

The long-sought-of race between Edward Hailes, the champion carman of America, and John Hawdon, the British sculler, was rowed on the river Tyne, in England, on the 5th of May, and resulted in a narrow victory for the American by six boat-lengths. The Britons, who gathered by the thousands in expectation of seeing their representative victor, were greatly chagrined at the result.

The cable announces the death of Dr. Isaac Butt, M. P., the distinguished Home Rule leader.

There have been serious riots in Dublin, Ireland.

Gen. Felix Donay, Inspector General of the French army, is dead.

Lient. Coyte, of the British navy, arrested on suspicion of being the author of a ridiculous story about a pirate ship off Fastnet light, on the 16th of January last, has been convicted of the offense and dismissed the service.

St. Petersburg dispatches deny the report of the terror-stricken condition of that city.

Owing to trichina having been discovered in some hogs shipped from Philadelphia to Liverpool, England has issued an order to take effect June 1, forbidding the importation of American swine.

A dispatch from Lahore, India, announces that Yaqob Khan has accepted all the British proposals. These advance the frontier line to give the Khyber Pukhtunkhwa, the Shurangarh pass, and the Khyber pass as far as Lozig. The British also gain the right to keep a station at Candahar.

King Alfonso, of Spain, is betrothed to an Austrian Princess.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

EAST.

Freeman, the Pocasset (Mass.) Adventist, and his wife have been committed to jail for the murder of their 5-year-old child. On the way to the prison both loudly professed their innocence. The death of the child was in obedience to the mandate. A number of his Adventist neighbors are in Franklin in his course. Many of them are well-to-do farmers. Some of those present at the meeting at Freeman's house on the day of the murder will be arrested on the charge of being accessory to the deed.

Three men are under arrest in New York for forging pension and bounty claims. The ring of which the rascals are members is supposed to have already robbed the Government of over \$100,000.

One of the Manhattan (N. Y.) Savings Bank robbers has been arrested in Philadelphia while attempting to dispose of some of the stolen securities.

A bill authorizing the State of Pennsylvania to redeem over \$2,000,000 worth of certificates issued to sufferers from raids in the border counties of that State during the late civil war has been defeated in the Pennsylvania Legislature.

An explosion of gas in a coal mine at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., last week, three men were killed and several wounded, some of them fatally, it is feared.

Whittemore, Peet, Post & Co., extensive woolen dry goods commission merchants in New York, have failed for over half a million dollars.

"Red" Learly, one of the most notorious bank burglars in the country, escaped from Ludlow Street jail, New York, by digging his way, with the aid of accomplices, through the wall of his cell, and thence into the room of an adjoining building.

The trial of Dr. T. De Witt Talmage which has been in progress before a synod of the Presbyterian church at New York for several weeks, was brought to a close the other day, resulting in his acquittal.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has just decided the second suit growing out of the suspension of George H. Sturt by the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, for hymn singing and communing with other Evangelical churches. This decision sustains Sturt and his friends, and continues the action the Rev. Dr. Sturt and the Second Reformed Presbyterian congregation in the undisputed possession of their property, which has been in litigation for the past ten years. A similar suit was decided the same way not long ago.

Robert Harris and Dell Shaw, while attempting to cross the Black river near Waterford, N. Y., in a row-boat, a short distance above the big falls, were carried over, and drowned.

WEST.

George C. Harding, editor of the Indianapolis *Herald*, and Calvin A. Light, of the Indiana *Democrat*, a Communist organ, engaged in an all-out duel, which Harding got the best of the fight, while Light got fighting mad. He bought a huge Colt's navy revolver and made a raid on Light's office, and at once opened fire upon him, while standing at the impenetrable stone. Light dodged the first shot, and the ball struck a printer standing at his case, named Gerhard Lutz, in the groin. Harding fired a second shot, which missed Light, but hit another printer named Richard Walters in the leg. The latter, fearing further damage, at once jumped through a window, and, in falling upon the pavement, suffered a fracture of both his ankles, which will lay him up for weeks and make him a cripple for life. Light escaped from his infuriated assailant by the free use of a good pair of legs, and fled to the police for protection.

Samuel Pavey and his son Taylor Pavey, extensive dealers in live stock, were shot and severely killed near Leesburg, Ohio, by John Link, Pavey's stepson.

The Government architects, contractors and builders engaged in the construction of the new Chicago Custom House were arraigned in the United States District Court in that city, last week, for trial on an indictment for conspiracy to defraud the Government out of \$800,000.

Crop reports from various portions of the Northwest are highly encouraging. The prospects for a bountiful harvest are exceedingly bright.

Dr. E. Rose, of Palmyra, Ohio, invited his friend, Sylvester Canfield, to try some new liquor which he had just received. By mistake they each drank about two ounces of acetone. The doctor died a few hours. Canfield is in a precarious situation.

Mrs. Lightner, the wife of a prominent citizen of Peoria, Ill., was killed by an elevator accident at the Tremont House, Chicago, a few days ago.

The new constitution of California, which was submitted to a vote of the people on the 6th inst., was adopted by about 5,000 majority.

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After a careful examination, a committee of physicians have pronounced Mark Gray, the young man who shot at Edwin Booth in McVicker's Theater, Chicago, crazy.

A serious accident occurred on the Grand Trunk railway, near Carlton, Canada. An excursion train containing about forty very prominent men of Toronto was run into by an engine and badly smashed. Nearly every person on the train was more or less injured. One has since died, and it is believed two or three others cannot recover.

A prize-fight took place the other day, between two New York boxers, at Long Point island, in Canada—the battle-field occupied by Heenan and Morrissey in 1858. The contestants were a pair of New York boxers named Dwyer and Elliott. The latter was knocked senseless in about twelve minutes, which terminated the disturbance much sooner than the mob of spectators wished or expected. Both the boxers were badly punished.

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Two prisoners attempted to escape from jail at Overton, Texas, by setting it on fire. The jail was burned and both perished in the flames.

Five men were lately killed in Calhoun county, Texas, by stock owners. The five men had a bunch of cattle in their possession and were sleeping at the time the stockmen rode up and commenced looking at the stock. The men woke up and commenced firing, when the stockmen killed all five of them.

Two negro incendiaries, Johnson and Spencer and Nevil Porter, were recently hanged by a mob of infuriated citizens at Starkville, Miss.

The trial of Cox for the murder of Col. Alston, at Atlanta, Ga., resulted in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, accompanied with a recommendation to mercy, as provided under the new law of Georgia, framed by Col. Alston himself. This recommendation commutes the death sentence to life imprisonment.

The American Medical Association has just held its yearly session at Atlanta, Ga. Lewis Sayre, of New York, was elected President, and New York city was chosen as the place of meeting for the next session, which was also in session in Atlanta, one of the speakers denounced sleeping-cars as vehicles of epidemics, and the council recommended that they be investigated as to their ventilation, etc.

The American Biblio Society, in New York, has just celebrated its sixtieth annual anniversary. The annual report shows that during the last year there were 1,200,956 books manufactured, and of these 949,814 were issued at home and 228,040 abroad. The issues of the society during sixty-three years have been 3,445,000 copies. Over 3,445,000 families were visited during the year.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Under the call of States a bill was introduced in the House, on the 6th inst., by Mr. Ladd to prohibit military interference at elections, and it was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The Indiana State Woman-Suffrage Convention, lately in session at St. Louis, elected Elizabeth Cady Stanton President for the ensuing year.

The number of cases finally disposed of, including those brought over pending decision from the previous term, is 379. In 201 of these cases the decisions of the lower courts were affirmed, and seventy-nine reversed, the remainder having been docketed and dismissed or settled by agreement between the conducting parties. It thus appears that two cases out of every five actually decided have resulted in the reversal of the judgments of the courts below.

The number of cases on the docket has been steadily increasing every year since 1840, until it has reached, including the cases considered this term, 1,250.

The count is now more than three years behind in its business, but it is hoped that the operations of the new law limiting appeals to cases involving \$2,500 or more, instead of \$1,000, as heretofore, will relieve the hard-worked Justices to some extent, and enable them to keep up with the constantly accumulating appeals.

An analysis of the docket for the present term shows that, of the 1,250 cases decided and pending, one-half from five countries were examined.

The Indianapolis physicians indulge in a black list, and keep the profession in other cities informed of the advancement of their friends.

Samuel B. Cook, living at Clayton, has a black list of 100 cases, and a way of a cow with six feet and legs. He has perfect use of them, is well developed, and holds a long scimitar.

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