

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

"Zeph," Davis, a colored foreman who assaulted and murdered a little white girl in a shoe factory in Chicago, was sentenced in that city, on the 7th, to be hanged on the 12th of May.

James Waltz, colored, killed Leroy Smith, white, in Lexington, Kentucky, on the evening of the 7th. Waltz accused Smith of testifying against him to send him to the Penitentiary.

"Belly" Gill, a desperado, was overtaken near Woodward, Indian Territory, on the 6th, by a party of men from the vicinity of Ashland, Kansas, and riddled with bullets. Gill had six horses which he had stolen from his pursuers.

Thieves entered the post-office, depot, and nearly every store in Falmouth, Massachusetts, on the evening of the 7th. Considerable plunder was taken, but the robbers secured very little money.

Floods were reported on the 5th in the Minnesota and Des Moines rivers, doing much damage, and causing apprehension of much more.

A despatch from Towson, Maryland, says Thomas C. Bruff, Treasurer of the Baltimore County School Board, is missing, and irregularities have been discovered in his books. He has been treasurer for fourteen years.

A passenger train leaving Bellows Falls, Vermont, on the evening of the 3th, was wrecked one mile above Rockingham station by a washout. Engineer Moses Pratt and Fireman John Pratt were killed, and five passengers injured.

Telegrams from all parts of Kansas report heavy and continuous rains on the 7th and 8th. The outlook for all grain in that State is said to be magnificent.

Hans Stockreid and his wife Fanny took poison at their home in New York on the morning of the 7th, and died within an hour of each other in St. Vincent's Hospital. The husband had been out of work for some time.

A man giving the name of Marx Morganstein leaped into the Kansas river at Kansas City, Missouri, on the 7th. He was rescued, and in a bag he had thrown away was found \$7425 in bills. He said he was a sufferer from an incurable disease.

On the 8th Morganstein confessed to the police that he was a defaulter to the extent of 25,000 dollars, to the house of Bernard Rosenthal & Co., Vienna. A telegram was sent to the Vienna police.

Senator Galindez, a wealthy merchant, was a few days ago kidnapped at his estate in Santa Rita, Cuba, by bandits. It is reported that two planters have also been kidnapped at Remedios.

By an explosion in a coal mine at Los Cerrillos, New Mexico, on the evening of the 8th, John Cogan and another miner, name unknown, were killed. Seven miners were found in the wrecked coal mine at Rich Hill, Missouri, on the 8th.

All of them were in fine condition, having had access to an abundant supply of grain and water. This does away with the theory that the explosion was caused by natural gas or by foul vapor of any kind, as such an explosion is always followed by choke lamp, which would have killed the miners. The coroner's jury has rendered a verdict censuring State Inspector Wolfe.

It was reported in Makoto, Minnesota, on the evening of the 9th, that four men had attempted to cross the Minnesota river on the ice above that place on the 9th, and had been overwhelmed by a portion of the breaking gorge and drowned.

A despatch from Bloomington, Illinois, says thousands of cattle have been deborned in that section since the outbreak of the craze, a few months since, and with but few exceptions the animals rapidly recovered from the operation. News has been received, however, that cattle on farms west of Bloomington had their horns removed March 1st, and the wounds have not healed.

Mortification is reported to have set in in the flesh of the dead. A number of animals have been affected this way.

The accounts of S. M. Weir, Treasurer of New Albany, Indiana, have been found \$70,000 short. The expert's report makes no attempt to show where the money has gone, nor does it charge criminality upon Weir.

Dr. C. W. Chase, a well-known physician of Chicago, was arrested in that city on the morning of the 10th, while selling a buffalo robe which the police supposed to be stolen. He was lodged in a cell in the Central Station, and in the afternoon committed suicide by hanging himself with a pocket handkerchief.

Mrs. Lucy Markey, a well-known widow of Frederick, Maryland, hanged herself to her bed-post, at her son-in-law's residence in that city on the evening of the 10th. She had shown symptoms of insanity.

Dr. Howard Simonds died in Allegan, Michigan, on the 9th, of apoplexy, after an illness of a few hours. The funeral was fixed for the 11th, but, owing to the peculiar conditions which have followed his death, has been postponed indefinitely.

Near Carrollton, Iowa, on the 6th, a "double-headed" freight train ran over a cow on the track. Both engines and ten cars were wrecked, many cattle were slaughtered, brakeman L. Powell was killed, and two other train men were injured.

Mrs. M. Austin Jones dropped dead of heart disease while singing at a reception to her friends in the Hotel Vendome, Boston, on the evening of the 9th.

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George Kenmore and his 15-year-old son were burned to death in their house in Green county in Missouri, on the evening of the 9th. A fire occurred in the basement of the Franklin House, a small hotel in Chicago, on the morning of the 11th.

The body of Mrs. W. Kinney, about 55 years of age, was found on a vacant lot in Newark, New Jersey, on the 11th. She left a note in which she said: "I am a woman, and have had such a terrible life with my husband I can't stand him any longer. I mean to do away with my life. Please tell my husband to think of the hour when I drove me to this." The husband will be arrested.

Six inches of snow fell at Bellows Falls, Vermont, on the evening of the 9th, seriously damaging telegraph and telephone lines. Trees and shrubbery also suffered.

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The Chippewa and Big Slough rivers have passed into the Mississippi and formed a dangerous jam at Trempealeau. The Cannon river, at Red Wing, Minnesota, subsided on the 12th, and the worst was believed to be over.

A report was received at the Hydrographic Office in New York on the 12th that large quantities of ice off the Newfoundland coast were rapidly drifting into the steamer routes.

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The peach buds in that region are greatly damaged. Lee McElroy, 15 years of age, stole the three-year-old child of Robert Hoskins from in front of his father's dwelling in Louisville, Kentucky, on the 13th. When caught he said he intended to hold the child for a ransom.

On the evening of the 12th four men entered a switch shanty of the Wisconsin Central Railroad in Chicago, and took possession. The switch-tender, William Studner, endeavored to put them out, when they assaulted him with stones and clubs, inflicting fatal injuries.

Andrew Narlow, a mail carrier on the Blue Spring and Crystal river route, in Marion county, Florida, was arrested on the 13th on the charge of robbing mail sacks of registered and other valuable letters. He confessed, and much of the stolen property was recovered.

The U. S. Senate on the 9th, the joint resolution appropriating \$30,000 for participation in the Brussels Exhibition was reported and passed. The Military Academy Appropriation bill was reported and placed on the calendar.

The bill to extend the time for claims for French spoils was reported adversely. Bills were introduced and referred for the establishment of a permanent court of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain and France, and (by Mr. Chandler) for the completion of the Direct Tax of 1891.

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In the House on the 11th, which had been in session all night, the fruitless struggle over the Direct Tax bill continued until 8 o'clock in the evening. At that hour the exhausted members agreed to take a recess.

In the House on the 12th, after some parliamentary skirmishing and great excitement on both sides, the long deadlock was broken by the adoption—148 to 157—of a motion to adjourn, and the House adjourned until the 13th. This ends the Direct Tax bill for the present session of Congress.

In the United States House of Representatives on the 13th, the chaplain opened the proceedings with a prayer for the recovery of ex-Senator Conkling. The clerk then proceeded to read the journal of the legislative day of Wednesday, 4th of April. The journal consists of 60 manuscript pages, exclusive of 71 roll calls.

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