

News of the Week.

THE STATES.

Pennsylvania.—The Oil Business.—A contract has been made for a railroad from Irving to Oil City, a distance of fifty-three miles, with three miles of siding, and to furnish the same with locomotives and cars; the whole to be completed with the equipments in all of May, 1866—

A Complimentary Dinner was given to the Hon. Asa Packer, at Bethlehem, November 23, by his old friends and associates, as a mark of respect for his munificent gift to the cause of education of fifty-seven acres of land adjoining the lovely Moravian village of Bethlehem, and five hundred thousand dollars in money, to build and endow a great Polytechnic school. Speeches were made by the Hon. Morton McMichael, John W. Rorsey, W. H. Gatzmer, Hon. A. Ramsey, Daniel Dougherty, Dr. McLean, and others.

Governor Curtin is much indisposed, and contemplates a visit to Cuba. A Large Steel Works is about to be established in Harrisburg.

New York.—The friends of good order rejoice to learn that a contemplated prize fight, near Albany, was prevented by the authorities, November 21. The railroad over which the immense crowds of roughs expected to go, the Susquehanna, suspended the running of one of its trains to the great disgust of the rowdies. The highest tide known for eighteen years, occurred in New York harbor during the storm on Nov. 21.—In New York, on Tuesday, while a judge was trying a case of larceny, his coat was stolen from the desk before him.—Coal has fallen about \$1 to \$1 75 per ton.—A meeting in aid of the South, was held at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on the 21st instant. The speakers were Drs. Storrs, Beacher, Bellows, and General Fiske.—Dr. Chambers, of Kingston, N. Y., on being attacked by two highwaymen, said, "Well, if I must give up my money, I had better do it." So he quietly took off his glove, and putting his hand into his side pocket, he drew out—not his pocket-book—but a neat revolver, and bringing it to bear in an instant, he shot one of the robbers dead and wounded the other.—There are four candidates for the Mayoralty of New York City. The Republican candidate is Marshall O. Roberts.

Tenement Houses.—The New York Times, in an article on this subject says:—"It is a marvel to observers who respect and Christian gentlemen, who, in all other matters, act under a high sense of duty or religion, can so completely neglect and disregard their tenement property. Many of them never come near their houses. They know nothing of the condition of their tenants, or the sanitary state of their houses. They suffer, year after year, their tenants to be poisoned and corrupted by the wretched condition of their houses, and leave the whole matter to their agents, often men of no feeling or character. We doubt if any Southern slave-master was ever so entirely indifferent to the welfare of his slaves as are some of these capitalists to those who occupy their dwellings!"

Vermont.—Chief Justice L. P. Poland has been appointed to fill the vacancy by the death of Senator Collamer.

Maryland.—A certain judge in Anne Arundel county, Maryland, recently sentenced a colored woman to be sold into slavery for the term of two years.

Kentucky.—Major-General Palmer has been indicted by the Grand Jury of Jefferson County for enticing slaves to leave the State of Kentucky.—A Union officer has been indicted and committed, bail being refused, in Marion, for killing rebel guerrillas in the discharge of his military duties. He was forcibly rescued by Union soldiers.

North Carolina.—The Legislature met November 27th.

Georgia.—The people from 385 places in the interior have petitioned for the re-opening of post-offices.

Alabama.—The First District of Alabama elects C. C. Langdon to Congress. Mr. Langdon is the man, says the New York Tribune, who said in the State Convention that the emancipation proclamation of President Lincoln was the blackest act which history records.—The negroes who assisted the U. S. forces in this State during the war, by bringing in stock and provisions, and destroying rebel property, were being arrested on the charge of larceny, arson, &c., until the Freedmen's Bureau interfered.

Mississippi.—A bill has passed the House, allowing Freedmen to testify and be witnesses when a party to the record, but not in cases exclusively between white men.—Gov. Humphreys has asked the withdrawal of the colored troops, stating that the Legislature are willing to extend the right to Freedmen to testify in court if the troops are withdrawn. The President replied that the troops would be withdrawn when peace and order could be maintained without them. Measures should be adopted giving protection to all Freedmen in their possessions, and which will entitle them to assume their constitutional rights.

Louisiana.—The Legislature has organized, and is ready for business.

Colorado.—The Union ticket for Governor and Congress are elected.

THE CITY.

Over two and a half millions have been distributed for the relief of families of soldiers in this City, from April 23d, 1861 to June 23d, 1865. The average to each family was a dollar and a quarter a week. More than nine millions have been given in bounties besides.

THE GOVERNMENT.

General Howard, of the Freedmen's Bureau, is preparing a report, urging a continuance of the Bureau in the South.—During the year ending June 30th, 1865, the receipts of the Government were \$1,801,792,627 51, and the expenditures were \$1,897,683,223 99.—Chief Justice Chase has decided that a railroad company has no right to retain the income tax on its interest, before paying a foreign creditor. The Postmaster-General has determined to make the mail routes in the South self-sustaining.—Ex-Governor Mason, of South Carolina, and James A. Seddon, of Virginia, have been released from Fort Pulaski. Ex-Governor Lubbock, of Texas, has been liberated from Fort Delaware.—The estimate of the expenses of the navy, for 1866, is \$23,000,000.—Hereafter no patents are to be issued to Southerners who cannot furnish proofs of loyalty.—Colored troops are coming from New Orleans to the North, and white troops are going out to fill their places.—The Government de-

termines hereafter to detect greenback counterfeiters exclusively.

A Bad Example.—The carpet for the Representatives Hall, at Washington, has been imported from England, and cost \$7000.

Pardon Extraordinary.—Major Echols, chief rebel engineer of the defenses of Charleston, has been pardoned in consideration of his having an invention of great value to the Government. His is the first pardon of a West Pointer.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Crops.—This year the various crops in the United States are as follows: wheat, 198,522,829 bushels; rye, 19,543,905 bushels; barley, 11,391,286 bushels; oats, 225,225,295 bushels; corn, 704,427,853 bushels; potatoes, 101,032,095 bushels; hay, 23,538,740 tons; and tobacco, 185,316,953 pounds.

The Dark and Bright of Modern Civilization.—The bark Thomas Pope, of New York, bound for Monrovia (Africa), cleared at the Boston Custom-house on Nov. 21. She has seven missionaries engaged as passengers, and 29,000 gallons of New England rum as part of her cargo.

Experiments on Steam Boilers.—In New York, Mr. Ward has just completed a series of experiments on the remaining boiler of the unfortunate steamer St. John. He found, by placing thermometers in different positions in the boiler, when steam was up, that there is a difference of temperature of no less than 231 degrees. The temperature of the water just below the water line was 269 degrees, while the temperature of the steam just above the water line was from 395 to 500 degrees. When the boat was in motion, the water was found to oscillate up and down from the water level about six inches, and when this happened, the iron of the boiler was of course heated suddenly and cooled suddenly, to the extent of the difference above stated, or 231 degrees. The rapid expansions and contractions caused by these wide and sudden changes of temperature, must, of course, make a great strain on the material, and constantly weaken the boiler.

FOREIGN.

Great Britain.—The pirate Shenandoah entered the Mersey and surrendered to the British, November 6. Her crew have been liberated, and their wants provided for by sympathizers, and the vessel has been handed over to the U. S. Consul.—The Alabama depredations are still under discussion in the leading papers.—Earl Russell, at the Lord Mayor's banquet, November 5, thanked God the American war was over, and trusted the Republic, now freed from the sin of slavery, would go on and prosper for centuries to come.—A contract for a telegraphic cable to be laid across Behring's straits has been made.—The Fenian trials began October 29.

Religious Tests in England.—The University of Cambridge is open to every religious belief—that is for instruction. But the members of the Senate—the governing body of the university—are required to take an oath of conformity. It appears, however, that the exclusiveness of the body is modified by an arrangement which enables the member once in the Senate, to follow any creed he chooses. Recently a distinguished member of the Church of Rome was elected in spite of his declining to make the required declaration.

Italy.—The cholera was increasing in Naples, in the early part of the month.

Canada.—The people are still arming and drilling, and in a state of general excitement about the Fenians.—Oil wells have been discovered near the Thames, in the vicinity of Bothwell.

Mexico.—Juarez was at El Paso, Oct. 20.

ITEMS.

The records of the Navy Department show that during the rebellion nearly five hundred prizes were captured from the enemy.

The coroner's jury who investigated the case of the railroad catastrophe at Newark, N. J., have found O'Brien, the switch-tender, guilty of manslaughter.—The entire anthracite coal production of Pennsylvania in the year closing with canal navigation, is 8,669,015 tons. The coal product of Great Britain for 1864 was nearly 93,000,000 tons.

Senator Sherman, ex-Gov. Ramsey, and others have been travelling through the coal regions.—The population of Minnesota is 246,816.—During the late war, the city of Georgetown, D. C., furnished but 100 men to the Union army, while 480 were enrolled in the ranks of the rebellion.—For one pound of meat the people of Scotland consume ten.—The number of pardons granted by the President is stated as less than 8,000.—A despatch, just made by the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad, requires \$30,000 worth of stamps.—The U. S. Sanitary Commission report that from June 27, 1861, to July 1, 1865, the receipts were \$4,813,750 45, and the disbursements \$4,530,774 95.—There are only 300 sugar estates in Jamaica, and 160,000 laborers.—One of the most skillful counterfeiters in the country, an Englishman, after a year's pursuit, was recently arrested by the Treasury detectives, and \$80,000 in fifty-cent notes, admirably executed, were seized.—The evacuation of the Papal territory by France would commence Nov. 5th.

Russian forces were reported to be within a few miles of Bokhara.—Bombay was lighted with gas, Oct. 7th.—The overland telegraph expedition had reached Petropoli, Russian Siberia, Oct. 16th. Every thing had worked most auspiciously so far.

Two steamers collided in the Mississippi, near Helena, Arkansas, on Friday night, Nov. 24th. One of them sank, and 100 colored soldiers were drowned.—During the war there were twenty rebel cruisers afloat. They captured 275 vessels.—The British Government, it is said, still ships condemned felons to America.—The weekly receipts of cotton at Galveston are from 9,000 to 10,000 bales.—Gen. Grant is in Richmond.—The Republicans carried Hartford, Conn., Nov. 27th.—Whisky has been smuggled from Canada in bottles made of tin, and held from three to five gallons. They are carefully dressed and held in the arms of women travellers, in the cars.

TEMPERANCE IN NEW JERSEY.—The friends of temperance in New Jersey are inaugurating what we hope will become a vigorous effort for the revival of the cause in that State. A State Convention assembles this day, November 30, in New Brunswick. In the call which summoned it, request was made that churches, Sabbath-schools, and temperance organizations of every name should send delegates. We hope and expect to hear a good account of this meeting, and we trust that our New Jersey friends will remember one thing which has everywhere been disastrously overlooked—that the value of public temperance demonstrations consists mainly in their being well followed by extensive personal effort. The temperance men and women of New Jersey can reclaim the State from the reign of intemperance, if they will take hold and hold on, and so can we in Pennsylvania.

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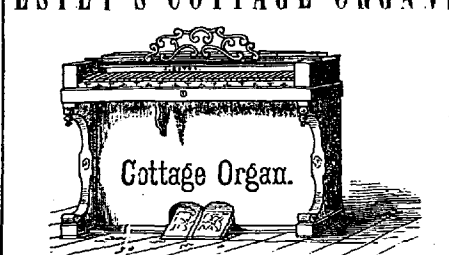
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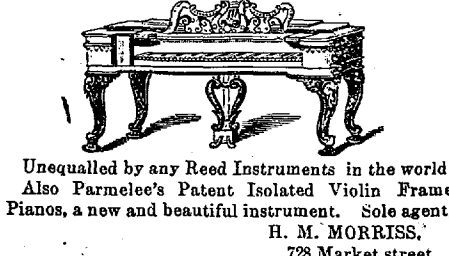
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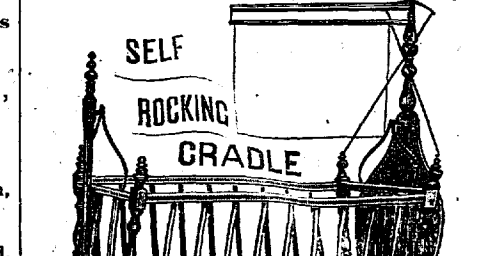
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