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General News Summary.

Interesting Home and Foreign News.

WASHINGTON.

Notwithstanding the fact that the President says there will be no called session of Congress next autumn, many members of both Houses express a contrary belief.

The executive committee of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland have been advised that the Central Trust Association and the Trust Line Association, organized at a recent meeting at Chicago, decided to grant reduced rates to members of the society attending the annual meeting to be held in Washington next month.

The Marine Hospital Bureau has information that the Indians in the vicinity of Yuma, A. T., are suffering from a severe epidemic of measles which has proved fatal in sixty cases up to the 16th ult.

The bronze statue of Garfield has arrived at Washington and will be placed in position upon the granite pedestal erected for it on Maryland avenue. The statue is a heroic figure, the pedestal is about eight feet high, giving the head of the statue an elevation of nearly thirty feet.

It is stated on good authority that the evidence submitted at the recent civil service investigation at Chicago failed to substantiate the charges preferred by the Chicago Civil Service Commission against Collector Seiberger, of the Chicago custom house.

The State Department has information that antique statuary, tombs and buildings have been found forty feet below the surface of the ground, under the city of Salda, on the Mediterranean coast.

The 45th birthday anniversary of General Grant was commemorated at Washington on the 27th ult. in the Metropolitan M. E. church in New York city.

The President has issued a proclamation exempting from the duties on foreign tonnage, tax dues, etc., all vessels of the Netherlands and Dutch East Indies, in consideration of the exemption granted by the Netherlands to vessels and products of the United States.

Up to May 1 four hundred pensions under the Mexican Pension act have been granted. Included in the number recently granted were those of General J. W. Denver and Captain M. Clay.

The Boston police, which have been for several months safely guarded in one of the private rooms of the National Museum at Washington, are now being placed on public exhibition.

It is now regarded as practically settled that there will be no more calls for bonds during the present year.

The stow mules at Albany, N. Y., went to work on "struck" St. Louis patterns on the 29th under the supervision of Mr. Fowley.

The marriage of Charles B. Alexander, of New York, and Harriet Crocker, daughter of Charles Crocker, vice president of the Southern Pacific, was celebrated in New York, on the 29th.

A local coal train of fifty cars, which was being hauled by the Erie Railroad near Erie, Pa., a few days ago and jumped the track while going at the rate of thirty miles an hour.

The Saratoga Limited train to run over the Central Union River road, between New York and Saratoga, will be one of the fastest trains in the world, making the distance between the two places in four hours.

The Massachusetts State House at Reading, Pa., has been declared insolvent; liabilities about \$75,000.

The Vermont Superior Court has rendered a decision to the effect that a conspiracy among workmen to prevent others from working is a crime as common law.

One of the largest and best equipped collieries near Ashland, Pa., suddenly collapsed on the 27th ult. imprisoning fifty workmen.

Memorial services in honor of Reuben B. Fenton were held on the evening of the 29th ult. at the residence of Governor Hill to the front of the famous war Governors.

The American Club, of Pittsburgh, gave a banquet at the Monongahela House in that city on the 27th ult. in commemoration of the sixty-fifth birthday anniversary of General Grant.

the arbitrator on the 29th ult. against the miners, and there will be no strike.

Frank C. Black, Indiana County, Pa., was arrested on the 28th ult. by a Kansas detective on a charge of murdering City Marshal Simpson of that city.

Edwin J. Dunning, a note broker, who was indicted last August for swindling a New York merchant out of \$15,000, was arrested in that city a few days ago, where he was living in richly furnished apartments.

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curred the enemy of the McCoy's by his endeavors to secure local option. The murderer was all captured and landed in jail. There was intense excitement and threats of lynching.

The conference at Cincinnati on the 28th ult. between Messrs. Cribben of the Stone Manufacturers' Association, and Fitzpatrick of the Iron Molder's Union, resulted in a failure to amicably settle the existing trouble with the stove molders.

The Illinois House of Representatives on the 28th ult., by a vote of 88 to 40, passed the bill prohibiting base-ball playing on the Grand street, New York, on the 28th ult. destroyed four business houses, entailing an aggregate loss of \$340,000.

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MODERN DICK TURPINS.

A Southern Pacific Train Attacked by Road Agents—The Express and Mail Cars Robbed of Over \$25,000—Trainmen and Passengers Fleeing in Panic—Threats of Being Blown Up by Dynamite—Heavy Rewards Offered for the Capture of the Robbers.

TUCSON, A. T., April 29.—The west-bound overland express on the Southern Pacific crossing was stopped and robbed near Papago Station, eighteen miles east of here, about 9:30 o'clock. The number of men engaged in the robbery is variously estimated at from five to eight. Colonel Harper, the engineer, when approaching Papago, a side station, was signaled by a red lantern to stop. He slowed down, and as he approached the light noticed obstructions on the track to the westward.

To avoid being blown up the messenger opened the car doors and the robbers took possession of the engine and the train. They then uncoupled the engine and baggage and express cars from the remainder of the train. The robbers then proceeded to strip the train of its contents.

During the run the robbers went through the express cars, taking more than \$25,000 in gold and silver. They also took a large quantity of mail and express material.

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NOT SMOOTH SAILING.

The Difficulties Which Are in Mr. Sherman's Way of Reaching the Presidential Nominating Party—A Political and Theological Problem.

The boom for John Sherman as the Republican candidate in 1888 is assuming, under judicious management, very promising proportions. Its most interesting feature is its many-sidedness.

To large numbers of Republicans it presents itself as a relief from the stagnant inertia which has hitherto prevailed so long and which they have found it so difficult to throw off.

Yet it is not all plain sailing even in his own party for the friend of the New York banks and the discoverer of Blaine's inebriety.

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John P. St. John, who defied the "black laws" and fed a fugitive slave in his front yard where every one might see it, and who shouldered his musket at the call of the President, and who was twice made Governor by the Republicans of Kansas, left that party in 1854, and became a most unmitigated "traitor."

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While this element may be willing to look on a "black shirt" with all that the old war cry implies, it is determined to cling still to the hypocritical hypothesis that the party is the special guardian of moral ideas.

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An Incomplete List of Those Who Have Cut Clear of the Corrupt Republican Party—A Political and Theological Problem.

Horace Greeley was one of those who rocked the cradle of the Republican party. In 1872 he left it. At once he became a "traitor."

George William Curtis, whose high attainments and high character had been for years a source of strength to the same party when it most needed strength, left it a few years ago. He became a "traitor."

James Russell Lowell, whose pen of fire kindled the consciences of thousands upon thousands and helped to overthrow the Republican party, is now denounced as a "mugwump" and a "traitor."

Charles Sumner, who was like a tower of strength, "four-square to all the winds of Heaven that blow," in the troubled days of the 'fifties, left the Republican party and supported Greeley in the campaign of '72. He also became a "traitor."

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A LENIENT VERDICT.

An Assertion That the Jury in the Wait-Schwartz Case Erred, If at All, on the Side of Mercy—The Verdict of Imprisonment for Life Pronounced by the Jury against the Prisoner on Trial for the Murder of Express Messenger Nichols, the Chicago Herald Says.

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RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL.

There are one hundred and sixty college papers in this country.

The Methodist Church gained one hundred thousand new members in the United States last year.

About one hundred boys are in the plumbing class of the New York trade school engaged in studying the art.

The Protestant baptisms throughout Japan average at the present time about one hundred and twenty each week.

Knox College has sent into the foreign field, in all, eight ordained missionaries and eight assistant female missionaries.

The Hebrew Christian memorial of Beecher will be a fifty-thousand-dollar endowment of the Professorship of Physical Culture.

The Hebrew Christian asserts that there are 100,000 Jews who are Christians, though there are only 250 missionaries to the Jews in the world.

A half century ago in Turkey it was considered a shame for a woman to read. To-day two schools in Constantinople have been established by the Sultan himself.

Baptist missionary Davis says there are three thousand converts in Cuba waiting to seize the opportunity to be embraced by night to slake the vigilance of the priests.

The Waldensians, at the General Conference at Florence, Italy, have decreed that hereafter women members shall be allowed to vote, but not to speak at church meetings.

Sister Mary Inis, an inmate of Mercy convent, Pittsburgh, Pa., has donated \$100,000 to the cause of which she is a member. The money will be used in the erection of an industrial home for girls and a chapel.

The English Baptists show a constant advance in foreign missionary work. The society last year accepted 117 missionaries and 117 missionaries, 336 native pastors and evangelists.

Christians are like the several flowers in a garden, that have each of them the dew of heaven, which being shaken with the wind, they let fall at their own doors.