

Fire is devastating farm lands in the New England states, and serious damage is being entailed to crops and buildings.

Frank James, surviving brother of Jesse James, has been declared not guilty of murder by a jury at Gallia, Mo., after a formal trial lasting several days.

It is now believed that the surplus of the post office department for the year ending June 30th, will be three million dollars, or almost double that of the last fiscal year.

The sharp frost which recently visited the most of the Northern states was particularly severe in New England.

Some two years ago Mr. Blaine was put on the scent of more than a million dollars of property belonging to the defunct confederate government.

The British government proposes to establish 50,000 Irish families, or about 200,000 persons, above the great lakes in British America.

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Mr. John Simpson, one of Dubuque, Wis., and most esteemed citizens, died at city Sept. 8th aged seventy-five years.

PITH OF THE NEWS.

EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.

The Sunday Capital says: "No decision was reached in the army and navy court martial cases laid on the president's desk during his absence in the West."

The following are recent postoffice changes: Postmasters commissioned, Wisconsin: Benjamin L. Crandall, Dakota.

The civil-service examination for places in the city postoffice at Washington have not been as satisfactory in their results as was expected by the friends of the new law.

Proof impressions upon silk fibre paper have been made at the bureau of engraving and printing of the entire series of paper money of the United States.

A prominent officer of the government is authorized by the statement that the new postal notes are made so simply that their counterfeiting would be very easy.

Commissioner of Pensions Dudley is determined to break up the rings, inside and outside of the office, engaged in swindling pension claimants.

The increase in the sales of public lands during the last fiscal year exceeded that of the previous year by 3 1/2 per cent.

NEWS OF THE RAILROADS.

Work upon the St. Paul & Northern Pacific between St. Paul and Sauk Rapids, Minn., is being carried along as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

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A Larimore paper says that it looks now as though Larimore would be the winter terminus of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba road.

Vice President Oakes, of the Northern Pacific railroad, furnishes the following in regard to the finances of that company:

A special from Brownsville, Tex., states that the progress of a train on the Merida railroad, Yucatan, was delayed many hours by immense swarms of locusts.

J. T. Odell, assistant general manager of the Northern Pacific railroad, has received from W. F. Allen, Philadelphia, a magni-

ficent map showing the proposed standard time of the lines of railroad on the American continent.

It is rumored at Des Moines, on good authority, that the new Canadian, La Crosse & Southern, is negotiating for the St. Louis, Des Moines & Northern road.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

The report of the commissioners of the State of New York shows 363,374 emigrants landing at the Port of New York from Aug. 3, 1885, to June 30, 1884, inclusive.

In the case of Richards v. Jar et al. vs. State of California, involving the title of lands claimed to be within the limit of the Los Angeles Mexican grant.

The monitor Miantonomah, which left the Washington navy yard on the morning of the 10th inst., anchored on the night of the 14th off Sandy Hook.

It is expected that Mullan tunnel will be Paul Borer sues the Western Union Telegraph company at Philadelphia for failing to send him a dispatch from Asbury Park offering him \$75 a month as pianist.

Men about the falls at Minneapolis, Minn., are beginning to look anxiously for rain because a severe freeze-up comes.

Elizabeth, N. J., hopes to settle her \$6,000,000 of debt at 50 cents on the dollar, which means a tax of 25 per cent.

Bradford Lewis & Son of Walpole, Mass., cotton waste and cardboard manufacturers have failed.

New Tacoma, a thriving young town in Washington Territory, already has forty lawyers, the total population being but 3,500.

La Crosse has contributed \$1,514 for the Rochester sufferers.

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS.

Two tramps boarded a freight train on the Pennsylvania railroad at Marietta recently. Climbing over tops of cars, they met a brakeman and railroad policeman.

On the 19th inst., as Mr. Laitin, the jailer at Mankato, Minn., went into the county jail to lock the prisoners in their cells.

Rev. Albert F. Vedder, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at West Milton, Saratoga county, New York, has been arrested as principal and Dr. James A. Patterson of Albany, N. Y., as accessory to the crime of abortion.

Richard Michaelis, editor of the Chicago Freie Presse, has caused the arrest of Anton Hessing, Washington Hessing, Herman Raser and William Rapp, editors of the Staats Zeitung, for criminal libel.

Eight hostile Apaches attacked the hay camp at Antelope Springs, Arizona, on the 17th. Only two men were present at the time of the attack.

The Lake Benton News is authority for the statement that the man Lovelace, for overcharging whom on a pension claim M. E. Matheus and C. W. Andrews were arrested by United States Marshal Denney.

The body of a man has been found in the woods eight miles from Sheboygan, Mich., and identified as that of Frank Devereaux, a homesteader who lived near the locality.

both, as the animal's body was found near that of the dead man.

On First avenue south, Minneapolis, Minn., on the 11th inst., a Washington avicenne peanut vendor was walking with his wife.

Thomas Gallagher, the murderer of Walter Hanlan, gave himself up recently. Great excitement prevails at Sandy Hill, N. Y., near where the murder was committed.

J. H. Haven of Rutland, Vt., has again been arrested, charged with embezzling \$40,000 while treasurer of the Rutland railroad company.

RECORD OF CASUALTIES.

On the morning of the 15th inst., Mr. Foster, living near New Posen, Minn., went away to a neighbor's to help in threshing.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 19th inst., the works of the Enterprise Carriage company were burned.

While at work on a new barn building on August Belmont's farm at Babylon, T. I., five men on the scaffold were precipitated to the ground by the breaking of the support.

As an Omaha gravel train was coming from work at an early hour on the 16th inst., near their yard at Ashland, Wis., they struck and instantly killed, and utterly cut to pieces, an unknown tramp.

The extensive sash factory and planing mill of Campbell & Breckenridge, occupying about a quarter of a block of ground, burned on the 17th inst.

Seven of the thirteen ice houses at North Chelmsford, Mass., belonging to the Boston ice company, were burned on the 12th inst.

The packing house of F. S. Andrews at New Haven, Conn., has been burned. Loss, \$25,000; insured. Forty men are thrown out of employment.

A fire at Casey, Ill., recently destroyed eleven houses and several offices. Loss \$90,000.

FOREIGN NEWS GOSSIP.

A Hong Kong correspondent says the French are in difficulties through want of troops. Many Chinese are deserting to the black flags.

It is reported from Huancayo, Peru, that 3,000 Monteros, who had collected near Izzuchaca for the purpose of sacking that city, were attacked by a small body of men belonging to the Pacific forces.

It is stated that the czarina lately detected one of the imperial chamberlains in the act of placing libelous documents in her apartments, and he, fearing the consequences, fled.

A box of dynamite has been discovered within the precincts of Yileiz Kiosk, the residence of the Turkish sultan.

The cure of Cayna, Peru, is alleged, caused the assassination of Leonora Merak, governor of Huancico, whose head was paraded through the streets.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Prominent members of the G. A. R. at Pittsburg, Pa., have received a letter from Paul Vandervoort, ex-commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., in which the recent action of Postmaster General Gresham, in removing him from service is reviewed.

Ex-Congressman F. C. Deering and W. L. Eaton of Osage, Iowa, and Capt. J. C. Standing, O. Chrito, Iowa, representing a syndicate of Iowa capitalists, have completed the purchase of twenty-five acres of valuable coal lands, of General Land Agent Weymish of the Northern Pacific.

ly increase their purchase. The gentlemen composing the party are all capitalists of large means and of wide business experience.

Fred Douglass, speaking of the colored national convention to be held at Louisville, says he does not think that the convention will nominate anybody.

A Mrs. D. K. Smith has been in St. Paul for the past few days, trying to find her child, and has visited the city hall and other places.

Junius Brutus Booth, the veteran actor and manager, who has been ill at Manchester by the Sea, is in a critical condition and rapidly sinking.

Senator Sharon says he is the largest real estate owner in San Francisco, having \$11,000,000 worth there.

The Postal Notes.

The present order for postal notes was delivered in 6,244 books, containing 500 notes each. These were taken in charge by the superintendent of the money order system and sent to postmasters Aug. 15.

A Serious Fire Casualty in Wisconsin.

The home of Frank Campe, an old resident of Appleton, Wisconsin, caught fire on the 13th inst., and burned to the ground.

While they were looking at the burning house, a door flew open and the father rushed out perfectly mad with fright. He had to be seized and held. As soon as it was learned that the family were in the house, the excitement was intense.

Fashion Makes Fools of Us All.

Darwin, in his "Descent of Man," sums up some of the most remarkable fashions in regard to the person: "In one part of Africa the eyelids are colored black; in another the nails are dyed yellow or purple."

Near Harrington, Del., a locomotive and three cars passed over a child as it lay sleeping between the rails. The child was but slightly hurt.