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NEWS OF THE WEEK

AMERICAN ITEMS.

Mr. Stewart, Secretary of the Brooklyn Board of Education, is nowhere to be found, and a detective to the amount of \$250.00.

The Sunday school was practically a dead letter in New York last Sabbath, the usual avocations on the Sabbath being piled with immunity.

Even alleged sacred concerts were given at many public resorts.

The New York Senate Committee on Grain Corners called before Henry Ward Beecher, who expressed his conviction that the gambling carried on by merchants is far less injurious to public morals than the effect produced by church fairs and religious lotteries.

As to stock speculation, he got a liberal education by buying Panama railroad at \$400 and selling at \$100.

The press-house of Laffin & Rand's powder manufactory at Mountain View, N. J., went up causing the death of three men.

James H. Keene, a speculator of twenty years' experience, testified before the New York Senate committee that he never knew a corner in any production to work injuriously to the public.

He thought the bucket-shop system should be crushed out by legislation, but legitimate speculation was of the greatest benefit to the people of the country.

A steel-rail maker states that Pennsylvania mills have sold Vanderbilt 40,000 tons at \$28.

A runaway couple from Onondaga county, N. Y., named Thomas Doyle and Katie A. Morgan, were found to have been suffocated by gas in their room in a hotel in Rochester.

Henry James, Jr., the philosopher and metaphysician, an associate of Greeley, Emerson and Thoreau on this side of the Atlantic, and of Carlyle, Mill and Tennyson on the other, died in London.

Earthquakes are generally supposed to be luxuries within the reach only of dwellers in tropical climates, but the people of Concord, Dover and other towns in New Hampshire were the other evening treated to a genuine shock, which lasted some eight or ten seconds and was accompanied by a rumbling noise.

Lewis Thompson, a mulatto, 81 years of age, the first man ever committed to Sing Sing prison, has been sent back for six months for stealing a door in New York.

Over forty years of his life have been passed behind grated windows.

The City Bank of Rochester, N. Y., has closed its doors.

Its President, Charles E. Upton, got on the wrong side of the oil market and sunk \$500,000 of the bank's money in trying to get even.

Several small savings institutions in Rochester deposited with the City Bank, and many poor people will suffer by its failure.

West.

Lieut. Col. George W. Schofield, of the regular army, a brother of Gen. John M. Schofield, committed suicide at Fort Apache, Kansas, reports an increased acreage in winter wheat, with the crop in fine condition.

Judge Clinton Briggs, of Omaha, was killed by falling, as is supposed, from the platform of an eastward-bound express train, near Arton, Iowa.

Sparks from a locomotive at Kansas City started a conflagration which swallowed up the Missouri Pacific freight house, the State Line elevator and nine freight-cars, causing a loss of \$85,000.

Hon. Godlove S. Orth died at Lafayette, Ind., of blood poisoning superinduced by cancer. He is the sixth member of the present Congress who has passed away.

Mr. Orth was born in New York.

For the year ended June 30 the railroads in Wisconsin earned \$18,765,428, an increase of \$3,300,000 over 1891.

During the above-named period 109 persons were killed by accidents, and 371 were injured.

The farm-house of John Clark, in Linn county, Kan., was burned last week. Two small children perished in the flames. Clark had removed two children and while he was searching for a third the other two wandered back in the house and all were consumed.

South.

The cotton report for December shows a large percentage of increase in some States of the cotton belt, and approximately the crop at 7,700,000 bales of 50 pounds each.

Southern matrimonial associations to the number of 240 have been placed on the black list of the Postoffice Department.

Flames broke out in a restaurant at Newport, Ark., and spread until sixty business buildings were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

James Lyons, an octogenarian of Richmond, Va., who was a member of the Confederate Congress, died the other day.

At Hazel Dell, Texas, two brothers named Parley, charged with stealing cotton, were swung up to the limb of a tree.

The medical students and their assistants recently caught while robbing graves near Richmond, Va., were sentenced to six months' imprisonment each.

It is believed that the cotton crop will be fully 7,000,000 bales, and labor is so scarce along the Mississippi that much of the staple will be wasted.

A Mrs. Pigeon (supposed to be Mrs. L. Pigeon), who was married in England, entered suit for divorce at Richmond, Va.

In a hall-storm near Huntsville, Ala., Dean's mill-house was blown down, killing Albert Driven and four negro women who were seeking shelter. Three or four others were slightly wounded.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

A bill for \$3,100 for the funeral expenses of Ben Hill was presented to the

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"A Firm Adherence to Correct Principles."

DREADFUL ACCIDENT.

Explosion of Three Boilers in an Agricultural Manufactory at Canton, Ill.

The Building Demolished and Nine Workmen Killed.

Nine men were killed at Canton, Ill., by the explosion of a boiler in the agricultural implement works of Paris & Orendorf. The building was nearly torn to pieces and then set on fire. We glean the following particulars of the shocking accident from dispatches telegraphed from Canton to the Chicago papers:

At about 7:40 o'clock a deafening sound was heard, and buildings throughout the city shaken from the foundations up, causing the people to flee in all directions to learn the cause of the unusual occurrence. In a very short time afterward the fire-bell sounded an alarm, and a dense volume of smoke and steam was observed over the extensive agricultural-implement works of the Paris & Orendorf Company, located on Elm street, in the east part of the city. It was at once inferred that the shops were on fire, and that the explosion had occurred.

Three large boilers, which supplied the manufactory with motive and heating power, had exploded, scattering steel and destruction in all directions. The explosion occurred on the side of the north wing of the building, which is three stories high. The force of the explosion tore the boiler to pieces, and the fragments fell directly upon the wreck of the engine and boiler. The boiler was in the ruins, and with the assistance of some of the men who were on duty, a mournful task of removing the dead and wounded as rapidly as they could be got at. The boiler was removed, and three more were taken out before life was entirely extinct. Two of the latter died.

Samuel McCarty, engineer, crushed out of shape; found lying on the engine, with his oil