

GENERAL NEWS.

At Columbus, O., a meeting of Federal soldiers and sailors resolved to hold a national reunion in the summer of 1883.

A lady in Rochester, who is 5 feet 4 inches in height, has light brown hair which measures 6 feet 6 inches in length.

The ex-Queen of Spain buys a ticket in every lottery of which she hears, repeating the proverb, "Never shut the door against fortune."

The one hundredth anniversary of Thos. H. Benton's birth is to be celebrated by the Missouri Historical Society on the 14th of March.

The senate of Iowa has agreed to the house resolution proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

John York, attempting to frighten Charles Alexander, at Corsicana, Texas, who was sleeping in an adjoining room, by firing through the partition, blew off the top of Alexander's head.

A conference of South Carolina Republicans were in secret session in Parker's Hall last week. It is absolutely impossible to obtain the slightest information, as the reporters have been excluded and guards are stationed at all the approaches. There are whites and negroes in the meeting.

In tearing away the other day a part of the wall of the old Baltimore home of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, the workmen made an interesting discovery. This was the massively built and hidden vault in which Mr. Carroll stored his papers and valuables. It contained an oak cabinet, all its drawers and pigeon holes labeled by Carroll's own hand.

The public debt of the State of Texas is not very large, and there is a "cash balance" in the Treasury amounting to between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000, which may be used for the purchase of outstanding State bonds, but the bondholders refuse to surrender for less than \$1.40 on the dollar, a higher rate of credit than has ever been enjoyed, we believe, by any State in the history of the Republic.

There are now living in Douglas, Mass., five widows by the name of Chase. Four of them are over 70 years of age. One is a few days short of 88 years, another is almost 82. The youngest is about 50 years of age. The two oldest married brothers, and two others married brothers. Two of the husbands have died this winter, one at the age of 87, and the other almost 92 years. Four of the husbands were farmers.

Look on this picture and on this: The Pennsylvania Railroad says: "We have no intention to make claim for compensation for courtesies extended to the late President and his family or to the Government. We felt it to be not only a duty but a pleasure to do what we could to increase the comfort and aid in restoring the health of President Garfield." The doctors who attended the President want \$25,000, more or less, apiece for their services. They ought to be paid well, of course; but the greatness of their demand is in sharp contrast with the smallness of the demand of an alleged "souless" corporation.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

The conductor of a West-bound Lake Shore freight train, which had just left Erie, discovered that two men had broken into a box-car loaded with valuable freight. He succeeded in fastening the door, and at the first opportunity telegraphed to Ashtabula for officers to be at the station. Arrived at Ashtabula the officers and train hands found that the men in the car had sawed the door and were preparing to escape. Seeing the demonstration to arrest them the men in the car suddenly drew two revolvers each, and began to shoot rapidly. Their fire was returned and some twenty shots were exchanged. The officers managed to secure one of the thieves and speedily handcuffed him. The other escaped and fled to the woods. He made his way to Saybrook, a small village, a few miles distant, where he was captured while hunting a doctor to dress his three wounds.

A Candidate for the Scaffold.

A YOUNG LADY OF READING ASSAULTED BY A SCOUNDREL.
By the Associated Press.

READING, March 3.—Annie Smith, a robust girl of eighteen years of age, visited a Penn street drug store late last night to purchase some medicine, and while on her way home she was attacked by a young man at the corner of Third street and Grape alley, who passed his left hand over her mouth and pointed a revolver at her breast and threatened that if she made an outcry he would shoot her. He then attempted to drag her into an alley and assault her, when she screamed and struggled, and finally succeeded in wresting the pistol from him and escaping. She is a respectable girl and a member of the family of William S. Humbert, No. 338 South Third street, a well-known citizen. The young man wore a slouch hat drawn down over his face. When the girl reached home she was in a great state of agitation, and had the pistol in her hand. She says she could not describe the man other than the above, as she was so terribly excited, and was afraid the ruffian would follow her. The police authorities were notified of the affair and are investigating it, but as yet have made no arrests.

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