

A SNOW storm struck Kansas City, Missouri, last Friday. The storm was accompanied by a high wind which prostrated telegraph wires in Missouri, Kansas and Colorado.

The political situation in West Virginia is unchanged. Both parties claim a small plurality in the State. It will require the official count to decide the result.

DAVID HOSTETTER, of Pittsburg, proprietor of Hostetter's stomach bitters and concerned in the building of the South Penn railroad, died last week.

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Prohibition in Pennsylvania.

The long movement to subject the inhabitants of Pennsylvania to a prohibitory liquor law will soon be brought to an end. Upon the meeting of the Legislature in January the first measure to be considered will be the resolution to submit a prohibitory amendment to a vote of the people.

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NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

The Sheriff at Shippensburg will be allowed only 9 cents per day for each tramp after January, 1889.

A watermelon weighing 80 was among a consignment of fruit received in San Francisco from San Diego for exhibition purposes. An onion sent from San Luis Obispo weighed almost four and half pounds.

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—A dispatch from Streator, Ill., says: Miss Belle Bridwell, a teacher employed in the Grammar Department of the Sickerman School, near this city, died very suddenly on Tuesday of hemorrhage of the lungs. It is stated that she was endeavoring to punish a boy for insubordination when he knocked her down and kicked her on the breast, causing her death.

—A citizen of Roselle, N. J., is the owner of a wonderful Tabby cat. He has devoted a great deal of time to the education of the animal, and pussy shows a degree of intelligence that astonishes the natives.

—In a birthday party at Chicago Albert Lawson, the host, who is an American, has been in to chastise his wife, a French woman, for offending an Irish guest.

—The London police are confident that they are on the right track in their search for the Whitechapel murderer. The persons have been found who saw the man that accompanied the last victim to her room on the night she was murdered.

—The wine-cellar of the late Samuel J. Tilden in New York was vandalized by an auctioneer and crowds of purchasers on Wednesday. Five hundred and twenty bottles of Steinberger brought from \$3.50 to \$5 per bottle.

—Great excitement exists at Paris, Ky., over the find of a large amount of money, some say as high as \$10,000 in a book in Long's second-hand book store.

—Three Mormon elders who had been in Marion county, in the western part of Alabama, about ten days ago, were tarred and feathered by a mob of whites.

—Near the soda springs of Ashland, Ore., it is known that one man has a poisonous snake to kill whatever may be sent him and it is said that there is almost constantly a ring of birds, snakes, lizards and small deer lying dead on the same dead.

—Patrick Packingham, who murdered his wife last April, was condemned at New York on last Monday to be hanged on next January 4th.

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