

GENERAL.

Gen. Sheridan has gone to Washington to assume command of the army.

Culver, Page, Hoynes & Co., of Chicago, closed their doors on Monday. Assets, \$325,000; liabilities, \$500,000.

Louisiana, Kentucky and Indiana had cyclones early on Monday, great damage being done to life and property in the former state.

A passenger train bound north on the Pan Handle road and an out-going freight on the Michigan Central collided Sunday morning at Joliet crossing, thirty miles southeast of Chicago. Both engines were thrown from the track and wrecked, falling upon and setting fire to the flag-man's box, into which the flag-man, Peter Colic, retreated upon seeing a collision inevitable, and was burned to death.

The Jacksonville (Ill.) council prohibited the Jesse James troupe from performing.

Fifteen hundred bales of cotton at Charleston, S. C., consigned to New York, burned on Monday morning.

Articles of incorporation of the United States Central railway, with a capital of \$75,000,000, were filed at Denver on Thursday. The road is intended to be a rival of the Central Pacific, and will run from San Francisco to Denver, via Santa Cruz and Crystal Springs, Nevada; thence to Milford, the southern terminus of the Utah Central, and onward in an easterly direction to Denver.

Fifty hansom cabs have been ordered and will be run in Chicago by a company organized for the purpose after January 1st.

The National, the new hotel at Peoria, Ill., was opened Tuesday. It cost \$250,000 to build and \$75,000 to furnish.

Gen. Schofield took command of the military division of the Missouri on Thursday.

Tuesday's fires were three small ones at Minneapolis entailing a loss of \$15,000; the Michigan Central depot at East Saginaw, \$15,000; and a conflagration that destroyed the greater part of the village of Homestead, Pa.

Christ Dockson, employed in an Alleghany City, Pa., tannery, went down a well to examine the water on Tuesday. It was very foul with gas and his cries of alarm brought two fellow-laborers to the rescue. They went down and were in turn suffocated.

A company of nine persons, citizens of Cherokee, Indian Nation, has been organized for the purpose of establishing a national bank at Vinita, Indian Territory, with a capital of \$50,000.

Advices from Deming say "Juh," the head chief of the Apaches, is not dead, as reported, but is now raiding the southern Chiricahuas. Jose Lepas, a Mexican, who has a half brother with Chief Geronimo, reports little Charley McComas recently killed by the Indians. The Indians who have been hovering around both sides of the boundary line, having been disappointed in receiving reinforcements from the San Carlos reservation, have now split up into small raiding parties and a good many horses have been stolen from various places.

Fourteen persons in different families living in the western part of Cincinnati have been attacked with symptoms of poisoning. One child died Thursday. A number of others are seriously ill. It is thought the poison was administered some way through food bought at a grocery.

The Katie P. Kountz and cargo were destroyed at Davis Landing, just above New Orleans, on Thursday.

Two small children of John Earness were suffocated during fire in the dwelling at Middletown, O., Thursday, and Mrs. Mary Welch and grandson suffered a similar fate at Cincinnati the same day.

There have been fifty cases of diphtheria and five deaths within a week in the West Boylston (Mass.) schools, which have been ordered closed in consequence.

Adjutant General King, of Texas, reports that negroes are dissatisfied with exclusive cars for their accommodation, and says trainmen on the Texas Central, where the system is just inaugurated, were compelled to take the colored people out of the cars assigned to whites.

Erie, Pa., is very much excited over the tragic deaths of five young men who went across the bay to the peninsula on Wednesday and never returned. The names are John W. Eyster, aged 30, mail agent; Giles Russell, 30, mail agent; Chas. Brown, 21; A. Carpenter, and F. C. Kelsey, Union News company employe. They had with them a sail and a clinker. Friday the sailboat was found bottom up in the bay with three guns and a satchel belonging to Eyster. That night the clinker was found near the light-house bow store. The bay was dragged and a pair of rubber boots were found, but no traces of the bodies. The wind was blowing a gale when they started to cross the bay on the way home. Eyster

leaves a wife, Kelsey a wife and child. The others were unmarried. Much public sympathy is expressed, as the men are well known and popular.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Mary Churchill, daughter of a wealthy St. Louis merchant, has been solved by the complete identification of the missing girl in Indianapolis, after a fruitless search of three months by detectives all over the land. Dr. Fletcher, of the insane hospital, was struck with the description of the missing girl to the remarkable closeness with which it answered the appearance of a domestic in the laundry department, and at once notified the authorities, who, accompanied by Thomas J. Gallagher, of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, called at the asylum and identified the girl. She gives no reason for her sudden disappearance. She left the city Sunday night in company with her father, to pay a brief visit to her mother, but declares that she can make her own living, and informed Dr. Fletcher that she would report for duty in a few days.

A fire Sunday morning destroyed the business portion of Port Costa, Cal., and eight Central Pacific car loads of wheat. Loss \$100,000; insurance not yet known.

At the election of officers of the National Woman's Christian Temperance union at Detroit Saturday, Miss Frances E. Willard was unanimously re-elected president amid the greatest enthusiasm.

A dispatch from Chicago says Geo. Ristine, who was tendered the position of commissioner of the Trans-Continental association, declined the office, owing to the desire of the managers of the railroads interested to make an immediate decision.

CRIME.

While the family of Wm. Fox, a farmer, three miles from Indianapolis, were eating supper Sunday night, three masked men with drawn revolvers entered the house. Two of them kept watch while the third man robbed the house. Fox had sold real estate the day previous, but deposited the money in the bank. No arrests.

The body of an Italian was found covered with brush near Dublin, Ind., Sunday evening. His neck was broken and his skull fractured in three places. An Italian who had been seen with the murdered man at Cambridge City and two tramps have been arrested. Forty dollars was found in his underclothing.

Much excitement prevails in Pike county, Penn., on account of the murder of Annie C. Cheever. When found she was dead with a bullet hole near her heart, and her left breast was riddled with fine shot.

The federal grand jury at Chicago Tuesday returned indictments against Frank L. Loring and John Flemming, who are supposed to have been principals in the firm of Flemming & Merriam, which gained such extensive notoriety when it collapsed one year ago. Indictments allege that the firm pretended to do a brokerage business on the Chicago board of trade, but really appropriated to their own use money of persons contributing to a fictitious fund called by them "The mutual co-operative fund." Loring and William W. Miller have also been indicted for carrying on a similar business. The grand jury also made similar presentment against Chas. B. Bennett and Wm. H. Holtzman, against whom like charges are preferred.

Tuesday night at New Edinburg, Ark., during the performance of Hunter's great consolidated shows, some unknown parties from the outside fired a volley of shots into the main exhibition canvas and beat a hasty retreat and disappeared in the darkness, escaping. The seats were crowded. Bullets passed through all sections of the audience. Chalman Deellenburg, one of the performers, a contortionist, was shot through the head, dying in the ring.

Two masked men robbed the vault of the county treasury at Virginia, Nev., of \$8,000 Tuesday night late. They then seized the treasurer and locked him in the vault. The affair is considered mysterious, as four thousand of the amount was silver—too heavy to pack off.

United States Marshal R. S. Foster, with a posse of detectives, went to Pike county, Indiana, Wednesday night, in pursuit of a gang of counterfeiters, supposed to be located in that portion of the state. They succeeded in arresting nine of the gang the next morning, at Steinville, a small village in Pike county, about twenty-five miles from Evansville, after a desperate fight. The following are the parties captured: Three brothers named Columbus, Jesse and Joseph Hanchens, Henry Grossman, Henry Kinder, Westley Woods, Phil Taylor, Bertie Luthers and Andy Hart. They were all brought to Indianapolis that night in charge of the marshal and deputies. During the fight Joe Hanchens was shot through the right lung, Jesse Hanchens in the hand, and Hart through his hat. The gang have been operating in the southern part of the state with headquarters at Knoby, in the vicinity of New Albany. The spurious coin manufactured are half dollars and dollars in silver, and two-and-a-half and five dollar pieces. The business of manufacturing spurious coin has been conducted on a large scale, their operations extending into adjoining states.

Charlotte Epps was found guilty at Huntington, Ind., of murdering her husband last June by administering poison. Epps was an old wealthy bachelor, and was married to the murderess two months previous to his death, she having served him in the capacity of housekeeper. Her punishment was fixed at imprisonment for life. The Inter-Ocean's Corunna (Ind.) special says: For some time neighbors in

this neighborhood who own self-binding harvesters have been receiving letters through this and adjacent postoffices threatening vengeance, because these these machines reduced the demand for farm laborers. These threats took form in incendiary barn burnings this week. Several barns have been consumed already, including two Thursday night. One of these was set on fire at three o'clock Friday morning, after the owner guarded it all two. There is much excitement, and farmers are forming a vigilance committee.

A New York policeman named William Conroy brought to the station house on Sunday a prisoner named Peter Keenan, a furniture mover, 34 years old. Keenan's head was covered with blood flowing from cuts caused by the policeman's club. In his abdomen there was a bullet wound. Keenan was removed to the hospital and died soon after. Policeman Conroy stated he arrested Keenan for being drunk and disorderly; that a mob assaulted him and in self-defense he was obliged to use his club and revolver. Conroy was placed under arrest. From information obtained by detectives and statements of witnesses at the coroner's preliminary examination it appears Policeman Conroy had been drinking heavily; that in the liquor saloon he assaulted several persons without cause, and finally attacked Keenan, who was quietly standing near the bar, interfering neither with the policeman nor any one else. After shooting him without warning, he dragged him from the saloon and clubbed him long after he became unconscious. Conroy made several contradictory statements about the matter.

The train on the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific railway going east Saturday morning was boarded at Danville Junction by four men who went through one of the passenger cars with drawn revolvers and obtained about \$800 from the passengers. They left the train suddenly just as it pulled out and no trace has been found of them. The same crowd or a similar one worked a train on the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western road, which connects at Danville with the Wabash, by the pickpocket process, getting \$1,200.

WASHINGTON.

Hon. John C. New has reconsidered his determination to resign the position of assistant secretary of the treasury.

It is stated that the president has decided to sustain the action of Postmaster General Gresham in the New Orleans national bank case. The decision of the president is in answer to the petition of a large number of merchants.

The secretary of the interior has sustained the commissioner of Indian affairs in his decision to the effect that the department does not recognize courts in Indian territory as courts of record within the meaning of section 2,103, revised statutes, which requires that certain agreements made with Indians shall be executed before the judge of a court of record. The secretary holds it was not the intention of the law-makers that agreements should be executed before judges not having such limited knowledge of the laws and treaties affecting the rights of Indians, and such limited general information as judges of Indian courts within the Indian country usually possess.

The statistics of the universal postal union for 1881, shows that the United States ranks first in the number of postoffices, and in the number of letters carried by mail Great Britain ranks first, and the United States next. In the number of newspapers conveyed, the United States ranks first, with Germany second.

The annual report of the paymaster general of the army to the secretary of war shows receipts for the fiscal year of \$15,490,310, disbursements, \$13,382,164. The remainder was deposited in the treasury. Since the last report five officers of the pay department have retired, having attained the age of 64, one died and one was dismissed for misappropriation of public funds.

The annual report of the commissioner of revenue was submitted. By the consolidation of collection districts an annual saving to the government of \$125,000 was secured. The aggregate receipts this year are estimated at \$120,000,000. During the first three months of the current fiscal year the revenues decreased \$7,926,401. As a large number of those engaged in illicit distilling are desirous of abandoning the unlawful practices, the commissioner has been urged to recommend a general proclamation of general amnesty to such persons. He suggests that congress provide a shorter period of limitation for the prosecution of offenses against the revenue. The question of enforcing the revenue laws in Indian Territory has been referred to Secretary Folger for action. The commissioner recommends the withdrawal of the privilege granted manufacturers of vinegar of separating alcoholic property from fermented mash and using the same in the production of vinegar. Aside from the above the report is an elaboration of points presented in the commissioner's letter to the secretary, published the 27th of July last.

FOREIGN.

SIBERIA.

Great disorders prevail in the penal colonies of Siberia owing to official corruption. A large number of exiles attempted to escape from the Island of Saghalien. Three succeeded.

GERMANY.

The Berlin newspapers warn persons intending to emigrate not to buy United States trade dollars, large quantities which are imported into Germany for sale at full value.

GREECE.

The government of Greece protests against the action of the Turkish government in refusing to allow a Grecian man-of-war to land supplies at Chesepe for sufferers by the earthquake at that place.

NUBIA.

One hundred and fifty Egyptian soldiers were surprised and massacred by the Hill tribes in the Sineat defile of Nubia.

FRANCE.

Franco-Chinese correspondence furnished by the Chinese legation adds little to that already published, except it offers arguments in favor of the Chinese position. It denies that Marquis Tseng ever assured Lacour that China would not oppose France to enter a prize in Tonquin, and says before July last, Tricou, then French ambassador to China, informed Li Hung Chang that either open or occult assistance of Annam by China would involve casus belli.

FRANCE.

It is stated the French government, in view of the warlike attitude of China, will ask the chamber for much larger credit for expenses of the expedition to Tonquin than originally intended. Even should China only remain on the defensive, larger reinforcements of troops will be required in Tonquin. The government does not expect defeat in the chamber on its Tonquin policy.

In the chamber of deputies Tuesday Granet, of the extreme left, interpolated the government on its policy in Tonquin and required explanation of the objects sought to be obtained and the means of conducting the expedition in that country. Granet pointed out what were apparent contradictions expressed in information furnished by the government, and said, contrary to official declarations, difficulties had been raised by China.

SPAIN.

The cabinet has agreed upon a diplomatic note which will end the controversy arising from unfavorable reception of King Alphonso in the streets of Paris.

GERMANY.

The corner-stone of the new parliament building will be laid January 18th.

A quantity of dynamite was exploded maliciously in the office of the chief of police at Frankfort-on-the-Main on Monday night. No one was hurt, but the building was badly damaged.

ENGLAND.

There was an immense attendance Thursday to witness the closing of the international fisheries exhibition. Replying to an address and reports showing the complete success of the exhibition, the Prince of Wales stated that the queen had followed the success of the exhibition with great interest, and had requested him to express her hope that it would be of lasting benefit to the fishing population of the kingdom. He said that after all the expenses had been paid a substantial surplus would remain, which should be devoted to improving the welfare of the fishermen of the country and promotion of the interests of the fisheries, in order that calamities incident to the fisherman's life might be alleviated. He desired to see a hygienic exhibition in 1884, one of progress of invention in 1885, and he proposed holding a colonial exhibition in 1886.

IRELAND.

While a quantity of ammunition was being conveyed by a railway train under escort to Templemore, county Tipperary, a box of powder and cartridges were stolen at Limerick Junction. The soldiers composing the escort were at lunch at the time of the robbery. No clue to the thieves discovered.

GERMANY.

While the debris caused by the explosion in the office of the chief of police of Frankfort-on-the-Main was being removed, eight shells were discovered. They were filled with nitro glycerine. Rigid inquiry was instituted into the cause of the explosion. Several persons suspected have been arrested, but were discharged for want of evidence.

IRELAND.

The lord mayor of Dublin lectured at Londonderry on Thursday evening. Upon his arrival he was escorted from the depot to his hotel by a delegation of nationalists carrying green banners and a band playing Irish national airs. A large number of Orangemen had previously taken possession of the city hall to prevent his lordship using it, and when the procession passed the hall they fired upon it and threw slates from the roof and windows. One man was fatally injured. When the lord-mayor reached his hotel the procession returned to the city hall, stoned the windows and endeavored to get at the assailants within. The police, however, charged upon the nationalists and cleared the streets. The Orangemen subsequently escaped from the building. Intense excitement reigned throughout the night.

GERMANY.

Prince Bismarck has entirely regained his former strength. He complains, however, of no longer possessing the capacity for work he formerly had.

The bureau of statistics states the imports of grain into Germany from the beginning of January to the end of September, showed a decrease, compared with the same period in 1882, while exports showed a marked increase, especially of wheat and oats, the quantity of both being nearly doubled.

The Prince and Princess Albert, of Prussia, returning from Frankenstein, Silesia, after attending the reformation memorial services, lost their way in a fog. The carriage was overturned and the right ankle of the princess fractured.

NEBRASKA ITEMS. Kearney New Era: About the worst looking sight one's eyes ever rested on was the appearance of sandy-haired individual coming to town from Wood river on Tuesday morning. He was pounded up in the latest approved manner. His head was swollen to nearly the size of a half barrel, a portion of his ear bitten out, and the thumb on his left hand completely bitten off at the first joint. He presented a horrible sight as he stopped at John Seymour's residence and begged for a drink and a basin of water to wash the blood from his swollen and badly disfigured head. In answer to inquiries he said he had been in the employ of a Wood river farmer and was to receive a pony in payment for wages. He had earned the pony and started with the animal for Kearney. His employer protested and with the aid of a brother both managed to lick him. He said he would have them arrested at once, but as nothing further has been heard of the affair, it is safe to presume the badly-whipped, strawberry blonde is a horse thief, had been caught in the act and whipped in a square rough-and-tumbled fight by the owner of the animal he attempted to steal.

The dog poisoner is at Sidney and the owners of defunct canines are furious.

A quarter-section of farm land in Adams county was sold recently for \$6,400.

Ainsworth News: The pony boys have been causing a good deal of trouble to the people of the northeast portion of the county. We have been informed that as many as seven horses were stolen in one neighborhood in one week, some of the farmers losing all the horses they had. From what we learn we judge that there must be an organized gang at work. The farmers have organized vigilance committees and are out in their paint, and have arrested a number of suspicious characters. When they are once satisfied that they have the right man, they may handle him roughly, as their feelings are much wrought up. The greatest danger is, that through haste and passion innocent parties may suffer.

Calvin Yahney, a B. & M. brakeman, fell from the train near Denton on Saturday, and his body was dragged a quarter of a mile, being frightfully mangled. He was 21 years old and unmarried.

Granville Moore, aged 12, son of Mrs. R. S. Van Tassel, of Cheyenne, stopping for the winter at the Millard hotel in Omaha, was seriously crushed in the hotel elevator on Monday.

Bellwood Monitor: On Monday last a German couple by the name of Turnig were arrested and brought before Justice Montgomery on a charge of abusing an adopted girl, and were sentenced to the county jail for sixty days. They were taken to David City and placed in jail, but were released on appeal to the district court. The girl, a mere child of six—was dreadfully beaten, and strong threats were made that should the prisoners be released, a good dose of tar and feathers would be served to them.

Delay in the delivery of telegrams recently made one man at O'Neill lose \$200. Others have suffered smaller losses.

Wilber Opposition: Aaron Wilberman, living twelve miles west of Wilber has lost six children out of eight within a few weeks, with diphtheria.

Liberty Journal: There are 135 pupils attending school this week and about twenty more will commence when the new school house is ready for occupancy, which will be one week from next Monday.

Miss Effie Redfield, aged 17, was run over by a Union Pacific train at a crossing in Omaha on Friday evening, and an ankle and foot was crushed so badly that amputation was necessary.

Lyons Mirror: Tuesday evening about dark, as Geo. Luce, a relative of Joel Yeaton, from Anson, Maine, who has visiting here for a few weeks past, was leaving town for Mr. Yeaton's residence, he was attacked by a desperado who brandished a knife as he stepped in front of Mr. Luce on the railroad grade. Mr. Luce whirled, striking the villain and knocking him down, when, fearing that others were near to assist the rogue, he took to his heels and escaped. The knife caught in Mr. Luce's overcoat just over his heart, making a rent several inches in length, and cutting his undercoat. The stroke was evidently designed to kill. A hard-looking case who got off the train here at noon last Tuesday and left for Oakland in the evening is suspected. It was so dark that Mr. Luce could not hope to recognize his assailant.

North Bend Flail: The Bay State Cattle company, through its agent, Senator McShane, of Omaha, has purchased 1,080 acres of land just west of North Bend, and will open up an immense cattle industry here. This company has recently purchased the celebrated Creighton herd of cattle of the Niobrara country at an expense of \$750,000, and will use this tract as a feeding ground. This is an enterprise that promises untold benefits to our town and county, and will add another star to the crown of King Corn.

According to a writer in a foreign paper, animal oils are unsafe to use in air compressors, as they take fire spontaneously in compressed air, or in other words they create an explosive gas.

Peaked brocades are becoming more and more numerous.