

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

AMERICAN ITEMS.

East.
Hon. Zachariah Allen, long one of the leading men of Providence, R. I., died while sitting in his chair, aged 87.

A heavy short interest in quinine has developed in New York, the market being virtually controlled by syndicate having its headquarters at London and Amsterdam.

Small-pox is spreading through Lehigh and Berks counties in Pennsylvania.

After having been in the office of the postmaster at New York, Mass. robbers set three buildings on fire, destroying property valued at \$20,000.

James Fox, a blacksmith's helper in Troy, after driving in the head of a barrel with his fist, issued a challenge to John L. Sullivan to fight for \$2,500 within six months.

The cattle plague has reappeared in the vicinity of New York. A herd of thirty-one infected cows was recently exterminated in Putnam county.

D. T. Lawson has successfully proved, by his experiments with boiler explosions near Pittsburgh, Pa., that they occur, not from low water, but by a sudden bursting of water into steam.

The tug-boat Henry C. Spratt exploded its boiler at the Philadelphia wharf, killing four men. George Scully, the Captain, was blown over the house in Water street.

Immediately following the explosion flames broke out in all directions. Three dead bodies were found in the street. The front of the ferry-house building was blown out, and the watchman came near losing his life. The loss is \$50,000.

At a combination sale of trotting horses in New York, 107 were sold at an average price of \$316.50 each.

The Proctor House, at Kearsage mountain, New Hampshire, valued at \$75,000, was swept away by flames.

West.
At Genoa, Nev., a great avalanche of snow buried three whites and fifteen Indians.

John Mott, telegraph operator and station agent at Glendale, Mo., has been arrested on a charge of participating in the Chicago and Alton express robbery at Blue Cut, Sept. 7, 1881.

Two murderers were hanged by the outraged citizens of Dallas, Oregon.

The body of Frank Stillwater, was found beside the railroad track near Tombstone, Arizona, riddled with rifle bullets and buckshot. He was a brother of the famous Texas Jack.

Barnes & McGill's elevator at Hawley, Minn., together with a large amount of wheat, were consumed by fire, involving a loss of \$200,000.

The Leavitt Street Congregational Church, of Chicago, has expelled C. C. Rossiter, by a vote of 103 to 1, for making faces at the pastor during service.

Ripon, Wis., has been visited by a disastrous fire, which destroyed all the buildings on the west side of the public square. The loss is estimated at from \$125,000 to \$150,000.

In an affray near Emmetsburg, Iowa, Charles Cornelius killed Fred Miller and committed suicide by shooting himself.

At St. Helena, Cal., the parties being won. Gauss and J. C. Weinberger.

The Wisconsin Legislature refused to pass a bill to restore capital punishment in the State.

A loss of \$75,000 was incurred at Leavenworth by a flour-dust explosion in the Novelty mills. Two men were seriously burned.

South.
A clerk in the mint of New Orleans gave to a stranger a negotiable receipt for \$15,000 for two brass bricks with a thin covering of gold.

An Englishman named C. D. Owens nearly killed a young lady of Tampa, Fla., with a knife. The citizens took him from jail and lynched him in full view of the United States flag.

The Mayor and Sheriff of New Orleans, and Lieut. Davis had ordered out the garrison, but too late.

The oyster pirates captured not long since by the Governor of Virginia have been tried and sentenced each to one year in the penitentiary. Their vessels were confiscated.

At a sale of the Montgomery White Sulphur springs, in Virginia, the porch of the hotel fell, killing one man and injuring twelve.

Texas reports forty-one completed railroads, with a capital stock of \$247,000,000.

Elder Morgan, presiding elder of the Mormon church for the cotton States, has left Chattanooga for Salt Lake with nearly 200 converts.

POLITICAL POINTS.
The Democrats of Rhode Island met in convention at Providence and nominated a full ticket for State officers, headed by H. A. Knapp for Governor.

The Railroad Committee of the New York Assembly will report the Baker bill, which provides for three Commissioners with salaries of \$6,000 each, to be appointed by the Governor.

WASHINGTON NOTES.
The Warden of the Washington jail reports that Guitan has lost his appetite and had the ulcers over since he read an interview in which Scoville said he felt willing to have the assassin hanged, in order to draw attention to the need of legal reform in regard to insane criminals.

Scoville says that he can get no counsel to attend to Guitan's case. The assassin is sure he will be released by the court in June, in which case he will have to leave for Europe, and, after "doing" the continent, return to the United States to lecture. Scoville thinks it would be better for the crank of the future that Guitan should be hanged.

It is now stated with considerable confidence, says a Washington correspondent, that Senator Teller, of Colorado, is to be Secretary of the Interior. The President is today to a friend that, now that the six-month period of mourning is about to expire, the changes that he contemplates making will follow in rapid succession, and that his friends who have been complaining of inaction will be satisfied.

A Washington telegram says that Senator Ben Hill has improved so rapidly that he hopes soon to ride out. His physicians think the cancer has been entirely removed. There is no truth whatever in the report telegraphed from Washington that the Georgia Senator was in a dying condition.

Judge French, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, is to be succeeded by A. G. Olmsted, of Potter county, Pa. The first Auditorship is to be given to ex-Congressman C. W. Gillilan.

Gen. and Mrs. Grant were the guests of the President at the White House last week, and were quartered in their old rooms.

The Senate Military Committee will report adversely on the bill to place Gen. Pleasanton on the retired list.

The wife of Sergt. Mason makes an appeal for aid for herself and children, and expresses belief that her husband has been sufficiently punished by six months' imprisonment. The Connecticut House of Representatives refused to receive a resolution for Mason's restoration to the army.

A New York dispatch says that so far \$2,000 have been collected for Mrs. Sergt. Mason and the baby, and it is estimated that the fund will reach \$25,000, if not more.

It is stated in Washington that Gen. Swain, Judge Advocate General, will report to the Secretary of War that the court-martial which tried Sergt. Mason had no jurisdiction.

A Washington telegram of March 23 says: "The Secretary of War has ordered \$30,000 to be lent at New Orleans for the benefit of Louisiana flood sufferers, 200,000 at Memphis for Mississippi, 50,000 at Helena for Arkansas, and 10,000 each at Charleston, New Madrid and Gayoso, for Arkansas."

A large and influential meeting of the friends and advocates of the Hennepin case was held in Washington. Speeches showing the necessity of the work and its national character were delivered by Senator Windom, Congressman Frost of Missouri, Senator Logan, Speaker Keifer, ex-Congressman Hogan and Representative Van Horn of Missouri. Representative Russell of Massachusetts, Mr. Bland of Maryland, Mr. C. C. Rossiter of Ill., and others. A resolution was adopted to the effect that the great lakes and the Upper Mississippi river united would form the most extensive and complete inland water-course in the world, and that urgent demands of commerce require that all obstacles to their union should be removed with the least possible delay.

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