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The real name of the safe robber, giving his name as Little, of whose shooting at Dallas, Texas, an account is given on another page, is ascertained to have been Otho Goody, of Burlington, Kansas.

A religious revival at Madison, Ohio, has become so attractive that the stores and factories in the place are closed in the afternoon to enable the owners and employes to go to meeting.

Wm. A. Jordan has been appointed postmaster at Morris, which shows one editor out of luck. The Rev. Gilbert H. Robertson has been appointed postmaster at Sandwich, which shows one editor in luck.

William Neal, one of the men charged with the murder of the Thomas girl and Gibbons children near Ashland, Ky., a month ago, has been tried, found guilty and sentenced to be hung.

D. M. Ferry & Co., of Detroit, the well known seed men, place us under obligations for packages of their excellent vegetable and flower seeds for 1882.

By the burning of some "store sheds" at the upper end of the C., B. & Q. Railroad Company car shops at Aurora, on Tuesday, half a dozen cars were destroyed.

The Illinois Central Railroad, whose poverty some of its officers and the Railway Age have lately been lamenting, we notice has just declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2 per cent.

New Railroad—The Joliet News of Wednesday says: "Engineers are running lines on the flats to-day for a branch of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad from Sheridan, on their Stearator branch, to Joliet, to connect with the Michigan Central Cut-off line."

New York dispatches on Monday announced the death in that city of the Hon. Clarkson S. Potter, ex-representative in congress and for years prominent as a democratic politician of that city and state.

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While the weather hereabouts has been exceedingly "variable" during the past week, about half the time mild and springlike and the other half winterish with the thermometer from freezing point down on Tuesday morning to zero, the week throughout New York, New England and Lower Canada has been one of intense cold.

The Mendota Bulletin is in line with the rest of the press of the county, with one or two paid exceptions, in scoring the so-called "Hoge plan" of publishing the proceedings of the

Board of Supervisors, said plan being to pay one office \$180, or about five prices, for printing a few thousand copies of the proceedings in the form of supplements, and then to sponge on the various newspaper publishers in the county, and cheat the post office department, to circulate these supplements gratuitously through the mail to the subscribers of all such papers.

So Guitau has been found guilty. The plea of insanity wouldn't avail in his case. Had popular sympathy been with him it would have been good enough.

The only remaining question is, when will occur the final act in the tragedy—the hanging bee? The next term of the District Criminal Court begins on Monday.

The closing speech of Judge Porter, which occupied about a day and a half, was perhaps one of the most stinging, bitter philippics ever uttered in any court of justice.

The trial of Guitau, the assassin of President Garfield, terminated at Washington on Wednesday, as most of our readers are already doubtless aware, in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree.

The trial has certainly been one of the most remarkable in the history of the jurisdiction of this or any other country.

There are no more single railroads in this country. The iron track has become so general and all-pervading that it has become necessary to group the railroads, according to their own organization or connections, in combinations or systems.

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Melville being in command of the whaleboat, before proceeding to Irkutsk, Melville says he had found the place where De Long and his men were left by Niderman and Noras and had not found De Long there, which seems to indicate that they had not perished, but had been able to make their way inland to some safer shelter where they would doubtless be found when, later in the season, Melville, who is to remain in the country, is able to continue the quest.

The flood in the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers in Kentucky, of which we made mention in our last as then equal to the great flood of 1847, the highest on record, had by no means attained its climax at the latest dates then received.

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The monetary panic on the Paris Bourse, in consequence of the suspension of the Bank of Lyons and the run upon the Union Generale Bank of Paris, has about blown over, both banks having proved able to meet their liabilities.

The State Board of Health is receiving dispatches of the appearance of smallpox at new points in this state at the rate of about four a day, but think the disease is not on the increase.

In Chicago there were at last dates 100 smallpox patients in the pest house, with new cases at the rate of about 5 a day, and deaths about 3.

At Pittsburg the new cases still average about 30 a day; and about the same at Richmond and Norfolk, Va. In New York city the total number of cases last week was 39; in Philadelphia during the same week there were 23 deaths from smallpox, an increase of 11 over the preceding week.

PHOBATE COURTS.—A decision of the supreme court of this state, rendered last week, has created wide alarm, particularly in Chicago, by wiping out the Cook county probate court, established by act of the legislature in 1877, and declaring all its acts and proceedings illegal.

When a statute is adjudged to be unconstitutional, it is as if it had never been. Rights cannot be built up under it; contracts which depend upon it for their consideration are void; it constitutes a protection to no one who has acted under it, and no one can be punished for having refused obedience to it before the decision was made.

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The act, originally passed to apply to all counties with 100,000 inhabitants or more, thus being in fact limited to Cook county, it will be remembered was amended by the last legislature so as to take in counties of 70,000 inhabitants or more, thus letting in La Salle.

PROTECTION AND WAGES. We are rather surprised to find our friend of the American Manufacturer, of Pittsburg, admitting that, according to the consular reports made to the state department at Washington, the operatives in the English cotton factories receive about the same wages that are paid to the same class of employes in Massachusetts.

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Washington Letter. Beck, Voorhees and Ingalls on the Pension Bill—A Super-Aesthetic Sham—Woman's Rights Once More.

The past week was marked by the practical failure of committee expansion in the house, after a somewhat highly spiced debate, and by a discussion of the arrears of pensions bill, in which Senator Beck of Kentucky had the hardihood to denounce the measure as fraudulent and a most unjust imposition upon the taxpayer.

But we have had other entertainment than Congress this week. The National Woman's Rights convention has been in session, and the aesthetic crank, Oscar Wilde, has for the moment quite eclipsed Guitau as an object of morbid curiosity.

The Woman's Rights Convention presented the same old cast of reformers and performers. They have added nothing to their repertoire of resolutions, speeches, reports and collections.

Grant Rapids and Fall River. GRAND RAPIDS, Jan. 27.—The Fall River Grand Rapids and Brookfield Insurance Co. have made their annual report and make a good showing.

Sam Harley is home from Nebraska and Kansas. He reports Mrs. Carrie Judd as suffering from a disabled arm; that Mrs. Andrus Moore has married a rich widower; that Bill Porter is buying lands at Girard and growing fat on roast buffalo.

Sufferin' Meyer had a dance Tuesday night. Considering the nasty weather only a small crowd of youths and festive maidens appeared and waltzed the floor in good shape until sunrise.

Mr. James Batkin has been seriously ill for some weeks, but his friends hope to see him regain his strength soon.

The sociable at the Hickory Point church last night was not a success on account of the miserable roads.

A few persons in East Fall River are endeavoring to compel the Commissioners to lay a road to the Marshfield bridge. The effect will be to compel Fall River to build half of a bridge there, as the present one has been condemned as unsafe.