

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

FOREIGN NEWS

The preliminary examination at Sligo of Killeen, David and Daly, on a charge of sedition, resulted in the first named being held for trial without bail, while the other two, who were released on furnishing security for their appearance.

Delane, for many years leading editor of the London Times, is dead, at the age of 62.

South American advisers report a great battle between the Chilean army and the allied forces of Peru and Bolivia, near Iquique, in which the latter received a crushing defeat.

David, another of the Irish agitators arrested for sedition, has been held for trial.

Schouvaloff, Russian Minister to Great Britain, has been recalled.

The French National Assembly convened at Paris on the 27th ult.

Killeen, the third of the Irish agitators, arrested for sedition, was committed for further trial at Sligo on the 28th ult.

A trial was offered to him, but he refused, and was hustled off to jail in the midst of a great uproar.

Intelligence comes from Constantinople that Ahmed Mukhtar Pasha, the Turkish General, has been passed by Armenian troops.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE

By a collision on the Waro River railroad, near Palmer, Mass., seventeen persons were injured, some of them badly.

The houses of the Elgin Avenue hotel, located at Eighth Avenue and Fifth Street, New York, were burned last week, over 100 horses perishing in the flames. One fireman was killed and three others seriously injured by falling walls. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

The largest commercial transaction ever completed by a single individual in America has just been consummated in New York. William H. Vanderbilt, for \$25,000,000 in crop Government bonds, turned over to a syndicate represented by Drexel, Morgan & Co., 50,000 shares of New York Central and Hudson River railroad stock.

During the past year 230 fishermen from Gloucester have been lost.

Edison says he has completed his electric light, and will exhibit it fully at Christmas in Menlo Park.

South.

The trial of the desperado Currie, who killed the actor Porter, at Marshall, Texas, has been again postponed, on account of the non-appearance of important witnesses for the prosecution.

A distressing story of a double Indian massacre comes from El Paso, in Northwestern Texas. A party of fifteen men went in pursuit of depraved savages, and followed a trail to the Camdena mountains, where the Indians ambushed them, killing all but one or two. When the news reached El Paso a strong party organized and started on the trail. Arriving at the scene of the massacre they commenced to bury the dead. While thus employed they were fired upon and eighteen killed.

A destructive tornado visited the southwestern section of Louisville, Ky., a few days ago, demolishing and unroofing a large number of buildings.

West.

Dennis Kearney has been fined \$20 by a San Francisco Police Justice for carrying concealed weapons.

At Manistee, Mich., on the morning of Nov. 24, the steamer John A. De Strick, an anchor that lay in the bottom of Lake Michigan, and sunk in a short time. At Ludington, Mich., about the same hour, the steamer City of New York ran aground and soon filled with water. No loss of life or other casualties.

Advices from Los Pinos Agency to Nov. 26 report that the late Chief O'urray has misappropriated the power and cannot deliver the mounds of Meeker and Thornburgh if he would. The situation at the agency is far from enviable. The Indians are plotting rebellion, and the building in which the Commissioners and their escort lodge has been looted and provisioned.

A horrible double murder was committed in Cass county, Ill., a few days ago. The victims were two German brothers named Eichmann, and their brother-in-law, Albert Taylor, also brothers. It was a cold-blooded and unprovoked deed.

POLITICAL POINTS

Official vote of Nebraska at the late election for Supreme Judge: Cobb, Republican, 46,113; Watkins, Democrat, 39,327; Saxton, Greenback, 4,705.

Senator Booth says the California Republicans are for Blaine for President, in preference to any other name.

The Indiana Republicans will hold their state convention at Indianapolis on the 25th of February next.

Congressman Washburne, of Minnesota, says the Republicans of his State are for Grant for President.

WASHINGTON NOTES

The President visited Philadelphia on Thanksgiving, dined with Bishop Simpson, attended church at the suburb of Frankford, and donated \$25 to the building fund of the church.

The Postmaster General has ordered that lottery letters should be returned to the sender from the Dead-Letter Office.

MISCELLANEOUS CLEANINGS

Gen. Grant has manifested his interest in the Nicaragua canal project by informing Admiral Tamm, chief of the navy, that he is in Philadelphia on the 16th of December and he pleased to discuss the matter with Mr. De Franco, of Nicaragua, and others. It is proposed that Washington to offer the General \$25,000 salary per annum until the canal is in operation, when an increase is promised.

President's Message in Brief.

Foreign Relations.—The message states that the relations of the United States to all foreign countries are the most cordial and friendly character.

Polygamy.—The violation of the statute on polygamy by the inhabitants of Utah forms the subject of a brief and sharp chapter. The President thinks that the country has arrived upon this important matter. He recommends that citizens of the Territory who are guilty of polygamy be deprived of the right of suffrage and delinquent on jury duty, and that a test oath be required to ascertain whether, in fact, they are polygamists.

Financial.—The message congratulates Congress and the country upon the accomplishment of the resumption of specie payments. As an additional step in resumption, it is recommended that the legal-tender notes be retired, and that the currency of silver be discontinued. This recommendation is made through fear that under existing conditions there is danger that the country will be drained of its gold, and that silver will be wholly replaced by the coins in suspension. The further recommendation that legislation fix the ratio between gold and silver is deferred until after the Monetary Congress shall arrive at some definite conclusion.

Sinking Fund.—Inasmuch as it has been the policy of the Government to pay the debt of the country, to pay all debts as they come due, after they are incurred, as possible, the President commends a sinking fund to be provided for the payment of all obligations within a limited time, and if the resources of the Government are not sufficient for that, then a tax on tea and coffee should be levied, as that will be the most convenient, and the only one less felt by the people.

Indian Bureau.—The President discourages the renewed agitation of the question of the transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department, on the ground that such a discussion tends to distract the officers of the Indian Bureau in the execution of their duties, and produces no good.

Nicaragua Canal.—The President earnestly favors the inter-oceanic canal project, and expresses the hope that legislation to facilitate the work may be enacted without delay.

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