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WEDNESDAY, March 12, 1882.

THE President yesterday nominated Judge Blatchford, of New York, for Supreme Judge and John Russell Young for Minister to China.

It is reported from Washington that the cancer of the tongue, with which Senator Ben Hill is suffering, is developing rapidly and that he cannot live long.

Hon. SIMON CAMERON celebrated his eighty-third birthday last week in Florida, where he is now on a visit. The venerable statesman is as hale as most men at fifty.

The Republicans of Lycoming county last week elected delegates to the State Convention, and instructed them to vote for General James A. Beaver for Governor.

Official statistics show that since last March 769,919 bushels of potatoes, valued at \$538,461 have been imported into this country from Ireland, Scotland and Nova Scotia.

BUTTER is now being imported into the United States from Holstein in large quantities. It is said to be a most excellent article and can be sold cheaper than fancy dairy is now raising.

FARMERS and ranchmen throughout the West say that the present winter was the best for stock of any experienced for the last generation. But little feeding was necessary, and the stock is in fine condition.

KEEN eyed prophets see a war cloud on the European horizon that will soon envelop Russia and Austria, and probably the balance of Europe. War between the two first named powers is said to be inevitable.

MR. JOHN W. GARRETT, for about the fortieth time, has announced that the Hempfield road, leading from Connelville to Wheeling, will be finished in the near future. When the near future arrives we'll make a note of it.

A KIND-HEARTED old lady once said that the devil ought to receive praise for his perseverance, and the remark applies to the "independents" in this county, who fancy they are holding the Republican party by the tail.

REPORTS from the lower Mississippi country show that suffering and loss there is very great, and that the situation is growing worse every day. Thousands of families are utterly destitute and on much of the overflowed land it will be impossible to make a crop this year.

CONKLE has declined to accept the appointment of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and now all the great editors of the country who were standing on their heads for fear he would accept, have again landed on their feet and are abusing him for not speaking out sooner.

It appears that MacLean, the man who shot at Queen Victoria, has been an inmate of a lunatic asylum, and was, at one time at least, undoubtedly insane. Nevertheless, he has been committed for high treason, and as the proof is clear, will unquestionably be convicted.

THE American people are now eating butter, sauer kraut and potatoes from Europe. There must be something wrong in the management of our farmers, or this thing couldn't be. This country has the capacity to feed all the balance of the world, and here we are importing prime articles of food.

News of the death of the Rev. Henry Highland Garnet, our Minister to Liberia, has been received. The dead Minister was one of the most eminent colored men of this country, and was an honor to his race. He was much esteemed by his white brethren here known, and his death will be widely regretted.

It is reported from Washington that the vacancy on the Supreme Bench has been tendered to Senator Edmunds, and his friends have hopes of inducing him to accept it. While he would make a most admirable and acceptable Judge, almost any other Republican could be better served by the Senate than the very able and level-headed Senator from Vermont.

UNDER the new Congressional Apportionment bill the Electoral College will consist of 401 members, instead of 369, as in the old college, and the next successful Presidential candidate must have 201 votes instead of the memorable 185. In case Dakota becomes a State the college will contain 404 members, and if Washington is also admitted, it will consist of 407 members, and it will require 204 votes to elect.

SERGEANT BARN, who shot at Gaithe through his cell window and missed him, has been sentenced by the Court Martial that tried him to be dishonorably discharged from the U. S. Army with the loss of all pay, and to be confined at hard labor in prison for eight years. This appears to be a severe sentence, but it must be remembered that this was an outrageous attempt to murder a prisoner in confinement. While Gaithe deserved no sympathy, yet the law demands that it should be when he is hung.

During the first four months of the present fiscal year there was a large increase in the receipts from internal revenue. Lately there has been a perceptible decrease, which is attributable to the agitation looking to a reduction of the taxes on spirits and tobacco. Dealers in these articles will not invest until it is definitely settled what the rate of taxation is to be. The longer Congress dawdles over the matter the greater will be the loss of revenue.

THE Democratic Governor of Arkansas has had hard luck. It was discovered that he was about \$150,000 in debt to the State, and he, with a great show of indignation, demanded "an immediate and searching investigation." He got it, and the committee by whom it was made report that the charge is true, and show by a system of double-entry book-keeping that the Governor has expended something over \$100,000 that he cannot account for.

GENERAL N. M. CURTIS, of New York, has been indicted by George W. Curtis and other leading "Independents" for collecting campaign funds from the Federal office-holders during the last election campaign. General Curtis has been a reformer and has fought Mr. Conkling and President Arthur in conventions and at the polls, and has always declared stoutly against campaign assessments. But in the mutations of politics he found himself at the head of the campaign committee in New York. There he discovered how necessary money was for the conduct of a campaign, and at once he began to assess the Federal office-holders. This outraged the finer feelings of his reform brethren and they have had a prosecution commenced against him. Over four hundred witnesses have been summoned, and altogether General Curtis is having rather a warm time of it. This a clear case of dog eating dog.

WE wonder if there is anything Roscoe Conkling can do short of dying that would please his enemies. They were very mad when he was nominated as Associate Justice on the Supreme bench, and now they are mad because he does not accept the place. Queer world—queer people in it.

THE Vicksburg Herald says: "State rights, that is, the right of Southern States to put their shoulders to the wheel and help themselves out of a difficulty, is knocked higher than a kite by piteous appeals for Government assistance." There is true pride for you, but all citizens should take an equal pride in seeing that the wants of suffering humanity are so relieved that such piteous appeals need not be made.

IT is a mistake to say that the Democrats learn nothing.—N. Y. Tribune.

IT is safe to say the Democratic party learned in 1872 just what the Republican party is learning in 1882—that the New York Tribune is better as an open enemy than as an unwise or pretended friend. A friend by profession and a traitor by practice is about the attitude of the Tribune toward the Republican party.—Inter-Ocean.

INVESTIGATIONS by the Kentucky Legislature disclose a barbarous state of affairs in the convict camps of that State. It is stated that in one camp only thirteen out of fifty convicts survived a year of excessive labor at lumbering, for want of food, clothing and medical attendance. The lash and thimble were used, and deliberate murders were committed by the keepers under a plea of enforcing discipline. In a coal-mining camp, where the men were driven at the point of the revolver into a dangerous tunnel, a fall of earth three hours afterward killed eleven of them. If the statements published are true, the cruelty practiced upon Kentucky convicts exceeds that of any other State thus far reported, and for the sake of humanity we trust they are exaggerated.

SPEAKING of stalwarts reminds me that I have a letter from a citizen of the Fifteenth ward of Philadelphia asking me to define the meaning of the word stalwart as now used in politics. As I see it by coming in contact here with the representative men of all parties, a "stalwart" in politics is a man who is honest and frank in his opinions, and is not afraid to assert them, no matter what the circumstances may be. He is a man who hates hypocrisy and despises a person who is a fraud. As I saw it pointedly put the other day, "a stalwart is a man who is always true to his convictions, honest in his devotion to principles, bold and candid in the expression of his views, manly and open in his antagonisms, and unwavering in his fidelity to his friends."—Washington Correspondence Phila. Star.

It is hard to restrain one's impatience at the silly and disgraceful attacks on Senator Conkling, in which he is charged with being responsible for the assassination of General Garfield. The man who reflects upon such a charge and can not see its injustice, unconsciously or otherwise, an enemy to republican institutions.

THIS is not a question of a bad one, a superior lawyer or an ordinary lawyer; it is a question of the right of the President, a privilege which if denied to the innocent citizen in the land would provoke a storm of indignation.

What sensible men mean by thus magnifying into a great crime

SERIAL SOUTHERN FLOODS.

An Annual Report of the Destruction of a Family's Escape.

LESLIE ROCK, Ark., March 9.—C. Harris, who was sent to DeSha county, in the last of the winter of 1881, to distribute Government supplies to persons rendered destitute by the overflow, returned yesterday. In an interview with a reporter he said that along the river front of DeSha county, 100 miles in length, the destruction is beyond description. The water has reached an unprecedented height. Scarcely a farm house or residence on the bottom have escaped the inundation. The people have been compelled to build false floors in their houses, or to seek safety on higher lands. Many of the best of the property of bread, boughs and cane, they sit and wait for starvation and death. It is appalling, and without government aid liberally and quickly bestowed, there is no telling where it may end. Many persons have been feeding on carcasses of domestic animals, and others on raw cotton, as well as the assurance of respectable gentlemen, convinced Mr. Harris that not fewer than 600 families averaging six persons to each, in DeSha county alone, are dependent upon the charity of the Government. He believed it no exaggeration to place the gross number of homeless and young, at 8,500. The indications point to a long continuation of the overflow, the most sanguine hardly daring to look for its subsidence before next May.

NEW ORLEANS, March 9.—A dispatch from Captain M. L. Scoville, the weather at 9 a. m., was clear, but that previous to that time rain had fallen for forty hours and the river was rising rapidly.

A dispatch from Bayou Sara reports that two bad breaks have occurred in the West Point Canal levee, between Red Store and Red Church, endangering a large district of valuable sugar plantations.

NEW ORLEANS, March 9.—A dispatch from Alexandria, La., says that the levee gave away there this morning at 4 o'clock. A Nashville special reports that the Cumberland and its tributaries are rising rapidly, indicating a repetition of the January overflow.

The horses were removed from the race course again to-day on account of the encroachment of the water, and families in the lower portion of the city are moving out. A Nashville special reports that the Tennessee and its tributaries are rising rapidly, indicating a repetition of the January overflow.

On December 24th the Governor sent an officer to Lieutenant Danenhour to ask him at what time the Christmas festivities naturally begin in America, and when informed it was usual to commence on Christmas Eve, he sent his sleigh for the party to come to his residence for supper and to spend the evening.

Two Buckey Farmers Fight a Duel Not According to the Code.

CINCINNATI, Mar. 8.—In Brown County, Ohio, north of Ripley, in the backwoods, isolated from railroads and the telegraph a desperate encounter took place, notable for the character of the combatants and the circumstances of the fight.

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A Village Destroyed.

BALTIMORE, March 6.—The village of Prince Frederick, the county seat of Calvert county, was almost entirely destroyed by fire on Friday night last.

Lawless Acts.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Mar. 9.—At Los Lunos, yesterday, Charles Shelton, John Raymond and Harry Jones were taken from their camp and transported to the county jail.

NEW ORLEANS, March 9.—The severe snow storm of the season prevailed here all afternoon and evening, and the roads were closed.

A MYSTERY SOLVED.

A Wealthy German Farmer Killed by Two Women.

MILWAUKEE, March 9.—A tragedy which has been unearthed at Alliance, Wisconsin, in 1878, the remains of John Goettinger, a wealthy German, were found buried in his house.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—Mr. W. W. Danenhour yesterday received two letters from his son, Lieutenant John Danenhour, of the U. S. Army, who was at Yakoutk, Alaska, on a mission to the Lena, November 9, 1881.

LANGSLET, March 10.—A suit for damages was filed in the Superior Court of this county to-day, by B. Frank Eshleman, Esq., who represents Mrs. Lydia N. Johnson, a widow living in Paradise township, this county.

SANTA FE, N. M., Mar. 7.—Governor Sheldon received news from Taos Pueblo yesterday, which, it substantiated, is serious. It is the effect that, four days ago some of the Taos Pueblo, N. M., and were arrested and placed in jail.

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ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE.

An Event in the History of American Railways Interests.

LAREDO, Texas, March 9.—The most important event in the railway history of America took place here yesterday. The first international and Great Northern track crossed the Rio Grande river.

MEMPHIS, March 7.—The river continues stationary here, with thirty-six feet on the gauge, the highest point reached this season. There is no cessation of reports of great suffering by the people in the overflowed districts. In reply to the letter of the secretary of War as to the number of destitute people in his State, Judge Magnum, Commissioner of Arkansas, replied he had information of about 20,000, but the number is daily increasing.

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., March 8.—John A. Massey and his wife, an old couple living on Buckeye road, about six miles from this place, were found murdered in their bed.

READING, March 9.—Quited an excitement prevails in graveyard insurance companies in eastern Pennsylvania, owing to the fact that a large number of suits are to be entered against policy holders in the defendant mutual aid companies that have recently appointed receivers.

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Smuggling Hair-Breeds.

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LONDON, March 9.—A Constantinople dispatch to the Times says is leared in official circles that an explosion in Bosnia is inevitable. The quality of calling the reserves is being seriously discussed. It has at last been decided in principle that some preparatory measures should be taken.

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