

THE WEEK'S SUMMARY
OF TELEGRAPHIC NEWS CONDENSED FOR BUSY READERS.

Events That Have Happened in all Parts of the World Brought Down to Pointed Paragraphs, Personal Mention of Doings and Sayings of Many People.

The four insane convicts who escaped from the insane asylum at Auburn, N. Y., were recaptured within ten miles of the city.

The "Wheeler," a political organization of Arkansas farmers, feel strong enough to demand certain legislation affecting their interests during the coming year.

The body of Miss Maude Hull, of Carlisle, Ia., which was stolen from that village cemetery, was found by a detective on a dissecting table of the Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons at Des Moines. It was purchased, the latter say, in the regular way.

Alderman Peter B. Masterson, of New York, died from injuries sustained by being thrown from his carriage while driving in Central park with City Chamberlain Ivins.

The furniture workers of Chicago have made a demand, which is endorsed by the Central Labor union of that city, that the state declare the coal mines common property.

Slowly but surely Russia is progressing in Central Asia by extending her base of operations north of Afghanistan, where she is now more strongly entrenched than she was last year.

The missing bicyclist, Thomas Stevens, who is going around the world on his wheel, has been heard from in China, where he was stoned by the natives and narrowly escaped with his life. He is expected to arrive in San Francisco from Yokohama, Japan, about the middle of January.

Col. Nelson B. Bartram, deputy collector of the port of New York, who died on Christmas night, was commander of the Union league's colored regiment—the Twentieth—during the war of the rebellion.

The Central Labor union of New York has denounced the struck jury system and the appropriation by the general government to aid the militia in the several states.

The excitement in Kentucky over the finding of gold threatens to interfere with the distilling business.

There is some desultory talk in California about dividing the state.

The funeral of Rabbi Falk took place at Buffalo.

The difficulties on the street railroads in Boston are terminated without a tie up and in a victory for the men.

The machine constructors are said to be preparing to withdraw from the Knights of Labor with 50,000 members.

A young man, said to be a Princeton graduate, put his head under the blankets and shot himself through the brain in a New York boarding house.

The remains of the late William H. Vanderbilt were looked upon by his family for the last time and hermetically sealed in the mausoleum at New York, N. Y.

Speaker Carlisle filed his answer to the notice of Thobe that he would contest Mr. Carlisle's election to congress from the Sixth Kentucky district. The answer denies Mr. Thobe's statements of fact in every particular, and charges that the election in Kenton and Campbell counties, where Thobe got his big majority, was illegal, owing to irregular appointment of the election officers, and from the fact that more votes were counted than there are names on the poll book.

D. F. Beatty, of Washington, N. J., is under arrest in Jersey City, charged with improper use of the mails to obtain money, in sending out certain circulars advertising organs. The complaint is made by a lady of Brooklyn, who claims that an organ sent to her was inferior to the one described in the circular.

Judge Reynolds, of Brooklyn, has granted Mrs. Stanton a divorce from her preacher husband, on the grounds of cruelty.

An experiment in temperance reform is being tried in Switzerland, which is believed can do no possible harm and may do much good. The federal government has assumed a monopoly of the sale of spirits. Distillers are required to sell their entire product to the state, which imposes strict regulations as to materials and methods of distillation. The retail price of liquors is to be raised and the government expects to secure, after allowing for a certain falling off in consumption, some \$2,000,000 a year from the profits. Of this sum, \$150,000, or 7 1/2 per cent., is to be turned over to the cantons to be spent in measures to repress the abuse of alcohol.

The people in western Pennsylvania are extremely anxious to learn how long the supply of natural gas is going to hold out.

The South Carolina legislature has declined to appropriate any money for the relief of the sufferers by the Charleston earthquake or the destitute farmers of Chester county whose crops were destroyed by floods.

Washington territory is exultant. It is claimed that the edelweiss, the famous flower of the Alps, is to be found on Mount Rainier.

Columbus, S. C., reports a case of the intelligent countryman who blows out the gas and thereby becomes the subject of a coroner's inquest.

New South Wales proposes to hold an inter-colonial exhibition, as part of the centenary celebration, in January, 1888, in which the mother country and all the colonies and dependencies of the empire will be invited to participate.

A board of survey, appointed by Rear Admiral Chandler to inspect the United States steamer Palos, of the Asiatic squadron, has reported her to be unfit for service.

A strenuous effort is being made by the enlisted men of the United States army to secure a decrease in the number of years of continuous service entitling them to promotion from thirty to twenty-five. Petitions on this subject are continually reaching congress.

Another big legacy for Harvard university—\$400,000 this time.

Massachusetts is happy in an apparent increase of about \$5,000,000 in her valuation.

Canada's new law concerning American fishermen in British waters is regarded by the latter as a renunciation of the "from headland to headland" idea that will be freely disregarded.

The bodies of Johnson and Gilson, the firemen victims of the Temple theatre fire in Philadelphia, have been recovered.

A stenographer at Louisville, during a drunken quarrel with a bartender, killed him.

An Ohio marshal, in attempting to master an escaping prisoner, shot him dead.

Famines, fortunately unattended by personal injury, were created in a knitting factory and the county jail at Detroit by the smoke from a rapidly burning picture frame factory.

Manlaughter was the verdict rendered against the jealous Hungarian, of Bayonne, N. J., who killed his rival.

The dissatisfaction in the ranks of the Knights of Labor seems to be spreading, and

many members favor a special meeting of the order.

Canal boatmen protest that excessive terminal charges in New York are driving away the grain trade, and ask that \$1,000,000 be appropriated for canal improvements.

Justice Beasley, of Trenton, has denied the motion for a new trial of Titus, the Hackensack town janitor, condemned to death for the murder of Tillie Smith.

The managers of the Reading railroad have been compelled to yield the position they took in opposition to the men in their employ. When the deadlock was opened up, 4,000 cars were waiting to be moved.

The deposits in the savings banks of Massachusetts aggregate the very large amount of \$291,197,900, or in round numbers \$300,000,000.

The striking street railroad employees of San Francisco are enforcing their demands by placing dynamite cartridges under the cable roads, and the people of the city are afraid to trust their lives on the cars.

The board of estimate and apportionment of New York has added \$5,000 each to the appropriation for the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History, on condition that the trustees open the doors of those institutions to the people in the afternoon on Sundays.

The federal government pays in salaries to appointed officers \$80,000,000 a year, and about \$130,000,000 is paid annually by city, town and state governments for the service they employ, making a total income for officeholders throughout the country of \$210,000,000 a year.

Cedar Springs, Mich., claims the smallest man of his age now living, in James Hoag, who is forty-five inches in height, weighs seventy-six pounds and is 72 years old, he having been born in 1815.

Hudson river ice men are jubilant, as the outlook is that the prospective crop will not only be the finest, but probably the largest gathered in many years, while it will cost at least one-third less to harvest than the crop of last season.

The price of coal has been advanced by the Reading company fifteen and twenty-five cents per ton.

Edward W. Hatch, of Buffalo, judge-elect of the superior court, has retired from active politics by resigning as a member of the Republican state committee.

The oleomargarine tax law is to be fully tested in Georgia. Four hundred and thirty pounds of bogus butter were seized by internal revenue officers in Atlanta.

A Hartford-made toboggan has been sent as a Christmas gift to the Dean of Canterbury by President Dwight, of Yale college.

The committee having in charge the erection of a monument to Peter Cooper in New York report receipts of \$30,000. Ten thousand dollars more are required to complete the memorial.

A picture of the late Samuel J. Tilden is to be placed in the common council chamber of Albany, the board having appropriated \$1,000 for that purpose.

The Ontario elections have not produced a living effect on the spirits of Sir John Macdonald and his cabinet.

Governor Robinson says he doesn't want to be United States senator from Massachusetts.

Ex-Senator E. H. Rollins, of New Hampshire, wants to succeed the late Senator Pike at Washington.

Spurious silver coin to the amount of \$15,000 is believed to be in circulation in Boston.

Charles H. Raymond, of New York, made an assignment, giving preferences for over \$300,000. Inability to float bonds of the Montgomery and Florida railroad, consequent on the Wall street flurry of Dec. 21, is the cause of the suspension.

The Rev. Mr. Barbour, formerly a lawyer in Connecticut, but more recently a pastor in Newark, is suing for divorce from his wife. The lady has no objection. She married a lawyer, she says, and not a minister.

Among speeches made by the statesmen entertained at dinner by the Boston merchants, one by Senator Hale, of Maine, urged vigorously the importance of coast defense.

The effect of England's time allowance change is to put yachting on equal terms with American yachts, which will now be able to compete with the British cutters without prohibitive handicaps.

A very strong letter has been addressed by the Hon. Henry A. Richmond, member of the state civil service commission, to the superintendent of the public schools of Buffalo denouncing the appointment of teachers except on competitive examination and probation.

It is threatened by some of the Knights of Labor in Chicago that unless General Master Workman Powderly revokes his order forbidding the use of the funds of the organization for the benefit of the condemned Anarchists his authority will not be recognized by a majority of the local assemblies in that city.

The British military authorities will have in readiness for transportation to British Columbia in April next twelve 80-ton Woolwich guns—moorish pieces of ordnance, which throw a projectile weighing 1,700 pounds with a charge of 450 pounds of powder.

The city of Mexico had two sensations—the arrival of Mme. Patti and a duel with swords fought between Prince Augustin Jurubide and Senor Carodido, the latter being wounded in the shoulder, but not dangerously.

The proposition to erect the new county of Unadilla from portions of Osage, Cheyenne and Delaware counties is to be again brought before the New York legislature at the forthcoming session.

The Countess Brest, once noted as the most beautiful woman in Germany, is dead.

New weather signals have been adopted by the signal service bureau. They consist of a square white flag, indicating clear or fair weather; a square blue flag, which indicates snow or rain, and a black triangular flag, to indicate the change in temperature. If the triangular flag appears above either of the square flags the thermometer will rise; if below it will fall. A square white flag, with a square black center, indicates a decided cold wave as before.

The Michigan soldiers' home was dedicated at Grand Rapids with becoming ceremony.

One of the men on trial for train wrecking at Wyanotta, Kan., has confessed the crime of which they are accused.

The will of the late Robert L. Ingersoll, of Pulaski, N. Y., is to be contested by his first wife, who procured a divorce from him.

According to arguments of counsel for the Andover professors, the heterodoxy of which they are accused largely permeates New England orthodoxy.

A kind hearted back owner in Louisville, who took a drunken acquaintance home in a carriage to save him from falling into the hands of the police, was wounded to death in return for his goodness.

The Marquis of Salisbury's excursion into the Liberal camp in quest of ministers for the British government has not proved brilliantly successful. Lord Hartington, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and Mr. George J. Goschen find themselves, upon conferring, to be equally averse to joining any coalition cabinet, and have accordingly decided to support the Conservative government.

A proclamation of the United States relative to the real value of foreign silver coins notes that the rupee of India is worth but 34.6 cents instead of 33.7 cents, the sol of Peru has fallen from 75.1 cents to 73.7 cents; the Japanese yen is to be reckoned at 78.4 cents, instead of 81 cents, and the mahabub of Tripoli has depreciated from 67.7 cents to 65.6 cents.

The milk producers of northern New Jersey have formed associations and subscribed funds for the purpose of bringing a weighty expression of public opinion to bear upon the law makers of the state in behalf of securing a reduction and readjustment by the New Jersey railroads of the freight charges on milk and other articles that farmers produce or consume.

Cincinnati merchants, upon reflection, have arrived at the conclusion that the Reagan-McClure interstate commerce bill, if passed, would hurt the railroads and prove detrimental to their interests, and the Merchants and Manufacturers' association of the city accordingly rescinded its former action endorsing the measure and urging its adoption.

The appropriation for the running expenses of New York city for 1887 aggregates \$31,657,373.55. This is \$764,376.60 less than last year.

Oscar Cook, one of the Adams Express car robbers, implicates Messenger Fotheringham. The shipments to the United States of Canadian fish during the month of November show an increase of 30 per cent. over the corresponding month last year, notwithstanding the heavy duty.

Wake Forest college, North Carolina, has been given \$50,000 in 6 per cent. thirty year first mortgage railroad bonds by Mr. J. A. Bostwick, of New York, to be known as the Bostwick endowment fund.

It is estimated that more than 200 lives were lost in the late snow storm in Germany. Fifty bodies have been found in Saxony, thirty in Thuringia and forty in southern Germany.

A law and order league has been formed at Asbury Park, N. J., for the purpose of prosecuting persons detected in violating the state laws prohibiting the sale of liquors.

Gen. W. W. Loring (Fereck Pasha) died in New York after an illness of only eighteen hours. Gen. Loring had been in military service over fifty years. He was a colonel in the United States army, lieutenant general in the Confederate army and commander-in-chief of the army of the khedive of Egypt.

The late Senator Logan's funeral occurred on the last day of the old year in the senate chamber at Washington, a very large number of mourners following the dead general to the tomb. The remains were placed in a temporary vault in Rock Creek cemetery in Washington and will be finally interred at Chicago. Over \$40,000 have been sent to Mrs. Logan by friends.

Gen. Albert Lawrence, of Rhode Island, died of pneumonia at a New York city hotel.

Mayor Grace, of New York city, stepped down and out and Mayor Hewitt was duly inaugurated to rule the city.

At his New Year's day reception President Grevy, of France, expressed his confidence in the prolongation of prevailing peaceful relations between the great powers. A hopeful view of the outlook was also uttered by Herr Tizza, the Hungarian prime minister.

William Poole and Joseph Font, of New York, who were sentenced to Sing Sing for life for the murder of John Ryan in 1877, were pardoned by Governor Hill.

Dreamers of New York complain of their long hours and low wages, and denounce the "bargain counters" as among the cause of these evils.

The Messeres trial at Philadelphia is over, and the pastor has been found not guilty.

"Jim Cummings" will be able to study the "Polite Letter Writer" behind the bars in the St. Louis jail for a time.

The pigeon match between W. Graham, of England, and C. S. Budd, of Iowa, resulted in a tie. An easy income lost Budd the match.

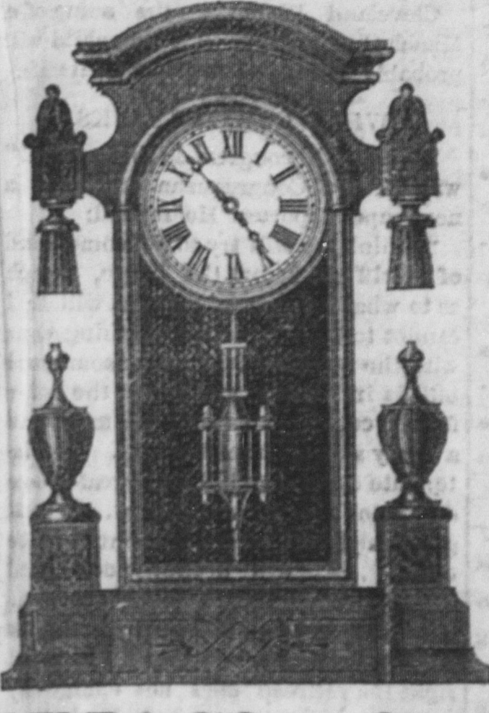
Another champion quail eater is found at Chicago. One bird a day for thirty days is the record.

The folly of using firearms to celebrate a holiday with greater noise was illustrated in New York by the killing of a young man by his friend, the wounding of two persons in their homes and of a man in the street. The last three were hit by random bullets.

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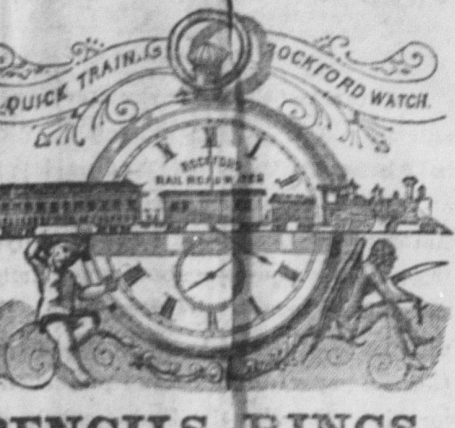
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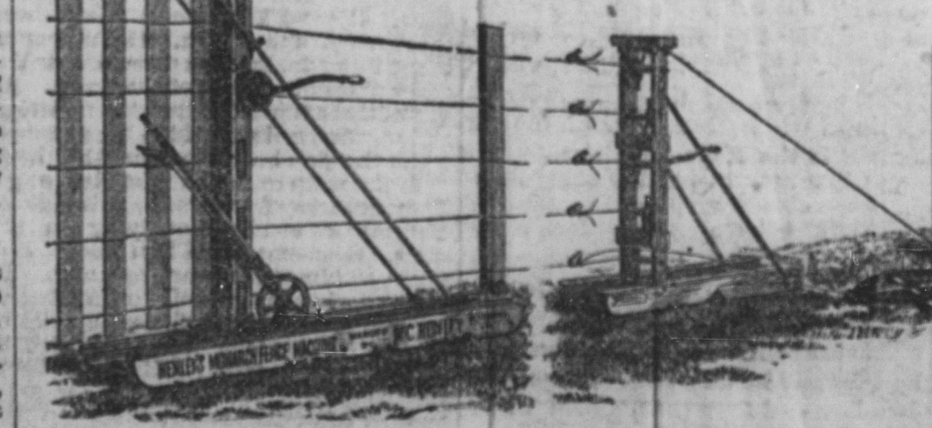
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