

BUSINESS.

PRESENT CONDITION OF TRADE.

The Cold Weather Has Improved the Tone of the Market.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Important improvement in business is noted wherever the recent change of colder weather has been felt.

The clearings of banks last week were not only the largest on record, for that part of year, but showed an increase over last year of 12 per cent, outside of New York.

The weekly output of pig iron January 1 was 174,038 tons, against 169,151 December 1, and 154,398 a year ago.

The cotton industry is disturbed only by sickness; demand for goods has slightly improved. The heavier woolen goods are seriously depressed by the inclement weather.

Business failures during the last seven days for the United States, 35; for Canada, 31; total 66; compared with 37 last week.

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SIX INDIANS HANGED.

Wholesale Execution at Fort Smith—The Murderers and Their Crimes.

An extraordinary execution took place at Fort Smith, Ark., when six Indians executed their crimes on the scaffold.

Nine men were to have been hanged, but the sentence of one was commuted to imprisonment for life by President Harrison.

For the past two weeks the hangman, George Maledon, has been preparing for this work, and the ropes were stretched daily with dummies.

John Billy, Thomas Willis and Madison James were all full-blooded Choctaws and were convicted jointly of the murder of a white man whose name was supposed to be A. B. Williams.

Sam Goin and Jimmon Barris, full-blooded Choctaws, were tried in October last. Jim Goin also being in the case, but he was acquitted, while the others were found guilty.

Jefferson Jones, a full-blooded Choctaw, was convicted on the 14th of October of a most foul and dastardly murder, his victim being an old man, 65 years of age, named Henry Wilson.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

HOME AND FOREIGN JOTTINGS.

The Fifth of Many Important Matters in All Parts of the World.

Charles M. Davenport, a printer, at Kansas City, received injuries Thursday night at the hands of some unknown person from the effects of which he died.

Sidney Dillon, a nephew of Hon. Sidney Dillon, of New York, accidentally shot and killed himself while out hunting on his farm, ten miles northwest of Omaha.

Granville Cooperider, a desperate character, shot and killed Night Policeman John T. Miller, at Clay City, Ind., in revenge for an arrest made recently for jumping on trains.

Allison was unanimously renominated in the Republican caucus of the Iowa Legislature.

J. N. Phillips, aged 70, committed suicide at Stanford, Ky.

W. B. Gerling, a mulatto, of Cincinnati, who had been suffering from influenza, died in a fit of sneezing.

A Brooklyn jury has awarded \$5,000 to Dora Klein in her suit for \$10,000 against Wm. M. Peas, for breach of promise.

Prince Amadeo, brother of King Humbert, of Italy, died at Turin Saturday evening of pneumonia, resulting from influenza.

The czar of Russia, it is reported, has taken to consuming immense quantities of champagne. The latest plotters against the czar's life include all manner of people, from the humble clerks to aristocratic officers in the Imperial Body Guard.

Kunze, one of the Cronin suspects, was released from jail Saturday at Chicago on \$5,000 bail. He will be exhibited in a dime museum.

FOUR LOST.

Fatal Boat Explosion On a Southern Boat.

The steamboat Katie Robbins of the Yazoo & Tallahatchie Transportation Company, bound for Yazoo and Tallahatchie rivers, collided with a barge towed by the steamer Josie Harkins, from Sunflower river for Vicksburg.

Clerk Phillips had a narrow escape and was only saved by the night watchman's bravery, who went down a gangway and pulled him over the hurricane roof.

The collision is attributed to a misunderstanding of signals. The Harkins and Sarah Elliott are at the wreck saving what they can. It is believed the barge can be easily raised.

Deforest Allgood, president of the Trion factory, one of the wealthiest institutions of North Georgia, was shot and instantly killed by Dr. J. B. S. Holmes, his brother-in-law, and one of the most prominent and popular of Georgia's physicians.

Holmes, who had had a vague warning, sought to reach his office by the back streets. Messrs. McKelien and Matlock, of Tennessee, friends of Dr. Holmes, were hunting with him.

Holmes immediately surrendered to officers, and is resting in his own apartment in charge of a deputy sheriff. The general sentiment agrees that the killing was clearly in self-defense.

At his residence near Cannon Lake, Minn., James McNeil, Jr., arose and went to the kitchen to build the fire.

A peculiar land swindle has been unearthed at Little Rock, Ark.

A man giving his name as Charles made his appearance in White County about six months ago. He at once installed himself in the good graces of the local minister, the Rev. J. R. Chumley, and to him Charles confided the statement that he was in reality an English nobleman, travelling incognito.

It has been discovered that many school buildings recently erected in England at a cost of many millions are so poorly constructed as to be in danger of collapsing.

SNOWED UNDER.

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