iron Mountain train, which left Memphis, Tenn., on the 22d, was destroyed by fire near Knoblo. The car contained the mail for Texas points, St. Louis, Chicago and the West, and registered matter to the value of about \$4,000, all of which was lost. The fire was caused by the breaking of a lamp.

THOMAS RAINY, one of the best known ranchmen in Texas, died on the 21st from influenza. Immediately after his death his aged father went into an adjoining room and blew his brains out in the blizzard which began with a year and raged over Washington for a week.

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ROASTED ALIVE. A Railway Collision Near Cincinnati in which the Debris Takes Fire from an Overturned Car-Store, and Five Passengers Are Burned to Death—Several Seriously Wounded.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 18.—A disastrous railroad wreck occurred at a few minutes past 7 o'clock Thursday night within the limits of the city. The local accommodation on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad left Winton place at 7 o'clock for this city. It was behind time about forty minutes.

After leaving Winton place the railroad cuts through Spring Grove Cemetery. The track here is on a sharp curve, and the end of the accommodation train had not yet disappeared around the curve when the express was heard approaching, and in a minute more it rushed past at a high rate of speed.

A mile further on, and directly over the tunnel that burrows beneath the tracks connecting the two parts of the cemetery, it crashed into the rear end of the local train. With such tremendous power did the engine strike the rear car that it plowed right under it for half a car's length, elevating the rear portion of the car right into the engine.

Engineer Coadly reversed his lever and jumped, but the speed of the train was so great that it ran fully a quarter of a mile before stopping. The stoves and lamps in the local train were smashed by the force of the collision and set fire to the coaches. In less than five minutes they were wrapped in flames. There were about fifty passengers on board, and nearly all got out safely.

Five persons, however, were caught and pinned among the breaking timber and were slowly roasted to death. The passengers on the express and residents of the vicinity, together with the Cincinnati fire and police departments, who were quickly on the scene, could do nothing for them. In a quarter of an hour it was all over. The killed are:

John Wilson, of Winton place, a thirty-second degree Mason and superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of this city; Louis E. Keller, of Winton place, a hardware merchant of this city; Conductor F. W. Withrbee, of Toledo, who was in charge of the local train; James Staley, baggage-master, of Dayton; Willis P. Pinnatt, of Carthage, O., a plumber.

The latter two died after removal to the city hospital. The legs and arms of both were partly burned off. All were bound by the broken timbers, and met a slow and agonizing death by fire. Their bodies were all recovered but were hardly recognizable. Engineer Coadly and Fireman Barker, of the colliding engine, were both badly hurt by jumping.

THE PLAGUE. Fewer Deaths Reported at Chicago—A Rumor That Queen Victoria is a Sufferer from La Grippe.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—The indications were yesterday that the fatalities from the grippe were on the decrease. There were only eighty death certificates issued from the health department, and of these nine were from the grippe.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 18.—Late Thursday night William Gerling, a mulatto, aged 33, died in a fit of sneezing. He had been suffering from influenza only during the evening, and about 11 o'clock was attacked with sneezing and died before relief could be obtained.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—Hundreds of people here are affected with influenza which, however, is so mild that some physicians call it catarrh and fever. No deaths are so far directly traceable to it.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Much alarm has been occasioned here by the rumor that the Queen is ill at Osborne with the influenza. The fact that the news has been kept back accentuates the general uneasiness, which is naturally increased by the knowledge that her Majesty has suffered much recently from rheumatic symptoms. Her health for many weeks past has been any thing but good.

THE STEWART ESTATE. More About the Settlement—The Heirs Will Receive an Aggregate of About \$12,000,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The contest over the Stewart millions is now a thing of the past. The amount to be divided among the heirs will aggregate about \$12,000,000. The two children of Prescott Hall Butler were not overlooked in the general division. Lawrence Butler comes in for \$100,000 and Charles for \$50,000. The property, which goes to the heirs by the terms of the settlement, is the Stewart mansion at Fifth avenue and Thirty-fourth street; the Park Avenue Hotel, the Metropolitan and Grand Union Hotels at Saratoga, the Garden City property and the dry-goods store now occupied by E. J. Denning & Co. Judge Hilton retains the property given him by Mrs. Stewart. This amounts to all the w for \$3,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

THE JOHNSTOWN FUNDS. An Accounting Made for the Millions Given to the Flood Sufferers.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18.—At a meeting in this city Thursday of the Johnstown flood-relief commission arrangements were made to take care of the 333 children orphaned by the disaster. The secretary's report showed that there were estimated to have been drowned in the Conemaugh valley 2,289 persons; number of bodies recovered, 1,675; identified, 1,021; unidentified, 654; missing, 695. The financial report of the secretary shows that the amount received by Governor Beaver at Harrisburg from all parts of the world was \$2,902,672. The amount still unexpended is \$70,631.

MURDERED BY A LUNATIC. Three Patients in the Florida Insane Asylum Killed by a Companion.

CHATTANOOGUE, Fla., Jan. 18.—William Brannon, a violent patient in the insane asylum, broke the doors of two rooms adjoining his Tuesday night and murdered three inoffensive patients—David Davidson, Samuel Thackeray and B. C. Bettinger. Brannon acknowledged his crime, but said that he had to do it. Justice Spear impaneled a jury of inquest, who rendered a verdict in accordance with the facts. No blame was attached to the management of nurses.

HE ONCE WORE A CROWN. Death of the Duke of Aosta, Ex-King of Sardinia, with a Sketch of His Brief and Troublesome Reign.

ROME, Jan. 20.—Prince Amadeo, Duke of Aosta, brother of King Humbert and ex-King of Spain, died at Turin at 6 o'clock Saturday evening of pneumonia resulting from influenza. He retained consciousness to the last. Cardinal Allmonda, Archbishop of Turin, conveyed to the dying man the blessing of the Pope. In consequence of his death all the theaters in the kingdom have been ordered close. Prince Amadeo was in his 45th year.

King Humbert arrived at Turin at 1 o'clock, and it was then known the end was near. The Duke recognized his Majesty. Besides the King the Duke's wife, his sister, the Princess Clothilde, and all his nearest relatives were present at his death. This event interrupts and will stop the proposed journey to the East of the Prince of Naples.

King Humbert's telegram to Premier Crispi announcing the death of his "dearly loved brother," the Duke of Aosta, says that the Duke devoted his last words to the country and army, saying he had loved them with the strongest love, and regretted dying so early only because it would prevent his serving them. By the Duke's own wish the body will not be embalmed, there will be no lying in state, and the remains will be placed in the family tomb at Superga. If there had been a state funeral the German Emperor would have been present. The funeral will take place on Wednesday, and at the desire of the deceased will be a simple ceremony. The army will mourn forty-five days. The municipal authorities will place a bust of the deceased in the capitol.

Amadeo Ferdinando Maria, Duke of Aosta, was the second son of Victor Emmanuel, the first King of Italy, and was born May 30, 1845. Entering the army he became Captain of a brigade of infantry at Aosta, then Lieutenant-General and chief of a brigade of cavalry. Marshal Prim, after the revolution of 1868, offered him the Spanish crown, and October 19, 1870, he formally announced his candidature. The 16th of the following month the Cortes elected him King of Spain by 101 votes against 190. He formally accepted the crown December 4, 1870. The young King landed at Cartagena December 30, the very day Marshal Prim expired from the wounds received at the hands of an assassin a few hours previously. His reign was a brief and troubled one. He was unpopular with the Spanish people, and his position, which had never been secure, became extremely dangerous in the summer of 1872, when a Carlist rising took place in the northern provinces. The 19th of July in that year an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate the King and Queen was made. At length Amadeo prudently resolved to abdicate. February 11, 1873, he addressed to the Cortes a message, in which he stated that in consequence of the financial straits of the kingdom he desired the Cortes to give peace and prosperity to the country must prove futile, and therefore he had determined to depose the crown. The very next day the Duke and his consort left Madrid. He arrived in Florence the 10th. Immediately on his return he resumed the status of an Italian citizen. March 14, 1873, his Royal Highness was again enrolled in the list of Senators. At this period, also, King Victor Emmanuel conferred on him the rank of Lieutenant-General. The Duke married, May 30, 1867, the Princess Mary (born August 9, 1847), daughter of Prince Charles Emmanuel del Pozzo della Cisterna, and had three sons.

THE LAST RITES. The Remains of Walker Blaine Laid to Rest—Impressive Funeral Ceremonies.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The funeral of Walker Blaine took place Saturday morning. The preliminary services were held at his father's residence and were only attended by the invited friends. Among those present were the members and relatives of the family, President and Mrs. Harrison, Vice-President Morton, members of the Cabinet, the Senators and members of the House from Maine and several of the other New England States. The services were conducted by Dr. Hamlin and consisted merely of prayer. The pallbearers were Hon. William F. Wharton, Judge John Davis (ex-chief clerk of the State Department), L. A. Brown, Marcellus Barling, M. L. Ruth, A. F. Jenks, F. B. Loring and William Haywood. The remains were inclosed in a black cloth-covered casket, which was heaped with the choicest of flowers, the gifts of the President, Cabinet officers and others of high official and social position.

The second service was held in the Church of the Covenant. Members of the family occupied seats on the right side of the main aisle in front of the pulpit, while opposite sat the President and members of the Cabinet and their families. Behind the family and immediate friends sat the representatives of the diplomatic corps, while opposite sat the members of Congress. The services here were again conducted by Rev. Dr. Hamlin and the organ was played by Walter Damrosch. After the services, which were very simple and impressive, the remains were taken to Oak Hill Cemetery for interment in the new lot purchased by Secretary Blaine Thursday.

BATTLE AT RIO JANEIRO. Reports That Eleven Officers and Eighty Men Were Killed on December 22.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The steamer Halley, which left Santos on December 21, and Rio Janeiro on the 23d, arrived here Saturday. A member of the crew said that on the night before the departure of the steamer from the latter port a battle had been fought in the capital between the Republicans and Monarchists, in which eleven officers and eighty men had been killed. The authorities were extremely anxious to have all reports of the occurrence suppressed.

John Ruskin Insane. LONDON, Jan. 20.—John Ruskin, the great leader in English critical literature, has become hopelessly insane. Mr. Ruskin's mind has been gradually falling for seven or eight years. The first public suspicion of the fact occurred at Oxford in 1886. In 1888 he went to Venice, where he had an attack and broke down mentally. Since November he has lain in bed continuously, and manifests no desire to get up. He is steadily growing weaker, and the probability is that if he ever leaves his bed again he will never get out of his house.

TRAVEL STOPPED ON ALL RAILWAYS IN THE WEST BY A HEAVY FALL OF SNOW—SOME TRAINS ARE STUCK FAST IN DEPTHS—SNOW-BOUND PASSENGERS SUFFERING IN SOME INSTANCES—DEATHS IN THE BLIZZARD IN WASHINGTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—The snow blockade on the Central Pacific railroad in the vicinity of Truckee and Emigrant Gap has become very serious. Since Tuesday last no eastern overland train has been able to reach a point further west than Colfax. At present east-bound trains are at Sacramento, Colfax and Shady Run, while those coming west are at Emigrant Gap, Truckee and Reno. At Truckee the depth of the snow ranges from eight feet to drifts of twenty feet. The railroad company has several hundred men at work shoveling eastward. The plow was enabled to go but one mile out, when it stuck with ten engines. Shovelers were called to the rescue, who after several hours' work dug the engines out so they could return. On the west the road is filled with drifts of fifteen to thirty feet in large cuts. A plow with five engines was on the road thirty-six hours trying to reach the tunnel eight miles from town. The whole crew returned on foot, having abandoned the train, as they became ravenous with hunger. Another plow with twelve locomotives started out to clear the road to Summit, but before they had run two miles they were securely blocked, and the snow falling back on them, they were fast in both directions. Passengers are quartered at hotels by the railroad company.

Railroad officials declare that the present blockade is the heaviest and longest they have experienced for over ten years. The delay seriously affects mail facilities. No Eastern mail has reached this city since last Tuesday evening. The Western Union Telegraph Company has a large force of men in the mountains clearing the wires of snow. Telegraph lines in some places are entirely buried under drifts, notwithstanding the fact that the wires are strung on poles thirty feet high. The report that snow-bound passengers are suffering for want of food is denied by the railroad officials. Abundance of food is supplied them, and trains are at no point where it would be impossible to reach them. Experienced men on snow-shoes are constantly on the road between Colfax and delayed trains packing fresh beef and other necessities, and at no time during the blockade has any difficulty been experienced in giving passengers comforts and food. Passengers are suffering from colds, and a large number of cases of influenza are reported, but the sufferers are kept warm and receive medical aid promptly. The situation is equally as serious on the California & Oregon road in the northern part of this State. A train which left here Tuesday evening for Portland is still at Redding.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21.—For some days past there has been a heavy snow blockade on the Union Pacific trunk and branch lines between Huntington and Portland. There have been no through trains for nearly a week past and consequently no Eastern mails. Bitter cold weather has prevailed most of the time, accompanied by heavy winds and blinding snow-storms. Five or six trains, both east and west bound, are blockaded somewhere between the Dalles and Baker City.

The same condition of affairs has prevailed over the Southern Pacific, and in Northern California trains are blockaded in the Siskiyon mountains so that communication has been entirely cut off. No through trains have arrived at Portland from San Francisco or left here for that point for nearly a week. No trains are expected to reach here before the middle of this week.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 21.—The Okanagan country is covered over with two feet of snow, and the blizzard which began with the year and lasted five days caused a large amount of damage to property, killed much live stock and caused the death of at least ten men. William Jewett, who keeps a stage station about twelve miles from Alga on the Colville reservation, started out to cross the prairie and was frozen to death. The mail-carrier from Wilber went out the same day to go to Wild Goose Hill Ferry and was lost. Cattle are dying by hundreds on the reservation. The ranchmen calculate that they will lose one-half their stock this season, but 75 per cent. would be nearer the true estimate.

AUSTIN, Nev., Jan. 21.—More snow has fallen in this vicinity since December 1 than was ever known before. The snow lies three feet deep, and the town is cut off from outside communication except by telegraph. The loss to stock is expected to be very great, and one rancher has already lost 4,000 sheep. Several houses have been crushed from the weight of snow.

MILLIONS OF COUNTERFEITS. Scheme of Mexicans to Flood the Union with Bogus Silver Dollars.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—The Evening Sun publishes a sensational article purporting to give the details of a gigantic counterfeiting business said to have been carried on by certain citizens of Mexico. It states that these individuals have, within the past two years, coined 5,000,000 of our silver dollars, and, after shipping them across the border, have disposed of them with a profit to themselves of twenty-eight cents on each dollar.

Four Men Drowned. QUAWKA, Ill., Jan. 21.—Elmer Freed, Silas Tracy, Charles Wilson and Alexander Whitmore, of Gladstone, Ill., were drowned in Griswold's slough near Burlington Saturday night. They started for a dance, but their team became unmanageable and backed the wagon over the bank and broke through the ice. The body of Freed was recovered. Both horses were drowned.

Five Indians Drowned. BUTTE, M. T., Jan. 21.—Five of a party of a dozen Sioux Indians in attempting to cross Flathead lake broke through the ice and were drowned.