

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

AMERICAN ITEMS.

East.
 At Rondout, N. Y., two men were killed and two seriously injured by the falling of a quarry.

The death is announced of Dr. John Bacon, for many years Professor of Chemistry at Harvard College.

West.
 Wm. Redheffer, partner in a wholesale grocery-house at Kansas City, killed himself with a revolver rather than be placed in a lunatic asylum.

The propellers Lake Erie and Northern Queen were wrecked in Manitowish bay, on the north shore of Lake Michigan, and had to walk a hundred miles over rough country to get to a railroad.

The Chicago Times has made a compilation of statistics of the lumber production of the Northwestern States, from which it appears that the amount manufactured was one-eighth greater last year, and that Chicago handles one-third of the production.

South.
 James P. Holland, an accessory in the murder of Burgess Jones, was lynched at Dardanelle, Ark., the officers making no resistance.

Three sons of J. P. Walker, of Russell county, Ala., while traveling toward Arkansas with an acquaintance, were murdered near Aberdeen, Miss. The supposed perpetrator of the butchery was caught at Corinth, The heads of the murdered youths were split open with an ax while they were sleeping in the open air.

A fire at Augusta, Ark., destroyed over forty houses, besides schools, churches and churches, inflicting a loss of \$300,000. Several persons were injured by falling walls.

Incendiaries burned the Court House at Decatur, Tex., destroying all its records, and inflicting a loss of \$155,000.

By the explosion of the boiler of the Texas works, at Yano, Miss., seven children were badly injured, four of it feared fatally.

It generally takes one man to rob the mail coach in Texas. In the latest instance the solitary highwayman, who plundered the Laverna stage, was well repaid by a number of valuable parcels in the mail bag.

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WASHINGTON NOTES.

During the twelve months ending Oct. 31, 1891, the value of goods exported from the United States exceeded the value of the goods imported by \$217,887,358, as compared with an excess of \$155,078,327 during the previous twelve months.

The public debt, less the cash in the treasury, is \$1,778,284,000. The decrease for November was \$7,349,126. The coin certificate in circulation amount to \$71,871,700.

A marble tablet has been placed in the ladies' waiting-room of the Baltimore and Potomac depot at Washington, to mark the spot where President Garfield was shot.

The letter of support made by Minister Hurlbut to President Calderon, of Peru, causes a vast amount of gossip at Washington. Should it be decided to sustain our Minister to Peru in his radical course, some use may be found for seven American war vessels now cruising in that region. The State Department has sent out J. A. Trescott and Walker Blaine to investigate the complication.

POLITICAL POINTS.

Spencer Randall says that 3-per-cent refunding bill will shortly be introduced into the House.

The Democratic members of the Kentucky Legislature held a Senatorial caucus, at which there was no candidate but Mr. Beck, who returned thanks for the honor of his selection.

MISCELLANEOUS GLEANINGS.

The Bank of Prince Edward Island has closed its doors, through unwarmed advances made by its cashier, J. B. Brooker, who has fled to the United States.

The works of the American Rubber Company, at East Cambridge, Mass., in which 600 persons were employed, were swept away by fire, the loss aggregating \$500,000. The four mills of Campbell & Co., at Blightown, Ont., of Stiles Brothers, at Youngstown, Ohio, and Mr. Knox, at Elkhardt City, Ill., were destroyed by fire.

The Garfield Monument Committee are making very satisfactory progress in their work. They propose to raise \$250,000, and of this amount citizens of Cleveland guarantee \$50,000, and propose to raise \$50,000 more, the State of Ohio, making \$100,000 for Ohio in all.

Burned! The hardware store of Bellary & Co., Jefferson, Texas, lost \$50,000; the barns of Maxwell & Bros., near Geneva, N. Y., together with a large number of cattle and horses, lost \$50,000; four stores at Camden, Ark., lost \$55,000.

The physicians who attended the late President have refused to send their bills to the financial agent of Gen. Garfield, but will submit them to Congress. They have declined to take anything at all for their services unless it comes from the Government. Their bills will amount to about \$80,000.

FOREIGN NEWS.

As Sara Bernhardt was driving home from the theater at Odessa, Russia, her carriage was stopped by anti-Jewish mob, who attacked the hotel and finally stopped the performance at the theater.

Several outrages have occurred in the County Wexford, Ireland, which, until recently, was quiet and orderly.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg announces that last year a Jewish resident was denounced by some Jews and taken into custody, when it was soon discovered that he was a leader among the Nihilists. He turned traitor to his comrades on condition that he be pardoned, that his death be proclaimed, and that he be given 20,000 rubles to leave for the United States. He pointed out every Jew and his accomplices, two of whom were hanged last month. The Nihilists have only recently discovered that the H-brown's funeral was a sham, and that he has escaped their vengeance.

A steamer for South Africa foundered in St. George's channel during a heavy gale and ten persons were drowned.

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BOINGS OF CONGRESS.

PARTY CAUCUSING.

The Republican members of the House of Representatives met at the Capitol in Washington on Saturday, Dec. 3, and were called to order by Mr. Hubbell, of Michigan. Mr. Robinson, of New Jersey, was chosen Chairman of the caucus, and Mr. Hubbell, of Michigan, was chosen Secretary.

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