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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

AMERICAN ITEMS.

The messenger of a Wall street house lost on the pavement a package of bonds valued at \$100,000.

The tanning and currying establishment of F. L. White, at Woburn, Mass., was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$150,000.

The Rev. Dr. Leonard Bacon died at New Haven, Ct., of heart disease, aged 79 years. He was born in Detroit, Mich., Feb. 19, 1802.

At Biddford, Me., a young man named Moore shot his affianced, Miss Belle Chapman, dead, and then himself.

The business of New York for the year, as exhibited by the returns of the clearing-house, reach the unprecedented total of \$49,400,000,000.

West.

Mayor Carlton, of Port Huron, reports that in the burned district of Michigan winter looks very finely, but for lack of fence is being badly trampled by cattle. The shanties are a group number, sixteen by twenty feet. Families have been sent to the country for bedding and a full supply of clothing. The provisions on hand will last until the middle of January. Scarcity is on the increase. Many clergymen have been efficient in attending to the temporal wants of the sufferers. Food for stock will last through February, but no stock for spring sowing. At least \$200,000 is deemed necessary for winter maintenance.

Dr. Patterson, a well-known physician of St. Paul, Minn., shot and killed himself between the graves of his children.

Knowles, Cloyes & Co., wholesale grocers of Chicago, have failed for \$25,000 more, in consequence of a drop in country collection. Their assets are placed at \$450,000. They claim to have done a business of \$2,000,000 during the year.

A fire at Durand, Wis., destroyed twenty-one buildings, the loss being estimated at \$25,000.

Dan P. Eells, of Cleveland, announces that the bonds recently stolen from him are again in his possession. It is rumored that he paid \$30,000 for the recovery of his securities. At a meeting of leading citizens of Biemarck, resolutions were adopted favoring the division of Dakota, the southern half to enter the Union as a State.

South.

Edmund C. Heffeld, foreman of a plow factory at Louisville, killed his wife as she lay asleep by cutting open the large veins in her arms.

Peter Herring and two sons, in crossing the river at lock No. 8, Charleston, W. Va., were swept over and drowned.

Helenwood, a Tennessee pining town, was the scene of a family row, in which six men were shot, three of whom are dead.

Details of a fearful atrocity are received from Ashland, Ky. Two daughters, aged 14 and 17 respectively, and a son of J. W. Gibbons were left at home at night while their father and mother went out to pay a visit, when the house was entered by unknown devils, who first outraged the girls, killed their brother as he attempted to give the alarm, drove the girls and all three with a hatchet extended to the cellar, and then set the house on fire, burning it to the ground. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the awful crime, but it is to be hoped that the offer of a reward of \$1,000 will lead to their detection.

A San Antonio (Texas) dispatch states that the result of the Flipper court-martial, recently held there, will be dismissal from the army.

A London firm has purchased from the State of Mississippi 1,300,000 acres of land, mostly located in the Yazoo delta, which will be colonized and cultivated.

Mrs. M. T. Coppage was killed at New Orleans while playing with her 4-year-old son. The mother was giving the child instructions in the use of a toy pistol. The child aimed and fired, and the bullet entered the woman's brain.

A terrible tragedy occurred at Bellfont, Ala., a small station on the Mobile and Gulf railroad, forty-four miles from Chattanooga, resulting in the fatal shooting of W. D. Martin, his son John and C. M. Pennel. They were the only merchants in the place, and the difficulty originated through jealousy. They used pistols.

Joel Johnston, a well-known citizen of Baldwin county, Ala., was killed from behind a tree by a negro as he was returning home. He was stunned by the shot and fell from his horse, whereupon the assassin shot him twice, though mortally wounded, Johnson managed to crawl to his house and told his brother of the assault. The brother started out, and in an encounter with the murderer was fatally shot. The murderer also received mortal wounds.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Secretary Kirkwood has issued to the heads of the various departments, Captains in the American navy during the War of Independence, twenty-seven pieces of bounty-laden scrip.

Postmasters complain that there has been a loss of revenue under the present system of partial prepayment of postage on first-class matter, and are agitating for the abolition of the practice.

Secretary Polger refused to have the department clerks paid for December at Christmas, contrary to the usual custom. He found an express prohibition in the Revised Statutes.

Last week there was important progress in the Guiteau trial. It has been abundantly shown by gentlemen of the highest qualifications that, while Guiteau is a man of irregular mind, and possibly so deranged that he would have been wise to have secluded him from society, he still knows the nature and consequences of homicide, and is responsible for his acts before the law. By his own confession he is sane now. The public has settled down to the belief that conviction on the charge of murder in the first degree is only a matter of time, and interest in the case has waned.

A Christmas manifesto issued by Guiteau, the assassin, is very characteristic of his bombastic conceit and blasphemy. He pretends to have done his work as Christ and Paul did, to be as patriotic as Washington and Grant, and patronize "the Duty" to the extent of being "well satisfied with the Duty," conduct of this case thus far.

President Arthur wants the salary of his Private Secretary raised to \$4,500, and will then add \$1,500 from his own pocket.

S. P. Rounds, of Chicago, has received assurances direct from the President that he will be appointed Public Printer.

Col. Corbitt received a card from the mouth of Kansas containing a egg for Guiteau's mouth, made from a corn-cob. Scoville found

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