

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

AMERICAN ITEMS.

Etc.

The Assembly of New York has passed a bill wiping away all restrictions imposed upon savings banks in buying securities.

The engineers of the Hudson river tunnel have made a success in boring from the New York side. The work is expected to cost \$5,000,000, and to require five years yet.

The Longfellow Memorial Association, of Boston, have issued a circular asking for contributions of \$1 each for the purpose of permanently preserving the residence of the poet, and erecting an enduring memorial to his fame on the grounds of his residence.

James, Vick, the famous steamship, of Rochester, who was a playmate of Charles Dickens and set type beside Horace Greeley, died a few days ago of pneumonia.

The steamship Rio Grande, with a valuable cargo of cotton, arrived at Delaware breakwater on fire. Loss, \$370,000.

The Assembly of New York has passed a bill permitting call loans to be made at any rate on which borrower and lender can agree.

West.

A tornado swept away the little town of Mill Spring, in the Indian Territory. Only one house was left standing. Three persons were killed and seven injured more or less severely.

Fenn, of San Francisco, who claims to have been recognized by three persons in that city as Sir Roger Thiborne, is making preparations to visit England.

At Minneapolis, Minn., a student named Paine, who was out "on a lark," was pursued by the professors. Paine having returned at his pursuer, the latter promptly returned the compliment by shooting Paine in the leg.

Dave Sharp, a gambler, was arrested at Caldwell, Ind., for opening the grave of George Wood and taking from the corpse a diamond pin valued at \$250.

Isaac Gardner and his three daughters were drowned while attempting to ford the Tuscarawas river at Newcomerstown, Ohio. Gardner drove his wagon into the water against the protests of a number of his neighbors.

A report has reached Little Rock, Ark., from the Cherokee Nation that Capt. Payne and his company of Oklahoma invaders had been captured by the United States authorities.

The cattle round-ups in Wyoming are progressing rapidly, and an immense number of calves will soon be thrown upon the market. When twelve miles out of Sandusky, Ohio, and engaged in a race with the Jay Cooke, the American Eagle exploded her boiler, killing the fireman, F. Bittle, and two deckhands, and fatally injuring Engineer Johnson. Six passengers were badly scalded.

South.

Ex-Gov. Cadwallader C. Washburn died at Euclid Springs, Ark., of paralysis and Bright's disease, aged 65 years. His brother, Hon. E. B. Washburn, of Chicago, was with him in his last hours. Mr. Washburn was one of four brothers, two of whom had been Governors of different States, and four of whom have represented four different States in Congress—Israel Washburn, Jr., from Maine; Elihu B., from Illinois; Cadwallader C., from Wisconsin, and Washburn D., from Minnesota.

A tornado of frightful violence swept over the state of Monroe, Ark., and occupied only three minutes in its work of destruction. So terrific was its power that nothing was left undamaged in its path. Eight persons were killed outright, and many hundred seriously wounded. Many hundred head of live stock were killed, and not a house or barn left standing.

The large and extensive farm of S. P. McKinney was totally ruined. Loss, \$30,000. There were over fifty buildings, including the saw-mill and gin, all of which were destroyed. The family of Mr. Gil, consisting, all told, of five persons, were all dangerously injured. Samual Quattlebaum's family was also dangerously injured. It is estimated that over 100 families were rendered homeless and without the necessities of life.

The people of North Georgia enjoyed the rare phenomenon of a snow-storm on the 15th of May.

The Tennessee Senate has passed the bill to fund the State debt at 60 cents and from 3 to 6 per cent. interest.

The Conference of the Methodist Church South, at Nashville, elected the following bishops: Dr. C. Granberry, a professor in Vanderbilt University, but a delegate from the Virginia Conference; Dr. Atticus G. Haygood, of Georgia; the Rev. R. K. Hargrove, of Tennessee; Dr. Linus Parker, of New Orleans, and Rev. Alpheus W. Williams, of Baltimore.

The State Auditor of Arkansas, who is now serving his third term, is found to be a defaulter in the amount of about \$35,000.

The Court House, at Franklin, Ky., was destroyed by an incendiary fire, with nearly all the records of Simpson county.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office, McFarland, has issued a circular letter inviting all holders of certificates of deposit to forward the same to the General Land Office that their genuineness may be attested. This is done because of the number of fraudulent certificates now on the market.

The Senate select Committee on Woman Suffrage, by a vote of 3 to 2, agreed to recommend for adoption Senator Lapham's joint resolution proposing the following amendment to the constitution: "Article XVI. Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." Sec. 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Mr. Tresscot's mission of mediation between Penn and Ohio has resulted in failure. His proposal to Penn, for the session of the province of Tarapaca to Chile as war indemnity was submitted on the 23rd of April to the Peruvian authorities at a small inferior town, and was rejected, Penn claiming that Tarapaca is not Parliament is determined to be, no matter what happens, that there are no good traits or better feelings in Ireland and means to push oppression and coercion to extremes.

deal of comment here, and they are looked upon as the instruments for the Government, to lay the least. That number of Government officials should have been scouring the country everywhere for Dorsev, and then come into court and say he couldn't be found, and that he should then immediately present himself and demand trial, turns the Government methods into ridicule. It is remarked here that every step in the case thus far has been a comparative failure, and many fear the result will be very unsatisfactory."

The House Committee on Judiciary has almost unanimously resolved to report adversely on that section of Cobb's bill fortifying the land grant of the Northern Pacific, as but 600 miles remain to be completed, and the enterprise was hampered by the collapse of Jay Cooke.

J. R. Shepherd was before the Persian Investigating Committee at Washington, on the 17th inst., but positively declined to furnish documents showing what he did to enforce the claim of the company. Shepherd addressed to Chairman Williams a letter protesting against the liberty accorded to Mr. Davis in the investigation. He states that he is prepared to supply all the evidence called for, including a letter from the President of the United States, and waits to know if he is to be held.

"How does the Secretary of the Navy stand on the question of sending further expeditions to the 'polo polo'?" a Washington correspondent asked of an official in the Navy Department the other day. "He is dead against it," was the reply, "and to his honor be it said, he would do his best to adopt Mark Twain's idea of sending out an expedition to find 'hell' there is but one man in Congress who favors any more North-pole horrors, and he is not as strong that way as he was several days ago, especially since all the newspapers have declared it to be a crazy scheme."

The fact that President Arthur attended the racing meets in Washington last week caused some persons to look back at the records. From this it is learned that President Arthur is the first President since Buchanan to attend horse-races. Gen. Grant, long fond of horse, did not attend races during his Presidency.

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The police of Dublin have issued descriptions of four of the men engaged in the murder of Cavendish and Burke, one of whom has a hollow bridge on his nose. It is thought that at least twelve men were connected with the tragedy.

Fifty Turkish soldiers were drowned by the beaching of a transport in the Bosporus.

Gladstone introduced the Arrears bill in the House of Commons on the 15th inst. He explained that the bill was limited to tenancies up to £30, Griffith's valuation. The bill will be administered by the Land Commission, which will be assisted by the County Court Judge, before whom the tenant will be obliged to prove inability to pay the arrears. Either the landlord or the tenant may apply to the commission. The bill only deals with two years' arrears, and requires the tenant to pay within three months, or to be liable to November 1st. When that is paid the whole remaining arrears will be canceled. The Government will contribute the remaining rent from the residue of the Irish church surplus fund, the estimated amount of which is £1,500,000. There is no reason to believe that the claims on the Government's contribution will exceed £3,000,000. The remaining £500,000, therefore, would be made up from the consolidated fund.

Favorable reports were made in the Senate, on the 15th inst., upon bills for public buildings at Louisville, Cincinnati, Detroit, and Indianapolis. An act was introduced for a postoffice at La Crosse. A bill was introduced to establish the school of forestry at St. Paul. Bills were introduced to regulate the account of the account collector without authority from citizens of Tennessee, and to bring home from China the remains of a Chinese who died in the service of the United States. An amendment was offered to substitute for the House bill on bonded spirits, and Mr. Beck addressed the Senate in favor of the original measure. Mr. Beck's amendment was adopted, and with the investigation into the purpose of the distillers in raising \$600,000. The President sent to the Senate the following nominations: James A. Garfield, of Ohio; James G. Blaine, of Maine; and the Indian Affairs Commissioner, Mr. Williamson of Tennessee; Marshal for the Western district of Tennessee; William A. Gwin, of Mississippi; and George W. McCrary, of Mississippi.

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It is said that Blaine is supporting Senator Mitchell in his revolt against the standards of the party.

James G. Blaine has given to a New England Senator positive assurances that he will not be a candidate for a seat in the House of Representatives.

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