

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Washington News.

There is a man in Washington who has won \$30,000 on Cleveland's election.

The number of postage stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards issued by the post-office department during the year was 2,166,130,394.

The report that President Arthur has invited President-elect Cleveland to avail himself of the hospitalities of the White House during the preparations for his inauguration, is denied at the White House.

Senator Mahone has secured the seat and desk in the senate occupied for many years by the late Senator Anthony of Rhode Island.

The telegraph and telephone companies are great distress of mind over the decision of the United States attorney for Washington to the effect that the district commissioners have no authority to grant them the privilege of erecting poles in the streets of Washington.

A letter received in Washington recently from the Henry Bell Publishing Company of Norwich, Conn., denies the report that Mr. Blaine would not complete the second volume of his "Twenty Years in Congress" until June.

Rail and River Notes.

A freight train on the Northwestern road collided with a mixed train on the St. Paul road at Hanover Junction, Wis.

Casualties of the Week.

The Merchants hotel, Menomonie, and several small buildings were burned.

E. F. Osborne, steam fitter, St. Paul, was burned out. Loss, \$85,000; insurance \$35,000.

The stable of the Cambridge House Railroad company, Cambridge, was burned Sunday. Loss, \$25,000; insured.

During a Democratic jollification at New-castle, Pa., an explosion of sky rockets occurred which resulted fatally to three persons and seriously injured others.

A hired man employed by James McHattie of Woodbury, Minn., was killed by being run over while returning from St. Paul with an empty hay-rack a few days ago.

A boat containing two white men and nineteen Celestials whom they were trying to smuggle into the United States, was upset on the way from Victoria, B. C., and all were drowned.

George A. Ross, a laborer employed on the logging train of the Uphoria Manufacturing company, was instantly killed at Marshfield, Wis., by a log rolling off a loaded car and crushing in his skull.

Paul and Eddie, aged thirteen and eleven years, sons of William Creed, who lives a few miles northeast of Mitchell, Dak., on the Jim river, ventured out on the thin ice, on the mill-pond, and were drowned.

At Arison, N. C., fifteen buildings were destroyed by fire, doubtless the work of an incendiary. Among the buildings burned were the Commercial hotel, three livery stables and town market. Loss, over \$25,000.

The St. James hotel at Jamestown, Dak., burned to the ground Saturday morning. Not a timber is left standing. It was a large two-story frame building, situated on Main street, near the river, and was built in 1882.

Crimes and Criminals.

A man giving the name of William Bateman has been arrested at Saginaw City, Mich., for forgery.

Thomas P. Dunn, a soldier of Troop B, Third cavalry, committed suicide at Fort Leavenworth recently.

At Portland, Francis Anderson and H. N. Barnhart are to be tried again for killing a Umatilla chief last summer.

At Ashland, Jackson county, Oregon, Lewis McDaniel, an old resident of the state, was waylaid and murdered.

At Edinboro, Pa., Charles Williams killed his wife, shot her stepfather, who was also her divorced husband, and finally finished himself, all on account of jealousy.

Henry Rheams, who shot Frank M. Chase at Glyndon, Minn., Sept. 20, 1883, was convicted of manslaughter in the second degree and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

On a Sunday night, after preaching a powerful sermon on hypocrisy, the Rev. James W. Lindsay committed a burglary at Rushville, Ind., as a result of which he has gone to prison.

A band of lawless men went to Thomas Marshall's house in Lake Lillian, Minn., and smashed everything about the place. They are now in jail awaiting the attention of the grand jury.

John Wood was killed by Stephen Fletcher, both colored, at Round Mountain in the Choctaw nation. Wood eloped with Fletcher's wife. Fletcher pursued and overtook them, blew out Wood's brains, and returned home with the woman.

At Corey's school house, Little Wood river, Mont., Thorpe met Wiggins in the road and ordered him to stop, drawing a revolver. Wiggins had a needle gun which he leveled at Thorpe, fired, and shot him through the head, making an ugly wound which instantly proved fatal.

A large crowd of anti-liquor element at Badenburgh, Ohio, made an attack on the saloon of a man named Chapin. The proprietor was struck on the head with stones and his skull fractured. All his liquor was thrown into the streets, and when physicians arrived Chapin was dead.

As E. T. Hubbard, the defaulting cashier of the First National bank, Monmouth, Ill., was leaving the court house recently, H. R. Thompson, from Texas, who sustained heavy losses by reason of the bank's failure, stepped from an adjoining building and fired five shots at Hubbard from a thirty-eight-calibre revolver, none of which, however, took effect. Thompson was arrested and lodged in jail.

Miss Florence White of Brookston, Ind., and Mrs. Minnie Small of Logansport, Ind., are now in jail charged with murder. Several weeks ago Miss White came to Logansport, put

up at the Small residence and soon gave birth to a healthy infant. Miss White confessed before Coroner Jordan that five days after the little one's birth she held it while Mrs. Small poured poison down its throat, from the effect of which it soon died.

Mrs. Welker, living two miles from Gambier, O., lay ill, and being a spiritualist, refused medical aid, but was persuaded to submit to treatment by a man named Burrows, who said he was a medium under the influence of the spirit of an Indian chief. Burrows said the woman was afflicted by devils, which he proceeded to drive out by beating her about the head and shoulders, and otherwise mistreating her, in consequence of which she died.

Personal News Notes.

M. H. De Young, of the San Francisco Chronicle, who was shot by Adolph Spreckels, is improving.

John F. Shanley, father of the Rev. John Shanley, of the Catholic cathedral, St. Paul, Minn., died recently, aged seventy-six.

John Fishback died recently at his home in Indianapolis, aged fifty-nine years. He was at one time owner of the Indianapolis Sentinel and president of the Indiana benevolent institution. He was a brother to W. P. Fishback, master-in-chancery of the federal court, and to George W. Fishback, of the old St. Louis Democrat.

Charles M. Durham died at Independence, Iowa, from the effects of a cancerous tumor of the stomach. He was the agent of the Illinois Central company at that point—a position he assumed in 1881—and was serving his third term as mayor. He was the democratic candidate for congress for that district two years ago, but was defeated by D. E. Henderson.

Daniel L. Wells, of the well-known railway contracting firm of Wells, Harrison & Co., of Milwaukee died at his home Monday morning. Mr. Wells had been troubled for a number of years past with a disease of the heart. Beside being one of the most prominent railroad contractors in the country, he was the head of the large bridge-building firm of Wells & French, of Chicago.

General News Items.

Bennie Jenifer, a newsboy on the Panhandle road, recently found \$30,000 in an empty car seat.

The Cincinnati deputy marshals cost the county \$14,000 for salaries—aside from the other trouble they made.

Thomas Cowen of Helena, Mont., is mysteriously missing and there are fears of foul play, as he had \$300 on his person.

The rush to Florida is so great that the steamship lines from New York cannot accommodate all who seek passage.

The Rev. Dr. H. S. Kellogg of Pittsburg has been brought before the Western Theological seminary on a charge of heterodoxy. He is an evolutionist.

In the Leman-Brand contest in Cook county, Ill., the county board of canvassers decided that they could not go behind the returns, and gave Brand, Dem., the seat.

The Appleton (Wis.) crochet and knitting works have shut down until January, the season being nearly over. Sixty hands are thrown out of employment.

Comptroller Roche gives some interesting facts concerning St. Paul's indebtedness apropos the Robert street bridge question. The total debt is \$3,227,140.71.

The mysterious disappearance of Herbert Clark Mason of Idaho, bank cashier, is solved. A deficiency of \$10,000 to \$12,000 has been discovered in his accounts. The defalcation will not affect the stability of the bank.

"You sit down here," says Miss Kate Field to the good people of the Bay state, "and fancy that Boston is the hub of the universe, and that the west can teach you nothing. It has taught me more than half a dozen trips to Europe."

About \$100,000 will be invested in roller rink in Minneapolis, Minn., this year. The two now in process of erection will consume something like one hundred thousand feet of lumber, including sixty thousand feet of hardwood flooring.

Lieut.-Col. Johnson, First regiment, M. N. G., of Minneapolis, Minn., has been granted a furlough of ninety days to attend to his duties as chief clerk of the national senate. When the application passed through Col. Bond's hands he endorsed upon it his opinion that Mr. Johnson should resign his position in favor of some one who could attend to his duties.

It is said that the late Senator Anthony's wine cellar in Providence was found to contain more than 6,000 bottles of wine when it was opened after his death. Mr. Anthony was supposed to be worth \$100,000 or \$200,000, but his fortune turned out to be worth \$600,000. He seems to have been something of a miser in his way during his life, although he was very liberal in remembering all his friends after his death. He had great quantities of wine given to him, and he seems to have saved it all.

The Governor of Washington Territory in his annual report states that the value of assessed property of the territory is \$50,513,852, with one county to be heard from. The territory is entirely out of debt, and on July 1, 1884, had a balance of \$47,901 in the treasury. The population is estimated at 150,000, and the governor, in conclusion, presents a number of reasons to support the claim of Washington Territory for admission into the Union as a state.

Foreign Flashes.

A fine panorama of the battle of Waterloo has just been finished at Brussels and will be shipped to San Francisco.

Swiss drunkenness is laid at the door of cheap French brandy, and an extraordinary prohibition law is proposed.

The panic which immediately followed the official announcement of the cholera epidemic in Paris was of short duration, and now entirely disappeared.

Henry M. Stanley is urging the necessity of sending more missionaries to Central Africa—and incidentally cotton shirtings to exchange for native gold dust.

Twenty medical practitioners have died in Naples, out of 139 engaged in attending cholera patients, under the White Cross society, during the recent epidemic.

Madame Valda, nee Miss Wheelock, of Boston, continues her triumphs at the Paris Italian opera. Few singers have been more heartily received in Paris for many years.

The distress among the English ship-building workmen is increasing. At the ship yards on the Tyne, Clyde and Mersey, there is scarcely one-fourth the possible working force and power now in effective operation.

Radical newspapers in Paris accuse the government of angering the crowd by a needless display of police and military force. The organizers of the meeting have determined to make a demonstration. Trouble is expected.

Advices from Tonquin says that as a reprisal for the attack made by the Chinese upon the French gunboats Eclair and Tromer on the 19th instant, on the Claire river, while they were revictualing the garrison at Tu Yen Quan, Gen. Briere de Lisle telegraphs that Col. Duchesne was sent to attack a force of Black Flags and Chinese regulars entrenched in fortified works near that place. The French forces captured the fortifications, the enemy fleeing. The French lost eight men killed and twenty-five wounded. The Chinese have evacuated the Long Khan valley. A later dispatch states that Col. Duchesne the next day stormed without loss three fortified villages, and destroyed or captured all the enemy's supplies. The enemy was in full retreat, taking refuge in the mountains and forests.

Gen. Custer at Appomattox.

Gen. E. W. Whittaker, who was a cavalry officer under Gen. Custer, makes the following interesting contribution to the incidents attending the surrender of Gen. Lee's army:

The flag of truce at Appomattox was not tied to "a pole and carried at the head of a little column of cavalry," but was in the hand of Capt. Simms, of Gen. Longstreet's staff, who alone met and arrested the charging cavalry column of 10,000 men led by Gen. Custer, by vigorous flourish of the white towel and an emphatic declaration that Gen. Lee asked a suspension of hostilities. Under Gen. Custer's directions I accompanied Capt. Simms back through the confederate line of battle to inform Gen. Lee that the charge would not be halted except on an announcement of an unconditional surrender. The truce came into my possession when Generals Gordon and Longstreet asked me to take it and announce the surrender. My recollection is that I gave that truce to Gen. Custer, first cutting from it a small piece for myself, and that Gen. Sheridan presented to Mr. Gen. Custer the table on which the articles of capitulation were written, and stated in a letter to her at the time that the country owed more to her gallant husband for the glorious event of that day than to any other person. If I am wrong, of course some of the many living participants in the event will correct me and the truth of history will be reached.

An Old Tale Revived.

Baltimore, Special: A prominent ex-Union officer in Baltimore exhibited to representatives of the press a remarkable letter in reference to the assassination of President Lincoln by John Wilkes Booth. The letter is from an intimate friend and companion of Booth. It goes on to say that Booth did not assassinate the president for any political reasons whatever, but, on the contrary, it was simply to wreak private vengeance. It appears that Booth went to Mr. Lincoln and begged him to pardon his friend, Capt. John Yates Beall, who was sentenced to be shot as a confederate spy. Mr. Lincoln was inexorable, but after Booth had gone down on his knees and bathed Mr. Lincoln's hand with tears and kissed it, he finally relented and promised Booth to pardon Capt. Beall. Booth left, well satisfied with the result of his mission, but when he read, a day or two afterward, that his friend had been shot, he became wrathful and concocted his scheme of assassination, which he afterward carried out. The writer also says that the night that Booth visited the president he slept at Mrs. Bowen's boarding house in Washington with two gentlemen. One is a city official and the other is a clerk in the Baltimore postoffice. Both the gentlemen referred to confirm the statement of the writer as to the relations of Booth with Mrs. Surratt were purely of a social nature, and that politics or sectionalism had nothing to do with the tragedy. The letter will be published here in full.

Minnesota Needs Another Insane Hospital.

A conference was held at the capitol at St. Paul, on Tuesday last, to discuss the future provision for the insane of the state. There were present Gov. Hubbard; Messrs. D. C. Bell, Minneapolis; W. M. Campbell, Litchfield; M. McG. Dana, St. Paul; H. R. Wells, Preston, and H. H. Hart, St. Paul, constituting the state board of corrections and charities; Messrs. Burr Deuel, Winona; A. L. Soderstrom, St. Paul; Dr. George Wood, Faribault, who constitute the state lunacy commission. After a long and thorough discussion of the subject a resolution was unanimously adopted, setting forth that it is the sense of this joint conference that the detached wards for the present hospitals be built as asked for by their trustees, because demanded by economical methods of caring for the insane, and that the legislature at its approaching session appoint a commission to report to the legislature of 1887 a location and plans for a third hospital to accommodate the insane there and thereafter to be found in the state, and to save by this foresight and wise action this class of persons from being thrown upon the counties of the state they having no facilities for caring for them and being unable to create them without greater expense than the third asylum would cost the state.

The Chicago Markets.

Wheat, Chicago spring, 72@72½c; No. 3, Chicago spring, 66c; No. 2 red, 73c; No. 3 red, 67c. Corn, cash, 42@43c. Corn, cash, 27c. Rye, 50½c. Barley, 62c. Pork, cash, \$10.75. Lard, cash, \$7.25@7.50.

Milwaukee Markets.

Wheat, No. 2, 73½c. Corn, No. 2, 52c. Oats, No. 2 white, 30½c. Rye, No. 1, 55c; No. 2, 53c. Barley, No. 2, 55½c; extra No. 3, 47c. Mess Pork, \$10 cash. Lard, Prime steam, \$7.40. Butter, choice creamery, 20@20c; fair to good 23@23c; best dairy, 19@21c.

Minneapolis Markets.

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, 70½c; No. 2 hard, 72c; No. 1, 67c. Corn, No. 2, 55c; rejected, 48@50c; condemned, 35@40c. Oats, No. 2 old, white, 25@26c; No. 2, new, 25½c; rejected, 22@24c; condemned, 22@23c. Barley, No. 2, 58@60c. Mixed Feed, No. 1, \$17.50@18; No. 2, \$16.50@17. Corn Meal, unbolted, \$17@18; bolted, \$21@22. Hay, timothy, \$16@17; wild, choice, \$8@8.50; No. 2 wild, \$5.50@6.75.

St. Paul Markets.

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, new, 70c; No. 2 hard, 64c; No. 2, 66c. Corn, No. 2, 53c; No. 3, 48c. Oats, No. 2 mixed, 24c; No. 2 white, 25c; No. 3 extra, 24c. Rye, No. 2, 43c. Barley, No. 2, 57c; No. 3, 40c. Ground Feed, \$18.50. Baled Hay, \$8; timothy hay, \$10.00@10.50. Hay, second, \$11.15. Timothy seed, \$1.20. Potatoes, 25c. Eggs, 14½c. Butter, dairy fair, 12½c; choice, 15c; creamery, 18c.

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