

THE NEWS.

It is reported that freight steamers have been chartered to load grain at Boston at an early date for the United Kingdom.

The stockholders of the Central National Bank of New York have voted to reduce the capital of the bank from \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000.

The funeral of Sir Joseph Peckson, formerly general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, was one of the largest ever seen in Toronto.

The Electric Grain Elevator Company of Buffalo was incorporated with a capital stock of \$350,000 to operate grain elevators.

The Times of India says that owing to the exodus on account of the plague the population of Bombay has been reduced to one-half.

The convention of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers has been called to be held in Peoria, Ill., on May 17.

John L. Webber, of Clinton, Me., is dead, and his wife lies in a critical condition.

A bill is about to be introduced in the New York State Legislature limiting the height of buildings to 175 feet.

The executive committee of the Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons has notified Dr. Irving C. Ross, of Washington.

George Crocker, the California millionaire, has purchased the property 70, 72 and 74 Broadway, and 6, 11 and 13 New street.

John Summers, the lad who, in New York, killed John Gaylor in a scuffle for the possession of a pocket knife.

R. D. Eddy, of the Eddy Manufacturing Company, of Hull, Que., with H. S. Cane, of Newmarket, Ont., appeared before the tariff committee at Ottawa, Ont.

The entire division of the National Guard of Pennsylvania will be taken to Washington next March to take part in the inauguration of President-Elect McKinley.

The number of steerage passengers landed at Ellis Island during the year 1896 was 255,350.

Stilas A. Holecomb for the second time was inaugurated Governor of Nebraska.

Anthony Henderson was lynched at Unadilla, Ga., for the assassination of old man George Sumner and attempted assault on Sumner's daughter.

Henry Sablin, arrested in San Francisco, and who claims to be a son of Ex-United States Senator Sablin, of Minnesota.

Co. J. P. Canby, chief paymaster of the department of Colorado, who has reached the age of 64 years.

The inauguration of Governor Llewellyn Powers, of Maine, and other State officials took place Thursday.

Progress is being made by the Bering Sea Claims Commission, evidence now being complete in the cases of the Carolina, Onward, Sayward, Dolphin, Grace and Anna.

MURDERED FOUR.

A South Carolina Desperado and His Terrible Record.

At an emancipation celebration at Magnolia, Sumter county, January 1, Simon Cooper, colored, killed Henry Davis.

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BIG CYCLONE.

Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana Swept by Storms.

LIFE AND PROPERTY LOST.

Four Members of One Family Killed at Mooringsport—A Boy, Seeing a Train Approaching a Place Where Trees Had Been Blown Down, Got a Lantern and Signaled to It.

Southern Arkansas, Northern Texas and Northwestern Louisiana were swept by a terrible wind and rain-storm.

So far as heard from the greatest destruction occurred at Mooringsport, La., about 30 miles from Texarkana.

In Arkansas the storm was severest in the southern portion of the State, and it is likely that a number of casualties occurred in some of the numerous lumber camps in that section.

The Cannon-Ball train, which was held at Benton, had a narrow escape from being wrecked.

New Orleans, La.—A cyclone descended upon the little town of Mooringsport, La., at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Four children of Mr. Jesse Goodman were killed. W. J. Morgan was hurt by falling debris.

A relief train was sent from Shreveport to the stricken town. The train was supplied with cots, bandages, surgeons' appliances and instruments.

Mooringsport is an old town, situated on Caddo Lake, about twenty-two miles northwest of Shreveport.

Two of the four Goodman children who were killed were found one hundred yards from their homes.

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WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Carnegie Company offers to sell its armor plant to the government at cost.

The President has sent the nomination of Leonard C. H. Schlem, of New York, Consul of the United States at Cape Haytien, Hayti, to the Senate.

The grand jury has returned an indictment for criminal libel against ex-Representative Charles G. Conn, of Indiana.

Commander A. T. Ferson, lately on duty at the Boston Navy-yard, has been retired on account of age.

WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION.

The Interior of the Mansion Lavishly and Prettily Decorated.

The annual New Year show at the White House took place according to long-established custom.

The President and the mistress of the White House, for they must shake hands with many hundred—several thousand, in fact—of their fellow-citizens.

As on last New Year's Day the crowd that participated in and witnessed the reception was very large.

Eleven o'clock was the hour set for the beginning of the reception.

A second boat was lowered, into which twelve more of the crew hastily crowded.

Captain Murphy, Stephen Crane, the novelist, C. B. Montgomery and Wm. Higgins, who remained aboard after the launching and swamping of the second boat.

After turning about for some time in search of the others they were finally given up as lost and the four men in the dingy resumed their laborious pull for the shore.

The boat successfully rode the mountainous waves until it struck the surf in shore, when it capsized.

A late dispatch from Port Orange, near Daytona, says that a boat containing four men succeeded in landing there.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

11th Day.—The Senate passed the House bill abolishing the death penalty in a large number of cases.

12th Day.—In the Senate Mr. Call made a speech charging that American citizens imprisoned in Cuba are ill-treated.

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THIRTEEN MINERS ENTOMBED.

Five in a Mexican Silver Mine Cut off Their Means of Escape.

A terrible disaster has occurred in the Santa Gertrudis mine, at Pachuca, one of the most famous silver mines in the City of Mexico.

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COMMODORE SINKS.

Eight Persons Believed to Have Been Lost.

LOSS DUE TO ENEMIES.

Thrilling Escape of Stephen Crane and Several Others in a Small Boat Which Was Tossed High by the Waves—They Used the Captain's Overcoat as a Sail.

A special dispatch from Jacksonville, Fla., says: The steamer Commodore, which cleared from this port for Cienfuegos, Cuba, with a cargo of arms and ammunition.

Twenty-eight men were on board of the steamer. Eight are unaccounted for and have been given up for lost.

The vessel struck twice while crossing the bar at the mouth of the river, and had been leaking almost from the start.

When it was seen that nothing could save the vessel from sinking Captain Murphy gave orders to take to the boats.

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WEYLER'S NEW EDICT.

Madrid and Pinar del Rio to Be Put Under Military Rule—Restrictions on Emigrants.

Under date of Wednesday Captain-General Weyler has issued another edict, giving orders that within a period of eight days all owners of estates, managers and tenants in the Province of Pinar del Rio, Havana and Matanzas.

The papers being found all in order, they will be allowed to return upon showing their certificates and documents to the troops which they pass on the way.

At the expiration of the term of eight days the troops will pass through the farms and will conduct to the towns those not presenting the above required certificates.

Foreigners engaged in cultivation or pursuing any industry under the conditions above required must prove their nationality as well as show the number of employees under their control.

An owner of livestock must present documents proving his ownership and the location of the stock.

RIVAL OF THE BELL COMPANY.

St. Louis is to Have a Telephone System Constructed on a New Plan.

A great number of capitalists have been engaged by the Kinloch Telephone Company, which was recently incorporated with a capital of several million dollars.

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ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

St. Clair McKelway, editor of the Brooklyn "Eagle," writes from Rome that he has recovered his health.

Queen Christina of Spain is at present the only sovereign who possesses a motor car.

The Prince of Wales, president of the St. John Ambulance Association, has sanctioned a grand ambulance fete and demonstration.

H. Helm Clayton, the observer in charge of the Blue Hill (Mass.) Meteorological Observatory, and his assistant Mr. S. P. Ferguson recently performed a novel feat of interest to aeronauts and ornithologists.

PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

Epitome of News Gleaned From Various Parts of the State.

Ernest Zantlinger brought suit in the Common Pleas Court at Media to recover damages against the Wayne Electric Light Company.

Tuberculosis has broken out among the cows at the County Almshouse, which necessitated the slaughter of the entire herd at Pottsville.

Harry T. Huford, of Kennett Square, has lost five head of fine cows and several others of his herd are sick and will likely die.

The Borough Council has purchased a chemical fire engine of 80 gallons capacity at a cost of \$700.

SUICIDES IN A CHURCH.

George Wilkins, a Helms, Ala. Banker, Kills Himself.

A dispatch from Montgomery, Ala., says: George B. Wilkins, Vice President of the Commercial National Bank of Helms, which failed for \$500,000 Wednesday.

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MARKETS.

BALTIMORE. GRAIN ETC.

WHEAT—No. 2 Red... 90 94 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2 White... 21 25 1/2
RYE—No. 2... 43 42
HAY—Choice Timothy... 13 50 14 00
STRAW—Rye in ear... 15 00 16 00
Wheat Blocks... 7 50 8 00
Oat Blocks... 8 00 8 50

CANNED GOODS.

TOMATOES—Std. No. 3... 70
No. 2... 55
PEAS—Standards... 95 125
Seconds... 85
CORN—Dry Pack... 16 3
Molasses... 60

CITY STEERS. HIDES.

CITY COWS... 8 8 1/2
Southern No. 2... 7 5/8
Butter... 22 23

POTATOES—Burbancks... 33 35
ONIONS... 45 50

PROVISIONS.

HOOG PRODUCTS—shs... 61 64
Clear ribbles... 5 5 1/2
Hams... 10 1/2 10 1/2
Mess Pork, per bar... 1 00
LARD—Crude... 2 5 1/2
Best refined... 3 5 1/2

BUTTER.

BUTTER—Fine Cream... 22 23
Under Five... 19 22
Creamery Eola... 22 23

CHEESE.

CHEESE—N. Y. Fancy... 10 1/2 11 1/2
N. Y. Fats... 11 3/4 11 3/4
Skin Cheese... 3 5

EGGS—State... 16 17
North Carolina... 14 15

LIVE POULTRY.

CHICKENS—Hens... 7 1/2 8
Ducks, per lb... 9 19
Turkeys, per lb... 8 19

TOBACCO.

TOBACCO—Md. Infer... 1 30 2 50
Sound common... 3 75 4 00
MADRID... 6 00 7 00
Fancy... 10 00 12 00

LIVE STOCK.

BEEF—Best Bovens... 4 25 4 50
SHEEP... 1 50 3 25
Hogs... 3 50 4 00

FURS AND SKINS.

MUSKRAT... 10 11
Innocent... 40 45
Red Fox... 100
Skunk Black... 22 25
Opossum... 17 19
Mink... 80
Other... 100

NEW YORK.

FLOUR—Southern... 3 00 4 25
WHEAT—No. 2 Red... 95 95 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2 White... 21 25 1/2
CO—No. 2... 28 30 1/2
OATS—No. 2... 2 1/2 2 3/4
BUTTER—State... 18 17
EGGS—State... 17 19
CHEESE—State... 7 1/2 10 1/2

PHILADELPHIA.

FLOUR—Southern... 3 00 4 25
WHEAT—No. 2 Red... 95 95 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2 White... 21 25 1/2
CO—No. 2... 28 30 1/2
OATS—No. 2... 2 1/2 2 3/4
BUTTER—State... 18 17
EGGS—Penna. ft... 15 16

The newspaper press of Bolivia continues its bitter comment and attacks upon Peru.