

## NEWS CONDENSED.

EASTER.

While she was kneeling in prayer, a spark fell upon and ignited the dress of Mrs. Ann Roland, of Bridgeport, Conn., and she was so badly burned that she died the following morning.

The white lead works at Washington, Pa., were burned, causing a loss of \$90,000.

Charles D. Erby, the leprosy patient in the Salem (Mass.) almshouse, who contracted the disease in the Sandwich Islands, died the other day.

Eighteen thousand people of Boston attended a "testimony" to their distinguished townsmen, Mr. John L. Sullivan, the pugilist.

Petroleum advanced on the Pittsburgh exchange, last week, to \$1.10, the highest figure of the year.

The remains of the late Charles Soother, Sr., of Indianapolis, were cremated in Lemoyne's furnace at Washington, Pa.

The remains of John Howard Payne arrived at New York the other day, and were hence transported to Washington, where they were placed in custody of the Oak Hill Cemetery authorities until June 9, the ninety-first anniversary of the poet's birth, when the final funeral ceremonies will occur.

In a game of poker at a Philadelphia club, Thomas A. Scott, Jr., held four queens and Mr. John Tucker a straight flush. Betting ran high between the parties until the pot reached \$86,000. Of course it was captured by the man with the royal flush, much to the disgust of the holder of the four queens.

WESTERN.

A woolen mill at Mexico, Mo., was swept away by fire. Loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$30,000.

The burning of the Miami distillery at Hamilton, Ohio, entailed a loss of \$100,000.

William Keys, a farmer of Greenfield, Ohio, accused Stanton and John Taylor, sons of a neighbor, of stealing from him. A fight ensued, when Keys shot Stanton Taylor through the heart and mortally wounded John Taylor.

The cut of logs in Northern and Central Wisconsin for the season just closing will, according to careful estimates, be about 25 per cent. below the average, amounting in the aggregate to something like 1,500,000,000 feet.

Two men named Coomes and Smith, residing eleven miles northeast of Helena, Montana, who were suspected of arson, were hanged by a mob.

The Exchange Bank of Denver, Col., has closed its doors.

A child of 5 years, who was bitten by a dog at Sioux City, Iowa, died five days afterward of hydrocephalus.

The Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central Railroad Company has ceased to exist, being succeeded by the Chicago, St. Louis and Pittsburgh Railroad Company.

Reports from the pioners of the Upper Mississippi say that the crop of logs secured this season will be about the same as last.

The most notable transaction in fast horse-flesh that has taken place during the last two years was consummated in Chicago last week, it being the purchase by Messrs. H. C. Jewett & Co., of Buffalo, N. Y., of the trotting stallion, Jerome Eddy, record 21:61. The sum paid was \$25,000, cash in hand, and, with the exception of Smuggler and Piedmont, it is the largest sum ever paid for a trotting stallion.

A feud between cattlemen culminated in a fight near Fort Huchesca, on the Mexican border of Arizona, in which six men were killed.

Near Charlestow, Arizona, a party of twenty Apaches who had killed several of the party and wounded three.

A wagon that was used by old John Brown in the transportation of runaway negroes and in carrying arms for the raid on Harper's Ferry has passed into the possession of the editor of an Iowa City paper.

SOUTHERN.

A fire at Jacksonville, Tex., burned property of the estimated value of \$100,000.

Benjamin Bates, grand-nephew of Edward Bates, Attorney General under President Lincoln, committed suicide at Richmond, Va.

An inter-State military prize drill will take place at New Orleans next May, and all regularly-organized military companies are invited to participate.

The Nashville publication house of the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church South is so deeply embarrassed that a sinking fund must be provided to pay its debts.

Off Baltimore two oyster-boats came in collision, one sinking. Four persons were drowned, and of two men who had lashed themselves to the rigging one was frozen to death.

A dispatch from Little Rock, Ark., reports that near Booneville, Logan county, Sheriff Grady and posse attacked, four men supposed to be the Little Rock and Fort Smith train-robbers. A running fight followed, and one of the fugitives was fatally wounded. Capt. Ellington, of the Sheriff's posse, was wounded.

The scoundrels who captured a train on the Little Rock and Fort Smith railroad and killed the conductor have been jailed and have confessed their crime. According to their story the murder of the conductor was all a mistake, the thieves having agreed not to kill anybody unless it became necessary in order to effect their escape. But one of their number "became excited" and the conductor fell a victim.

The burning of the Fontaine cotton warehouse at Columbus, Ga., entailed a loss of \$100,000.

Richard Crowley, a Texan lunatic, escaped from the San Antonio Asylum, went to his mother's house and brained her with an ax.

WASHINGTON.

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John J. Flinn, of Chicago, United States Consul at Chemnitz, Saxony, is to be dispensed, after a brief tenure of office, by Mr. J. L. Parish, a citizen of Chicago, a member of the Illinois Legislature.

Washington telegram: "The President has decided upon his vacation trip. He has improved so much within the last few days that he has concluded not to leave Washington until after he has had an opportunity to extend suitable courtesies to the D. A. and Minister. Roman says, will be here next week. The President will give D. A. dinner, after which he will proceed to Fortress Monroe and stay a day or two, when he will go to Florida by rail, and spend two weeks in fishing at the head of the Indian river. He will endeavor to make his trip as quiet as possible, and will decline all public demonstrations."

The internal revenue receipts from July 1, 1882, to March 21, 1883, are \$2,300,000 in excess of the receipts for the corresponding period of the preceding year.

The Treasurer of the United States has referred to the Attorney General the question whether under the new Tax and Tariff law banks are required to pay taxes between the periods of Jan. 1 and March 3, 1883, according to the old law. The Treasurer, who is charged with collecting a part of this tax, is of the opinion that the banks are liable.

POLITICAL.

Mr. Flower, who represented the Eleventh district of New York in the last Congress, has covered into the treasury of the United States \$463,80, being the proportion of his salary as Representative that he thinks is not entitled to by reason of absence from his seat in the House.

The Tennessee Legislature has passed a bill pensioning all Confederate soldiers who lost an eye or eye during the late war. One to all Federal soldiers not pensioned by the United States Government.

The Governor of Tennessee has signed the bill to pay the State debt at 60 cents on the dollar and 3 per cent. interest. It is thought this will be a permanent settlement of a question which has agitated the minds of the people of that State for the last eight or ten years.

A bill was passed by the Tennessee Legislature abolishing public executions in Tennessee.

A law has been enacted by the New York State Legislature requiring that all telegraph and telephone lines in the cities of New York and Brooklyn be laid underground.

Ex-Senator Sprague, recently nominated for Governor by the Rhode Island Independents, is endorsed by the Democrats.

The bill in the Michigan Legislature making it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine or imprisonment, for Judges, State officers or Legislators to accept free railroad passes was defeated.

A bill passed both branches of the Missouri Legislature, making homicide committed in the perpetration or attempt to perpetrate arson, rape, robbery, burglary or mayhem murder in the first degree.

The nomination of Noah A. Plympton for Insurance Commissioner of Massachusetts was rejected by the executive council, by a strict party vote—7 to 1. Immediately after this action had been taken, Gov. Butler again nominated Mr. Plympton for the same office.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Four Americans have been arrested at Panama on suspicion of being connected with the robbery of a \$50,000 keg of gold coins from the vaults of the Panama Railroad Company.

Losses by fire: At Lafayette, Ind., Litzenberger's flouring-mill, loss \$50,000; a paper mill, loss \$50,000, insured; at Boston, Mass., several stores, causing a loss of \$75,000, insured; at Huttar Station, Ky., a drug store and several other establishments, loss \$90,000; at Sherman, Mich., half a dozen stores, loss \$50,000, insurance \$20,000; at Dudley, Ill., a grain warehouse, loss \$50,000, insurance \$20,000; at Philadelphia, Pa., Mine & Sons cotton mills, loss \$50,000, insured; at Mineral Ridge, Ohio, a general store and dwelling house, loss \$30,000, insured.

The only coin of the United States that strictly conforms to the law is the \$20 gold piece. Other coins either lack some thing prescribed or bear some device unauthorized by law.

The treasurer of the Irish Land League of America has cabled \$2,000 for the relief of sufferers by famine in Ireland.

The first contract for the establishment of a mail route in Alaska has been awarded to a representative of the New York Presbyterian Missionary Society. The service will be monthly, the distance being 105 miles, by canoe.

FOREIGN.

Emigration to America is depopulating several of the districts of Switzerland. One village has been left without an inhabitant.

The London Daily News advises the Liberal party to prepare for the retirement of Mr. Gladstone from the leadership, as event which, in the nature of things, it says, cannot be far distant.

LATER NEWS ITEMS.

In the Seminole Nation, I. T., a dispute arose between Indian and three white men who were playing cards, the Indian killing two of them, while a spectator was accidentally but fatally shot. Friends of the dead men pursued the Indian and killed him with bullets.

The persons killed by the Apaches at Clark's coal camp, Arizona number four.

The same band are now in the Whetstone mountains and on the way murdered a Frenchman and four Mexicans.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending March 23 numbered 196, being a decrease of thirty-seven from the week ending March 16. The record is seventy-eight more than in the corresponding week of 1882, and an excess of sixty-three over the same period in 1881.

The differences between the steel manufacturers and the Amalgamated Association have been settled by the workmen consenting to a reduction of 32 per cent.

A call for a convention to be held in Philadelphia April 25 has been issued by the Central Council of the Irish-American Land League.

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THE POSTAL NOTES.

What Provision Has Been Made for Sending Small Sums of Money Through the Mail?

Washington, D. C.

The law authorizing the Postmaster General to issue postage stamps shall be put into operation by the Postmaster General within six months after the date of its approval by the President. The act was signed on March 3, and the postal notes issued, therefore, will be ready for use by July 1, 1883.

The department officials are not ready to state precisely the time at which they can be issued, but there seems to be no good reason why they should not be available by the opening of the new fiscal year, July 1, 1883. The new law requires little additional machinery. Some of the postal notes will be used for the new blanks, etc., that are necessary, which, however, are to be furnished by the Public Printer and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

At the right hand are two columns giving the months of the year, and the dates of twelve years beginning with the present. One, representing dollars, is numbered up to 4; the second, representing cents, up to 1 cent up to \$4.90. No written application will be necessary.

It will be payable to the bearer at any time within three months from the last day of the month of issuance.

The body of the note is a blank for the use of the Postmaster, the date, the name of the month and year, the number of dimes and number of cents in the respective columns, thus preventing the use of forged notes.

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