

CONTRARY to all expectations, the announcement of the death of Jay Gould did not create the slightest flurry in the stock market.

The second session of the Fifty-second Congress of the United States opened at noon Monday. The session will end on March 4, 1893.

The State of New York will be enriched at least \$700,000 by the one per cent inheritance tax on the fortune of the late Jay Gould. The law is of Republican origin.

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When Mr. Croker gives it out that "Mr. Morphy is the candidate for Senator," the rest of the fellows had just as well close up their shops. Croker and Cleveland understand each other.

Governor PATTON will soon be called upon to appoint two judges—one in Lackawanna and one in Beaver County. There is a lively scramble for the position among the Democrats in both counties.

It is estimated that England's wheat crop for this year is about 55,000,000 bushels, or less than two bushels for each inhabitant. She must purchase at least 150,000,000 bushels more from some outside source.

WHAT with the talk of restoring the duties on sugar and increasing the tax on whisky a good many old time Democrats are disposed to shake their heads and ask what kind of a Congress this is that they have elected, anyhow?

ALABAMA is ready to help Georgia in demanding the repeal of the tax on State banks. The South is very much in earnest about this pledge of the Democratic party, and if it is not redeemed Southern Democrats will want to know why.

GENERAL WILLIAM LILLY, Congressman-at-large, died, of a cerebral stroke at his home in March, Friday. He is seventy years of age and it is feared by his friends that he will never be able to take his seat in Congress.

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One of the Farmers' Alliance war cries in South Carolina when they elected Till as Governor was "No free passes on the railroads," and when Tillman came into power the anti-Farmers' Alliance Legislature took them at their word and passed a law prohibiting the issue of passes of free passes. This year the Farmers' Alliance people have the Legislature and they have already prepared and offered a bill repealing the non-free-passes bill, and the loudest shouters for its passage in Tillman himself and his organ in Charleston. They are reformers with a big R until they get into power, and then they want to grab everything in sight.

General Dix was inaugurated on Thursday as President of Mexico for another term. Pennsylvania manufactured 1,232,899,889 cigars last year, nearly 100,000,000 in excess of last year.

Mayor Gentry of Pittsburgh, bar order of the Chief of Police to close all the disorderly houses in the city. It is estimated that the order will close 238 houses.

The fastest million race was recently made by a Philadelphia & Reading engine which drew three loaded cars from Philadelphia and Jersey city and ran a mile in thirty-seven seconds.

Asked his opinion of the candidacy of Mrs. Lease for United States Senator, ex-Senator Ingalls simply said, with a satirical smile, "She's a great man, isn't she?"

Flourne Hythe is held by the Supreme Court of California to be the illegitimate daughter of the deceased millionaire, Thomas A. Hythe, and is entitled to inherit his estate of \$4,000,000.

The plurality of Harrison over Cleveland in Ohio, as officially announced, is 1072.

The result of the election in North Dakota is said to depend upon a decision of the question whether 129 Indians in Roseau county had a right to vote. The Electoral vote of the State will go for Harrison, otherwise it will be for Weaver.

President-elect Cleveland is having great luck shooting on Hog Island off the Virginia coast. He bagged 130 snipe in an hour on Wednesday, bringing down fifty-three at one shot.

Stephen White, who is to be hanged at Louisville, Ky., on December 30th, was married Friday in his cell. He has been married eight years, but he joined the Catholic Church Tuesday and wished to have the ceremony performed according to the rites of that church.

William Tucker died Friday in Sussex county, Va., from overfeeding. The evening before he ate one gallon of venison hash, half a gallon of coffee and crackers mixed together, and half a gallon of water and crackers, a pound of dry sugar, and a lot of pork and bread.

John Harris, of Philadelphia, died Thursday morning of mysterious circumstances. The coroner's physician investigated the case. He found that Harris's face had been filled with small pimples which he was in the habit of squeezing, until his face was in a sorry state.

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Republicans Get the Prize.

TOWNS, Kan., Dec. 1.—The Executive Council, sitting as a Board of Conservators, this afternoon cast lots to decide the legislative tie in Coffey county, and Bullinger, Republican, was chosen. The proceedings were conducted in secret session, and Attorney General Lee, the only Democrat on the Board, refused to take part in it.

By this decision the Republicans gain control of the lower house of the Legislature, and Bullinger, Republican, is elected President of the State Central Committee, openly charges the board with fraud. It was impossible to get statements from the various members composing the board this afternoon, which did not conflict. Secretary Higgins stated that Treasurer Storer drew the ballots and the auditor declared that it was Secretary Higgins. The town was in a state of excitement to-night over the announcement, and the faction politicians declare that they will not submit to what they term "the outrage." In an interview to-night, Auditor Howe gave this version of the drawing.

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