

LET'S CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

Mr. COCKRILL presented a memorial in the Senate, Dec. 24, from the merchants, manufacturers, and business men of St. Louis opposing the repeal of the Vaporizing law of 1878, which permits vintners to produce low wine under the name of beer. The Senate confirmed the appointment of Royal Johnson to be Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States. The Senate adjourned until Jan. 7. The House adjourned before the House of Representatives adjourned, and the election of the late President, O'Donnell, was left to the future action. Speaker Carlisle announced the standing committee, and the House adjourned to Jan. 7.

EASTERN.

Capt. Gordon, who abducted a child from Astoria, Long Island, has been fined \$1,000 and sentenced to five years' hard labor. The widow of Capt. Nutt, killed by pukes at Uniontown, Pa., has been compelled to bring suit to recover insurance of \$3,000.

The Board of Aldermen of New York has passed an ordinance requiring the electric light companies to lay their wires underground within two years.

With a capitalization of \$125,000, the Chronicle and the Telegraph, of Pittsburgh, will be consolidated, retaining both names.

WESTERN.

The Supreme court of Michigan affirmed the judgment from the Superior court of Detroit in the case of McLean vs. Script. This was the libel suit of Prof. McLean, of the Michigan university, against the Evening News, of Detroit, in which plaintiff was awarded \$20,000.

Livestock dealers scattered along the line from New York to Cheyenne have incorporated the Ogallala Cattle company, with a capital of \$5,000,000, the main office being at Omaha.

Snow and sleet throughout the West last week greatly interfered with railway and telegraphic communication.

The Iowa State House at Des Moines will be dedicated the 17th of January. Congressmen Kasson will make the dedicatory address.

Petersburg, Ind., was last week the scene of a lynching. Charles Harvey, charged with murder and incendiarism, was taken from the jail by a mob and hanged to a locust tree.

The sixth, seventh and eighth days of the Emma Bond case at Hillsboro, Ill., were unproductive of any new or startling developments, the time being largely occupied by arguments of counsel touching the admissibility of certain evidence. Judge Thornton, leading counsel for the defense, made a motion for the discharge of Clementi and Pettis, on the ground, as he claimed, that no testimony had been elicited implicating them in the crime, and pressed his motion upon the court with a powerful argument. Judge Phillips, however, refused to view the matter in the same light that the defendants' able counsel looked at it, and decided to let the case be passed upon by the jury. The ninth and tenth days were devoted principally to the efforts of the defense to establish an alibi. Clementi, one of the defendants, first told his story, which was a very straightforward and apparently truthful one. He accounted clearly for his whereabouts and movements on the day of the commission of the crime. Pettis corroborated Clementi's narrative the two, according to their testimony, having passed the day together at the Pettis home, and the Pettis family reinforced the defense by corroborating the story of the two defendants.

The only notable dramatic attraction was afforded by the Florence, who, using a two-wheeled carriage at McWane's theater. These two artists appeared in their favorite play, "The Gold Dollar." Mr. Florence personating the jaded character of Hon. Bardwell, the member from the Cobweb district, and Mrs. Florence appearing in her no less amusing role of Mrs. Gen. Gillory.

The Governor of Missouri has re-

ferred Senator Vest to secure at Wash-

ington a suspension of the Federal capias in the case of Frank James, as the State prosecu-

tion will be continued with vigor. Gov.

Crittenden holds that the Federal writers

will deny the right of bail to citizens of a State.

The noted bandit gave bail in \$2,000 at Kansas City last week, and was released from prison.

An Orury (Colo.) dispatch reports a

terrible riot occurred in the City of

Mexico because the new nickel money was re-

fused at the market. A mob paraded the

streets, breaking windows, and all places of

business were quickly closed. Cavalry

charged the crowd and restored order.

A war of rates has resulted in the

steamers cutting the third-class rate to Europe to \$30.

The failure for the week aggregated

\$20, an increase of \$1; but the greater por-

tion of the insolvents were small traders.

During the night of Nov. 23, while

the American schooner S. J. Watts, of Jones-

port, Me., was sailing into the Bay of Port au Prince, the vessel was hoisted by a boat's

crew to pass to the steamer.

The Legislature of South Carolina

failed to pass a tobacco law.

In a free fight at Allendale, S. C.,

three persons were killed and several

wounded.

An avalanche, dashing down the

Marshall Basin, in Southwestern Colorado,

buried the Mendota mine shaft-house, in

which were fourteen men, eight of whom

were killed instantly and two wounded.

Four others borrowed their way out of

the mountain of snow.

The American Iron and Steel Asso-

ciation reports that the prices of those staples

are steady, that the consumption equals the

output, and that a further depression is the

trade is not anticipated.

FOREIGN.

Bismarck openly opposes secret vot-

ing for members of the lower house of the

Prussian Diet, and favors universal suffrage

with public balloting.

The French have captured Soniat,

and Admiral Courbet has been gazetted a

grand officer of the Legion of Honor.

The Crown Prince informed Pope

Leo the Emperor William and Bismarck

much desired religious peace in Germany.

De Long's remains, with those of his

dead comrade, have arrived at the city of

Irkutsk, in Russia, and were received by the

place with high honors. Many wreaths

were placed on the coffin, and poems recited

the sad fate of the explorers were dis-

tributed among the people.

The bridge was only about half again

as a passenger coach, so that all the

people who were bruised and

confusion ensued, and the

tearful crowd was

unable to get out

of the wreck caught fire,

and was watered.

Two and two daughters, of

the Western, and were

driven to drive across the

engine.

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Jerry Cox, a negro, was hanged at George town, S. C., for the murder of H. H. Rembert, who was secreted in his cell in iron bar, with which he intended to kill the Sheriff on the way to the scaffold. Cox maintained his innocence to the last.

A girl in Polk county, Ga., near Rome, is the cause of phenomena which has excited, and which will be the instances given in the books. Strong men cannot hold down a chair or a bed which she may touch, and must emanate from the walls about her.

Bill Younger, one of the band which operated with the James brothers in Missouri, was arrested at a coal mine in Alabama and lodged in jail at London, Tenn. He will be taken to Missouri, on a requisition from Gov. Crittenden, to stand trial for murder.

Survivors report that on the steamer St. Augustine, which launched in the Bay of Biscay, a British vessel, the whalers, Sallie, stabled and devoured themselves in frenzy, and the second mate shot himself. One of the captain's legs was cut off by accident, when at his request a weight was tied to his body and he was cast into the sea.

Michael Davitt makes a violent attack on the British Government for its continued suppression of Nationalist meetings, which he says is accomplished by a contemptible subterfuge and not by open measures of repression. Mr. Davitt makes a strong defense of the ridiculous position of the London police, who attribute every plot or pretended conspiracy to American or Irish agitators.

Mr. De Lesseps has publicly declared that as long as he or his sons live the Suez canal shall remain under French control.

It is asserted at Madrid that Chinese took no part in the defense of Soniat, but are actively preparing to hold the Red river delta. A rumor obtains in Vienna that the French will not negotiate for peace until they occupy Bac-Nam.

WASHINGTON.

The following proclamation in regard to the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Washington's surrender of his commission was issued by the President Dec. 21:

"I do, therefore, issue the following:

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