

NEWS OF THE WEEK

About 200 cases of giant powder, in transit on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, exploded half a mile west of Port Scott, Kansas, on the morning of the 25th.

The internal revenue collections during the first six months of the current fiscal year were \$7,503,503, being a decrease of \$1,654,340 as compared with the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

The total number of emigrants who arrived in the United States last year was 386,755 against 326,151 in 1885.

The total value of the exports from the United States during 1886 was \$713,289,666, against \$688,249,798 in 1885.

The circulation of the standard silver dollar is steadily decreasing. The amount outstanding on the 25th—\$38,634,257—is over \$2,000,000 less than the amount outstanding on the 1st instant.

In San Francisco on the 24th, a dynamite cartridge exploded on the track, between the car and dummy of a train on the Geary Street Railroad, breaking a piece of iron six inches long out of the car wheel.

A frame dwelling in Mount Morris, near Buffalo, was burned on the morning of the 25th, and the body of Henry Higgins, aged 65 years, was found in the ruins.

The great breaker of the Parrish Coal Company at Plymouth, Penna., was destroyed by fire on the evening of the 25th. The loss is heavy.

A keg of powder exploded in the shaft of the Coon Valley Mine, near Des Moines, Iowa, on the morning of the 24th, injuring four men so badly that their recovery is doubtful.

Mrs. L. E. Southwick and a boy named Guy Lewis were fatally injured by a run-away accident at Cory, Penna., on the morning of the 25th.

An locomotive ran off the track of the Toledo and Ohio Central Railroad, near Bucyrus, on the 24th, fatally injuring W. W. Castleton fireman. A car was upset, but none of the passengers were injured.

An epidemic of malarial fever and measles is reported at Tarentum, Penna. More than 100 serious cases are reported, with 7 deaths since the 22d.

It is officially reported that glanders exists among horses in eight different farms in Marshall county, Illinois, and that some cases of the disease have been found in four other counties of the same State.

"Jake" Van Woert, a farmer, was shot dead by his sixteen-year-old wife in a family quarrel on the morning of the 26th, near Wellsboro, Penna.

A report comes from Fort Arthur, Ontario, of a remarkable fight between the Hoadly gang of counterfeiters and Frank S. Dacre, a St. Paul detective, aged 26 years.

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about twelve in number, and six of them have been arrested. They are said to have robbed at least fifty merchants, and their pilferings are believed to aggregate \$5000.

The ice in the Susquehanna river, north of Port Deposit, Maryland, began to break up early on the afternoon of the 26th ult., and pile opposite the town. In half an hour, the water was running with a swift current at a depth of five to six feet in the main street, sweeping away fences, lumber and other debris.

Andrew Ehrman, a burglar who escaped from the County Jail at Lancaster, Penna., five years ago and was arrested in Delaware, Ohio, was on the 27th ult., returned to prison. He had, it is said, "been leading a reformed life in Ohio," and an effort will be made to secure him a pardon.

Edward Younger, 52 years of age, supposed to have been the murderer of the young man whose body was found in the Baltimore trunk, has been arrested at his residence on Ridge street, Brooklyn. The walls of his room were blood stained. The victim's name is believed to have been Baltz. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive of the murder.

A sleigh containing four men, named Eichenberg, Decamp, Mailor and Kane, was struck by a train at a railroad crossing at Nelson, Minnesota, on the 26th ult. Decamp was fatally injured and died soon afterwards.

By the premature explosion of a blast in a mine near Negaunee, Michigan, on the 27th ult., several men were knocked senseless, and two—Morris Kelley, aged 18 years, and Henry Heisler, aged 26—were dangerously injured.

Five new cases of small-pox, all the patients being men, were reported in New York on the 27th ult. Four new cases of the disease, all of children of one family, were reported in Brooklyn.

M. O. Nelson, a manufacturer of St. Louis, last March inaugurated a system of "profit-sharing" in the factory of the Nelson Manufacturing Company, where between 50 and 100 men are employed.

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precautions, "the burglars bored a hole through the front door of the store, and inserting a set screw, knocked off the catch of the lock, entered the room and proceeded to pick out a quantity of the finest goods manufactured by the firm. With jimnies and bars they broke off the hinge-pins of the safe and tried to lift the door from the vault. Unsuccessful in this, with a hammer they attempted to break the panels in the safe door. The robbers then went to the sample department and took 44 of the most valuable seal saques. Outside there was a carriage in waiting, and it was quickly loaded with the goods. While loading the stolen property the thieves either became frightened or else could carry away no more, and left eight saques on the floor, near the front door, taking with them however \$36. The police and watchman did not discover that the store had been entered, and made no report of the affair when they answered to roll call on the morning of the 29th ult.

The Germania Savings Bank in Jersey City suspended on the 29th ult. C. M. F. Schroeder, its Secretary and Treasurer, has disappeared, leaving a deficit of \$30,000 in the cash account. He also left "a six months' note upon himself for \$30,000 at the bank, dated January 31st, to President Leinaw's order."

During a masquerade at Freeport, Kansas, on the evening of the 27th ult., a paper header worn by Miss G. Bonton, caught fire from a bracket lamp. She pulled off the cap, threw it on the floor, and tried to stamp out the flame, but her dress, which was also papered, caught fire, and she was burned to death.

Sunday, the 30th ult., was the fifth day of the submergence of Port Deposit, Maryland. The water remained from two to four feet deep on Main street from the square to Rock river, and none of the inhabitants of the lower side of the street have returned to their houses.

An immense ice gorge is reported at Port Griffith, five miles from Wilkesbarre, and that low lands there are submerged. At Pittston, the small houses along the river banks are flooded to the second stories, and it is feared several will be swept away.

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In the United States Senate on the 26th, the credentials of Senators Gray, of Delaware; Dawes, of Massachusetts, and Cockrell, of Missouri, for the term beginning on the 4th of March, were presented and filed. The bill creating the Department of Agriculture and Labor was reported and placed on the calendar. Mr. Hoar's resolution was taken up, instructing the Committee on Privileges and Elections to investigate the allegations made by three residents of Washington county, Texas, as to their being driven from their homes, compelled to abandon their property and deprived of the right of suffrage in that county.

In the U. S. Senate on the 27th, Mr. Mitchell, of Pennsylvania, asked unanimous consent to take up and consider the House bill for the relief of dependent parents and honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who are now disabled and dependent upon their own labor for support.

In the United States Senate on the 28th ult., the credentials of Matthew S. Quay, Senator-elect from Pennsylvania, were presented and filed. The Committee on Privileges and Elections, in investigating the alleged "bulldozing" in Texas, was authorized to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

In the House, on the 25th, Mr. Latham, of Texas, asked unanimous consent for the passage of the bill appropriating \$10,000 to enable the Commissioner of Agriculture to make a special tour of inspection in the drought-stricken counties of Texas.

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of Iowa, the joint resolution was placed upon the House calendar. Adjournd.

In the House on the 28th ult., the Washington Cable Railway bill was passed—yeas, 165; nays, 72. The Pseudo-Pneumonia bill was considered in Committee of the Whole. Without disposing of it the House adjourned.

In the House on the 29th ult., the Post-office Appropriation bill and the District of Columbia Appropriation bill were passed. Adjournd.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

Among the bills introduced in the Senate on the 25th, were the following: By Mr. Henninger, amending the act of 1885 so as to provide that married women alone, in case of drunkenness or profligacy of husbands, may consent to the adoption of their children.

In the Senate on the 26th, the Committee on the Judiciary reported back and recommended the passage of the following: Defining the quantity of an estate which shall be passed by a deed or mortgage.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Happiness grows at our own firesides, and is not to be picked up in strangers' gardens.

The moment a man is satisfied with himself everybody else is dissatisfied with him.

We are often more agreeable through our faults than we are through our good qualities.

Whatever is, is right, if only men are steadily bent to make it so by fulfilling its design.

All men think well of themselves, but some of them have a queer way of manifesting it.

Evil ministers of good things are like torches—a light to others, a waste to themselves only.

Abstain from wrath. Let a man keep in subjection in his speech, his arm and his appetite.

Whoever will not in his turn serve those who serve him will go under, and as in the small so in the great.

I am that which has been, that is, which will be; and no one has yet lifted the veil which covers me.

Who is the great man? He who is strongest in the exercise of patience; he who patiently endures injury.

Bread is the staff of life and liquor the stilt—the former sustaining a man, the latter elevating him for a fall.

An opportunity is like a pin in the sweepings; you catch sight of it just as it flies away from you and gets buried again.

Believe, and if thy faith be right, that insight which gradually transmutes faith into knowledge will be the reward of thy belief.

The power of persistence, of enduring defeat, and of gaining victory by defeats, is one of the forces which never loses its charm.

Allegiance to a church secures unity, but it sacrifices liberty. Allegiance to a creed secures independence, but it sacrifices unity.

We should round every day of staring action with an evening of thought. We are taught nothing by experience unless we muse upon it.

What we say in secret is known to Him who made our interior nature. He who made us is present with us, although we are alone.

If it is a small sacrifice to discontinue the use of wine, do it for the sake of others; if it is a great sacrifice, do it for your own sake.

The way to conquer men is by their passions; catch but the ruling foibles of their hearts and all their boasted virtues shrink before you.

Nothing does so foul a man as extreme passion. This doth make them fools which otherwise are not, and show them to be fools that are not.

A beautiful smile is to the female countenance what the sunbeam is to the landscape; it embellishes an inferior face and redeems an ugly one.

Is it justice to forget all the kindness done us by those with whom we live, for a little pain, which, after all, may have been given unintentionally?

Alas! if the principles are not within us, the height of station and worldly grandeur will as soon add a cubic to a man's stature as to his happiness.

Memory can glean but can never renew. It brings us joys faint as is the perfume of the flowers, faded and dried, of the summer that is gone.

It doesn't need a plot and set scenes to make a play; every chance group and conversation is a scene, and everybody—but Shakespeare said the rest long ago.

It requires a great deal of boldness and a great deal of caution to make a great fortune, and when you have got it, it requires ten times as much to keep it.

What is even poverty itself, that a man should murmur under it? It is but as the pain of piercing a maiden's ear, and you hang precious jewels in the wound.

It is never too late with us so long as we are still aware of our faults and bear them impatiently; so long as noble aspirations, eager for conquest, stir within us.