

NEWS BY LATE MAIL.

A new Democratic paper is shortly to be started in Chicago.

Ex-Senator Wade thinks the Republican ticket will have a largely increased majority in Ohio.

The Democrats of New Jersey have nominated Joe Parker for the Governorship of that State.

Onyon H. Percival, a brother of John G. Percival, the poet, died last week in the City Hospital of New Haven, Conn. He had been in poor health and in indigent circumstances, it is said, for a number of years.

In Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the 10 inst., Joseph Alex. F. Blohm, born in St. Petersburg in 1776, and who joined the Masonic order in 1806, in 1848 was laid to rest in the cemetery of that city. He is said to have been the oldest Mason in the country.

On Friday night a fire broke out in Nixon & Co.'s foundry, on Park avenue, St. Louis, destroying two-thirds of the establishment, with many valuable patterns, and involving a loss of \$15,000. The flames extended to the malt-house of Hoppe & Co., and destroyed the rear portion, together with a large quantity of grain. The loss on the building and stock will probably reach \$40,000; insured for \$10,000.

The papers from the cotton States seem with accounts of the damage wrought upon the cotton by late late storms. Some recommend planters to hold their staple for a high price, while others characterize this advice as "dangerous." The fact seems to be, however, that in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, a good deal of damage has been done during the last fortnight.

There is unusual activity in the work at Rock Island Arsenal just now. Some forty men have been put to work in fixing up infantry, cavalry, and artillery accoutrements, which is the belief that something is in the wind somewhere out West. There are now about one thousand eight hundred men employed on the armories and other branches of the government work on and connected with the island.

The Massachusetts Board of Railroad Commissioners have issued circulars requesting the several railroad companies of the State, through their proper officers, to meet them for the purpose of the 10th inst., at Boston. The commissioners say the investigation of the cause of the accident at Revere contains facts nearly affecting the whole railroad system, and to which they wish to call the particular attention of railroad managers, with the view of preventing the recurrence of such calamities in the future.

The Defauling Paymaster—His Own Confession.

The following is the confession of his guilt made by Paymaster Hodge, to Paymaster General Brice:

SUNDAY EVENING, Sept. 10, 1871.

General B. W. Brice:

Sir—I have to inform you that I am unable to close my accounts, and that I owe the frightful amount of \$450,000, which sum I have lost during the last four years in stock speculations, going deeper and deeper, in hope of retrieving myself. I have no excuse or mitigation of my crime to offer, and propose to take the full consequences of my sin. I had thought a week ago of escaping from New York, but believe I have done better in returning here to deliver myself up, as I felt I was going to do.

I can, of course, make no pretence of excuse for the systematic deceit I have practiced on you and the advantage I have taken of the special position I have held, and feel that you, especially, have cause to be justly inexorable against me. I have been led on by the infatuation that always attends the course of a man, in hoping always to recover my loss and conceal my crime. I believe it is really a relief to be forced to a discovery, for I have been in a hell on earth for years, and the alternations of hope and fear I have gone through and constant care avoid I have been becoming too strong.

I desire to turn over any property I have as a small set-off against my delinquency, and after giving any information that may assist in settling my accounts, or, if possible, in recovering a portion of what I have lost, I expect to take the full punishment awarded for my offence.

In justice to two parties in this city through whom I have made some speculations, I wish to say that they are perfectly innocent of any knowledge that I was using public funds, and that some small balance in these parties to my credit whenever the accounts are closed. The losses I made were almost entirely in New York, with one house there, whose accounts I hold subject to your orders. I endeavored to induce them to make good the amount lost with them, which they knew I have been trying to make up my mind to this confession for some days, and was on the point of doing so this morning in your office, but I could not bring myself to say it, and wanted time to write my innocent wife, whom this frightful information will kill. God forgive me for what I have done to her and my children. All I ask from you or the authorities is, that if possible, some small sum may be left her. I enclose keys of my safe and box, containing all my old accounts, &c. My present vouchers, &c., are in the hands of my clerks, and receipts in safe. The clerks are all of them perfectly innocent of any knowledge of my delinquency.

I shall remain at the house, No. 1423 K street, till informed what action you have taken concerning me. There is no fear I will go away now.

J. LEDYARD HODGE.

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