

News of the Week.

October 26—November 2.

General.—The new minister to China—Mr. Lowe—is instructed to adopt a conciliatory policy. Gen. Walbridge, a delegate from the Southern Commercial Convention, in addressing the President, expressed great satisfaction with his conciliatory policy, and referred to his second term. Gen. Grant said he felt very much as in his cadet days at West Point, when he counted every month with eagerness to get out of his position.

—The British Government is prepared to agree with our Post-office Department in reducing the rates of pre-paid letter postage between the two countries to six cents.

—The U. S. has about 6,000,000 dogs, and a tax of a dollar on each would be remunerative, directly and indirectly. Seven millions of acres of public lands were entered under the homestead laws during the past fiscal year, yielding the Government over \$4,000,000.

New England.—Maine is becoming notorious for divorce practice. Mass. re elects Gov. Claflin by 6,000 majority over Adams (Dem.), the Labor Reform and anti-repudiation party having 10,000 votes. The Senate is closely divided between Prohibition and Antiprohibition, but the latter have nearly fifty majority in the House. Several large beer saloons were seized on Friday in Boston.

New York.—The Democrats have elected their State Ticket by a majority of about six thousand. Their majority in the Senate is 2; in the Assembly 14 to 20, so that they now control all parts of the State Government.

New Jersey.—The Democrats have increased their majority in both branches of the Legislature. Rear-Admiral Chas. Stewart died at Bordentown on Saturday.

City.—The night schools are so popular that more than twice as many apply as can be accommodated. The male students attending the clinic lectures at the Pennsylvania Hospital, have been looting and jostling the lady students from the Women's Medical College, who have begun to attend the same series.

The Ledger has a circulation of 70,000 copies weekly. The new paper—The Day—is a penny paper, edited by men who left The Inquirer that they might get decent pay. The bill to sell part of the Almshouse property to the University is postponed for two weeks in Select Council. Our population is about 785,000 people, so that we rank fourth among the cities of the civilized world. The death rate was 258 last week. The Democrats have opened a reading-room in Kensington, probably with a view to the reconstruction of the party upon a basis of progress and intelligence. The almshouse contains 3,143 inmates, of whom 482 are furnished with work. The million loan to build school-houses being nearly exhausted, another is to be negotiated. A Committee of Councils are doctoring the plans accepted for the new Public Buildings.

The South.—The American Colonization Society will send out the Golden State this year, with 400 emigrants for Liberia. The oyster men of Virginia are going to test the validity of the Tax Law, on the ground that the State taxes oysters five times. A Virginia lawyer has answered a challenge by reading it aloud in court and procuring the arrest of the challenger for contempt. Some of the Freedmen of Richmond have already accumulated fortunes, and own large business establishments. One congregation has built and paid for a \$19,000 church. The State Penitentiary is going into the manufacture of boots and shoes. Gen. Reynolds decides that the enactments of the Texas Reconstruction Convention are not binding as laws.

The Interior.—The Democrats carry Detroit by about 600 majority. The Republicans carry Wisconsin by about 8,000 majority. The Republican majority in Minnesota will be from 3,000 to 4,000.

—The Jews, Infidels and Romanists of the Cincinnati Board of Education have voted to exclude the Bible from the Public Schools. The opponents of the measure have secured a temporary injunction against it from Judge Stover, on the ground that the State Constitution declares religion necessary to the public peace, and to good government. The hearing will come off soon. The Reform Party, who elect their ticket in the City, was organized to oust the Ring politicians, who have wasted the city's money. The Republicans have a small majority in the Illinois Constitutional Convention. It stands Republican, 47; Democratic, 40; Conservative, 2; Independent, 1. The City Reform Ticket has carried Chicago by 7,000 to 10,000 majority.

—The Republicans have a working majority still in the W. Virginia Legislature, but many of them are classed as "Liberal." The election in Tennessee for U. S. Senator is contrary to the State Constitution, but the Legislature tables a motion to set it aside.

—Arizona and Montana appeal for aid against the hostile Indians. The former has called out its militia. Steam Navigation has begun on Salt Lake. A Utah editor has been nearly beaten to death for his disloyalty to the Mormon "powers that be."

Canada is planning a Pacific Railroad with £20,000,000 capital, and 2,500 miles of road. The Grand Trunk is trying to divert the Grain Trade of the West to Portland, Me. The Parliament of Ontario opens with a Budget which shows no deficit.

Cuba.—Dr. Rodas is making a tour of inspection. An expedition against the Rebels at Bapata has started by sea and land.

Mexico.—Ex-Secretary Seward was taken ill on his way to the Capital. His reception was everywhere enthusiastic. There are no dissensions in Juarez's Cabinet. The San Louis Potosi insurrection has come to an end. The capital has 130,000 people, but no bank, insurance office or public library. A submarine cable from Vera Cruz to the U. S. is proposed.

South America.—It now appears that Lopez's hostility to our Minister Washburne, which the latter has repaid with so much abuse, was caused by the fact—acknowledged by Mrs. Washburne—that one day at her dinner table, in Paraguay, in the presence of her husband and some others, a proposition to depose Francisco Lopez, and set up his brother Domingo in his place, was discussed. The earthquakes in Peru and Chili have not been extensive. The Colombian Congress have agreed to the Convention for a canal across the Isthmus.

Great Britain.—The death of George Peabody in London, at 11.30 P. M., November 4th, is the theme of all tongues. The newspapers reiterate their praises of him, as a model to business men. The Queen opened a new bridge and viaduct, November 6, in London, and the day was kept as a holiday. A party of Orangemen in county Cavan, Ireland, have been held to answer for murder for a brutal assault upon a party of priests, one of whom died.

France.—Meetings are holding in Paris with a view to the coming supplementary elections. Rochefort has reached Paris, after having been arrested at the frontier, and released. He is candidate for the Corps Legislatif in the First Ward. Ledru Rollin is a candidate in one ward. The Emperor will spend the winter at Nice.

Germany.—There have been quite heavy shocks of earthquake along the Lower Rhine. The North German Navy is increasing rapidly. A society to aid the shipwrecked has a large share of the public sympathy.

—The insurrection in Austrian Dalmatia, headed by Menotti Garibaldi, has succumbed, after a short battle. Deak is to form a new Reform Ministry in Hungary. Francis Joseph and Victor Emmanuel were to have an interview at Brindisi, Dec. 1st.

Italy.—The King of Italy is dying. Prince Napoleon and the Princess Clotilde have been summoned from Paris, and are on their way to Florence.

Spain.—The Cabinet has been reconstructed, the Unionist members withdrawing, because they could not agree to support the Duke of Genoa as a candidate for the throne. Topete also threatens to resign, but Prim declares that he will leave the Cabinet if he does. The Regent refuses to receive his resignation, but Topete insists. The Opposition to Genoa is organized and determined.

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