MONOPOLY IN NEWS.

Another Shot from the "Enquirer's" Guns at the Advocates of the Proposed News Copyright Law.

CINCINNATI, O., March 13.—The opponents of the impracticable and manifestly unfair proposition to create a monopoly in the news of the day by means of the proposed news copyright law have an able champion in the *Enquirer* of this city. Much opposition is apparent among the newspapers of the leading cities and towns of this State, Pennsylvania and Indiana, and Senator Sherman is roundly denounced because of his introduction in the Senate of the bill to make such copyright the law of the land. The *Enquirer* of Tuesday says editorially:

Congress should not dilly-dally with the scheme to create a monopoly in news. If the people who are working to that end propose to get up events and want a patent, that is one thing; but they stand forth as unexampled instances of impudence when they ask for a patent on events which they merely propose to chronicle. The work of a book-maker—a writer of books—is wholly different. The matter of the book is the coinage of the brain of the man who asks for a copyright. The gentlemen with more gall than judgment or fairness who are now asking for aid might as reasonably petition Congress to give them a patent on motive power as a whole—on the principal of the steam engine or the water-wheel—as to ask for a guarantee of proprietorship in events to which they bear no relation except that of chroniclers. A more direct route to the relief they seek would be to forward with a bill and ask that the people in their respective bailiwicks be compelled to become subscribers to their slobber. Failing in that, how would it do for them to go before their Legislatures and ask the law-making power to come down on the duplicate and subsidize their abortive efforts in journalism that can not stand ordinary competition? If the bill introduced at the instance of the monopolists can pass, the shoemakers, hatters and iron-workers now engaged in business should immediately demand that all new comers shall be ruled out and the people compelled to buy from them, and from them alone. The bill is a fraud. It is for the purpose of establishing a dishonest monopoly, and Congress should sit down upon it without ceremony, and with unmistakable force. The scope of the bill is possibly not comprehended by the publishers whose interests are most seriously affected. Towns like Dayton, Springfield, Hamilton, Chillicothe, Zanesville, Akron, Urbana, Youngstown, Delaware, Lexington, Frankfort, Paris, Cynthiana, Lafayette, Evansville, Shelbyville, Terre Haute, etc., might as well ask their members of Congress to legislate them out of business as to tolerate acquiescence in this most iniquitous of monopolies. The country newspapers that have been doing well can not assure themselves of continued prosperity by indifference to the action of their Congressmen. Their material interests and the rights of the puble have been attacked in the highest legislative body. Letters to your Representatives and Senators are in order.

AMONG THE POLITICIANS.

Interesting Notes Concerning the Progress of the Coming State and National Campaigns.

The Republican State Convention of Texas will be held at Fort Worth, April 29. The most prominent candidate for the gubernatorial nomination is C. C. Brinkley, of Sherman, who is strong in the cattle regions.

The Michigan Republican State Convention for the selection of delegates to the National Convention at Chicago will be held at Grand Rapids, April 24.

The California Democratic State Convention will be held at Stockton June 10.

At Charleston, S. C., Tuesday, the Republican Convention of the Seventh Congressional District nominated Robert Small, colored, for Congress, to succeed E. W. M. Mackey, deceased.

A dispatch from Norfolk, Va., says that in an interview General Grant expressed the opinion that either Arthur or Blaine would receive the Republican Presidential nomination. He thought the Southern outrages would be used by the Republicans as a campaign rallying-cry.

The Arkansas State Democratic Convention to nominate State officers and select delegates to the National Convention will be held at Little Rock June 25.

The Vermont Republican State Convention for the election of delegates to Chicago will be held at Montpelier April 30. The Gubernatorial Convention will be held at Burlington June 18.

The Republicans of Maryland will hold a State Convention May 1 to select delegates to the National Republican Convention.

W. M. Smith, ex-Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner, denies that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Lieutenant-Governor of Illinois.

The faction of the Republican party in Misssouri known as the "Filley Republicans" have decided to hold a State Convention at Sedalia, April 9. As this is the same time and place decided upon by the regular, or Van Horn, Republicans for holding their State Convention, there will undoubtedly be music in the air.

The Wisconsin Democratic State Central Committee met at Milwaukee Wednesday and decided to call a State Convention to meet at Madison, May 26, for the election of delegates to the Chicago Convention. The date of the convention to nominate State officers has not yet been fixed upon.

Death of Bishop Clarkson.

OMAHA, Neb., March 11.—Rt. Rev. Robert H. Clarkson, Bishop of Nebraska, died about one o'clock yesterday morning. He was born November 29, 1826, at Gettysburg, Pa. He graduated at Pennsylvania College in 1844, and graduated in theology at St. James College, Maryland, in 1848. He was rector of St. James Church, in Chicago, from 1849 to 1865, when he was consecrated Bishop of Nebraska and Dakota, and came to Omaha, where he made his home.

Disappearance of a Poker-Playing Clerk.

NEW YORK, March 13.—J. H. Fullerton, a $1,200-a year clerk of the Manhattan Beach Railway, was missed yesterday, and with him 474 shares of stock, valued at $45,000. Fullerton is single, aged thirty-five, and had held a confidential position with the company for four years. He fell in with extravagant club fellows, and is known to have lost as much as $500 per night at poker.

A Great Game in Prospect.

NEW YORK, March 13.—William Sexton, the billard player of New York, has challenged George F. Slosson, of Chicago, to play three games for $1,000 a side in Chicago or New York, beginning the first week in May, one game to be cushion carroms, 500 points, one of regular three-ball carrom of 1,500 points, and one a championship game of 1,000 points. The games to be ten days apart.

Sentenced for Life.

MUSKEGON, Mich., March 13.—Judge Russell has overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of Mrs. Koren Larsen, convicted of poisoning John Guild with "rough on rats" last August. She was sentenced to Jackson Prison at hard labor for life. She was calm and collected. Her husband will be tried in May for the same offense.

The Garden of Eden.

BOSTON, March 12.—President Warren, of Boston University, was the Speaker at the meeting of the Boston Evangelical Alliance. He read an elaborate essay to prove that the Garden of Eden was located at the North Pole.

A SNOWY SEPULCHER.

DESTRUCTION OF A WESTERN TOWN.

Woodstock, Col., Wiped Out of Existence by a Snow-Slide—Sixteen Persons Killed—Twelve Persons Meet Their Fate Similarly in Utah.

SWEPT FROM THE EARTH.

DENVER, Col., March 12.—At six o'clock Monday night a snow-slide descended on the little snow-bound station of Woodstock, on a branch of the South Park Railroad, seventy-five miles southwest of Leadville, carrying away every building in the town, including the railway station. The news was brought to Pitkin, nine miles distant, by a section hand on snow-shoes, arriving at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Eighteen persons are known to have been caught in the avalanche, including Mrs. Doyle, a widow who kept the station, her six children, another woman, name unknown, and ten section men. The two women were rescued Tuesday night. They were alive, but seriously injured. The body of one section-hand has been recovered. None of the others can escape alive.

As soon as the news reached Pitkin fire-bells sounded an alarm, and a large number of citizens started on snow-shoes to the scene of the disaster. Among the missing are Jacob Caswell, of Tomichi; J. S. Brown, telegraph operator at the station; George Alexander, Horace Alexander and Mike Shea. A large number of snow-shovelers have also gone.

The snow-fall in the mountain districts of Colorado the present winter is without parallel in the history of the State. Many of the mining camps west and south have been snow-bound since November. San Juan County has been the greatest sufferer. Durango, Silverton, Rico, containing from one to five thousand inhabitants, are still blockaded, no trains having reached either town for several weeks. Breckenridge, fifty miles north of Leadville, is nearly destitute. Morkzuma ten miles distant, is in a pitiable condition. Gunnison, situated a few miles from the largest coal mines in the State, is suffering from a coal famine. Snow is eight feet on a level over the whole country; in the ravines and gulches from fifty to a hundred feet. The only means of communication is on snow shoes, and few men are heroic enough to brave the bitter storms. When spring thaws move these mountains of snow fearful results must follow.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 12.—Five men engaged in grading on the Baker City Branch Railroad through Pyle Canon, Union County, Ore., were caught under a vast land-slide and crushed to a jelly. A very heavy blast had just been fired, which loosened a huge mass of earth and rocks on the side of the mountain, which came down so suddenly that the men had no time to run. The names of the victims were not obtainable.

PERISHED IN THE SNOW.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 10.—Twelve persons were buried under a snow-slide Friday night, near Alta. About six o'clock a mass of snow fully half a mile wide began moving from the summit of the range. It soon attained a fearful velocity. In some way the persons in its track did not observe its approach until it was too late to escape. With resistless force the great mass swept down upon the New Emma mine property and the little settlement where the huts of the miners were. The men had come up about an hour before. Fortunately, most of them had gone to a neighboring settlement. In an instant the snow-slide struck the works of the mine and the hamlet. All was swept away, and twelve persons who had frantically sought to escape were dashed down to death. These were: Gus Lydecker, D. D. Wasson, —— Wasson, Samuel Prethers, Charles Colgreen, Mrs. C. Colgreen, Edward Crockett, Miss Lottie Pleon, S. J. Johnson, N. S. Delano, W. Stephenson, John Richardson. The bodies of the unfortunate victims, together with the debris of the huts and the works of the New Emma Mine, were hurled into the valley below. There the snow was piled up forty feet deep.

As soon as the full extent of the disaster became known men from all the surrounding camps and villages hastened to the place where the snow had lodged. Work was begun by torchlight to rescue those who had been swept away. All night long the men worked, and it was not until late Saturday afternoon that the bodies were reached. All were recovered but one. They were laid out in a row. In the meantime a heavy storm had set in, and all that could be done was to leave the bodies under a shed, where they would be safe until it would be possible to bring them down the mountain and give them burial. George Collins, the Mine Superintendent, estimates the loss on the mine at $15,000, and declares that the slide was the most terrible ever known in the Little Cottonwood. Several of those killed leave families absolutely uprovided for. The Wasson brothers came from near Port Henry, N. Y., but their friends are unknown.

A Destructive Fire.

ST LOUIS, Mo., March 12.—A fire starting in a one-story frame building on the levee in East St. Louis destroyed a row of five frame boarding-houses, the old passenger and freight depot of the Chicago & Alton Road, a portion of the stables of the St. Louis Transfer Company and elevator of the Advance Elevator and Warehouse Company, which contained 300,000 bushels of corn, 50,000 bushels of oats and 20,000 bushels of wheat. Over one hundred cars loaded with grain and hay were burned, as were also the Chicago & Alton, and the Ohio and & Mississippi repair-shops. The total loss sustained figures up over $500,000.

An Old Man Cruelly Murdered.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 13.—Frederick Vierke, an old resident of the town of Lind, Waupaca County, was foully murdered Tuesday evening. He was found by his wife at one o'clock in the morning outside his barn with his skull crushed, probably by a heavy mallet found lying near him. He was undoubtedly murdered, but by whom is not known. He was very rich, and usually carried large sums of money with him. Vierke was eighty-five years old.

A New Industry for East St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 13.—John B. Dutcher, D. H. Sherman and several other Eastern capitalists who own the old beef-canning establishment in East St. Louis, arrived here yesterday and arranged to turn their property into a large slaughtering concern, from which they will soon send great quantities of dressed beef to New York and the East in refrigerator-cars.

Disastrous Fires in Michigan Towns.

DETROIT, Mich., March 13.—Forty stores and a number of other buildings were destroyed by fire at Allegan yesterday, entailing a loss of over $400,000. A fire also destroyed $150,000 worth of property at Grand Rapids.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

For Week Ended March 13.

A colony of fifty leading farmers has left the vicinity of Fayetteville, Ark., for Idaho and Washington Territory, and will soon be followed by a party of one hundred.

At Lafayette, Ind., Alexander Keyes, and at Greensburg, Ind., Jacob Block, on trial for murder, both were found guilty and the penalty fixed at life imprisonment.

A New York syndicate has taken $200,000 of the bonds of the Henderson Bridge Company, and the Ohio River at Henderson, Ky., will be bridged and railroad connection be made continuous from St. Louis and Chicago to Nashville and points South.

The Grand Jury at Norwalk, O., has indicted M. O. Vanfleet, the defaulting County Treasurer, and suit has been brought against his bondsmen for $47,608. A true bill was found against George B. Vanfleet for receiving embezzled public funds, and he was held in bonds of $2,000.

The Longfellow Memorial Association holds $12,000 in cash and land for a monument site worth $75,000.

A Utica dispatch says that George Cragin, who, with John Humphrey Noyes, founded the Oneida Community in 1848, was found dead in bed there Sunday. Heart disease.

The dramatic festival at Cincinnati will begin April 21. A contract was made Monday for the use of Music Hall for the occasion.

The seceders from Hamilton College have been refused admission to Union College, the latter claiming that it could not graduate men it had not educated.

Twenty-seven clearing-houses report $1,129,628,053 clearances the past week, showing an increase over the corresponding period of last year exceeding 11.6 per cent.

Attorney-General McCartney, of Illinois, has given an official opinion that the Warden of a State Penitentiary is not authorized by law to surrender a prisoner upon a capias for trial for a crime.

Abram Breath, one of the defenders of Elijah P. Lovejoy at Alton, Ill., in 1837, against the pro-slavery mob, and who was in the building when Lovejoy was killed, died at Alton Monday afternoon, aged seventy-nine.

Peter Schmitz, a wealthy builder of Chicago, who recently killed his second wife at No. 214 Mohawk street, ended his life in jail Monday by choking himself with a three-quarter inch cord which he held in his hand.

Active preparations are being made at Dodge City, Kan., for the convention of the Western Kansas Stock-growers' association, beginning April 2. The Association owns $8,000,000 worth of cattle, and leading cattle-men throughout the Union will attend the gathering.

The house of Herr Hotthausen, Comptroller of the Duchy of Brunswick, at Haltzminded, Germany, was robbed on the night of February 15 of $2,500. Young Hotthausen, the Comptroller's son, one of the burglars, was arrested at New York Monday on the steamer Amsterdam.

The Massachusetts House has passed a bill providing for the flogging of wife-beaters.

Cowan & Co., merchants of Glasgow, have suspended payment, with liabilities of £100,000.

Effie Ellsler, the actress, sues Brooks & Dickson for $61,800 damages for forfeiture of a contract.

Captain Hunter, of the Salvation Army, Bridgeport, Conn., sues the Chief-of-Police for $12,000 for false arrest.

Serious damage to winter wheat by alternate freezing and thawing is reported from the Hillsboro (Ill.) district.

It is stated that the lumber cut in Wisconsin the present season doubles the quantity felled last winter, and, as a result, that prices will be materially reduced.

Mrs. Filt and Mrs. Jones, sisters, over fifty years old, and a daughter of the latter, were found starving at Montreal Tuesday, being so weak that they could not speak.

Helen King Spangler, wife of the Hon. E. T. Spangler, and author of "The Physician's Wife" and other novels, was found dead in her bath-room at Coshocton, O., Tuesday. Apoplexy was the cause.

Henry Richardson, a leading member of the vigilance committee of Brown County, Neb., was hung by unknown persons near his home at Morris Bridge. He has participated in the lynching of fourteen horse-thieves.

William Brown, the negro accused of murdering the peddler at Cahokia, Ill., made another confession Tuesday, saying that he first knocked his victim down with a club, when his wife finished him with an ax, and then burnt the head, hands and feet, he simply assisting her in burying the mutilated corpse.

Near Lafayette, Ind., Tuesday, Michael Rorick, a wealthy farmer, was killed by lightning.

Sitting Bull is being taken to Minneapolis by Major McLaughlin to see something of life among the whites.

Five laborers were injured and one killed by a fall of coal in the Avondale shaft, near Wilkesbarre, Pa., Wednesday.

The yield of lard in Cincinnati this season is reported at 12,475,000 pounds, a decrease of 3,206,000 pounds from last season.

Nearly $80,000 was sunk at Portland, Oregon, by a St. Louis journalist in endeavoring to establish the *Northwest*, which has ceased to exist.

N. W. Patten, of Marshfield, Wis., has sold to George G. Wilcox, of Chicago, six thousand acres of pine lands in Lincoln County, Wis., for $100,000.

A terrible cyclone swept over Saline County, Mo., Wednesday, doing great damage to farm houses and stock. No one was killed, but several sustained serious injury.

Ex-Congressman J. F. McKinney and H. H. Smiley, of Piqua, O., have been indicted for receiving unlawful pension fees. They have been admitted to bail in $1,000 each.

City Treasurer John Boyle, of Erie, Pa., recently defeated for a third term, has disappeared, and a cursory investigation developes a shortage in his accounts of $7,000.

Two women were killed by the cyclone which wrecked Starkville, Miss., Tuesday. The total loss in the county is about $100,000.

General Badeau, United States Consul-General at Havana, Wednesday presented Jay Gould to the Captain-General of Cuba. The latter, with his wife, afterward paid a visit to Mr. Gould's yacht.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Illinois Central Road, held in Chicago Wednesday, Matthew Luttgen, Robert Goelet and S. V. R. Cruger, of New York, were chosen Directors to fill vacancies.

In commemoration of the one hundredth birthday of Sir Moses Montefiore, of London, the Supreme Lodge of Kesher Shel Barzel has endowed with $75,000 the home for aged and infirm Israelites at Cleveland.

Fred Douglass, although a constant attendant on the Woman-Suffrage Convention in Washington, was quietly ignored on account of his recent marriage, notwithstanding his bride was always prominent in the cause.

Edward Ray and W. A. Anderson, the revenue officers who recently killed three men in Mitchell County, South Carolina, have surrendered and are in jail at Raleigh. Nearly $5,000 reward was offered for their capture.

THE SOUDAN REVOLT.

A BATTLE IMMINENT NEAR ZARIBA.

Anxiety Regarding Khartoum—The French in Tonquin—Ross Wins a Boat-Race from Bubear—The Pork Question in France.

OTHER OLD WORLD NEWS.

SUAKIM, March 13, 2:20 a. m.—The British have just taken a position one mile from the rebel camp and will make an attack at daybreak, opening the battle with a battery of seven Gatling guns. The cavalry have been dismounted, owing to the rough nature of the ground around the rebel camp, and will probably fight as infantry. The hordes of Osman Digma are hidden in trenches and pits. British scouts have been frequently fired upon, but owing to the poor marksmanship of the rebels no one has been wounded as yet. Five thousand men are positively known to be in the army of Osman Digma.

LONDON, March 13.—Much anxiety is felt in regard to the situation at Khartoum. The *Times'* Alexandria special says: "It is proverbial that three courses are possible—to leave General Gordon to his fate; to dispatch English troops to Khartoum, or to import Indian troops. The policy of doing nothing has not hitherto achieved signal success."

PARIS, March 13.—The deficit in the indirect taxes in France for January and February amount to 11,500,000 francs.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 13.—The Council of the Empire approves, by a large majority, the proposed concessions to the Russo-American Company, which contemplates the erection of grain elevators throughout the country, but Michel Katkoff, editor of the *Official Journal* of Moscow, strongly opposes the measure on patriotic grounds. It is therefore doubtful whether the Czar will sanction the scheme.

LONDON, March 12.—Orders have been given to a detachment of marines at Chatham to proceed immediately to Soudan.

HONG KONG, China, March 12.—It is reported that General Millot, commander of the French forces in Tonquin, opened the cannonade upon Bac-Ninh Monday. The French column advancing upon that place from Hai-Dzuong met the enemy in force Sunday, and after a sharp conflict drove their opponents back upon Bac-Ninh. Admiral Courbet has placed an iron-clad in front of Quinho and declared that part of the coast blockaded. At Canton there are all signs of a prolonged war. There has been no hostility to foreigners, however.

PARIS, March 12.—The Committee of the Chamber of Deputies to which the question of the importation of pork has been referred, decided, subject to the approval of the Government, to consult the Councils-General of the various departments upon the matter. In the meanwhile, M. Lanessan, a member of the committee, resolved to request the Government to suspend the embargo on pork until the committee shall have come to a final decision.

LONDON, March 12.—Oxford University has decided to grant women the same examination as given to men.

LONDON, March 11.—The race between George Bubear, the well-known English oarsman, and Wallace Ross, the famous New Brunswick sculler, was witnessed by enormous crowds. The distance rowed was four miles and two furlongs, over the regular Thames course, from Putney to Mortlake, Ross conceding Bubear ten seconds. The betting on Ross was five against four on Bubear. Bubear's lead at the start was four and one-half lengths, but at Hammersmith the boats were nearly even. The race was won by the American by six lengths. After passing Hammersmith, Ross led in spite of the exertions of Bubear, and came in easily. Time, 26 minutes and 10 seconds. The contest was virtually over at Hammersmith. Ross paddled home fifteen lengths ahead of Bubear. Great crowds thronged the banks.

ROME, March 11.—In the Italian Chamber of Deputies Monday President Farini ruled a member out of Order. The Chamber annulled the President's ruling, whereupon he resigned, thus further complicating the Cabinet troubles.

CORK, March 10.—The funeral of Jerome J. Collins, of the Jeannette expedition, took place here Sunday, five thousand persons escorting the remains to the cemetery.

Sent to Prison by His Son's Crime.

BOSTON, March 12.—Nathan P. Pratt, formerly Treasurer of the Reading (Mass.) Savings Bank, convicted of embezzling funds in 1879, was sentenced Monday to four years' imprisonment at hard labor. Pratt is seventy-three years old, and pending proceedings, was confined in jail five years. The original defalcation was $100,000, but a portion of the money was recovered, and the final loss to depositors is about $10,000. It was shown that the defendant did not profit by the defalcation. Though nominally treasurer, his son, Sidney P. Pratt, conducted the business, and the loss, it was alleged, was through the latter's conduct. Sidney disappeared when the defalcation became known, and has never since been heard of.

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, March 13.

LIVE STOCK—Cattle	$5 20	@$7 40
Sheep	5 00	@ 7 00
Hogs	6 00	@ 7 00
FLOUR—Good to Choice	3 80	@ 6 50
Patent	5 75	@ 6 90
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1 08	@ 1 13¾
No. 2 Spring	1 06	@ 1 08¾
CORN	61¾	@ 63
OATS—Western Mixed	40	@ 42
RYE	72	@ 76
PORK—Mess	17 50	@17 75
LARD—Steam	9 55	@ 9 60
CHEESE	11	@ 13
WOOL—Domestic	32	@ 45
CHICAGO.		
BEEVES—Extra	$6 90	@ 7 00
Choice	6 60	@ 6 80
Good	6 20	@ 6 50
Medium	5 50	@ 6 00
Butchers' Stock	3 50	@ 5 50
Inferior Cattle	2 50	@ 3 50
HOGS—Live—Good to Choice	6 00	@ 7 50
SHEEP	3 25	@ 6 00
BUTTER—Creamery	25	@ 36
Good to Choice Dairy	16	@ 20
EGGS—Fresh	19¾	@ 20
FLOUR—Winter	5 00	@ 6 00
Spring	4 50	@ 5 50
Patent	6 00	@ 6 50
GRAIN—Wheat, No. 2 Spring	92¾	@ 93
Corn, No. 2	54	@ 54¼
Oats, No. 2	31¾	@ 32
Rye, No. 2	58¾	@ 59
Barley, No. 2	63¾	@ 64
BROOM CORN—		
Red-Tipped Hurl	6½	@ 8
Fine Green	5	@ 6
Inferior	2¾	@ 3¼
POTATOES—Good to Choice	33	@ 35
PORK—Mess	17 00	@17 00
LARD—Steam	9 30	@ 9 35
LUMBER—		
Common Dressed siding	18 00	@22 00
Flooring	16 00	@26 00
Common Boards	12 00	@18 00
Fencing	12 00	@14 50
Lath	2 50	@ 2 60
Shingles	2 90	@ 3 30
EAST LIBERTY.		
CATTLE—Best	$6 25	@ 7 00
Fair to Good	5 25	@ 6 00
HOGS—Yorkers	6 50	@ 6 85
Philadelphias	7 50	@ 7 75
SHEEP—Best	5 50	@ 6 00
Common	3 00	@ 4 00
BALTIMORE.		
CATTLE—Best	6 75	@ 7 75
Medium	3 75	@ 5 00
HOGS	8 00	@ 9 50
SHEEP—Poor to Choice	4 00	@ 6 75