

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

AMERICAN ITEMS.

In a colliery three miles from Shamokin, Pa., some sulphur exploded from contact with a safety-lamp, killing four miners.

The week ending May 20 was the busiest ever known at Castle Garden, New York, 23,545 immigrants having landed. Previous to this the largest number of arrivals in one week was 20,178, during the second week of May, 1881.

Moses Taylor, the Wall street banker, died in New York in his 77th year. He has been President of the City Bank since 1855, and was connected with the first Atlantic cable, the Lake Erie railroad and coal companies, and the Georgia Central road. He leaves to a widow, two sons and three daughters a fortune estimated at \$50,000,000.

An explosion in the Kohinoor colliery, at Shenandoah, Pa., killed eleven men. The victims presented a most sickening sight. The bodies were beyond recognition. Several of them were brought to the surface, and while others lay and arms blown off, and their clothing burnt entirely off, their flesh hanging in shreds from their bodies.

Some joke climbed a pole of the Mutual Union telegraph, near Georgetown, Ct., tied a live rat around each of the thirteen wires, and ran the animal, jumping and twisting, while others lay and arms blown off, and their clothing burnt entirely off, their flesh hanging in shreds from their bodies.

The New York Senate passed a bill for the appointment by the next Governor of that State of a State Board of Railroad Commissioners.

L. B. Frye, the champion wheelman of the United States, was thrown from his bicycle, at Marlboro, Mass., and injured beyond recovery.

The jury in the case of Gen. Curtis, Special Treasury Agent at New York, rendered a verdict of guilty on the first and eighth counts, which charged the defendant with receiving while in the employ of the United States, money or other things of value for political purposes. A motion in arrest of judgment was made, and June 2 fixed for the argument.

United States Senator John R. McPherson, of New Jersey, has commenced suit against the New York Herald to recover \$100,000 damages for libel. The suit is based on the statement published by the Herald from its Philadelphia correspondent, charging the Senator with having been interested in Shipley's Peruvian scheme.

West.

Twenty-eight counties in the golden belt of Kansas report winter wheat in excellent condition, and farmers are confident of the greatest harvest for years. Corn has been injured somewhat by the cold weather.

In the Chicago live-stock market there has been a late a steady decline in prices. Live hogs last week were at \$3.40 to \$3.45 per hundred pounds. Mutton for August delivery reached \$20 per barrel on Chicago. Best grades of cattle were 8 cents per pound.

A train on the Denver and Rio Grande road was thrown from the track in Marshall pass, and rested on the edge of a canyon 1,000 feet deep.

Gov. Crittenden, of Missouri, is said to be negotiating for the surrender of Frank James, who is now in Jackson county, and who desires to make the best terms possible.

Cattle sold in Chicago last week at \$8.70 to 100 pounds, being the highest figure obtained for several years. The highest price was paid for Colorado steers fed in Iowa.

A Kansas City dispatch says that Mrs. Jesse James, widow of the late bandit, has signed a contract to furnish facts for a lecture on the life and adventures of her husband. She will accompany her lecturer, and with her two children, sit upon the stage while the lecture is being delivered. The funds so raised, it is stated, will be used to educate the children, one a boy named after his father and aged 7, and the other a girl aged 5.

The Grant smelting works, at Leadville, Col., the largest of the kind in the west, by fire and 250 men thrown out of employment. Loss estimated at \$400,000; insurance, \$350,000.

Fire at Tombstone, Arizona, destroyed a large number of buildings. The portion of the town destroyed comprises almost the entire business part of the place. The three principal hotels burned, and the office of the *Daily Nugget* was destroyed, and the *Daily Epitaph* office heavily damaged. The loss will probably reach \$500,000; insurance, \$250,000.

South.

Five thousand people witnessed the execution of Stephen G. Effler, a wife murderer, at Madison, N. C.

It is stated upon unquestionable authority that Frank James and several of his most devoted confederates are now in Texas, with headquarters at Dallas, and a point of rendezvous not many miles from that city. Eight members of the band are said to be located in North Texas for the special purpose of capturing Frank and his friends.

The monuments and headstones in the Jewish Cemetery at Columbia, S. C., were thrown down or demolished by unknown persons.

Encouraging crop reports come from Missouri, Arkansas and Texas.

In Tennessee the wheat yield will be 50 per cent. above the usual average, counting the increased acreage, and much of it has already been harvested in good condition. The outlook for corn, oats, cotton and crops in general in that State is better than for several years past at this season.

Two desperadoes were lynched by masked men at Bolton, Texas.

A vast section of territory bordering Helena, Ark., has again been overflooded by the Mississippi, and Commissioner Mangum solicited relief from the Government.

Senator Ben Hill's physicians say his health has been greatly improved by drinking the waters of Eureka Springs, Ark., where he has been located for several weeks. If he will not be permanently cured, his life will be prolonged.

Fortions of North and South Carolina enjoyed the rare phenomenon of a snow-storm on the 24th of May.

POLITICAL POINTS.

A friend who professes to know says Mr. Blaine will never go into the House again as a member, but that he will probably go abroad in July, to be absent about two months. The report that he would canvass Pennsylvania against the Camerons is emphatically denied.

Hon. Thomas M. Marshall has declined the Republican nomination for Congress-at-Large in Pennsylvania.

The Cabinet, at Washington, had a protracted session, May 23, devoted to the formation of the Tariff Commission, but no

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conclusion was reached. The fact was brought out in the discussion that ex-Secretary Kirkwood was not eligible to appointment owing to his election as Senator to the Congress which finally passed the bill.

Alexander H. Stephens will not accept an independent nomination for Governor of Georgia, but would run as the regular Democratic candidate.

The Independent Republican Convention met in Philadelphia and placed the following ticket in the field: For Governor, Senator John Stewart; Lieutenant Governor, Levi Bird; Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, George Junkin. A resolution was adopted calling upon the Legislature to submit to the popular vote the proposed amendment to the State constitution, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the State.

The Delaware Greenbackers have nominated John Jackson for Governor.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Grand Jury at Washington has returned new presentments against Brady, the Dorsey, and their associates, for conspiracy to defraud the United States on state-route contracts.

Senator Logan has arrived in Washington after his journey of several weeks at Hot Springs, Ark., and is said to be in excellent health.

The Postmaster General has sent a letter to the House of Representatives recommending that postage on second-class matter (newspapers and magazines) be abolished. He states that fourth-class matter (correspondence) is carried at a loss to the Government, and if the Government is to be taxed for the transportation of other class it should be for the second class.

Senator Logan is again in his seat. He proposes to fight against John Porter with all his capacity, and to push forward the cause of the Army bill in regard to compulsory retirement.

Robert R. Hitt, ex-Assistant Secretary of State, appeared before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and was examined touching matters connected with the Chilean revenue investigation. Witness arranged an interview between Count De Montefiore, the representative of the Credit Industriel, and Secretary Blaine, at which witness was present. The Count unfolded the plans of his company, which included the purchase of the United States, the Blaine said he could do nothing and promise nothing.

The Senate Finance Committee will probably report favorably the House Bank Charter bill with some slight amendments.

The sum of \$900,000 left by Mr. Lewis, of New York, to reduce the public debt, has been placed at the disposal of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Comptroller of the Currency Knox made an argument before the Senate Finance Committee on the House bill renewing the charters of national banks. He favored the main provisions of the bill, but suggested some amendments.

The reports from South American show that the Peruvian Government is still declining to the hope that the United States will come to the front to prevent Chile swallowing that republic.

Secretary Lincoln has information that Payne and twenty-nine other colonists while attempting to invade the Indian Territory were captured by troops sent from Fort Reno, and taken back to Kansas. The authorities have not decided what disposition to make of them.

A warm debate arose in Parliament concerning the evidence of the Lord Chamberlain's estate in Ireland. Two hundred and fifty families were turned out; and the question was whether they should be allowed to build huts for shelter or go to the poor-house.

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