

## NEWS CONDENSED.

### MASSACHUSETTS.

New York shoe manufacturers resolved to raise in the courts the payment of future royalty for the use of the Donald McKay machine, the patent on which expired May 6, 1878.

The fancy dress ball given at New York by Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt is said to have been the grandest society event of the metropolis.

J. Marion, recently employed by the Equitable Trust Company of New York, has confessed that he is an embezzler and departed for places unknown. An examination of his books, as interest clerk, shows that in the last four years he purloined \$60,000.

A clergyman of Newburyport, Mass., wore out his warrant for the arrest of the manager and leading members of a travelling theatrical company, who were advertised to bring out a play based upon the life and adventures of Jesus James, the complaint setting forth that such a drama was calculated to demoralize the youth of the country by surrounding deeds of cruelty with an atmosphere of romance.

A New York corporation bought 75,000 head of cattle from Texas stockmen, the consideration being nearly \$3,000,000.

The Vermont Central railway litigation, which has been in the courts for thirty years, ended by the decree of foreclosure being withdrawn. The company will now be reorganized.

Mr. Duke, the slayer of Dr. Nutt, was served with a notice by citizens of Uniontown, Pa., that he must leave the city within twenty-four hours. Mr. Duke paid no attention to the warning, although he kept his room. The report is current at Uniontown that Dr. Nutt's eldest son and daughter (the latter the subject of the controversy which occasioned her father's death) are watching for an opportunity to kill Duke.

George W. Conkling, Jr., who killed William H. Havens, his sister's parsoner, in New York last week, has been discharged from custody, the court deciding that Conkling acted in self-defense.

E. G. Weisham & Co., jobbers of woolens, of New York, have failed, with liabilities amounting to \$600,000.

A Pittsburgh firm has received a large order from India for a heavy quality of broadcloth. The order states that it is to be used for confining elephants, lions, tigers, and other large animals.

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### WESTERN.

The Clem family, notorious in the criminal record of Indiana, are once more before the public, the husband, William F. Clem, having instituted proceedings for divorce from his wife, Nancy, who is at present serving out a sentence in the penitentiary for perjury.

In the Seminole Nation, I. T., a dispute arose between an Indian and three white men who were playing cards, the Indian killing two of them while a spectator was accidentally but fatally shot. Friends of the dead men planned to kill the Indian and riddled him with bullets.

The persons killed by the Apaches at Chaco's camp, Arizona, number four. The same day are now in the Whitehouse mountains, and on their way murdered a Frenchman and four Mexicans.

At Clinton, Ill., Dr. Wright refused to give expert testimony unless he received a fee of \$10; whereupon the Judge fined the Dr. \$5 for refusing to answer. The question of the doctor's rights will be taken to a higher court.

At the Diamond mine in Braidwood, the scene of the disaster, the bodies of four of the victims were recovered March 25, and two more corpses were found buried beneath a great mass of rock and earth.

Patrick Egan, the Irish patriot, who is in this country to promote the new National League of Ireland, is now in Chicago.

Thirteen buildings in Duluth, Minn., including the Central House, were destroyed by fire. The total loss is estimated at \$67,500, upon which there is an insurance of \$50,000.

No more bodies were recovered from the Diamond mine, near Braidwood, March 27, the search for copper being retarded by masses of earth that had fallen in the passageway since the pit was flooded.

The workers in the Chicago and Alton mining shops at Elgin have sent a deputation to the company's headquarters in Chicago to demand the reinstatement of several of their fellow workers who were discharged for circulating a petition for an increase of wages. If the company refuses to take back the men discharged, a strike of all the workers will ensue.

A dispatch from Braidwood, Ill., on March 26, says: "Despatching of bodies to remove the many dead bodies in the Diamond coal mine at Braidwood before decomposition shall have rendered their identity impossible, the owners of the mine are considering the proposition to close the pit permanently and erect over the entrance to it a monument to the memory of the miners interred thereon. The suggestion is copied by the friends of the dead men. No progress was made yesterday in the work of clearing away the obstructions in the pit."

The funeral of the late Postmaster General, Timothy O. Howe, was celebrated at Kenosha, Wis., on March 25, and services were held at the Unitarian Church, after which the remains were removed to Senator Howe's old home in Green Bay for interment. A distinguished gathering of United States Senators and Cabinet officers, State and judicial officers of Wisconsin, and representatives of the Postoffice Department took part in the solemnities.

George Deuph and Tom Anderson both colored, were murdered in Fredericksburg's house at Rock Fork, near Marion, Ill. No cause is known for the crime.

### SOUTHERN.

There was a severe snow-storm on the 25th of March in Virginia, extending as far south as Wilmington, N. C.

The Hon. Timothy O. Howe died at Kenosha, Wis., March 25, aged 67 years. He was a native of Maine, and served one term in the Legislature of that State. He removed to Green Bay, Wis., in 1846, where he held the office of Circuit Judge from 1850 to 1855. He served three successive terms in the United States Senate, beginning in 1861 and ending in 1873. He was appointed Postmaster General, to succeed Thomas L. Jones, soon after Mr. Arthur's accession to the Presidential office, and held the position up to the time of his death.

Statements as to the strength of the Apache Indians vary from fifteen to 200. Apache outrages upon settlers by the savages are reported. The Mexican troops in the service of the Apache have "orders to take no prisoners."

A snow-storm of unprecedented severity for that section has occurred in North Carolina. At Kinston houses were cracked by the weight of snow upon the roofs. Telegraph wires north of Greenville

were prostrated. Great injury to crops is expected to result from the storm.

The Legislature of Arkansas has enacted a law that invites competition from any part of the Union for the State printing, there being no provision, even, that the work shall be done at the capital of the State.

Thos. H. Herndon, Congressman-elect from the First Alabama district, died last week at Mobile.

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John J. Flinn, of Chicago, United States Consul at Chemnitz, Saxony, is to be displaced, after a brief tenure of office, by J. L. Parish, also of Chicago, a member of the Illinois Legislature.

Read Admiral J. W. A. Nicholson, who was in command of the United States naval vessels present at the bombardment of Alexandria, in July, 1862, has been placed on the retired list. Read Admiral E. R. Collier will be retired in April.

When Stephen W. Dorsey, one of the star-route defendants, was called as a witness, the question immediately arose as to his beliefs on the sanctity of an oath, and whether he had doubts of future rewards or punishments. The Judge decided that Dorsey should be sworn, and that gentlemen who formally denied that he conspired against the Government; that he ever had transacted business, directly or indirectly, with Brady; and that Rendell's testimony was false from beginning to end. The irascible temper of the witness was evident throughout his examination.

Mr. J. C. Bigelow, of Washington, who was attorney for Sergeant Mason, the would-be executioner of Guiteau, has brought out for \$3,500 for his services. It is understood the "Betty and the baby" fund amounted to \$12,000, of which \$7,000 is on deposit in Washington.

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**Political.**

Gen. John B. Gordon, of Georgia, who, some two or three years ago, resigned his seat in the United States Senate, to enter into railroad speculation, has grown very wealthy. He is now a citizen of Florida, and again longs for his old Senatorial life. It is said he is a candidate for the seat in the Senate, now occupied by Hon. Wilkinson of Cal.

The bill prohibiting political assessments on public offices has been read a third time in the Pennsylvania Legislature.

A report in favor of the repeal of the law making the payment of the poll tax prerequisite to the exercise of the right of suffrage will be made to the Massachusetts Legislature at an early day.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

A subsidy of \$24,000 per annum for a monthly line of steamers to Antwerp has been granted by the Canadian Government.

A Cleveland family of four persons who ate "suets" on bread are lying at the point of death. It is supposed they are affected with trichinosis, though none of the bacteria were found in a portion of the compound analyzed.

Two soldiers of the Third Mexican cavalry lost their way near Chilpancango and died over a precipice. Both men and horses were dashed to atoms.

### LATE & NEWS ITEMS.

Judge H. C. McComas, formerly of St. Louis, and his wife were shot by Indians near Lerdensburg, N. M., and their bodies stripped naked. Their boy, who accompanied them, was carried off captive. An Albuquerque dispatch of March 29, says that:

"Yesterday morning Apache attacked Sweeny's ranch, near Gila river, Arizona, and killed two men. Col. Forsey, with four companies of cavalry, is in hot pursuit, and Gen. Fuero, with Mexican troops, will give them a warm reception in Chihuahua."

Gen. Charles F. Gill, one of the most prominent politicians in Wisconsin, died suddenly at Madison, aged 33 years.

The Straits of Mackinaw are frozen solid from the Manitou to Thunder Bay, and navigation is not expected to open before May 1.

Two colored men, Henry Ross and Henry Depugh, were found at Rocky Fork, six miles north of Alton, Ill., murdered, with their heads shattered and brains protruding, having been slaughtered with a shot gun while asleep. They lived in a house alone. There is no clew to the murderers.

The remains of the late Postmaster General Howe arrived at his late home in Green Bay, Wis., on the 20th ult., whence they were removed to the Presbyterian Church. There appropriate services were held, after which the body was securited to Woodstock Cemetery, by a large procession of citizens in carriages and on foot.

The boiler of a one-mill, at Bethel, N. G., exploded Wednesday evening. The mill was destroyed and Henry Albin, a white man, and James Ross, a negro, were killed.

The chemical works of Alonzo L. Thompson, at South Baltimore, Md., were damaged by fire to the extent of \$50,000, fully covered by insurance.

The Tennessee Legislature has adopted the bill making it a felony to keep a gambling-house or to rent rooms to be used for gambling purposes.

An election will be held in Fayette county, Penn., April 24, to fill the seat in the House, vacated by Duke.

Gen. S. R. Buckner announces himself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Kentucky.

The Railroad Committee of the New York Assembly agreed to report favorably the Anti-Freight bill. It will be referred to a committee of the Supreme Court, State officials and members and employees of the Legislature. Giving such a report in the interest of the working classes.

It is reported that, in consequence of the refusal of the manufacturers to grant an increase of 10 per cent., the cost of production in the industry all over the country, to the number of 75,000 men, will

cause a reduction of 10 per cent. in the wages of the workers.

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### A HIDEROUS SIGHT.

Removal of the Bodies from the Diamond Mine.—The Remains in a Horrible Condition.

Correspondents of the Chicago papers at Braidwood, under date of March 25, give the following particulars of the recovery of the bodies of the miners overwhelmed by the flood in the Diamond mine:

The workmen at the Diamond mine were engaged all night removing the bodies of the dead. The bodies were so numerous that they had to be carried into the chill, night air at midnight. Fully 500 persons of both sexes were there hovering about the entrance to the subterranean city. The miners were dead, but the wives and dear ones were to be brought up first. Mothers who had lost sons and young wives were standing shivering at the cold, with the bodies of their sons and husbands.

The workmen were naked but that made by the pumping and hoisting machinery. The pumping of the water out of the mine was kept up by the men who were engaged in the work.

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