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home in Evansville, Ind., and adjudged insane. He had previously attempted suicide, and a coffin ready for his use was found in his parlor.

Every boat that arrives at St. Louis from the South brings a deck-load of negro emigrants on their way to Kansas.

During the progress of a fire at the Farnsfield block, at Madison, Wis., and while a large number of people were gathered around the flames, an explosion of gas occurred with such violence that the gas pipe was blown entirely out of the room, while others were drawn to the floor. There was for a few seconds a frightful scare. All who were able rushed down-stairs for the streets; others had to be carried out. At least thirty were injured. The block was injured to the extent of \$20,000.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

It is reported that ex-Congressman Rainey, the absent col. red man that ever sat in Congress, is likely to be appointed Third Auditor.

Federal appointments: John B. Hamilton, of Illinois, to Supervising Surgeon of the United States Marine service; J. P. Kidder, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Dakota Territory; John M. Wilson, of Ohio, Consul at Paris.

The President has appointed Prof. Andrew D. White, of Cornell University, Minister to Berlin, and Dr. Cornelius A. Logan, of Chicago, Minister to Central America.

The demand for 4 per cent bonds seems to have exhausted itself, and daily subscriptions of from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, such as were received two months ago, have been reduced to from \$50,000 to \$200,000.

The administration is agitated by the reports of the movement of 100,000 men on the Northwest boundary, and has adopted a idea of holding the Government of Canada responsible for the conduct of that erratic and uneasy Indian.

POLITICAL POINTS.

Washington dispatches state that the Republican leaders have become thoroughly alarmed over the unqualified assertions of leading Democrats that, as a result of conferences with the President and members of the Cabinet, the President would sign a modified repealing the election law.

The convention of the Greenback members of the House was held at Washington last week, at which the subject of attaching power, measure or any foreign legislation to appropriation bills was generally discussed. There was a unanimous expression of opposition to this way of legislating. The Greenbacks, however, expressed themselves as being in favor of all measures proposed by the Democrats, except the repeal of the law relating to Supervisors of Elections, which they are in favor of in a modified form. They are opposed to the test oath for jurors and their repeal. They are also opposed to the use of troops at the polls, and their repeal, but they ask that these repealing clauses be introduced as separate measures. A committee of the caucus has been appointed to draft financial measures to present to Congress embodying all greenback principles.

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The upper branch of the French

Parliament is opposed to the removal of the seat of government from Versailles to Paris.

The courts having finally determined that Passante must die for his attempt to shoot the King of Italy, the King himself has commuted the sentence to imprisonment for life.

The joint occupation of Roumellia has been consented to by all the great powers except France, which has not yet acted upon the proposition. Germany declines to furnish a force for the purpose, but Austria, England, Italy and Russia will have contingents.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

ESTATE.

The Rhode Island House of Representatives last week voted on the question of war—peace—war—by a vote of twenty-one and two-thirds—the majority necessary for submitting an amendment of the constitution to the people.

J. & J. Tyrell, of Boston, dealers in hardware supplies, liabilities, \$100,000.

Stratton & Storrs' tobacco factory, on Pearl street, New York, was burned last week. Loss, \$75,000. The losses of other occupiers make the total over \$100,000.

The city of New York will have come down with its proportion of the money needed to complete the great Brooklyn bridge, the State Court of Appeals having so decided.

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The Greenback-Labor party of Rhode Island held its State Convention at Providence last week, and nominated candidates for State offices, headed by Samuel Hill for Governor.

MISSCELLANEOUS GLEANINGS.

The widow of the late A. T. Stewart is traveling in the South.

Visible supply of grain in sight in the States and Canada: Wheat, 20,583,000 bushels; corn, 13,342,000 bushels; oats, 2,053,000 bushels; rye, 1,105,000 bushels; barley, 3,099,000 bushels.

George Slosson, of Chicago, has challenged Maurice Vignaux, of France, to a game of billiards, 1,000 points, for \$1,000 a side and the world's championship, the match to be played in Paris.

Judge Edwards, a prominent lawyer of Albany, N. Y., and principal of the Albany Law School, recently committed suicide by disemboweling himself with a large carving knife. He was temporarily insane.

A whale-boat burned at Hickman, Ky., last week, and four persons who were sleeping in the boat were burned to death.

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Hon. H. Y. Riddle, a member of the last Congress from Tennessee, recently committed suicide at Lebanon, Tenn., while laboring under a temporary fit of insanity, caused by protracted illness.

W. C.

The New Orleans banks have resumed the payment of currency on demand.

There was a double execution at New Kent Court House, Va., on March 25. The victims were Patrick Smith and Julius Christian, both negroes, convicted of the murder of John C. Lacy, a white man, in January last.

Frankfort, the capital of Kentucky, has been the scene of a diabolical assassination. Col. Tom Buford, brother of Gen. Abe Buford, who is well known in Kentucky, upon hearing that a case in the Court of Appeals, in which he was interested, had been decided against him, loaded a double-barreled shotgun with buckshot, took his position near the front door of the Capitol Hotel, and waited for the Judge of the court to come to dinner. Judge J. M. Elliott was the first to approach. As he reached the door Buford walked to it, held his body high and, leaning through his heart. Judge Pryor made his appearance on the scene a moment later, when Buford leveled his gun to give him the contents of the other barrel, but before he could get a satisfactory aim, Judge Pryor ran behind a corner. A crowd collected, and the assassin was taken into custody.

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William H. Vanderbilt will begin, about the last of April, the construction of a tunnel for the Canada Southern railway under the Detroit river, at Grosse Ile. The tunnel will be 3,700 feet long, and it is calculated, will cost \$1,500,000.

At Fort Scott, Kan., a few days ago, a negro named Bill Howard, having been detected in a horrible crime, was taken from jail and hanged to a lamp-post. After the body had hung some fifteen minutes the infuriated mob took it down and dragged it to the square, in spite of the resistance and objection of the more calm and peaceful portion of the crowd, and literally roasted and burned the remains in a fire of dry-goods boxes and coal-oil, amid demonstrations that rivaled pandemonium.

John Schreier, a prominent Western

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