

NEWS CONDENSED

EASTERN.

The Kiernan act, which virtually repeats the story of the late, 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 the new law, and the effect, it is claimed, will be to drive mercantile firms out of the State.

Eleven great ice-houses, containing 6,000 tons of ice, the runs, singlets and gear, houses, etc., of the Knickerbocker Ice Company, at South Bay, N. Y., were destroyed by fire. Total loss \$170,000; insured for \$33,000.

The late Peter Cooper left an estate valued at \$2,000,000, with the exception of \$100,000 in special bequests to be divided between his son, ex-Mayor Edward Cooper, and his daughter, the wife of Representative Abram S. Hewitt, of New York.

A mob assailed the house of Gannon, at Boston, whose daughter recently sued the Catholic Archbishop and a priest for taking away her paper from the Apache outbreak of which twenty-seven are Americans. It is believed that many of the killed have not yet been reported. At Palm Beach two men were killed last Tuesday. Two women were hung up by the hands, ripped open, and from one a child was taken and found mangled and the mother was killed. The men were horribly mangled.

After a trial extending over three months, which has caused more excitement and ill-feeling than anything ever before known in Lafayette, Ind., Mrs. Helen M. Gougar has been awarded a verdict for \$8,000 damages from Capt. F. F. Maudslayi, Chief of Police of Lafayette, Ind. Mrs. Gougar is a prominent prohibition and woman-suffrage advocate, and publishes a temperance paper, which during the campaign of last fall took strong ground in favor of the election of State Senator W. D. Wagon, who is also a prohibitionist and woman-suffragist. Shortly after the election Maudslayi made the statement to Mayor McKinley that he and another person had seen Mrs. Gougar and Wallace enter the law-office of the latter at 5 o'clock one night and remain there until after midnight. The story became public and Mrs. Gougar brought suit for slander, asking \$10,000. During the trial 300 witnesses were examined and the testimony was of the most contradictory character.

Constable Mooney, a Chicago saloon-keeper, was fatally shot by a drunken saloon-keeper while in the act of reading a warrant for the latter's arrest on a charge of wife-beating.

Small-pox has been practically stamped out in Illinois.

One man was killed and another seriously, not fatally, wounded by a mob of riotous rolling-mill strikers at Springfield, Ill.

Section C of the Normal School at Normal, Ill., undertook a mock funeral, in which Section A was supposed to be interred, and a row resulted between both factions, resulting in cut skulls, disfigured noses and shaded eyes. The conflict was short, but fierce.

The Louisiana Supreme Court has refused to grant a writ of habeas corpus to a levy a tax of \$500,000 to pay interest on the consolidated bonds.

The telegraph brings from Florida this bit of gossip: "President Arthur, after putting off from Kissimmee City, went to the outlet of the lake, where he met Capt. Rose's agent and cast a fly in his net where a single trout was struck. The Engineer-Kramer, who was in charge of the boat, spied a six-foot alligator on shore 300 yards away, and the attention of Secretary Phillips being called to it, he brought his Whistler to single shot and struck the reptile in the head, putting out both eyes."

The upsetting of a lamp by a party of four negro tramps who were playing cards in a lively-stable at Westminster, Md., caused the destruction of \$150,000 worth of property.

On the Missouri Pacific road, near Berwick, Texas, a constructed train backing struck a horse at 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 Barnwell county, S. C., for election frauds, but nearly fifty persons charged with violation of the election laws have been held for trial at Charleston. The President has commissioned ex-Congressman Butterworth as special counsel to prosecute the cases.

The elevator at Canton, Md., and a canal barge were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000; insured for \$20,000.

Kissimmee (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 trout, and named his wife and child. He named Tiger-tail, the son of the late President. They had a very friendly time for a few minutes, the President sitting near Tiger-tail's squaw, and tending the papoose, until who a dirty little hands, at parting, he pressed a glistering gun upon the squaw, who was accompanied Tiger-tail to the landing to salute the President. All the savages were gaudily attired."

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

Secretary Folger has almost entirely recovered his health.

The Postoffice Department has placed Charles H. Rowan, representing the Executive Manufacturing Company, at Boston, Dan. W. and J. W. Wilford, representing the Mystic League, published in Detroit, Mich., on the list of fraudulent contributors of the Postoffice Department.

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

Judge Lilly has entered suit against ex-Senator Dorsey for \$100,000 damages, alleged to have been sustained by him as a result of an assault made upon him by Dorsey at the house of the latter.

Commissioner MacFarland, of the General Land Office, says that the Government has no reason to pay the taxes on the 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 Com-

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 13th 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.

Eleven persons were drowned by the sinking of a steamboat on the Chatahoochee river, at Fort Gadsden, Ga. A murderer, William M. Crockett, a murderer, was taken from jail at Wytheville, Va., by a mob, and hanged to a beam in a mill on the outskirts of the town, after which his body was riddled with bullets.

Stillwell H. Russell, the defaulting United States Marshal for the Western district of Texas, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary at Chester, Ill. He was an appointee of President Hayes.

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

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

The saloon-keepers of St. Louis are taking steps to contest the high-license dram-shop law passed by the Missouri Legislature, which will go into effect in July.

Mr. John C. New, looks upon Judge Graham, 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 canvass 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 Shreve 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, denies being a candidate for Speaker, and also announces himself favorable to Mr. Randall rather than Mr. Carlisle.

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

A proposed amendment to the State constitution prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors was defeated in the lower house of the Connecticut Legislature.

An error by an enrollment clerk has invalidated the Revenue bill passed at the last session of the Alabama Legislature.

The Georgia Democratic Convention nominated Henry D. McDonald for Governor by acclamation, after a special committee had reported in his favor.

BUSINESS FAILURES.
The "Famous" clothing house, Lawrence, Kas.; liabilities, \$200,000.
David Turk, clothing, Fort Worth and Jefferson, Tex.; liabilities, \$50,000; assets, \$25,000.

A. K. & E. B. Yunt, bankers, Fort Collins, Col.
F. D. Barnum, Jeweler, Louisville, Ky.; liabilities, \$20,000.

George Bain, the largest miller in St. Louis, Mo.
Michael Hoffman, living near Hillsboro, Ill., set his house and barn on fire and then committed suicide.

A Cleveland bucket shop, managed by T. Grifflin; liabilities, \$50,000.
F. D. Barnum, Jeweler, Louisville, Ky.; liabilities, \$20,000.

Babcock & Watrous, hat manufacturers, Middletown, N. Y.
Tobin & Co., groceries, Montreal, Canada; liabilities, \$30,000.

Ives, Beecher & Co., South American importers, New York; liabilities, \$556,000; assets, \$350,000.

The Greenwood Rolling Mill Company, Tamaqua, Pa.
S. Fearn, miller, Madison, Ind.; liabilities, \$25,000; 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.
The wife of Sergeant Mason writes to a Washington paper to say that J. G. Bigelow, the lawyer who has attached the "Betty-and-the-baby" fund for legal services, was never employed by her, and has rendered no aid to her husband, who is now serving on his sentence at Albany for his ill-considered shot at the assassin Gwynne.

The exchanges of twenty-six clearing-houses last week—\$1,000,150,940—exceeds the showing of the week ending April 2 for \$168,337, indicating an increased growth, but nearly thirty persons charged with violation of the election laws have been held for trial at Charleston. The President has commissioned ex-Congressman Butterworth as special counsel to prosecute the cases.

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possed. Litchfield, "the witness and actor in this section of Illinois, was improved greatly under the influence of warm rain, and with anything like favorable weather from this forward, a good yield is expected." Seeding is going forward actively in Minnesota and Dakota; the area sown in wheat will be much larger than before. The trial prospect in Tennessee and Georgia is said to have never looked better at present. The *Athens Daily Price Current* reports the condition of the growing crop in Kansas as mainly favorable.

FOREIGN.
Louis Veuillot, the celebrated French author and journalist, is dead.

High 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 about Cork and Limerick.

In consequence of Booth's success in Vienna in the play of "King Lear," his engagement in that city was terminated.

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. The Emperor 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 \$25,000,000 by the Government for the purpose of promoting wharves and docks as a means of relieving the distress caused by the Government and promptly rejected by the House.

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REMARKABLE STORY.
The following article is self-explanatory. The letter which precedes it is a true copy of the original, and was sent to us, with the details, by an officer now in the United States Navy.

UNITED STATES FLAGSHIP NOMAD.
NAVY HALL, BOSTON, MASS.,
May 1, 1884.

My Dear President: Your kind favor containing congratulations on my restoration to health is before me. When I parted three months ago I little did imagine that either would be brought near death's door by a disease which selects its victims from those who present an internal field of constitutional weakness for the disease to choose its prey, and I was in those days the personification of health—and can claim this as a favor, thank God! Why I can do so will be told to-morrow, when we meet at your dinner, as you only know that I have passed through a terrible and fearful journey from death being due to the wonderful discovery in medical science, made by a man who is today the first rank of his fellow-workers—unequaled by any in my own opinion. 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