

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Mississippi Legislature has adopted a memorial to Congress in favor of the Eads Ship Railway scheme.

Work was begun on the 23d in Roach's ship yard at Chester on an iron steamship line. It is the first vessel started there for more than a year.

Another cold wave, more severe than its recent predecessor, has appeared in the Northwest, accompanied by a snow blizzard.

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The County Poorhouse at Jackson, Michigan, was burned about 1 o'clock, the 24th. Five of the inmates, whose ages ranged from 60 to 92 years, perished in the flames—three of them were insane, one deaf and one blind.

Dorman B. Eaton on the 23d sent to the President a letter offering his resignation as Civil Service Commissioner, to take effect on the 9th of March.

James T. Farley, ex-U. S. Senator from California, died on the 21st, aged 55 years. He was a native of Virginia, but removed with his parents to California, where he adopted the profession of the law.

It is reported from Monterey that General Trevino has been appointed Mexican Minister to Spain, and ex-President Gonzalez Mexican Minister to France.

Joseph Rankin, Representative in Congress from the Fifth District of Wisconsin, died on the 24th in Washington.

The annual election for directors of the Baltimore Corn and Flour Exchange, held on the 25th, resulted in the choice of the following: Edson M. Schriver, Henry A. Parr, Robert S. Fowler, George T. Kenly, Samuel F. George, Hiram G. Dudley, George W. Titlow, Charles D. Reid, Joseph B. Foad, Edwin Reese, A. Henry Nelker, Edward C. Heald, Alexander J. Godby, George Frame, John H. Girvin.

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One of the severest storms ever known on the Pacific coast began on the 17th, and reached its height on the 20th. There was an almost continuous fall of rain and snow, the storm crossing the country from the northern boundary of Washington Territory to the southern boundary of California, and from the ocean to the Rocky mountains. The wind at San Francisco reached a maximum velocity of eighty-two miles per hour.

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Judge Harry White was arrested on the 21st in Indiana, Penna., on the charge of forgery preferred by his brother, who is contesting his mother's will, of which the Judge is executor and principal beneficiary.

At Youngstown, Ohio on the 21st an explosion of melted metal in the mills of Brown, Bonnell & Co. scattered debris in every direction and hurled iron through the roof.

Nine cowboys visited Burlington, Texas, on the 20th, got drunk and amused themselves by "firing into windows and acting like savages."

The Supreme Court of Missouri on the 26th, rendered a decision which prohibits the Circuit Court in St. Louis from trying the contested Mayoralty election case there.

The New York Assembly on the 26th reconsidered and withdrew from the Senate its resolution passed on the 25th in favor of the repeal of the Bland act. When the resolution is back in the House it will be fully discussed.

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At a Democratic caucus in Annapolis, Maryland, on the 27th, Stevenson Archer, of Harford county, was nominated for State Treasurer to succeed John S. Gittings.

The suit to contest Carter Harrison's election as Mayor of Chicago was dismissed on the 27th, on motion of counsel for the petitioner.

The Senate on the 27th confirmed a number of nominations which had been sent in by the President, among others B. H. Arbuckle, to be Collector of Customs at Erie, Penna. None of the predecessors of those confirmed had been "removed" or "suspended."

FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

In the Senate on the 25th the credentials of F. C. Walthall, elected Senator from Mississippi to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Lamar, were presented, and Mr. Walthall was sworn in. Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to provide for the settlement of the debt of the Pacific Railroads.

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