

The Week.

Foreign.

Of course the absorbing topic in England during the past week has been the election of members of the new parliament.

The result of the elections thus far is unexpectedly favorable to the conservatives, or Tories. Mr. Parnell's manifesto, issued a week ago, advising the Irish voters in England to cast their ballots for the conservative candidates, may turn out to have been a gun so heavily loaded that it "kicked the marksman over."

The troublesome "Eastern Question" arising out of the late disturbances in the Turkish Balkan provinces, is near another temporary settlement. The conference of the powers at Constantinople has agreed on a full restoration of the status quo.

There is nothing yet decisive from the British expedition against Burmah. Gen. Prendergast promised to take Mandalay the capital, by Tuesday, capture King Theebaw, and thus end the war in a blaze of glory, but at last accounts he was still several days from his objective point.

Alphonso, the young king of Spain, died at Madrid on Wednesday morning of consumption accelerated by dysentery. His death leaves affairs in Spain in a ticklish condition.

Washington. It is settled that John G. Carlisle, speaker of the last house, will be re-elected without opposition beyond the formal vote of a republican candidate against him.

About twenty senators present in Washington on Thursday met and appointed 11 senators, most of whom were present, to attend the funeral of Vice President Hendricks at Indianapolis next Tuesday.

The death of Vice President Hendricks and the non-election of a president pro tem of the senate before the adjournment of that body last spring, and there being no speaker of the house, leaves the country without a legal successor to the presidential chair in case President Cleveland should die before either house elects its presiding officer next week.

The long fight in Oregon over the election of a U. S. Senator was brought to a close on the 19th by the election of J. H. Mitchell, known as Hipple-Mitdell, over "Laundret" Williams, Mitchell being helped out by the votes of 13 democrats, who excuse themselves by saying that he pledged himself to support the Democratic National administration.

Senator Sharon, of Nevada, famous for his great wealth and still more famous for

the divorce suit he had been prosecuting for several years past in the California courts, died at San Francisco on the 14th.

The volcanoes are again at work in the Malay archipelago. Fearful tidal waves from there have deluged the South American and our own Pacific coast within a week, doing much damage.

A terrific storm, commencing with lightning, rain and hail and ending with a heavy snow fall, visited the East from last Sunday to Tuesday, extending from West Virginia to Maine.

The small-pox epidemic is subsiding in Montreal, but the deaths in the city and suburbs still average from 12 to 20 a day.

DEATH OF VICE PRESIDENT HENDRICKS. The whole country was greatly startled on Wednesday evening by the announcement of the sudden death, at his home in Indianapolis, of Thomas A. Hendricks, Vice President of the United States.

Thomas Andrews Hendricks was born near Zanesville, Ohio, Sept. 7th, 1819, to which place his father, John Hendricks, had moved a few years before from Westmoreland county, Pa.

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Mr. Hendricks was married in 1845 to Eliza C. Morgan, of Shelbyville, with whom he had but one child, a son that died when but three years old.

The FREE TRADER is promptly and joyfully reminded by all its local cotemporaries that it was in error in stating last week that the Supreme Court had been tied in the Mackin case, and that the tie was only broken by the election of a new Supreme Judge in the Cook district.

soon after the hearing of the case here a month or two ago, and not having been then contradicted, we supposed it was true. It appears, however, that there was no disagreement among the Judges on the question, but they were unanimous in approving the judgment of the Cook county court, which had found Mackin guilty of perjury and sentenced him to the penitentiary.

THE ILLINOIS GRANT MONUMENT.

The Association for the erection of a monument to Gen. Grant at the Illinois state capital has been duly organized under the incorporation laws of this state, with Senator Cullom as president, Charles F. Miller secretary and S. H. Jones treasurer.

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The Conspiracy Indictments.

Court opened on Monday afternoon with Judge Blanchard on the bench. His first duty was the hearing of the motion made by Duncan McDougall to quash the indictments against the Messrs. Fowler and Gentleman.

LATER.—Yesterday morning Judges Stipp and Blanchard, in conjunction, took up the motion to quash the indictments. During the day every available seat within the enclosure was occupied by members of the Ottawa bar.

Thomas Murray and Chas. R. Welch, the burglars who broke into the residence of a farmer named Curcoran, who resides near Ransom, were found guilty, and on Wednesday were sentenced to a year in the penitentiary.



HOME MATTERS.

Personal.

BOY.—Born to Mrs. Al. Maierhofer, on Monday, a boy.

LINDLEY.—Geo. Lindley of Chicago spent Thanksgiving at home.

GODFREY.—Abe Godfrey of Streator ate turkey in Ottawa on Thursday.

CRANE.—Miss Etta Crane was in Marseilles last week, the guest of Miss Clara Bangham.

NEFF.—H. A. Neff left Wednesday for Jacksonville, Fla., to winter in southern latitudes.

BEEM.—I. N. Beem left for Kansas City on Saturday, and is taking in other portions of the west this week.

BARTON.—R. I. Barton, principal of the Peru city schools, was on Thursday married to Miss Mary Fielding.

LOONEY.—John Looney of Rock Island came up to Ottawa to spend Thanksgiving at home and see his best girl.

DWYER.—Will Dwyer is a proud and happy papa since Wednesday. It is a girl, with hair and eyes just the color of Will's.

RINK.—P. Garrity, of the La Salle rink, and his brother Frank took supper with Miss Harvey at the Clifton on Thursday.

CAVANAGH.—Miss Julia Cavanaugh, of the Clifton, is at home in La Salle. She has been for years with the Clifton home people.

KEITH.—Geo. Keith and family left for Jacksonville, Fla., on the C. B. & Q. Friday of last week, to remain during the winter months.

GARDNER.—Miss Jennie Gardner is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Wilcox, of Aubrey, where she has been since Thursday of last week.

GUESTS.—A. W. Hard and wife, Milwaukee; W. C. Furst and wife, McCook, Neb.; and W. C. Orum, Denver, Col., spent the week at Mayor Allen's.

COOK.—Mrs. Samuel J. Cook and children left for Fairbury yesterday, Mr. Cook having preceded them three weeks ago. They will make Fairbury their home.

DEGEN.—Sol. Degen on Thursday received a dispatch from Chicago stating that Jacob Degen was very sick and it was requested that the family be at his bedside.

WHITE.—Mr. Richard White and daughter, Mary Ann, of Grand Rapids, have just returned home from Missouri, where they bought an elegant farm of 320 acres, to which they will soon move.

BAKE.—An assistant chief of police made his appearance at the residence of Thomas Brennan Monday night. This fully accounts for the habitual smile on the chief's countenance during the week.

Amusements.

Fitzgerald's concert at the opera house Monday evening was largely attended by the best people of the city, and was fully up to the high standard expected of it.

The afternoon and evening performances at the Rink Thursday were given a large attendance, especially the latter. Miss Hattie Harvey, the attraction, has arrived almost to perfection in doing the most difficult feats in the art of artistic skating.

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C. M. Forbes is getting in a big assortment of hanging and hand lamps. In a few days the entire ceiling of his store will be studded with a beautiful array of these objects.

The report that Dan Voorhees, "the tall Sycamore of the Wabash," was employed to assist in the defense of Peter West is untrue. Messrs. Duncan and Blake are the only lawyers on that side of the case.

Sunday morning the fire department was twice called out. William Serge's residence near the C. B. & Q. water tank was discovered to be on fire. The fire originated in the cellar and considerable damage was done; but it was at once extinguished by the department.

In its efforts to aid the parties charged with conspiracy, an unreliable and wholly untrustworthy little daily made the statement last week that

"Several members of the bar Monday arose in open court and requested Judge Stipp not to certify any cases in which they were interested to the county court to be tried by Gilbert."

This is about as near the truth as that irresponsible sheet ever arrives at. Only one member of the bar made the request.

Marshal Smith, of Streator, lodged Dick Massey in the county jail on Monday to await his trial on the charge of passing counterfeit money.

Mrs. H. P. Allen, of Sycamore, widow of the man murdered at Sandwich some years ago, does not credit the confession of James Young that he is the slayer of her husband.

Modjeska, on Thursday night of last week, was greeted with a tremendous audience at Rockford, every seat in the house, even down to the extra chairs placed in the aisles, were sold 35 hours in advance of the opening.

Lomasney, who is in training to meet Jack Hannifan, of La Salle, is getting himself in fine condition for the glove contest. He walks four or five miles before breakfast, returns and partakes of rare meat and dry toast for breakfast.

A farmer residing between here and Streator has lost this season 400 head of hogs by cholera, a loss of about \$7,000. A large force of men have been kept busy burying the carcasses.

A fenish attempt was made early last Saturday morning to burn the residence of Officer Frost. A portion of the house outside was saturated with kerosene and fired. This is another diabolical outrage that is quite likely to go undetected.

Minnie Richards, one of Streator's demireps, came up Saturday on a four month's sentence to the county jail on a charge of having no visible means of support.

We take this method of expressing our heartfelt thanks to our friends for the substantial token of their confidence left us on the occasion of the gathering at our residence on Tuesday evening last. This was to us a very unlooked for turn of a matter in which we had taken an unselfish interest for the good of others.

A Card.

Mrs. Mary A. Daley, of Tunkhannock, Pa., was afflicted for six years with Asthma and Bronchitis, during which time the best physicians could give no relief.

A Remarkable Escape.

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After Diphtheria.

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From Mendota.

MENDOTA, Nov. 27.—A blood-red card, with skull and cross-bones on one side, with the ominous inscription, "Beware, the Mystic League has its eye upon you," and the address upon the other, was received by a number of our citizens Thursday last.

The Turners' fair was a complete success. Miss Della Wershinski drew the doll in a contest which netted over \$100. Miss B. Devereaux, after a lively contest, won the sewing machine, Fritz Washindorf the gold watch, and Fred Rand the conductor's lantern.

The license for the marriage of Edgar S. Brown and Miss Gerie Schick has been issued, and the happy event will take place at the Presbyterian church in this city next Sunday evening.

The many gentlemen friends of Charles Madden assembled at the Opera House on Wednesday evening and presented him with a pair of Irish brogans, fashioned after the Dutch model shoe of the 14th century.

The military ball on Thanksgiving night was a grand affair. The presentation speech was made by Hon. F. P. Snyder, and in reply Mr. Madden burst forth in extempore eloquence, and on gazing upon the shoes he discovered they were two sizes too large for him, being No. 12.

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