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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

FOREIGN NEWS.

A dispatch from Constantinople says it is reported that a convention has been arranged between Austria and the Porte. The latter accepts the occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Austria engaged to prevent any future alliance between Russia and Montenegro and Serbia, and to preserve order in Bulgaria between the Muscovite and Christian, even, if necessary, during Russian occupation.

Lord Beaconsfield's reception by the English people, on his return to London from Berlin, was the most enthusiastic since the journey from Dover to the British metropolis was one grand ovation.

The Greeks are maintaining a state of insurrection and anarchy in Thessaly and Epirus, fearing that pacification there would enable the Turks indefinitely to postpone compliance with the directions of the treaty of Berlin. The Ambassadors of the powers are delaying the dispatch of troops to Macedonia to the Greek coast, pending the efforts of diplomacy in motion.

A great strike of miners is in progress at Anzin, France. Higher wages and eight hours for a day's labor are demanded.

In the shooting contest at Wimbledon for the Echo shield, between Ireland, England and Scotland, the Irish team won the case.

The health of the Emperor Wilhelm is steadily improving.

All the members of the Nobel family have changed their name to "Nobeling."

The Official Gazette, of Havana, publishes a royal decree, directing the Government and administration of Cuba into six civil provinces, named Pinar del Rio, Havana, Matanzas, Santa Clara, Puerto Principe, and Santiago de Cuba.

The programme agreed upon by the Liberals in the English Parliament is outlined in the cable dispatches. The plan is to attack the Ministry upon the policy of neglect and indifference pursued toward the Greeks by England in the conference, so as to criticize the terms and liabilities upon which the agreement of Cyprus was secured, upon the ground that grave responsibilities have been incurred without the previous knowledge of Parliament in the undefined engagements relative to a better administration of the Asiatic provinces. While Liberalism is in the country to carry the day in both houses, it will not be without receiving some hard knocks in the course of the fray.

Gen. Grant, at last accounts, was traveling in Norway.

Great dissatisfaction exists throughout Serbia regarding the stipulation made by the Berlin Congress requiring Serbia to contribute towards paying the Turkish debt. It is estimated that Serbia's share will be 5,000,000 piasters.

Domestic Intelligence.

James Gordon Bennett, of the New York Herald, has returned from Europe, where he has been sojourning ever since his duel with young May, near Baltimore.

Several cases of yellow fever, some of them fatal, have occurred in the Brooklyn navy yard.

Peter Breanahan, now confined in the Canton (N. Y.) jail awaiting execution, has confessed to having murdered four men.

A. M. & R. Davies, umbrella manufacturers, New York, have made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. Total liabilities, \$390,000.

Andrew J. Kerwin, a prominent New York builder, has failed for \$200,000.

The workshop of the new State prison, at Cuyahoga, Mass., has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$150,000.

West.

Oregon advises report another battle between the soldiers and Indians. The fight took place on the Umatilla reservation, a large number of people of that tribe watching the progress of the affair, without taking any part in it. The troops engaged were defeated, under the command of Capt. Miles, and numbered about 300. The Indians were estimated at 400 or 500. The latter were put to rout with the loss of about a dozen horses. Capt. Miles was injured.

The city of St. Louis has been suffering a season of phenomenal dry weather, the thermometer ranging from 90 to 105 degrees in the shade for several days in succession. Business was almost wholly paralyzed, people being afraid to venture out doors. Hundreds of cases of cholera, of the heat, and a kind of a panic seized upon the people. In consequence there were 150 cases of cholera, forty-nine of which were fatal. Other sections of the West and Northwest have suffered from the extreme heat, cases of cholera being reported from many to the city of St. Louis. In Wisconsin and other States, in many instances farmers have been crushed by the heat while working in the fields. Nonsuch weather has been experienced within the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

George Leggett, the best known gambler in Indianapolis, was murdered, the other day, by John Aches, another gambler.

The monument to the memory of the late Stephen A. Douglas, which was begun by citizens of Chicago, shortly after his death, has just been completed. It is located on the grounds of the Chicago University.

There were 159 fatal cases of sunstroke in St. Louis in one week.

The boiler in David's planing-mill, at Barnesville, Ohio, exploded a few mornings ago, destroying the entire building and killing three persons outright. There were several others severely injured.

A sad accident happened near Johnstown, Ind., a few days ago. While moving a steam thrasher on the farm of John Shackley, the boiler exploded, killing John Shackley, Frank Jones, Patrick Johnson, and John Clumbe, and dangerously wounding Albert Shackley, Henry Ashler, James Dixon, and John Humphreys, Thomas Smith, and two others.

Rich place diggings have been discovered on Colorado river in Arizona, about ten miles above the town of Aubrey.

A Battle City (Ore.) dispatch reports a battle between a band of hostile Banocks. Seventeen of the latter were killed, and twenty-five women and children and seventy head of horses captured.

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The first white man was whipped, under the new law which has just gone into operation in Virginia, at Hampton, on the 14th inst. Williams, the negro constable of the town, executed the sentence of the court. The man was a sailor named McCormick, convicted of stealing an anchor.

Farmer about Alexandria, Va., have been greatly troubled by hordes of tramps.

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BONDS, SYNDICATES, TAXES.

It is always a good thing to count the cost of any luxury before indulging too extravagantly in it, especially so when one has to mortgage himself, his farm, his future, his life, and his daily earnings to pay that cost.

United States bonds, it was thought when they were issued, were absolutely essential as a means of raising money. Men had not comprehended the great truth that a people who will not rely on themselves will not be trusted by others. Bonds had long been the means of loaning money, and the past not only favored the plan, but the men who had money to loan favored it. They knew that the United States Government was in a desperate straits, and they agreed to pay. They knew that the demand for money was so urgent, to meet the alarming expenses of the war, that capital, by holding back, by magnifying the necessities for money, and by hourly conjuring up the difficulties and dangers of civil war, could demand any sum, and the wildest apprehension of a bankrupt treasury could justify it. 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