

NEWS CONDENSED.

EASTERN.

The Kiernan act, which virtually repeals the usury laws, went into effect in New York several months ago, and is found to work to the disadvantage of legitimate traders, who are unable to compete with brokers in the money market. Many recent failures are attributed to the operation of the new law, and the effect, it is claimed, will be to drive mercantile firms out of the State.

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FOREIGN.

Louis Vuillot, the celebrated French author and journalist, is dead.

Hugh Gladstone, a merchant, cousin of the Premier, committed suicide at Liverpool by strychnine.

Conrad, who murdered his wife and four children, was beheaded at Berlin. He protested his innocence.

Twenty-four persons were arrested in one day at Cork and Limerick.

In consequence of Booth's success in Vienna in the play of "King Lear," his opposition in that city has been renewed.

Bismarck has asked the opinions of the Prussian Ministry upon the proposed revival of the Council of State, one of the functions of which was to pass upon all measures before they could be taken up by the Reichstag.

European papers say the Austrian Emperor will soon visit the King of Italy at Rome, and negotiations are progressing for the latter to call upon the Emperor William at Berlin.

O'Connor Power, member of Parliament for Mayo, offered a resolution in the House of Commons for the expenditure of \$45,000 by the Government for the purpose of promoting what is styled "home colonization." It was opposed by the Government, and promptly rejected by the House.

The Emperor of Austria will soon have sufficient to contest the high-license drapery law passed by the Missouri Legislature, which will go into effect in July.

Mr. John C. New, looks upon Judge Gresham, the new Postmaster General, as a likely candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1884. Mr. New thinks Senator Harrison's Presidential aspirations were blighted by Judge Gresham's appointment to a Cabinet office.

Touching the recent Michigan election, a Detroit dispatch says: "The official can of the recent State election was made yesterday and to day. From returns nearly complete it is rendered certain that the Fusion nominees for Judges of the Supreme Court and Regents of the University are all elected. One Judge (Sherwood) is not likely to have over 1,000 majority. The other majorities range from 4,000 to 8,000."

Hon. William S. Holman, of Indiana, denounces a candidate for Speaker, and also announces himself favorable to Mr. Randall rather than Mr. Carlisle.

The Prohibitionists of Ohio are seeking to purchase the Associated Press franchise and the plan now in use in the publication of the Cincinnati *Journal*, for the purpose of giving the party a thorough-going organ.

The Irish National Land League has received \$5,000 from Australia. Redmond says the Phoenix Park tragedy and its development are hurting the cause in that country.

Bills have been introduced in the Pennsylvania Senate to prevent the manufacture and sale of infernal machines, and to prohibit stage representations of any drama in which divinity figures.

Lord Astley (Admiral Sir Beaumont Seymour), speaking at a banquet given by the Lord Mayor of London, paid a high compliment to Rear Admiral Nicholson and the men of the American navy who were with him in the bay of Alexandria during the bombardment of the Egyptian metropolis last July.

In testifying against Brady at Dublin, Carey, the informer, swore that he received the sacrament of the Eucharist regularly in the Catholic church, while plotting the murders, and that he had been promised pardon for himself and his brother if his testimony was given freely and was satisfactory to the authorities.

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BUSINESS FAILURES.

The "Famous" clothing house, Lawrence, Kas.; liabilities, \$20,000.

David Turk, clothing, Fort Worth and Jefferson, Tex.; liabilities, \$50,000; assets, 25,000.

A. K. & E. B. Yunt, bankers, Fort Collins, Col.

Tilliston, Knight & Co., buckle and button manufacturers, New York; liabilities, \$40,000.

George Bain, the largest miller in St. Louis, Mo.

Michael Hoffman, living near Hillsboro, Ill., set his home and barn on fire and then committed suicide.

A Cleveland bucket shop, managed by T. Griffin; liabilities, \$50,000.

F. D. Barnum, jeweler, Louisville, Ky.; liabilities, \$20,000.

Babcock & Watson, hat manufacturers, Middlebury, N. Y.

Tobin & Co., groceries, Montreal, Canada; liabilities, \$30,000.

Ives, Beecher & Co., South American importers, New York; liabilities, \$550,000; assets, \$350,000.

The Greenwood Rolling Mill Company, Tamaqua, Pa.

S. Farn, miller, Madison, Ind.; liabilities, \$52,000; assets, \$67,000.

W. L. Murphy, miller, Louisville, Ky.; liabilities, heavy.

A. H. & G. A. Blood, wholesale grocers, Columbus, Ohio; liabilities, \$27,000; assets, \$25,000.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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On the Missouri Pacific road, near Beaker, Texas, a construction train backing struck a horse at a crossing. The train jumped the track, and Conductor Everett and four train hands were killed.

At Amberson, Ala., a colored murderer was taken from prison and hanged by a negro mob.

A large number of arrests were made last week in Barren county, S. C., for election frauds, and nearly fifty persons charged with violation of the election laws have been held for trial at Charleston. The President has commissioned ex-Commissioner Butterworth as special counsel to prosecute the cases.

The elevator at Canton, Md., and a canal barge were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$10,000; insured for \$3,000.

Kissimee (Fla.) telegram: "The President has pre-empted the wilderness, had a pow-wow with the Indians, caught a thirteen-pound catfish and a nine-pound deer, and tanned his wild ham. He met Tom Tigertail, the son of the late Seminole chief. They had a very friendly time of it, and a few minutes the President sat down to a meal. The Indians, and holding the papoose into whose dirty little hands, at parting, he pressed a glistening quarter. Several squaws had accompanied Tigertail to the landing to salute the President. All the savages were gaudily attired."

WASHINGTON.

Judge Gresham, the newly-appointed Postmaster General, entered upon the duties of his office on the 10th instant.

Secretary Folger has almost entirely recovered his health.

The Postoffice Department has placed Charles H. Rowan, representing the Excelsior Manufacturing Company, at Beaver Dam, Wis., and N. W. Williams, representing the *Mystic Language*, published in Detroit, Mich., on the list of fraudulent concerns of the Postoffice Department.

Capt. Howgate, the fugitive ex-chief signal officer, is reported to have been seen on the streets of Washington.

Judge Lilley has entered suit against ex-Senator Dorsey for \$10,000 damages, alleged to have been sustained by him as a result of an assault made upon his by Dorsey at the house of the latter.

Commissioner MacFarland, of the General Land Office, says the Government has no remedy against the fraudulent combinations which have been formed for the purpose of acquiring pine and timber lands at nominal figures. The law provides that lands offered at public sale and not taken become immediately open to private entry, and such being the case even Con-

gress is powerless to undo any frauds that may have been committed.

In the star-route conspiracy trial at Washington, the defense concluded their direct testimony on the 12th inst., and the prosecution began the examination of witnesses in rebuttal. The end of the trial will probably be reached by the end of the year.

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POLITICAL.

A bill has been presented in the New York Legislature for submitting to the people the question of abolishing contract labor.

Col. Enos, who represents Wisconsin on the National Republican Committee, believes Milwaukee could secure the National Convention by putting forth united efforts.

A mob in the house of Gannon, at Boston, whose daughter recently fled to the Catholic Archdiocese and a priest for taking away her paper images. Fires were made in front of the residence, which was pulled down by stones and stones.

A collision occurred at Bound Brook, N. J., between a train of the Lehigh Valley railroad and one of the Philadelphia and Reading railroads. The rear car of the Philadelphia train was overturned and took fire, but all the passengers were extricated. A number of the passengers were seriously injured.

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