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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

AMERICAN ITEMS.

East.
 A collision between two freight trains on the Pennsylvania road, at Christiansburg, Pa., killed three persons and destroyed \$200,000 worth of property.

The deaths are announced at Philadelphia of Lieut. Col. W. B. Price, Sixth United States Cavalry, and Col. H. B. Smith, the well-known railway builder.

Special precautions were taken to guard President Arthur against the attacks of "cranks" or evil-disposed persons during the time a special policeman constantly watched the house.

J. Winslow Jones & Co., corn and lobster packers in Maine and Canada, have suspended payment, with liabilities of \$182,000.

West.
 Advances from Postmasters in all sections of the country, received at the Postoffice Department in Washington, show an alarming increase of small-pox in the Northwest. The disease is spreading rapidly, and several post-offices have been ordered closed in consequence.

Four cow-boys attempted to raid the town of Trinidad, Colo. They fired upon Marshal Kroyer, who shot down one, named Brown, and captured another.

George S. Reed, of San Francisco, who became deranged by too close attention to business, killed his mother-in-law, Sarah A. Reed, fatally wounded his young daughter, and then took his own life.

J. H. Russell, who murdered John T. Smith, a few weeks ago, at Kansas City, died in jail from the effects of morphine, provided by some visitor.

Edward F. Ryan, Michael Ryan and Richard Adkins, employed in a tunnel near Silverton, Colo., were buried 100 feet deep in a snow-drift.

W. E. Graham, who murdered and cremated Philip Egery at Venango, Kan., was hanged by a mob in front of the Court House door at Ellsworth.

At Louisiana, Mo., John M. Shaw, one of Bill Anderson's guerrillas, was shot dead by his brother in a quarrel over the division of their father's property.

The full bench of the Supreme Court of Kansas, in passing upon an agreed case, has made a decision which will invalidate nearly all the laws passed by the Legislature of that State in 1877 and 1879. The ground of the decision was that the act was passed with the aid of the votes of four members who were not legally elected. Among the laws thus made void is the prohibition constitutional amendment.

Small-pox of an violent type is prevailing to an alarming extent in the city and suburbs of St. Louis.

South.
 Esau Bolen, a carpenter residing at Rogers, Ark., was shot dead in his wife's shop. He had killed two men, and his horse-thief had twice threatened his life.

A negro who confessed to the murder of two clerks, while sleeping in a country store, was lynched by a mob at Southampton, Va.

The perpetrators of the recent terrible tragedy at Ashland, Ky., have been arrested, and they have made a full confession. Their names are William Neal, Ellis Craft and George Ellis, all white.

The strangest part of the story is that all three of the men were present at the burning of the house, which they had set on fire to conceal their crime; that they drove the hearse at the funeral of the three victims, and another acted as pallbearer.

A frightful tragedy was lately enacted near Minden, La. Robert Lewis, son of the late Judge Langdon Lewis, and brother of Will R. Lewis, shot Mrs. W. Lewis and her sister, Mrs. Thompson, both severely, and then killed himself. The cause of the tragedy is unknown.

Three brothers named McDonald, confined in jail at Graham, Texas, for the murder of one Martin, made a break for freedom, which resulted in a very extensive and sensational tragedy. They killed one jailer and took another one as a hostage, but were pursued by a body of 200 citizens, and in the fight that followed all three of the McDonalds were left dead on the field, and several citizens were wounded.

Eleven Chinese laborers working on the track of the Southern Pacific railroad, near El Paso, Texas, were massacred, it is said, by the Apaches, but it is hinted that white laborers had a hand in it.

The murderers of the Gibbons family, of Ashland, Ky., were to have been arraigned for examination at Catlettsburg. As nearly 2,000 citizens had assembled, Judge Brown had the prisoners placed on board the steamer Mountain Boy for transfer to Mayville.

On learning of this action, a mob captured the steamer Mountain Girl and started in pursuit, which was abandoned near Portsmouth, and the prisoners were safely lodged in jail at Mayville.

MISCELLANEOUS GLEANINGS.
 In the matter of the Garfield bills, it is stated that the Pennsylvania rail will put in a claim for every dollar of expense incurred in transporting the President to Long Branch and return.

Gen. Grant has recently reached the conclusion that Gen. Fitz John Porter was deeply wronged by dismissal from the army, and he will address an earnest appeal to President Arthur for the prompt restoration of the disgraced leader.

A company has been organized in Boston to build domestic steamships, which are expected to cross the Atlantic in less than a week. Nearly \$200,000 stock has been taken.

Gen. Swain, who hears every move from Mrs. Garfield, says the family is quite well, and that the health of the President's mother has been excellent this winter.

Among the deaths announced are those of Rev. Viano R. Hotchkiss, D.D., the famous Baptist theologian, of Buffalo; Samuel Bickley, of Flint, Mich., aged 109 years; Col. W. M. Melvin, a civil engineer employed along the river in Louisiana; James Lewis, of Richmond, Ky., who made saltpeter for the American army in the war of 1812; Dr. John W. Draper, the author, and C. C. Clay, formerly Senator from Alabama.

It has just been learned at Washington that, for five months prior to his death at Santiago, Minister Alvirre had suffered intensely from Bright's disease of the kidneys. On the day of his demise he vainly endeavored to dictate dispatches to the State Department. An appeal to Congress to find means to bring home his body will doubtless be made.

POLITICAL POINTS.

The prediction is uttered that in considering the question of reappointment the House will agree upon 319 or 323 members.

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RENSSELAER, JASPER COUNTY, INDIANA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1882.

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The Hampton element has selected Col. Theodore C. Barker for Governor and Col. John Haskett for Attorney General.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

President Arthur is known to have expressed himself very decidedly on the Mormon question, and it is claimed that he will do all in his power to remove this blot from the face of the republic during his administration.

Grant's change of front in the case of Fitz John Porter causes great surprise at Washington, where the former once declared at a dinner-table that Porter should have been shot.

The following is the public debt statement for December:

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Lordships could see for themselves that it was due to his ignorance, for he said that he was "surprised" at their decision; whereas, said Eldon, "if he had not been ignorant of what takes place at this court every day—he had known you but half as long as I have—he would not be surprised at anything you did!"

LATER NEWS ITEMS.
 On the application of Judge Brown, the Governor of Kentucky ordered the Maysville Guards and the Lexington and Maysville companies to report for ten days duty in guarding the Maysville arsenal.

The Legislature passed a special act to allow the Circuit Court of Boyd county to hold a special session to try the prisoners.

An unsuccessful attempt was made the other day to capture Jesse James, Ed Miller and Jim Cummings, three notorious members of the James gang. Word was received from Kansas City that the desperadoes were in Ray county, and a special train on the Washburn railroad carried a large party of officers well armed; but the gang had in some manner received an intimation of the raid, and when the officers arrived at their supposed hiding-place they had wholly disappeared.

The inaugural message of Gov. Cameron was submitted to the Virginia Legislature on the 6th inst. His recommendations on the subject of the State debt are in accord with the measure known as the Riddleberger bill.

E. W. Keyes, the noted Republican politician of Wisconsin, has applied for a divorce from his wife, on the ground of intemperance use of liquor by his wife.

Two murderers—Joseph M. Katovsky and Charles Ellis (colored)—were executed at St. Louis. Katovsky killed Augusta Simons because she refused to marry him, and Ellis slew his victim, a negro sport named Sanders, in a gambling-house affair. Martin Kankor was hanged at Jersey City for the murder and robbery of Mrs. Nina Muller. Joseph Abbott was strung up at Elmira, N. Y., for killing a fellow-convict in the New York State prison. John A. Phelps was executed at Marshall, Mo., for the murder of Elijah Kankor.

Two colored men, Frank Murrell and Sterling Ben, were hanged at Franklin, La. The exodus of the colored people from the South has been resumed, and the newspapers of South Carolina say that 2,500 have left that State within a month and that as many more are making preparations to leave.

The business of fire insurance in Chicago during the year 1881 was not, on the whole, a profitable one. The receipts fell about \$200,000 short of making both ends meet.

Gambetta has made overtures to England looking to a reopening of the negotiations for a commercial treaty.

The English press is still harping on Blaine's policy.

The commercial failures throughout the country were 146 for the first ten months of the year, a material reduction as compared with the corresponding week in 1881.

It is said that a bill will be introduced in Congress to divide the Territory of Utah, attaching a portion to Colorado and Nevada, bringing a portion of the Mormon people into the jurisdiction of the two States.

James H. Hillebrand, a jeweler and merchant at Mercer, Pa., has absconded, leaving creditors in the lurch to the amount of about \$20,000.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.
 Congress reassembled after the holiday recess, on Thursday, Jan. 5. The Senate roll showed fifty-one members of that body present. A number of executive communications were laid before the Senate, and the President's message was presented for legislative action.

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