

## NEWS CONDENSED.

### Telegraphic Summary.

#### EASTERN.

An explosion of gas in a coal mine at Wilkesbarre, Pa., killed two men. Many tombstones in an adjacent cemetery were overturned by the force of the explosion, which occurred 600 feet below the surface.

It is announced that the large distillery firm of George and Thomas Farthing, of Buffalo, is embarking, and it has involved many grain and liquor dealers of Buffalo and New York city.

Gov. Cleveland has signed the bill which practically repeals what are known as the "Sunday blue laws" of New York.

Gov. Butler has requested the State Board of Health of Massachusetts to remove Sanborn, its Secretary, who has not taken the oath of his office for several terms. The Governor says if Sanborn is retained he will allow no public moneys to be used under his direction.

Many counsel have expressed the opinion that the great Brooklyn bridge cannot be made free for any kind of travel.

A branch of O'Donovan Rossa's Irish Revolutionary League was organized in New York last week with a membership of one hundred. Dynamite is the rock upon which the society is built.

A new metal, discovered by a Boston metallurgist, has, it is claimed, special fitness for telegraph wires, having great conductivity and tenacity and being exempt from rust. It can be produced at a cost of about 5 cents a pound.

Gov. Sprague, the famous trotting stallion owned by J. L. Case, of Racine, Wis., died last week at Lexington, Ky., of pleurisy. The animal's winnings on the turf last year amounted to \$10,000.

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#### WESTERN.

Very discouraging reports as to the condition of winter wheat in Illinois are made to the State Department of Agriculture. According to the returns made up to May 1 from nearly 1,600 townships the wheat has been so damaged by the fly, by winter-killing and other causes that it will not realize more than 40 per cent. of a full crop.

Concerning the milling business, the Milwaukee *Journal* says: "The large flour-mills of this city, as well as those of Minneapolis, are in the throes of business depression, and are just keeping their wheels turning sufficiently to fill orders and keep their brands in the market. It is a well-demonstrated fact that the grinding capacity of the country is largely in excess of any possible demand that can be created. A few months ago the mills of the Northwest were run for a few weeks at their full capacity, and the results is that Eastern and foreign markets are overstocked with flour."

The inventory of Newburgh, Frenkel & Co., clothiers, Cincinnati, shows assets of \$275,500 and liabilities amounting to \$382,000. A sale of the stock has been ordered.

In Denver a great storm of hail, thunder and lightning prevailed for hours. The hailstones were as inch in diameter, and fell to a depth of six inches, destroying fruit trees.

City Editor Keat, of the Ft. Wayne *Guardian*, said Editor Cooper, of the *Call*, into unconsciousness the streets of that city. Cooper published a sensational matter about Keat, and the row resulted when he refused to make retraction.

Crop reports from every county in Indiana have been published, from which the following averages are drawn: North Division—Wheat, per cent. of condition, 70; corn, per cent. planted and to be planted, 100; clover, per cent. of condition, 95; timothy, per cent. in condition, 90; peach buds, per cent. active, 90; corn, 90; wheat, 90; peaches, 90; corn, 100; clover, 90; wheat, 90; corn, 97; clover, 90; timothy, 95; peaches, 70; apples, 90. The Indiana *Farmer* publishes reports from the principal cities: Wheat, Indiana 72, Illinois 72, Ohio 71; corn, Indiana 99, Illinois 99, Ohio 90; peaches, Indiana 40, Illinois 61, Ohio 20; apples, the same in all the states.

Dodge City, Kan., which has never enjoyed an enviable reputation, has become the scene of the most flagrant lawlessness. The most desperate element of the community has undertaken to drive out the more orderly class, a vigilance committee has taken possession of the place, with the tacit consent of the mayor. An appeal has been made to the Governor of Kansas to establish martial law at Dodge City.

The burning of barns in Eastern Indiana is attributed to farm hands, who are endeavoring to drive farmers to abandon the use of self-binding harve tars and other improved farm machinery.

Some of the Dakota legislators have been indicted for crooked work in connection with the Capital Removal bill. Four legislators swore before the Grand Jury that they were offered money for their votes.

#### SOUTHERN.

The bricklayers of Petersburg, Va., struck for \$3 per day, and their demand was immediately granted.

The Supreme Court of Louisiana has decided that municipal bonds cannot be taxed.

The Governor of Louisiana has called a convention to assemble at Baton Rouge, June 18, to consider the building and repairs of levees, and the improvement of Mississippi navigation.

A young negro who made a criminal assault upon the wife of his employer near Hanover, Ky., was taken by a mob the following day and hanged.

The trial of Congressman Philip B. Thompson for the murder of Walter Davis was begun at Harroldson, Ky., on the 14th inst., with a powerful array of counsel on both sides, including, among others, Senator Trowbridge and Congressman Blackburn for the defense, and Gov. Campbell and Jesse Morton for the prosecution.

At Oxford, Miss., City Marshal C. E. Butler shot and instantly killed Capt. S. M. Thompson, editor of the Oxford *Evening Star*, who was resisting arrest. Butler immediately surrendered himself to the constable.

A few days ago it was announced by telegraph from San Antonio, Tex., that Maj. J. R. Wason, Paymaster of the Military Department at that point, had been recompensed on a Southern Pacific train of \$25,000 for services which he had rendered to Fort Davis. The story has been widely circulated by the confederates of the Major that

he stole the cash. Wine and women are blamed for the Paymaster's "abortion." About \$18,000 of the stolen funds were recovered. Wason will be court-martialed.

The Florida Ship Canal Company was organized at Washington by the election of ex-Gov. Brown, of Tennessee, President, and the Hon. William Windom Vice President. It is estimated that the canal will cost \$10,000,000, and will be completed in three years.

#### WASHINGTON.

The British Minister, West, has requested the dismissal of Edward O'Meagher Condon from the Treasury Department at Washington for alleged incendiary utterances against England.

The Societies of the Armies of the James and the Potowmack will hold a consolidated reunion at Washington May 10. Fare from all points will be reduced.

The Supreme Court of the United States has rendered a decision in the case against the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, known as the Huggins suit, the risk of the decision being that the State of Illinois has a right to fix maximum charges for the conveyance of freight and passengers.

The millers won two notable victories in the Supreme Court, the Deuchfield and Downham patent suits having been decided in favor of the defendants. The royalty sought to be recovered under the Deuchfield patent for cooling and drying meal amounted to \$1,000,000, while the Downham patent for manufacturing middling flour was estimated to be worth \$3,000,000.

The Supreme Court denied the petition for a rehearing of the Louisiana and Virginia bond cases.

An attachment taken by the Government upon property of Capt. Howgate, the embuzzing officer of the signal service, has been adjudged void because of the negligence of the Government attorneys in failing to have the attachment recorded.

Read Admiral Edmund R. Callahan has been placed on the retired list.

The Department of State has advised from United States Consuls in Ireland that no exceptional distress exists in that country, although in many agricultural districts the peasantry is in a state of abject poverty, and without no change in the status, and that the manufacturers, to a man, were in favor of a general shut-down, and the workmen should accept a reduction in the present condition of trade would not justify the payment of the present wages. The action of the committee, in refusing to sign the scale presented by the Amalgamated Association, and in adjourning the conference sine die, was unanimously endorsed.

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