

NEWS CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week.

EASTERN.

A huge bald eagle undertook to carry an 8-year-old boy from the farm of Joseph Davis, at Vanheim, New York, but was foiled by laborers.

At a meeting of the Presidents of the anthracite coal companies it was unanimously agreed that the total output of coal this year should not exceed 33,500,000 tons.

Ald. Jaehne, of New York, has been released from prison on bail.

The Supreme Court of New York has decided that the Cable Railway Company has no legal existence and can not have seventy miles of streets without adequate compensation.

A fire in Buffalo consumed twelve buildings, including the North Buffalo Flour Mills and the Gilbert Starch Works, causing a loss of \$500,000.

A jail delivery was effected by three desperadoes confined in the jail at Newcastle, Pa. They fled the locks from their cell doors and escaped through a hole, eight by sixteen inches, cut in a window. The prisoners had been furnished with revolvers by friends, who awaited them with carriages to hasten their escape.

WESTERN.

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SOUTHERN.

The Fitzgerald hose company of Lincoln, Neb., won the first prize in the firemen's contest at New Orleans.

Three negroes were lynched at Auburn, Ky., for assaulting the daughter of a prominent citizen of that place.

In a fight at Tascosa, Texas, caused by a dispute about cattle stealing, four men were shot dead and two others fatally wounded.

The boiler in a saw-mill at Calera, Ala., exploded, killing three men and badly wounding four others.

WASHINGTON.

Secretary Manning was seized with vertigo while ascending the steps in the Treasury Department. He fell and was taken home in a carriage.

The Secretary of the Interior has decided that the Atlantic and Pacific Road has no legal claim to 2,451,200 acres of land along its track between San Francisco and San Buenaventura, and its restoration to the public domain is ordered.

Secretary Manning is a very sick man, and will not be upon his feet again for

many weeks," says a Washington special of March 26. "His physicians tell reporters that his condition is in nowise critical, but in private they express the greatest concern for his ultimate recovery. It is said that the Secretary informed Colonel Lamont this morning that it would be weeks before he would be able to resume the duties of his office, and that he intimated an intention of tendering his resignation. The Colonel communicated this intention to the President, who immediately sent word to Mr. Manning that he could not spare him from the Cabinet. The President suggested to the Secretary to take a long vacation."

Ward Hunt, a retired Justice of the United States Supreme Court, died in Washington.

Senator Riddleberger of Virginia, was assaulted in the east corridor of the Senate Chamber by A. W. Jones, one of his constituents," says a Washington special. "Jones was heard to ask Senator Riddleberger for money. The Senator refused, and Jones attempted to strike him. The Senator warded off the blow, whereupon Jones put his hand on his pistol pocket. Senator Riddleberger grasped and firmly held Jones' hand until a couple of Senate employees came up and carried Jones off. Senator Riddleberger said that this was simply one of several attempts of certain people to make him do or say something which would warrant his expulsion from the Senate. 'But,' he said, 'I am on my guard, and will not be drawn into any such indiscretion.' The Senator feels very bitterly toward Senator Mahone."

Ex-Congressman Casey Young testified, March 25, in the telephone investigation at General Goode, on the 23d of March filed in the Federal Court at Columbus, a suit to test the validity of the Bell telephone patents, citing the defendants to enter appearance by May 1.

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POLITICAL.

Governor Stoneman has appointed George Hearst United States Senator from California, vice John F. Miller, deceased.

The Iowa Senate has passed a bill making drunkenness a misdemeanor, punishable with a severe penalty in an increasing ratio to the number of offenses.

The Postmaster General sent a statement to the Senate showing that the number of removals of fourth-class Postmasters during the first year of the present administration was 8,645. Of these there were 613 in Illinois, 499 in Indiana, 399 in Iowa, 205 in Wisconsin, 341 in Michigan, 124 in Minnesota, 98 in Nebraska, 125 in Dakota, and 253 in Kansas. There were 1,053 removals in New York State alone.

The Republicans of Rhode Island have nominated George Peabody Wetmore, of Newport, for Governor.

The House Elections Committee has decided to go into the merits of the contest in which Page, Democrat, contests the seat of Price, Republican, in the Second Rhode Island District.

The census of Alsace-Lorraine shows a population of 1,563,145—a decrease, notwithstanding the extensive German immigration during the past year.

The French Government has ordered that at the annual autumn maneuvers of the French army foreign officers shall not in future be permitted to follow the movements of the cavalry.

A Paris cablegram announces the death of the Comtesse de Chambord.

A revolt in the French prison at Chalons, following complaints by the convicts that their treatment was intolerable, was so desperate that the services of troops were required.

Jeanne Gounod, daughter of the composer, was married in Paris to Pierre St. Genies.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Frank Mulkowsky, the murderer of Mrs. Agnes Kledzic, exonerated his brutal crime on the gallows at Chicago. He protested his innocence to the last moment.

The Emperor of Japan has forwarded to New York \$500 in American coin as a contribution to the Grant monument fund.

The spring distribution of whitefish from Washington for the lakes has begun. Thirty million will be Lake Michigan's portion.

Pittsburgh parties have purchased fifty acres of land at Germantown on which to erect steel-works employing 250 men.

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