

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

AMERICAN ITEMS.

Elect.

The figures of the nationality of New York's population, just completed, show 200,000 of Irish birth and 165,000 Germans—one-third of the total population.

William H. Vanderbilt purposes building a manorhouse on Staten Island, which will cover an acre and a half, the building, which will be seventy feet high, to be seen twenty miles at sea on a clear day.

The Rev. Samuel C. Fessenden, Representative from Maine in the Thirty-seventh Congress, died at Portland.

The trial of the Malley boys and Blanche Douglas for the murder of Jennie Cramer was commenced at New Haven on the 18th of April.

Charles Francis Adams, since his adventure with the bunko men, has given entire control of his business affairs to his son, John Quincy Adams.

A cyclone which ravaged the northern portion of Fayette county, Pa., killed three persons, fatally injured six others, and destroyed property valued at nearly \$100,000.

The Governor of Maine has appointed Nathan Cleaves for Justice of the Supreme Court, in place of Artemus Libby.

The Rhode Island General Assembly has elected George M. Carpenter Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, to take the place of the late Judge Potter.

West.

The distillery at Oscar Furst, located two miles south of Pueblo, Ill., and the bonded warehouse adjoining were destroyed by fire. The loss is \$300,000, and the insurance \$200,000. The institution will be speedily rebuilt.

A storm of unparalleled severity raged in the region of Deadwood for a week, almost destroying the telegraph lines.

A Chicago firm was fined \$100 and costs for manufacturing spurious Worcestershire sauce.

Crop reports from Minnesota and Dakota show seed welling in most sections.

Col. Ozro J. Dods, of Cincinnati, ex-member of Congress from Ohio, is dead.

Six inches of snow fell in the region of Marquette, Mich., on the 19th of April.

Denver, Col., has a big sensation in a suit for separate maintenance, which has been instituted by Mrs. J. A. W. Taber against her husband, Lt. Gov. Taber, of Colorado.

The Legislature of Missouri has been convened in extra session for the purpose of redistricting the State.

Arizona advises report an Indian outbreak at San Carlos agency. Chief Shreve, four bucks and thirty squaws and children left the reservation. John Sterling, chief of the Indian police, was killed. Chief Laco, with thirty bucks (Worm Spring Indians), also left the reservation.

There is a fine prospect for winter wheat in Wisconsin.

Twenty-one counties in Kansas report crop prospects unsurpassed. Grass was never so promising, and cattle and sheep passed through the winter well.

Capt. Robert Baldwin, the oldest steamboat man on the Ohio river, died at New Albany, Ind.

The annual report of the Santa Fe road shows gross earnings of \$12,584,508 and a net income of \$4,546,682. There were three cash dividends of 5½ per cent., and a surplus remains of \$1,152,071.

South.

A telegraph operator at Clyde, Texas, sent a message to the train-dispatcher to forward a doctor by a switch-engine, and then fell dead at his table.

The first of the election trials at Charleston, S. C., resulted in a verdict of guilty.

The jury was composed of six white men and six negroes. Three of the white men were Republicans. Two of the white jurors subsequently stated that they signed the verdict under threat. The trials are causing a good deal of excitement throughout the Palmetto State.

A band of Arkansas convicts, encamped near Little Rock, made a dash for freedom. Eight passed the guards, but one of them was shot dead, two were badly wounded, and five escaped to the woods.

Capt. John W. Cannon, a veteran Mississippi steamboat man, and owner of the famous steamer Robert E. Lee, died at Lexington, Ky., aged 62.

The prospects for fine crops in Arkansas and Texas were never so favorable as this season.

Gen. D. H. Hill, a noted Confederate leader, has resigned the Presidency of the Arkansas Industrial University.

A Bohemian named Mosig has been arrested in Texas for having forged \$100,000 worth of bank paper in Austria two years ago. He will be extradited.

At Tanner, Miss., a waterspout, which lasted twenty minutes, washed away cattle and did other damage. No lives were lost.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives has agreed to report favorably the bill of the Hon. John C. Sherwin proposing Government aid for the education of the people.

A lot of old furniture, some of it dating back to President Jackson's time, was sold from the White House the other day.

The appointment of C. O. Rockwell as Deputy Collector of the port of New York has been approved by Secretary Folger.

Secretary Chandler took the oath of office as Secretary on the 17th inst., and at once entered upon the discharge of his new duties.

John W. Guiteau reappeared in Washington last week for the purpose of obtaining from his brother a power of attorney. At an interview in the jail the assassin became furious in his denunciations of his relatives. Scoville persists in remaining in the case, although he has given up sole charge.

Secretary Teller took possession of the Interior Department, and attended his first Cabinet Council.

S. W. Dorsey made his appearance in the Criminal Court at Washington the other day in the star-route cases, and the forfeiture of his recognizance was erased from the record. He entered a plea of not guilty.

President Arthur will probably sign the bill which passed the House of Representatives this evening. The bill, it is understood, restricts Chinese immigration, as it does not contain the provisions objected to by him in the other bill.

MISCELLANEOUS GLEANINGS.

Ben Butler is out in a letter favoring the suppression of Chinese immigration both by land and water.

A New York telegram of the 19th last says: "Seven ocean steamships landed 6,332 immigrants at Castle Garden yesterday.

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