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THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

GEN. SICKLES does not intend to return to Spain.

Since the Illinois Legislature convened six of its members have died.

MINISTER Curtin has obtained leave to return home, and it is probable that he will resign.

THERE have been eighty days of continuous sleighing this season in West Norfolk, Mass.

THE Governor of Ohio is to have a mansion built at the expense of the State.

THE Labor Reformers have established their headquarters at Washington.

TWENTY thousand women gain a living in Switzerland by working in the watch factories.

In the State prison at Jackson, Michigan, 11,000 cigars are now made daily.

THE Illinois sages are puzzled. They have found a hen's egg within which a brass button has been found.

LAURE accounts represent the internal slave trade of Africa to be conducted on an extensive and most cruel scale.

THE English Government in India is taking precautions to prevent the extermination of elephants by sportsmen.

THE Pennsylvania Labor Reformers expect to nominate a State ticket on the 7th of May, at Williamsport.

GEN. WM. FROUDELAND, formerly Governor of Tennessee, died at his residence in Gallatin, on the 27th ult.

MANY of our state exchanges receive the ravages of mad dogs in their respective localities.

WM. JACKSON, of New Buffalo, Perry county, died of small pox a few days ago. He had been occupying the position of postmaster for many years.

The Senate of Pennsylvania is composed of 27 lawyers, 1 tanner, 1 surveyor, 3 farmers, 1 physician, 2 gentlemen, 1 piano maker and 1 puddler.

CUMBERLAND, York and Adams counties will send a colony of 300 farmers to Kansas next week. So says report.

THE New York Mail states as one of the "advantages of being intoxicated," the ability to jump from railroad trains without being killed.

A GRAND industrial exposition of manufactures, products, and arts will be held in New Orleans, commencing on the 1st of May.

EDWIN FORBES met with unprecedented success in his recent Southern tour. In Texas he drew immense audiences at \$5 a ticket.

JAMES C. DAVIS shot and killed his wife last Friday evening in Cincinnati, at the Metropolitan hotel. Mrs. Davis was a circus performer and was known as "Rosa."

Geo. N. KNAPP, postmaster of Orleans, Ind., has disappeared. He is charged with having defrauded the government out of \$4,000 through fraudulent money orders. Next!

THE Governor has re-appointed Prof. Wickersham to be State Superintendent of Common Schools for another term of three years from June next, and the Senate has confirmed the appointment.

CONNECTICUT—An election for state officers and members of Congress took place in Connecticut on Monday. At the time of going to press we had but few returns, but as far as received the indications are that the Radical, or Union ticket has carried the state by three or four hundred.

THE ladies of Alaska are said to wear a body dress of equal proportion of furs and dirt, arranged to suit the taste of the wearers. The married ladies all wear silver rings in their noses and needles through their lower lips, while elderly ladies add to their irrepressible charms a "topper," whatever that may be in the upper lip.

Dr. JOSEPH RITTER, of Liverpool, Perry county, was arrested on Monday last week, for forging certificates to pension papers. He is charged with having forged the name of a Justice of the peace to certificates in order ostensibly to draw a pension for a mother-in-law, who had been dead about two years.

OUR distinguished visitors from Japan at this time as well as at public receptions, invariably speak in a low tone. This is made as follows by all connected with the Embassy. To speak in a loud tone, under any circumstances, is a breach of etiquette and gross vulgarity among Japanese, to be indulged in by no person of high rank and good breeding.

A CHICAGO contemporary thus describes the deliberate manner in which that city is being rebuilt: "Let me see, what a Chicago boss man reflectively, to a burned-out merchant, 'have got to put up a block for Brown this morning, and a dwelling house this afternoon for Smith. Yes, I guess we can jerk up your store this noon by taking only half an hour's nooning!'"

THE Washington Star thus describes a "Dolly Varden" hat: "A 'Dolly Varden' is a made antique dress pattern, and is made of more material, and is cut busied at the top and bottom and trimmed with Hooton polonaises and tube roses, with a peeling rum and chains and three links to the southwest from the starting point, around the skirts of civilization, and plined together with a softening safety pin. The figures are so large that it takes eight dress patterns to show them off advantage."

SOME months ago a citizen of New Jersey, while searching for mineral in the mountains of Warren county, Pa., stumbled into a wood chock hole and fell to the ground. He found around the mouth of the hole what, upon investigation, proved to be mica, and having found the owner, purchased the lot at a venture. The deposit of mica is found in one solid mass, fourteen feet wide, in continuous layers, like roofing slate, and is dug out in large square blocks, which may be split up into innumerable pieces. The only other mica known to exist in the United States is in North Carolina.

REAL ESTATE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

A list of sales of real estate recently made in South Carolina, which we find in the Charleston Register, is somewhat instructive. The first a plantation of 600 acres in Christ Church parish, sold for \$1,000. The second, an adjacent tract of 2,000 acres, sold for \$1,000. The third, a plantation of 2,000 acres, sold for \$1,000. The fourth, a plantation of 2,000 acres, sold for \$1,000. The fifth, a plantation of 2,000 acres, sold for \$1,000. The sixth, a plantation of 2,000 acres, sold for \$1,000. The seventh, a plantation of 2,000 acres, sold for \$1,000. The eighth, a plantation of 2,000 acres, sold for \$1,000. The ninth, a plantation of 2,000 acres, sold for \$1,000. The tenth, a plantation of 2,000 acres, sold for \$1,000. The eleventh, a plantation of 2,000 acres, sold for \$1,000. The twelfth, a plantation of 2,000 acres, sold for \$1,000. The thirteenth, a plantation of 2,000 acres, sold for \$1,000. The fourteenth, a plantation of 2,000 acres, sold for \$1,000. 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THE consumption of opium in this country is increasing enormously, and the druggists of this city, says the N. Y. Sun, sell enough of the article to keep 10,000 confirmed opium eaters constantly supplied. There are but few Chinese here, and dealers in the drug say that its consumption is confined almost exclusively to Americans, as foreigners other than Chinese rarely use it. A great deal of it is sold to servant girls, who are supposed, however, to procure it for their mistresses. That the vice of opium eating is becoming common in other parts of the country is rendered probable from the fact that a bill has just passed both Houses of the Kentucky Legislature providing that, on the advent of two respectable citizens, any person who is found in possession of opium, arsenic, hushenb, or any drug has become incompetent to manage himself or his estate with ordinary prudence and discretion, and may be brought before a jury, and on proof of such a state of facts may be committed to the custody of one or more persons to be appointed by the court, and have power to confine such person in any private asylum or in one of the lunatic asylums of the State.

FRENCH DEFAULTERS.—General Grant might well take a lesson from the alacrity with which the French Government punishes its defaulters.—Victor La Place, the late Consul here, has already been sentenced to two years' imprisonment for taking a small percentage on those arms which he sold to the Government of the United States. The people of the State are not without a sense of justice, and it is to be hoped that the Government will not be lenient to such a state of facts.

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THE consumption of opium in this country is increasing enormously, and the druggists of this city, says the N. Y. Sun, sell enough of the article to keep 10,000 confirmed opium eaters constantly supplied. There are but few Chinese here, and dealers in the drug say that its consumption is confined almost exclusively to Americans, as foreigners other than Chinese rarely use it. A great deal of it is sold to servant girls, who are supposed, however, to procure it for their mistresses. That the vice of opium eating is becoming common in other parts of the country is rendered probable from the fact that a bill has just passed both Houses of the Kentucky Legislature providing that, on the advent of two respectable citizens, any person who is found in possession of opium, arsenic, hushenb, or any drug has become incompetent to manage himself or his estate with ordinary prudence and discretion, and may be brought before a jury, and on proof of such a state of facts may be committed to the custody of one or more persons to be appointed by the court, and have power to confine such person in any private asylum or in one of the lunatic asylums of the State.

FRENCH DEFAULTERS.—General Grant might well take a lesson from the alacrity with which the French Government punishes its defaulters.—Victor La Place, the late Consul here, has already been sentenced to two years' imprisonment for taking a small percentage on those arms which he sold to the Government of the United States. The people of the State are not without a sense of justice, and it is to be hoped that the Government will not be lenient to such a state of facts.

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