

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Washington News.

The investigation of Bill English, Sr., will not amount to anything.

The house committee on military affairs will report favorably a bill retiring Gen. Pleasanton as colonel.

Col. Frei, the Swiss minister at Washington, has resigned, owing to a failure to secure an increase of salary.

Postoffices established: Dakota—Vilas, Miner county. Postmasters commissioned; Warren Aikin, Minn., Tallak A. Neland, Ulen, Potter, May county, Minn.

As a diner giver Senator Palmer surpasses the president, says a Washington gossip. The dinner given by him last week, at which the president was the guest of honor, is said to have been faultless in every detail.

Controller Cannon spent an hour and a half with the finance committee of the senate on Tuesday, the 27th talking over the recent financial tornado in New York and was invited to meet the committee next week, to present whatever additional facts are discovered in the investigation of the examiner.

A good result is likely to come from the employment of a Washington broker named Lewis with about \$200,000 of money belonging to department clerks, army and navy officers and congressmen.

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Among the immigrants who arrived at New York from Liverpool, was a party of 270 Mormons in charge of missionaries. They started for Utah.

B. F. Butler has begun suit against the Quindneck company of Providence for \$25,000 for legal services.

Investigation is being made of the alleged bribery cases in the Massachusetts legislature. It is said \$5,000 apiece was paid for several votes in the defeat of the water gas bill.

The Crawford county bank at Denison, Iowa, which has been considered one of the strongest in the western part of the state, closed its doors Monday the 30th. The assets and liabilities are unknown.

The supreme court in New York has granted an attachment against the property of Charles Gordon Hutton in an action begun by August Belmont to recover \$14,000 due on promissory notes. The attachment was granted on account of the non-residence of Hutton.

Foreign Flashes.

It is reported that Earl Granville will resign the position of secretary of state for foreign affairs on the dissolution of parliament. The reasons given are that his health is failing and he is becoming too deaf for the business of the office.

Sharon's Relations with Miss Hill.

Ex-Senator Sharon testified last Monday for the first time in the suit brought against him in San Francisco by Miss Hill for a divorce and alimony. After declaring the alleged marriage contract a forgery, he recounted the circumstances of his first meeting with Miss Hill.

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Marshfield, Wis., Special:—The will of the late Dr. S. H. Hubbell, who committed suicide at Medford a few days since, is more extensive than was at first supposed, and is as follows: A valuable house and lot in Medford and \$500 cash are devised to his only son; \$3,000 cash to the daughter and sons of a brother; 300 acres of valuable land to Mrs. Phelps a cousin; the bank building and his entire interest in the bank business to J. P. Wheelock, his partner; horse, buggy, library, and surgical instruments to Dr. F. V. Phelan; and the remainder of his possessions, both real estate and cash, valued at from \$10,000 to \$20,000, to Mrs. Keolow.

Terrible Hanging Scene in England.

London, Special.—A horribly sensational hanging occurred in Lincoln. The victim was Mrs. Leffley, who poisoned her husband last fall. To the very last moment Mrs. Leffley believed that a reprieve would be granted. When she first saw the hangman in the pinioning-room she shrieked with terror and fainted. She was restored to consciousness, and the hangman began to prepare her for the gallows by pinioning her. Mrs. Leffley fought desperately to prevent these restraints and gave utterance to frightful yells, which were heard even outside the jail.

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Lloyd S. Majors, was hanged at Oakland, Cal., near San Francisco, on Friday last. On the Monday previous, the condemned man made a desperate effort to escape. He possessed immense strength, and he overpowered the two death watches and jailer, who happened at the moment to be in his cells.

Wrenching the keys from the jailer's grasp, he dashed through the door across the jail yard, out into the street. But just as he thought he had succeeded, he was encountered by two firemen who had been attracted by the noise. They recognized Majors' and another struggle ensued, so fierce that Majors' arm was broken and he was rendered helpless. He was conducted back to his cell, and from that moment he abandoned all hope.

In conversation with J. B. Remond, brother of one of the murdered men, he said: "You may draw the life-blood from my arm, and with this pen I will write my innocence of the crime in my own blood." As he spoke he appealed to Heaven, to witness the truth of his statement. Majors mounted the scaffold without assistance, and took up his position on the drop, firmly erect. He refused to say a word, maintaining throughout a stolid silence.

At 12:12 the bolt was pulled, Majors fell, and his neck was cleanly broken. Majors was forty-six years old, born near the home of Garfield in Ohio, graduated at Ann Arbor college in 1870, and began the practice of law. But afterward joined the Methodist ministry. After preaching several years he, went to the Pacific coast and settled in Los Gatos, where he became the owner of a hotel. The double murder for which he was executed was committed a year ago. He planned it, leaving the execution, however, to two tools, named Jewell and Showers. They were both tried and convicted, but before this all the facts in the case became known, and the agency of Majors was revealed.

The Blind Pool Game in Washington.

Congressman Horr of Michigan, Milliken of Maine, and numerous other statesmen who have so far kept their names out of the papers, together with three or four hundred department clerks, are sadly lamenting the departure of a friend named George H. Lewis. He left this locality very suddenly and unexpectedly last Sunday, and his present whereabouts are unknown.

There is no anxiety for his welfare, however, as he is considered competent to take care of himself, and is well supplied with means. Two or three hundred thousand dollars were deposited with him by the aforesaid officials as margins, and with this money Mr. Lewis operated in oil. He did business on the blind pool plan, and for the first few months he paid amazing profits to the members of his "syndicates," as he called them, and there was nothing around Washington that offered such great advantages to investors as Mr. Lewis' blind pools.

Men and women put all the money they had or could borrow into his hands, and when he thought he had "skinned the town," Mr. Lewis skipped. There are a large number of army and navy officers who miss their friend sincerely, to the extent of from \$500 to \$5,000.

Important Telegraph Decision.

Des Moines, Iowa Special: An important and interesting decision was rendered in the United States circuit court in this city, involving the liability of the telegraph companies for damages for failure to deliver messages promptly.

On the 4th, George F. Hall at Des Moines, at 3 a. m., gave the following message to the telegraph company: "Charles T. Hall, Exchange, Oil City, Pa.; Buy me 10,000. If you think it safe wire me."

Meaning for his brother to buy 10,000 barrels of oil for him. The company omitted the address—"Charles T. Hall"—and the message was received at Oil City directed simply to "Exchange," which is the name of the building where the board of trade met. The company after carrying the message to the building, and on the refusal of the officers of the board of trade to receive it, procured the correct address and delivered the message to Charles T. Hall at 6 p. m., too late to make the purchase directed.

The price of oil at the time the message ought to have been received 11:30 a. m., and when the oil would have been purchased, if received, was \$1.17 per barrel. The price at the opening of the market, the next day at 10 a. m. was \$1.35. The plaintiff gets a judgment for the difference on 10,000 barrels, being \$1,800, and the court certify a division of opinion on certain legal questions to the supreme court of the United States, in case the defendants desire to carry the case there.

Telegraphic Summary.

Mrs. Langtry now has \$97,500 in New York mortgages.

Tom Thum's \$60,000 house in Bridgeport sold for \$45,000.

Gail Hamilton and Sophie Sparkle (Mrs. Jenny Hicks) are at Luray, Va.

Henry S. Church, the defaulting chamberlain of Troy, N. Y., has been indicted.

The Savannah News says there is no mourning in that region for Bogan Cash.

Isaac Vetch talked himself to death before the grand lodge of Odd Fellows at St. Louis.

Joseph B. McDonald of Woburn, Mass., a lumber dealer, has assigned. Liabilities, \$125,000.

Col. Clough of St. Paul says the supreme court is sure to sustain the Dakota capital decision.

The Enterprise button shop at Gifford, Ct., was burned by an incendiary. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$8,000.

The six-year-old daughter of William Dyke, living a mile east of Hillsdale, Mich., was outraged and murdered.

Police Magistrate M. C. Mills, of Robinson Ill., who is now missing has left creditors to the amount of nearly \$3,500.

It is reported that the Bank of Montreal exported \$8,000,000 in gold to New York during the recent financial trouble.

The Eureka paper mill at Bridgeport, Pa., owned and operated by Dager & Cox, was burned. Loss, \$40,000; partly insured.

Insolvent schedules of the firm of Owen & Mercer were filed Friday. Liabilities, \$200,408; nominal assets, \$883,907; actual assets, \$20,083.

The widow of Capt. Matthew Webb, the swimmer, is at Suspension bridge, having accepted the position of cashier in the Whirlpool Rapids Park.

Dr. R. G. Penn, whose trial has been in progress at Hazelhurst, Miss., charged with killing H. B. Rials, was found guilty of murder in the first degree.

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By the collision of the St. Louis express with a freight train at Brighton N. Y. seven cars were overturned and twenty persons injured, none of them fatally. All were taken to hospital.

Murcia is the principal city damaged by floods in the southeastern part of Spain. Roads are impassable, bridges damaged and travel on railroads suspended. Twenty persons are missing.

Asa Deboise shot Reuben Cruthfield dead on the street at Rochester, N. Y. Both were colored. They quarreled about the alleged infidelity of Deboise with Cruthfield's wife. The murderer was arrested.

Railroad traffic throughout the flooded district of the state of Texas still is generally suspended. No mail from the north for two days. No accurate estimate of the damage to various railroads is yet obtainable.

Clarence Wade, a photographer of Mt. Clemens, Mich., and William Douglass, the son of a prominent physician of Romeo, were drowned in the Clinton river, while returning from a fishing excursion. Their boat capsized.

The Sultan of Turkey was so well pleased with the band of the United States steamer Quinebang, which serenaded him, that he presented the leader with a valuable diamond, and each musician with a fine piece of jewelry.

Capt. Henlach, condemned to nine-years' servitude, has been placed in prison at Berlin. Holle-Krazewski, condemned to three and a half years' imprisonment in a fortress, has petitioned to be placed in the fortress of Koeningstein.

Tracy Gould, who was the principal for the defense in the trial of Dr. Gallagher, has started for Birmingham to take charge of the defense of Daly, Egan and McDonnell, who are now on trial there on charges of treason and felony.

The Paris Republique Francaise condemns the proposed government increase of duties on cereals and cattle, as benefiting the agriculturists at the expense of the consumers. If the bill passes it urges other industries to demand similar advantages.

At Port Huron, Mich., a row boat was upset on the river and Train Dispatcher Charles Mooney, Baggageman John Ford and Thomas McEwin, all Chicago & Grand Trunk railroad employes, were drowned. Their bodies have not yet been recovered.

Ex-Senator Chaffee has sold four lots on the south side of Fifty-seventh street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, New York, to Abraham H. Jonas, for \$60,000. The property conveyed is that passed from Ulysses S. Grant, Jr., to Mr. Chaffee on the 7th instant.

At Nashville, Tenn., Judge Allen refused motion of William Spence, charged with the murder of E. E. Wheat, for a new trial, and sentenced the prisoner to be hanged July 12. Spence's counsel announced they would bring the case before the supreme court.

"Cornell Vanderbilt," said a broker at the Windsor hotel in New York, the other night, "cabled 300 words to his father to-day, explaining the situation and asking what should be done. William H. took just three words to answer. They were, 'Feed my lambs.'"

A decree of absolute divorce was granted by Judge Donohue in the New York supreme court the other day, to Charles Hoe Sing, a prominent member of the Chinese community. His wife, Emma, an English woman, to whom he was married in 1876, became enamored of Foa Que and left him in 1880.

H. C. Blanchard, coffee merchant, at Richmond, Va., has failed. His liabilities are \$233,000. Among the creditors are: Baring Bros. & Co., Boston \$147,000; Massachusetts National bank of Boston \$50,000; State Bank of Richmond 1,250; F. G. Truman of Baltimore \$400; The failure is due to heavy dealings in futures.

Charles Blake, a Philadelphia, arrested in Wilmington, Del., for burglary, last November, but convicted only of larceny last week, has been sentenced for the stealing of an umbrella, to pay the costs of the prosecution, a fine of \$6, to be one hour in the pillory to receive twenty lashes, and spend three years in Newcastle jail.

The French brig Senorine sank on the eastern ledge of the great banks some time in the first week of May. An English trading schooner, which recently arrived, brought a portion of her wreckage in trunks, bedding and clothing—all identifying the lost vessel. She sailed from St. Malo, France, March 5, bound for St. Pierre, Miquelon, laden with a general cargo. The crew of nine men with fifty-three passengers, all perished.

James R. Keene told New York reporters Friday he expected to pay his debts in full if his creditors would give him a little time. To this end he makes a proposition to holders of his obligations, adjusted and unadjusted, to accept his notes dated May 1, 1884, for the full sum due them on that day, payable in twelve and eighteen months for privileges not matured on that day. He proposes to give notes for the amount received by him when the privileges were issued.

Justice Bradley, in the United States circuit court at Pittsburg, Friday the 23d, handed down a decision in the case of the wife of Lord Linton, formerly Miss Finley of Kittanning, Pa., against the administrators of confirming the trust deed disputed by the contestants conveying valuable real estate in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Michigan, Wisconsin, Kansas and other states, besides money judgments and personal effects, to his daughter, Mrs. Finley, and her child, Mrs. Linton, who now lives in Europe. The estate is very valuable and has been in litigation several years.

An invincible informer who testified at the inquiry at Sligo, Ireland, recently, is an accretory to the Phoenix Park murders. Patrick Delaney testified that Fitzgerald attended Fenian meetings in 1880 as a delegate for the Supreme Council brotherhood. Delaney said his only object in giving information was to save innocent lives and prevent others from being trapped. He was duped into assisting in the Phoenix Park murders, and was giving evidence for money or liberty. He expected to return to life servitude, and admitted he richly deserved it.

The Polish newspapers are furiously indignant over the conviction and sentence at Berlin of the venerable Polish poet, Joseph Ignace Kraszewski, to three and a half years' imprisonment in a German fortress. They denounce as an unmitigated and malicious lie the statement of Prince Bismarck that Herr Kraszewski belonged to a Polish league in Paris, the object of which was to induce Poles serving in foreign armies to betray the secrets of the government by which they were employed. They also accuse the German chancellor with being at the head of a contemptible conspiracy to traduce the honor of Poland, because that country has proved herself the friend of France, and thus aroused the insane prejudices of Bismarck, whom they call the prince of Gallipolobes.

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Ship bread, cakes and crackers, constitute an important item in the trade of California with adjoining states and territories, and foreign countries, amounting in the aggregate to over \$1,000,000 per annum. The two or three factories in San Francisco alone have been annually credited with a pay roll varying from \$150,000 to \$200,000, per annum for the past ten years, and their sales have been reported during this interval at from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 per annum.

There has never been a time in the history of the world when it cost as little to exchange commodities between distant countries as now. Competition has cut down not only transportation but transfer charges and commission to the smallest possible point, and labor-saving devices and improved machinery have made that point very low indeed. Wheat is now being shipped from New York to Liverpool at one and a half cents a bushel, and sixty pounds of grain can be sent from Chicago to Europe for about twelve cents. It is the local charges alone which seem too high at the present time, as contrasted with the "long hauls."

The great quantity of money lying idle and seeking a safe investment at fair rates is shown by the eagerness with which the new railroad loan of Russia has been snapped up. Russia's credit is not the best in the world, by any means, though it has greatly improved of late years, but for all that its call for a loan of \$75,000,000 was answered by offers amounting to \$1,275,000,000, or seventeen times the sum needed. Such a glut of idle money as this proves it might be possible for our government to give the bondholders another twist by a still further reduction of the rate of interest on our debt. There is now but little doubt that our debt could have been refunded a few years ago at three per cent.

There are frequent references in foreign news to "morganatic" marriages of princes and titled persons, and many people do not understand this exact signification. The morganatic marriages are those in which the bride accepts the "morning gift" in lieu of dowry and rights of inheritance that may fall to the issue. In Germany they are called left-handed marriages, because the groom gives the left hand at the nuptial ceremony. The marriages are valid and the children are legitimate, but they do not inherit their father's titles or wealth. They are always made with ladies of inferior rank. Queen Victoria is said to have been very much excited by a recent report that her son-in-law, the Grand Duke of Hesse, who would be glad to marry Princess Beatrice, his deceased wife's sister, did the law permit, had hastily contracted a morganatic marriage with a person of much lower rank, after the death of his wife.

One of the prominent causes of the great decline in stocks and swamping of large operators, is the decadence of speculations among the people at large. The operators were heavily loaded. They expected to once more sell out the stocks on a subsequent "bulge" counted up as certain, but were sadly mistaken. The frequently shorn lamb refused to enter the market, and the big fellows have had to bear the burden of shrinkage as best they could. Many of them counted as safe against financial disaster have gone to the wall, while others have been compelled repeatedly to scale down their fortunes, and are not nearly so rich as they used to be. As they made their money, so they have lost it. There is no special call, therefore, for the expenditure of sympathy in their cases. With the outside public letting the market alone, they have been compelled to feed upon each other, and the diet has been neither wholesome nor satisfactory. If it continues in this shape until the whole brood are bankrupted and relegated to deserved obscurity, the country at large will be the gainer.

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