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GENERAL NEWS.

FLORIDA corn is tasselling out.

AN animals cradle—the cradle of the deep.

VERMONT mourns a poor maple sugar season.

THE dogs at St. Paul prey on tender children.

THE best mothers for ballet girls—stepmothers.

YOUNG Paris is happy in canes with whistles.

A "RETIRING address"—A shy manner.—*Punch.*

NEW ORLEANS policemen sleep in dry goods boxes.

HOYT tells a flattering tale to Georgia cotton planters.

YOUNG Memphians are earning $15 a day catching frogs.

THE most common taught-ology—geology.—*Lowell Courier.*

PRINCE ARTHUR is fated to receive a fete at Montreal, May 2.

VICKSBURG is $1,000 richer for raiding on its gamblers last week.

THE Mississippi planters are going their pile on cotton this year.

POUGHKEEPSIE is getting along as well as it can without a John Smith.

EUROPEANS are successfully working the Takusima coal mines in Japan.

UTILIZING the savory and salatory—Kangaroo for food is a Paris notion.

THE woman suffrage movement in San Francisco is reported "petered out."

COTTONSEED oil, bleached and refined, is extensively used for salad purposes.

CALCUTTA'S new steam jetties unload vessels at a rate to astound the natives.

CORBIN has moved to Elizabeth. A good place from which to write "Sis."

A THOUSAND dollar quoit match is the last outbreak of the champion pastime.

LITTLE boys at St. Louis brick each other to death instead of rocking to sleep.

A LONE ISLAND graveyard was enlivened the other morning by a prize fight.

THEY call it a rough joke on a fiend at St. Louis to smash his skull with a slung shot.

TWO Indiana doctors decided their claims to a young lady's hand by a prize fight.

MISS PEAK, of Virginia, peeked into the other world last week by taking laudanum.

A LITTLE St. Louis boy has just died of base ball on the brain. It fractured his skull.

DICKENS' after-dinner speeches are to be published and illustrated—with pikes, naturally.

THE Roman cisterns at Constantine, Algeria, have disgorged a statue of Hercules in marble.

"CREAKING dust, mud and deep snow" are the delights of travel in one New Hampshire town.

A MICHIGANER struck a man, in a dispute the other day, with his open palm, and broke his neck.

GEORGIA fruit-growers are indignant that they have been buying young popinjays for peach trees.

DARKNESS too much water in his arsenic was the cause of a Cincinnatian's decease on a recent evening.

A WOMAN with a beard two feet long was recently one of the sights at Toulouse, but she only lived 103 years.

A GRAND VALLEY Frederican is "coaxing with wonderful success in corralling and fattening frogs for market.

INCOMPATIBILITY induced an impulsive Nashville lady to pummel her husband to death the other day.

HARTFORD tires of his Longfellow Song of Higher Water, and pines for Connecticut river shad.—[*Hartford Times.*]

A NEW Orleans policeman got drunk the other night, and made it warm for the citizens he met, shooting them on sight.

MR. RASHLEIGH nearly drowned himself out west the other day because his wife went to lectures with another man.

A BROOKLYN man magnanimously refuses to prosecute the man who shot him, because he meant to hit another fellow.

WHAT is the difference between a donkey and the only empire in South America? The one brays well; the other Brazil.

THE Sultan's family consists 900 wives and 1,400 other people, at meal times, and he is thinking of giving up housekeeping.

AN English paper politely calls Riel "a vulgar, bombastic ruffian, who sold his mother's only cow to buy himself a flashy uniform."

A TENNESSEE dentist has made himself a beautiful new set of teeth. The others were impelled down his throat by his uncle's heels.

BRIGHAM YOUNG has just got home from his tour of the Territory, and was received by a procession of several hundred of his children.

EMILE DE GIRARDIN is opposed to trying criminals at all. He thinks they should be left to the pangs of remorse. That's what they all think.

A CHICAGO bartender married a couple lately who confidingly thought him qualified. They have found out their error and had him arrested.

JEALOUSY impelled the vengeful carving knife which pierced the vitals of a New Orleans cook a few days since. The other woman is in jail.

THE loyal leaguers of Robeson county, N. C., are again raiding on the disloyal of that section, and all night long the soft notes of the pistol are heard.

Two companies of Canadian volunteers sent to the front at St. Armand, were such small boys and they boo-hooed so, their colonel kindly sent them home again.

FOUR experimenters in a new illuminating gas at San Francisco assembled the other evening to test it. Each left the room with a window sash hung around his neck.

PRESIDENT GRANT'S mother is described as "a well-preserved old lady of 70, rather below the medium height, with a clear shade eye, and neatly yet plainly dressed."

THE heathen emblem of the snake holding his tail in its mouth has always been explained to mean Eternity. Fun thinks it is emblem typical of Life, rather, as indicating a continual effort to make both ends meet.

The Pope's Precaution Against Poison.

At the time of mass, before the consecration, the box containing the hosts is placed on the altar, from which the Holy Father selects three, which are placed in a row. The Pope indicates one, but *refraining from touching it.* This the deacon takes to Monsignor Marinelli, who consumes it *at once*, being careful *"to look into the eyes of the Pope."* The Pope then points to one of the remaining two, which the deacon at once consumes, looking at the Pope. The third is used by the Pope himself, *no one being allowed to touch it, under pain of excommunication.* The deacon then takes the cruets containing the wine and water, and *without wiping the chalice*, pours a little of each into it. This is drunk by the sacristan, looking at the Pope as before. The deacon then does the same. The remainder is consumed by His Holiness. These precautions presuppose that if the sacristan is guilty of poisoning, either personally or by collusion, he will show symptoms in his countenance when he has to consume the elements. Hence he must *look at the Pope.* Then the deacon, who is a Cardinal, generally, is interested in the sacristan's good faith, for he shares the same risk. If the chalice is poisoned, it will probably be by some mixture rubbed on its sides. This might be removed, if as is usual, the chalice was first wiped. This is much more than a *ceremony*, and the present Pontiff exacts every tittle of it.

LIFE INSURANCE.

Life insurance substitutes a remote good for a present exigency.

A man who labors to purchase an insurance on his life for the benefit of his future widow and orphans, cannot command the energy he would feel were he laboring for present affluence, distance of time operating on man's energies like distance of space operates on the attraction of a magnet. This effect of distance every man feels when, in the midst of health, he indites his last will and testament. Aware of this natural difficulty, when an English Judge wrote his own will, he took ten guineas from his purse and laid them on the table, to stimulate his intellect by the semblance of a present interest.

And, still more, Life Insurance is obstructive of present interests. A man's early savings are ordinarily small; or whether he is to grow affluent or remain poor, depends usually on whether he employs his small savings in process of increase, or extinguishes them in annual premiums of Life Insurance or some other way. Imagine, now, a father, who shall keep himself poor by the annual drainings of his savings to some Life Insurance for the remote benefit of his wife. He dies, and she commences a like process for the benefit of the children. She dies, and the children severally begin the same process for the benefit of their descendants; and thus, like a cat in chase of her tail, the world is made to revolve around a Life Insurance, in pursuit of an always future competency, instead of present affluence. Whereby a less motive is continually substituted for a great.

Life Insurance is unfavorable to domestic quarrels. In England mothers have been known to murder their infants to obtain some petty sums, which certain clubs bestowed for funeral expenses on members whose children die. Not long since a man in London killed with strychnine his wife's sister, after having induced her to get her life insured, the beneficit to go to his wife; and several similar cases have occurred in our own country. Such cases, in time of pestilence may occur when none suspect, and thus the guilty may elude detection. In the misattribution to the sick in ordinary seasons, one's death could be hastened, without being noticed, by selfish expectants.

Savings Banks are conducive to thrift, as Life Insurance is to unthrift. The distinction between the effects of Insurance proceed from our organization, and, therefore, are inevitable. The advantages of the Savings Banks are equally organic. A boy who makes snowballs will throw them as far as fast as he makes them, but should he chance to roll up one of more than ordinary size, it will excite in him an ambition to enlarge it instead of throwing it away, and the bigger it becomes, under his efforts, the stronger will become his desire for its further increase. The principle applies to money. The day's earnings of a poor man are cast away as soon as earned, a man's vocations being as great as his poverty; but should he deposit any of his earnings in a Savings Bank, an appetite for accumulation is immediately produced by the unusual possession of a surplus, and the appetite growing by what it feeds on will add an impulse to the industry and frugality of the depositor. His maxim will be, refrain from expenditure to-day that he may add to the deposits to-morrow. He rejects the maxim, "Eat, drink and be merry," &c.

Accumulation is a more salutary reliance than Life Insurance. An agriculturist will receive a few grains of an improved species of corn, which he will not eat, but will plant them, and replant the product, until the few grains become hundreds of bushels. If a man, from his earnings, at the age of twenty years, can save twenty-six cents per day, and annually invest the aggregate at compound legal seven per cent. interest, he will, at the age of seventy, possess $32,000. Many men who contract to Life Insurance can save several times twenty-six cents per day. Nearly all large fortunes are the result of such accumulations. To be in haste to become rich by a few great operations is a direct road to certain poverty. Every hundred dollars expended by a man at the age of twenty years, is an expenditure of what, at our legal rate of interest, would, by compounding it annually, become $3,000, should he live at the age of seventy. This lesson is practically taught by Savings Banks, and counteracts the fatal mistake of the young that old age is the period of accumulation, and youth the period of expenditure. If any persons should take out Life policies, it should be only old persons.

To teach the poor self-dependence, is a better charity than alms. "The poverty of the poor is their destruction," says the Bible; but Savings Banks correct this evil by enabling them to accumulate their savings, and become rich by the means which ordinarily make the rich richer. Nature kindly aids the improvement by the organic mode by which every man estimates his possessions—not by comparing himself with other people, but by comparing his present possessions with his former. Thus a man may be preserved from becoming an inmate of a penitentiary, enable him to cook his own soup, support his family better by his life than by his death, and be independent of the community.

The slow accumulation of property produces better moral effects than sudden acquisition of property. A man's self respect, and the respect of his wife and children for him and themselves, will increase continually as his savings suggest. The gradual increase of wealth, which attends the accumulation of small savings, is also more favorable to its preservation, and to the possessor's equanimity, than any sudden accumulation of property. A family who succeed to the slowly accumulated property of a deceased father, know his modes of investment (a knowledge almost as valuable as the property left them). The family will be more likely to retain the property permanently, than a widow or orphans suddenly enriched by Life Insurance, which will be paid them in money, of whose proper use and investment they will be ignorant. Besides, the parent whose savings are safely accumulated, feels not the anxiety which sometimes attends Life Insurance, lest he may be incapacitated by sickness, inadvertance or disappointment, from paying his burdensome and insidious renewal premium. He is, on the contrary, master at all times of his savings, and can recall them all or in part, as his neccasities may require. Nor is a Savings Bank depositor a sort of prisoner, under bonds not to travel in foreign countries, or beyond any defined longitude or latitude, without the consent of some Life Insurance company; this freedom nor money is lost to him; nor in case of death are his deposits liable to be arrested from his family, by the quibbles of the law. The general system of Life Insurance is oppressive in its effects, takes away all incentive to progress and improvement, and a sense of self and moral dependence, imagining a future good in reserve, without using legitimate means, now, to lay the foundation of such good.

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[TO BE CONTINUED.]

YUNG-WA'S and SEE YUP'S rival associations of Celestial cigar makers at San Francisco have shown their ill-feeling towards each other by a bloody battle with Chinese swords, iron bars, pistols and knives.

A GEORGIA town greatly enjoyed the spectacle of a negro artist hiving a migratory swarm of bees the other day. He sprinkled the crawling mass with water, rolled it into a moist ball and scooped it into a box.

A WESTERN youth who tried to the guise of a ghost to frighten his rival from waiting upon the young lady in question, has a fractured knee in proof of the other chap's marksmanship with a pistol.

A FLORIDA alligator's post mortem revealed several buttons, marbles and a top in his stomach, and a neighboring family thinks it knows where its missing little boy went to.

FIRST EDITION.

MIDNIGHT.

THE CAPITAL.

The Funding and Army Bills—Troops Ordered from Virginia and Kentucky to Iowa—Enforcing XVth Amendment—Nominations—Western River Improvement.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette)
WASHINGTON, April 25, 1870.

THE FUNDING BILL.

The Ways and Means Committee has agreed to some important amendments to the Funding bill, the purport of which is unknown.

THE ARMY BILL.

The Senate Committee on Military Affairs has substantially agreed to all the provisions of Mr. Wilson's bill, excepting those relating to the pay of officers. On this subject the Committee will probably recommend the adoption of the schedule of the House bill, with certain modifications.

MILITARY ORDERS.

A special order has been issued from the War Department directing the Seventeenth United States Infantry, now in Virginia, and Fourteenth Infantry, now in Kentucky, to proceed with all possible despatch to Sioux City, Iowa, and report thence to the General commanding the department of Dakota for assignment to duty.

NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations were made to-day: Commodore S. P. Lee to be Rear Admiral; Capt. Enoch G. Parrott to be Commander; Commander Wm. F. Spear to be Captain; Lieutenant Commander Edmund O. Matthews, to be Commander; Lieutenant John McGowan to be Lieutenant Commander; Frank Burnett to be Superintendent Inspector of steamboats in the 4th District.

NOT RELIABLE.

Telegraphic dispatches have been received from Toronto professing to state the information given by the Government of the United States to the Canadian authorities with regard to the Fenians is not to be relied on, but they have corresponded with a design of materially misrepresenting this Government and are generally pure fiction.

WESTERN RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

Gova, Kasson, Griffith and Thomas, of Nebraska, and Fairchild of Wisconsin, had a hearing before the House Committee on Commerce to-day. They are urging Congress to give the people a free water channel, and so open the Mississippi river and Lake Michigan via Fox and Wisconsin rivers, which will cause a reduction of freight rates between the grain growing and grain consuming States. There is every possibility the bill pending will pass owing to the strong desire of the west.

THE MOVEMENT OF TROOPS.

The War Department order removing the 17th and 14th regiments of infantry from Virginia and Kentucky, and assigning them to duty in the Department of Dakota, removes all troops now performing duty in those states. The understanding is that there has been nothing to do with the condition of affairs in the Red River country, and refers to the necessity of American soil during the existing troubles. There are already in the Department of Dakota three regiments of infantry and a battalion of cavalry.

TO ENFORCE THE AMENDMENT.

The bill to enforce the Fifteenth Amendment, reported in the Senate, provides that all citizens of the United States otherwise qualified by law, shall be entitled and allowed to vote at all elections without distinction of race, color or previous condition of servitude. Penalties of fine and imprisonment are provided for failure of officials to allow opportunity to perform any necessary prerequisite in State or territorial laws. Persons, deprived of any office, except that of members of Congress or State legislatures, by reason of the violation of the provisions of the act, may recover possession through the United States courts. The United States district courts shall have exclusively of State courts, cognizance of all crimes and offenses against the provisions of the act. All officers of the United States are required, under penalty of $1,000, to institute and enforce proceedings thereunder, and the President is empowered to employ the land and naval forces, or militia, to enforce its execution.

THE CHEROKEE NATION.

Message of the Principal Chief.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The message of Allen Wright, principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, concerning the special session of the Council, is an able state paper. He warns them by the fate of their territory in Mississippi, and in view of the proposed establishment of the territory of Lincoln, says "it is idle to talk of establishing a territory of Lincoln. The great change is approaching, not such as we wish, but just as it is, faster than we are prepared to meet. We should be willing to meet it, prepared or not, and let us meet it manfully." He then advises that the Council meet and hold it in security, and then that "we organize ourselves at once as the State of Okulusahma, and ask for admission into the sisterhood of the Union, and if it is the honest desire of the United States government to have us become citizens of the American Union, she will acquiesce in our petition." He also recommends an immediate protest against any territorial government, and that they take steps to inform the United States government to settle the status of freedmen, and recommends the encouragement of railroads.

The Council subsequently passed an act submitting the question of dividing the lands as to be held in severalty, or as heretofore, in common, to a vote of the people on the 4th of July next.

KANSAS.

The Revenue Defalcation—surprise and Indignation at the Removal of Supervisor Marr.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

LEAVENWORTH, April 25.—The announcement of the action of Commissioner Delano in removing Supervisor Marr from the District of Kansas when he had but just commenced to unearth one of the greatest swindles ever perpetrated in the Revenue Department, was received in Kansas with surprise and indignation. Col. Marr, however, ascertained that Steer's defalcation extended through the whole of his administration as collector of this district, and amounts to over one hundred and sixty-two thousand dollars. The most substantial men of Leavenworth, Junction City, Topeka, Fort Scott and Mound City, men who are worth twenty-five to three hundred thousand dollars, who never failed to pay their tax, have been reported by Steer as dead, absconded, run away, failed to find, no property, etc. The retention of Supervisor Marr, at least until he can complete the examination of Speer's case, is demanded by many of the most prominent and influential men of Kansas.

Steamboat Engineer Murdered.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

MEMPHIS, April 25.—A terrible murder was perpetrated three miles below here early this morning, on the towboat Mary Alice, from New Orleans for Pittsburgh. Benj. Kennedy, the engineer, being annoyed by two negro deck hands named Anderson and Henderson, ordered them to leave the engine room, whereupon they seized him, and, after stabbing him with a sheath knife, threw him overboard. The watchman, who was a witness of the scene, attempting to save the engineer, was knocked down and brutally beaten. An effort was made to save Kennedy with a yawl, but he sank before assistance could be rendered. On the arrival of the boat here the negroes were brought before a magistrate and committed to jail for trial for murder in the first degree.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

(SECOND SESSION.)

SENATE: The Louisville Canal—Enforcement of XVth Amendment—The Calendar Taken Up. HOUSE: Large Number of Bills Introduced—Fining of Absentees—Remains of the Late Gen. Rawlins—Tariff Bill.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)
WASHINGTON, April 25, 1870.

SENATE.

Mr. SHERMAN presented a petition of the Board of Aldermen and Council of Cincinnati relative to the Louisville Canal, representing the injury to commerce from the new bridge across the Ohio river opposite the falls and the necessity of greater promptness in the completion of the work of the enlargement of the Louisville Canal. He asked its reference to the Committee on Appropriations and hoped they would report an appropriation to complete the work.

Mr. STEWART, from Judiciary Committee, reported a bill covering the subject of the enforcement of the Fifteenth Amendment.

A bill was introduced by Mr. SHERMAN, amendatory of the law for the disposal of coal lands, etc., on the public domain.

The Senate insisted on its amendments to the income tax bill, and Messrs. Sherman, Williams and Morrill (Me.) were appointed a Committee of Conference.

A similar Committee, consisting of Messrs. Edmunds, Howe and Sherman, was also appointed on the Census bill.

Mr. SUMNER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill making an appropriation to carry into execution a recommendation of the President of the United States, in pursuance of an award under the Joint Commission between the United States and Peru.

The calendar was then taken up and sixty bills, which no objection was made were passed. They included the bill extending for three years the time for consolidating the statutes of the United States, being a substitute for the House bill; also a bill giving priority in courts of the United States to cases to and subsequently a party whose defense is based on the enforcement of revenue laws of a State may be stayed by judicial order or process. The bill relating to the settlement of accounts of officers of the army of the west was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill to make the importation of immigrants under labor contracts unlawful was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

The bill specifying regulations for the foreign coasting trade in the northern, north-eastern and north-western from ports was passed.

A large number of private bills were also passed.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

A large number of bills were introduced, including one to charter the American and Holland Ocean Cable Company, also granting lands for a railroad from Ontonagon to the Michigan State line, for a railroad from Lake Superior to Vermillion Lake, and for the Omaha and Northwestern Railroad; also the survey of the Mississippi river from the Missouri to the Northern.

Also the following by Mr. SARGENT: For the relief of the people of the United States, by reducing taxation, providing that on the 30th of June next there shall be a general reduction of 15 per cent. on internal taxes, and 15 per cent. on customs duties, except on spirits, tobacco and cigars; that no income from or derived after December 31st, 1869, shall be liable and abolishing all special licenses except on distillers, brewers and manufacturers of tobacco, snuff and cigars.

Mr. AYER offered a resolution that the tariff bill ought to be indefinitely postponed.

The House refused to second the previous question, and the resolution went over.

Mr. GILSON offered a resolution instructing the Secretary of the Treasury to collect wrecked and abandoned property, derelict claims and dues belonging to the United States.

The rules were suspended and the joint resolution passed—99 to 47.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the tariff bill.

The paragraph relative to iron in slabs, blooms, loops, etc., was verbally amended.

To that relative to iron bars, rolled or hammered, several amendments were offered and rejected.

Mr. BROOKS, New York, moved to make the duty eighteen dollars per ton, instead of one cent per pound.

After a general discussion, and without disposing of the amendment, the Committee rose.

Mr. INGERSOLL introduced a joint resolution donating four pieces of condemned cannon to the Ladies Monument Association of Peoria, Illinois. Passed.

Mr. SCHENCK gave notice he would ask for night sessions to-morrow and Thursday for the tariff bill.

Mr. BURDETT, from Election Committee, reported on the election case from the Fourth District of Louisiana, that Michael Ryan is not entitled to a seat and that J. F. Newsham is.

Mr. CALKIN offered a resolution calling for information of the amounts expended in improvement of Boston and New York harbors, Delaware breakwater and mouth of the Mississippi river. Adopted.

Adjourned.

NEW YORK CITY.

McFarland Trial Resumed—The Fenian Raid—Murderer Consigned to an Asylum.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)
NEW YORK, April 25, 1870.

M'FARLAND TRIAL—FOURTEENTH DAY.

The McFarland trial was again resumed to-day. Public interest, which had ceased for the past few days, broke out again and filled the court room with crowds of both sexes.

The first witness called was John Orr, Assistant Warden of the city prison, who testified the prisoner was accustomed to read in the night time in his cell; noticed he could not sleep.

Reuben A. Vance, physician of Bellevue Hospital, testified he visited prisoner on the 8th, 11th and 15th of March, in the city prison; on the 8th of March conversed with him on his family, his history and everything connected with him; examined his heart and lungs in the ordinary method of physicians; his sensibility was decreased; found congestion of the brain developed; examined his pulse; when he commenced his examination it was 112 to the minute and at the conclusion of his interview it was 115. On the 11th witness came with some other gentlemen; his pulse at the commencement was 107 and at the end 128. On the 15th witness remained an hour with prisoner; examined his pulse, and the result was before; tested McFarland as to his sensibility; found it normal; there was no organic change in the appearance of prisoner's eye indicated the presence of congestion of the brain.

Mr. Gerry here showed the witness some diagrams of the brain, on which he explained the condition of the brain when affected with congestion.

Edward Smith, private detective in employment of the murderers, and demand identity from the Greek Government.

PARIS, April 25.—Bourse dull at 74 francs 55 centimes.

LIVERPOOL, April 25.—Cotton steady; middling uplands 12⅝d; Orleans 11⅝d; sales 12,000 bales. Breadstuffs quiet and steady. Red western No. 2 7s 10d; winter No 2 7s 7d@8s 8d. Western flour 19s 9d. Corn No. 2 mixed 30s. Oats 2s weather 9s. Peas 35s 6d. Pork 98s 6d. Beef 106s. Lard 69s 6d. Cheese 73s 6d. Bacon 58s for Cumberland cut. Common Rosin 4s 6d. Tallow 42s 6d.

HAVRE, April 25.—Cotton quiet.

ANTWERP, April 25.—Petroleum firm at 52 f.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

NEWS BY CABLE.

Designed Fenian Raid in London—Massacre of Captives by Brigands in Greece—British Parliament—The Great Yacht Race—Political Excitement in France—Ministerial Circular—Ecumenical Council at Rome—Impressive and Interesting Proceedings.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, April 25.—The story of a projected Fenian insurrection in London is believed to be a hoax, but a large extra police force is on duty.

News was received here that the Greek Brigands, who were closely pressed by the troops, have terribly massacred their English prisoners and the Italian Secretary of Athens recently captured.

A telegraphic dispatch just received says that a piece of wood has drifted ashore on the northwest coast of Cornwall, containing this inscription in large letters: "City of Boston sinking, February 11th." The wood bore evidences of having been broken in two, and the remainder of the inscription is consequently lost, except the letter "M," which followed the words given. We have no means of knowing whether this is a genuine message from the missing steamer, or a heartless hoax, but the latter is strongly suspected.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, April 25.—*Evening.*—Consols for money, 94⅛; for account, 94⅜. American securities quiet: '62s, 84⅛; '65s, 87¾; '67s, 89¼; 10-40s, 86; Eries, 19¼; Illinois, 112; Great Western, 28. Stocks quiet.

LONDON, April 25.—Linseed cakes firmer at £9 10s@£9 15s. Tallow quiet at 44s 6d. Sugar firmer; spot 32s 6d. Calcutta linseed 63s 6d. Refined petroleum dull at 1s 7¾d@1s 8d. Common rosin dull at 5s 6d@6s 9d.

FRANKFORT, April 25.—Bonds closed active and firm at 95@95¼.

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EMANCIPATION HYMN.

BY WILSON.

O did ye hear
That clarion clear,
That sonorous call to stand and sea
"Absolve the ban
Of Canaan!"
It was the Trump of Jubilee.

So, as of old,
Again behold
The waves divide amidst the sea!
Again the Lord
Prevails, O God,
And runs the tide to Jubilee.

Thy cloud by day
Still leads the way;
And flaming back across the sea,
Thro' Dark and Dire
Thy Pillared Fire,
The beacon-blaze of Jubilee.

Thou Lord, Lord,
Thy living word
Again go forth from sea to sea,
Absolve the ban
That fetters man!
Proclaim, Proclaim the Jubilee!

To-Day's Jubilee.

The Executive Committee of Western Pennsylvania held a special meeting at Avery College on Monday evening, April 25th. Henry Highland Garnet occupied the chair, and S. A. Neale acted as Secretary.

The Secretary presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Through the kindness of a distinguished gentleman, we have obtained the names of a number of the heroic men who, in the name of God and Humanity, struggled and nobly perished, the banner of the old Liberty party, to right the wrongs of our once helpless, but now enfranchised race. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That Mr. Jacob C. Brown be instructed to procure three more engravings, in addition to those already procured, and that the following gentlemen be kindly invited to take seats therein, viz:

Rev. Jas. Rogers, D. D., Rev. Dr. Sproul, Rev. John Douglas, D. D., Rev. M. B. Sloan, Edward Allen, Jas. McMasters, James Reed, President Grant and Gen. Sherman are expected to be present on the occasion.

A collation between two schooners at Buffalo, yesterday, occasioned much personal encounter between the crews, in which one man was killed. The murderer was arrested.

Several members arrivals from Europe are Rev. Wm. Arnott and Dr. Blakie, deputed from the Free Church of Scotland to the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

—Andrew Kerseckner, a compositor on the Dubuque *Herald*, fell dead at his case yesterday. He had been a printer for fifty-one years and set type on the first newspaper published in Iowa.

—At a meeting of the American Colonization Society at New York, Sunday evening, Rev. Dr. Northrop, Secretary of the Society, gave some very interesting details regarding the present state of the Liberian Republic. Since date of organization the society has received from all sources the sum of $2,420,761 22, and has colonized in Liberia eighteen thousand persons.

—A special dispatch to the Louisville *Courier Journal* indicates the election of Gen. J. H. Lewis, Democrat, to Congress from the Third Congressional District of Kentucky, by a considerable majority. The negroes voted. In Bowling Green the negro vote with one exception, was cast for Lowry. Republican candidate. A disturbance occurred. J. S. Golladay spoke at Bowling Green and announced himself a member of Congress at present. He had a large pistol at his waist and indulged in abuse of newspaper men. It is probable he will contest the seat of the member elect to Congress.

—Dispatches from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., say: Reports of disasters by the recent freshet are still coming in. Greene county has suffered greatly. Bridges, factories, mill dams and entire roads have been swept away. In the town of Dunham two persons were drowned —one a girl named Rowers, fourteen years of age. Fifteen horses and twenty-eight head of cattle were drowned. Dwelling houses were destroyed, and one man had the greater portion of his farm destroyed. In Ulster county the low lands are flooded, and many families residing there were compelled to flee for their lives.

Upper Rivers.

(By P. & A. Telegraph Company.)

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WANTED.—SITUATION.—As BOOKKEEPER or SHIPPING CLERK in a Manufacturing or Wholesale business, by a young man of considerable experience. Can speak and write German. Can give best city reference. Address W. this office.

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THOMAS K. PETTY,
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LOST.

LOST—Yesterday morning, on Liberty way from Butler street to Dr. J. T. Clark's Church, by way of Federal street, a LADIES' FINE WATCH CHAIN. The finder will receive the thanks of the owner by leaving it at BENTLY & THUMES, Federal street, or at GAZETTE office.

LOST.—Policy No. 10,339 in PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, dated 1st day of MARCH, 1865. Notice is hereby given, that application has been made for a duplicate.

JOS. S. TRA