News of the Week.

May 12.—May 18.

HOME.

The Government.—The rumor of a triple alliance between England, France and Spain to protect the interests of these nations in Central American waters against the United States, it is claimed is not credited by our Government.—Colored delegations have asked appointments to prominent positions in the North, as an effective answer to objections against such appointments in the South.—Greatly has the financial prospect brightened since it is clearly understood that Secretary Boutwell has really commenced to purchase and *cancel* a million of the debt every week, thus carrying out, after years of unpardonable evasion and neglect by others, the law of the sinking fund.—Ben. Wade has been appointed Government director of the Pacific R. R.—For more than two years an agent of the Indian Department has been regularly drawing his salary and purchasing supplies for a tribe, (Delawares) that during all this time has been absolutely extinct.—A through line of mails has been established on the Pacific R. R.—Employees are still being discharged from the Departments. A colored compositor was assigned to a case in the Government printing-office and the Union is bothered to know what to do about it. They had best accept the situation.—The Internal Revenue receipts, on one day last week, were a million dollars.—A dispatch of May 14th, from Washington, which we are loth to believe, says that the President's family, and the families of two of the Cabinet Ministers, visited the theatre this evening.—The *N. Y. Tribune* of Saturday declares that not less than one thousand persons have been murdered because of their politics in the Southern States during the last year, of whom at least nine hundred and eighty were Republicans, and that not twenty of the murderers have been brought to justice.—200 Lutheran ministers visited the President on Saturday.—It is claimed that Mr. Motley's instructions are in accordance with the views of Mr. Sumner.—Gen. Sickles is to succeed Mr. Hale at Madrid.

The Country at Large.—In completing the Pacific Railroad, on Monday, the 10th, the telegraph apparatus in all the large cities of the United States was so arranged that each stroke of the hammer which drove the last spike into the last rail of the great iron roadway across the continent beat responsive strokes on the telegraphic instruments.—The overland trade with Asia has commenced. On Monday the 10th an invoice of Japan tea was shipped from San Francisco for St. Louis by the Railroad.

New England.—Connecticut has ratified the XVth Amendment.—A Committee of the Mass. Senate have voted, nine to one, to report an amendment to the State Constitution providing for female suffrage.—The Massachusetts liquor dealers have organized a Protective Union, and voted $100,000 to defeat the efforts of the prohibitionists.—The anti-Sprague men carried the Providence municipal election last week.—An order has been received at Newport, R. I., from Paris, for a furnace to warm a church in Japan.

In New York City the May anniversaries are going forward with little *eclat*. The Anti-Slavery Society speakers, men and women, asked for a black Secretary of State, and a black Lieutenant-Governor of New York and for black women suffrage. Mrs. Dr. *Black*well was one of the speakers. Rev. L. W. Bacon, of Williamsburg, resigned as a Vice President of the A. and F. C. U., in a tart letter. Receipts of the Union $111,705.46.—The American Bible Society reported the enormous total of $731,734.73, receipts for the year. Exceeding those of any previous year.—The Equal Rights Association (Woman Suffrage) had a stormy time, the women, in the art of turning a public meeting into hopeless uproar and riot, showing themselves fully equal to the men. The rights of men to a fair hearing were ruthlessly trampled on in the person of a Mr. Foster, who was fairly hissed and hooted down by the ladies (?), Miss. Stanton being prominent in the business. Mrs. Lucy Stone had a letter from an Old-School Presbyterian minister in Kansas, earnestly indorsing the Woman's Rights movement.—A highway robber has just been sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, at hard labor.—William B. Astor returns an income of $1,079,212; William W. Cornell, $149,131; H. T. Helmbold, $152,205; W. C. Rhinelander, $113,057, and James Sampson, $163,714.

N. Y. State.—Another bad rail on the Long Island road broke, May 14th, and several employees were hurt.—The Legislature adjourned last week. Even the Democratic Governor did good service in holding it in check. Every one of his vetoes appears to have been needed and every one was sustained. The Republicans had a bare majority in the Senate, and that majority was manageable by the usual appliances of corrupt parties and corporations. Thus, at the last moment, New York city was saddled with a Tax levy, about two millions greater than it should have been. Among the items are $3,000 for an Episcopal Sisterhood of St. Mary; $5,000 each for House of Mercy (H. Potter, Prest.), Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominic, St. Francis Hospital, St. Joseph's Asylum, and Hebrew Orphan Asylum; $10 000 for Sacred Heart, Manhattanville; $15,000 for the House of the Good Shepherd, where a converted Irish girl is forcibly and falsely detained as of immoral character; $5,000 to Sisters of St. Joseph's church, and $50,000 in a lump to the Sisters of Mercy for a Home for the Destitute Children of Soldiers—about $100,000 for Roman Catholic, or Anglo-Catholic institutions, against some ten or fifteen thousand dollars to other denominations.

Philadelphia.—The semi-annual examination, for Teachers of Public Schools, was held last week. There were 173 applicants. A certificate from the Board of Control is indispensable, under the laws of the State, to the gaining of a position as teacher in the Public Schools.—5,000 cigars packed in a coffin were seized last week for evasion of duty.—Nearly twenty acres of Blockley Alms House farm are to be sold to the Penna. University at $8,000 per acre. It cost the city $170 per acre.—Ten hours pay for eight hours work seems to be the motto of the Navy Yard workmen here as elsewhere. We hope the President's upright policy will be carried out in this dispute. If the men now in the Navy Yard don't like it, no doubt thousands can be found willing to work according to the simple rule of the pay they get.—It is claimed that the question of a Navy Yard at League Island is unsettled, although the investigating committee unanimously reported against New London as a site for building iron clads, the class of vessels stationed at League Island.—General Gregory has entered his securities, as U. S. Marshal of this District, and has taken possession of the office.—A recent act of Legislature makes it a $25 offence to mutilate a show bill, unless it has been put up against the wish of the owner of the wall or fence, or its use has expired.

Pennsylvania.—The miners in the Lehigh and Schuylkill regions have quit work almost *en masse*. The coal operators themselves are believed to be consenting to the act, in view of the ruinously low prices of coal.

Atlantic States.—The Virginians are to have a chance to reconstruct themselves by voting on the new Constitution, July 6th. A separate vote is to be allowed on the disfranchising and test-oath clauses.—Judge Chase has decided in Richmond that the ineligibility of a judge under the XIVth amendment does not set free the criminals whom he sentenced, as Judge Underwood decided, thereby setting a murderer at liberty. He also allowed the statute of limitation, as a valid plea by a Post Master, who held office in 1861, and who was now sued by the National Government for public monies then in his possession.—Mr. W. W. Corcoran of Washington, has given for a free Art Gallery, his building in that city with his collection, valued at a million.—Baltimore prohibits minors from entering billiard rooms.—Andersonville has a colored postmaster.—About two immigrants only, out of every hundred that landed here from Europe last year, went to the Southern States.—A new whipping post and pillory at New Castle, Del., were inaugurated on Saturday. Three criminals were pilloried and ten were whipped.

Gulf States.—Commissioners of Florida and Alabama have been in consultation about the cession of W. Fla. to Alabama.—Crevasses are occurring on the lower Mississippi.—In Texas 1200 head of cattle were lately stolen.

The Interior.—The Indiana House of Representatives ratified the Suffrage Amendment May 14, it having been previously ratified by the Senate. The Democratic members of the legislature again endeavored to defeat action by resigning;—with what effect on the validity of the vote remains to be seen.—The wife of a man who died of hydrophobia, in Cincinnati, has sued the owner of the dog for $5,000.

Pacific States.—A despatch from Sacramento, Cal., May 13, announced the arrival there of a train of Springfield cars, being the first train across the continent. The trip westward from the Head of Salt Lake took 29 hours.

General.—Suicides continue to be reported daily. The mania has even reached quite young persons.—The heavy balance of trade against us in Europe has strengthened the price of gold, and on Monday the failure of a gold-gambling firm in New York for eight millions sent the premium up to 42, a rise of 5 in a week. Government stocks on Saturday reached their highest point, some denominations standing at 22½ premium. Before the war U. S. Securities commanded 20 premium in gold, 120 gold being equal to 165 currency.

FOREIGN.

West Indies.—The Cuban Revolution commenced at Yara on October 10th, 1868, by the pronunciamento of Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, with 127 followers. It has since been more or less active in a territory embracing two-thirds of the Island. But the other third is said to contain three-fourths of the population 1,370,000 in all; 764,500 whites, and the remainder blacks, Chinese, &c. There has been a serious encounter between the Spaniards and the rebels, at Alta Gracia; in an attempt of the former to fully re-establish communication by railroad, from Nuevitas to Puerto Principe. In this action, the government organ admits that the rebels offered a more determined resistance than in any previous battle. After the fight Gen. Lesca reached Puerto Principe with his army, the insurgents being unable to detain him. The government report is that since the fight the rebels cannot get together 2000 men.—Washington despatches of May 14, report that not only the special United States agent in Cuba and Admiral Hoff, but the present Consul General, Mr. Plumb, and the commander of the English squadron in Cuban waters, all believe that the insurrection is near its end.

South America.—Advices from Ascunsion report that Lopez holds a strong position in the interior with 9000 men and forty guns. The Allied forces showed signs of insubordination when ordered to march upon him.—The yellow fever still rages in the coast cities of Peru and Chili.

Great Britain.—The Fenian Mayor of Cork resigned on the 10th. The bill before Parliament disqualifying the Mayor from acting as a magistrate was, in consequence, postponed for one month.—The leading journals are still discussing Mr. Sumner and the Alabama claims, in no amiable mood. The Government is evidently without special uneasiness as, according to the Secretary of War, it has no intention of countermanding the orders for the reduction of the troops in Canada under existing circumstances.—The vote on the third reading of the Irish Church bill is fixed for the 31st.—Mr. George Peabody, who is in ill health, has expressed a desire to return to this country and end his days here.

The French Elections for members of the *Corps Legislatif*, will take place on Sunday, May 29th. The opposition, although more violent than ever, is restricted to Paris and a few large towns. A telegram of May 12 says: Four public meetings in different parts of the city have been dispersed by the police. Another of the 14th says: Several electoral meetings were dispersed to-day. A number of Sergeants de Ville were badly hurt, and many arrests were made. All this, notwithstanding the Emperor's fine words at a horticultural exhibition at Chartres, May 9th, where he referred to the coming election, and invited men of all parties to aid in the advancement of liberal progress, by choosing as their representatives men worthy of such a mission.—Since 1852 the French public debt has been increased $861,200,000.

Germany.—The North German Parliament refuses to pass a bill to pay itself. American legislators take notice!—The Bavarian [Catholic!] Government has issued a circular note to the Governments of France, Austria, Prussia, Baden and Wurtemburg, inviting those Powers to the conference to be held in Munich, for the purpose of preserving the rights of State against the church.—A Professorship of American History is to be established at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, and a distinguished American scholar offered the chair.

Spain.—There has been some stir in the Cortes about reacquiring Gibraltar, and its necessity at some more favorable time was conceded by the ministers. An amendment proposed by the Republicans has been rejected (182 to 64) to the effect that all powers emanate from the nation, and all persons to whom they are entrusted must be elected by, and held responsible to the people, was exclusively.—The proposal for a Triennial Directory has also been defeated. May 17. The article of the Constitution declaring that sovereignty is essentially in the nation, from which all power emanates, was adopted. The article requiring the King to be a native of Spain and to be elected by *plebis-scitum*, was rejected.—Prim approves the proposition for a Regency under Serrano.

Portugal.—Madrid dispatches speak of serious political disorders, and a revolutionary plot at Lisbon.

Denmark.—The returned Danish Minister assures the people that our Government will ratify the purchase of the Island of St. Thomas.

Austria.—The Emperor in closing the sessions of the Reichsrath May 14, reviewed the late reforms enacted by the Reichsrath, and hoped they would become the basis of harmonious and pacific relations between the Church and State.

Russia.—The Government is considering a plan for the reorganization of the Roman Catholic Church throughout the Empire.

Persia.—There has been a desperate fight in the streets between two religious sects, both sides being armed. It is said that three hundred men were killed. Troops were called out, and five hundred arrests were made. Perhaps Babism is stirring again.

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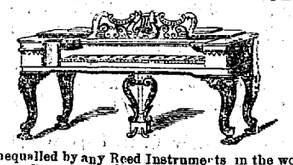
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