

PITH OF THE NEWS.

News from Washington.
The public debt reduced, in round numbers, \$14,584,000 in December.
Delegate Gifford of Dakota introduces all bills in the house as a lump.
The cologne at the militia drill, December, 1887, was \$7,022,665, of which \$2,785,000 were standard dollars.
Naval circles have been thrown into a state of consternation by reports from California relative to the discovery of grave shafts in the vicinity of San Francisco. The construction of the cruiser Charleston now being built in that state.

THE SACRODOTAL JUBILEE.

The Church of Rome Celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Ordination of Leo XIII.
At Lima, Ohio, on C. P. Collins, fireman on an engine on the Atlantic railroad, under his engine cleaning the firebox, the boiler exploded, killing him, starting the engine, and blowing the boiler in two places, but it was awakened accidentally in the nick of time.
A fatal collision occurred on the Canadian Pacific at Stewart Station between two freight trains. The passenger train, with its engine, was struck by the freight train, and the passenger train was wrecked. The passenger train was wrecked, and the passenger train was wrecked.

Disastrous Railroad Accidents.

The winter season has opened Saturday, very serious railroad accidents, though without great loss of life. On Saturday Dec. 31, two trains collided on the Pennsylvania and Ohio railway, five miles west of Meadville, Pa.
Both trains were over two hours late, and the express being entitled to the right of way. The freight was running without orders, simply taking it for granted that the express was first. Both engines and firemen of the two colliding engines were crushed between the iron ruins, the mangled bodies of engine men and firemen were pinned to death, just as they were on the point of leaving from their engines. The scene was a horrible one, and very much like others with which every reader is familiar. The following is a list of killed: Engineer, F. P. Swan, Meadville; fireman Arthur Van, Meadville; fireman Edward Humes, Cambridge, Ohio; fireman J. W. Thompson, Toledo, Ohio; passenger on the Pennsylvania, William W. Long, but none are likely to be fatally.

The Weather of the Departed Year.

P. F. Lyons, observer of the signal corps, U. S. A., has prepared the annual review of the weather as observed at the St. Paul station for the year 1887, which will indicate generally the weather of the North just ended. The mean temperature of the year for this vicinity is 43 deg. Last year was much colder than 1872, 77, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 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