

NEWS CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week.

EASTERN.

Judge Peckham, of the New York Supreme Court, has decided that the repeal of the Broadway charter was constitutional, and that the mortgages are a lien on the property.

The will of John Q. A. Williams, on being probated in Boston, was found to contain a bequest of \$400,000 for Harvard College.

The Laird House and nine other buildings at Greensburg, Pa., were burned. The losses aggregate \$100,000.

James A. McMaster, the editor of the *Freeman's Journal*, New York is dead.

The socialistic leaders in New York cannot conceal their disgust over drafts for \$1,900 drawn by Dr. Aveling and wife for thirteen weeks' services to the cause.

Gen. W. W. Loring Pasha, who commanded a corps in the Egyptian army, died of pneumonia in New York, aged 69.

An Italian girl, named Latorre, fell across the track of the Third Avenue Elevated Road in New York, in front of an approaching train, and was instantly killed. The engine had to be raised with jackscrews to release her corpse. Meanwhile the road was blocked with trains for two miles.

Reports from the New England fisheries show that the past year was a very disastrous one. Twenty-six vessels were lost, valued at \$152,000, and 137 persons were drowned.

WESTERN.

W. T. Hornaday, of the National Museum at Washington, who has been collecting specimens in Montana, reports the visible supply of buffalo at sixty in the Yellowstone divide and one hundred in Texas.

The steamers R. S. Hayes and City of Natchez, with four barges, were burned to the water's edge at Cairo, Ill. The losses aggregate \$1,000,000.

Michael Davitt, the Irish patriot, and Miss Mamie Yore were married at Oakland, Cal.

A special Grand Jury at Columbus, Ohio, found a true bill against five citizens for altering tally-sheets at the election held fifteen months ago.

Milwaukee brewers deny that they have contributed \$3,000 for the defense of Arensdorf, the alleged murderer of the Rev. Mr. Haddock, at Sioux City.

The new Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, Mich., which cost \$100,000 and will accommodate 500 persons, has been dedicated.

Fred Wittrock told his mother that he perpetrated the express robbery to have her home from being sold on a mortgage. A Kansas City dispatch says: "Superintendent Damsel, of the Adams Express Company of St. Louis, arrived here this morning with Mrs. W. W. Haight. On the strength of a confession made by Haight he brought information which Robert Pinkerton acted upon by going to Leavenworth. There he recovered \$9,500 more, which was found buried in sealed cans. Oscar Cook has made a confession in which he says that Fotheringham, the express messenger who is now in jail charged with complicity in the robbery, knew all about the plan to rob his car and was a willing victim to the attack of the robber. It is said that he was promised \$10,000 of the amount stolen as his share of the booty, and that sum was a part of the money which Fred Wittrock sent to his mother for safe-keeping."

Robert A. Pinkerton placed Fred Wittrock in jail at St. Louis, and Detective Robertson lodged Weaver, the Chicago accomplice, in an adjoining cell. Wittrock confessed to the reporters that himself and Haight planned the robbery, and he insisted that Fotheringham had no knowledge of the scheme until he was disarmed in his car. Nearly \$50,000 has been recovered, most of it under Oscar Cook's house in Leavenworth.

On an order by Judge Gresham, Mr. Perkins, the contumacious witness in the Indianapolis election fraud cases, has been released on bail.

Omaha erected 1,600 new buildings last year, at a cost of \$5,024,000.

During the year just closed, the Chicago Postoffice received \$2,005,847 for stamps and postal cards.

The growth of Milwaukee during the year shows gratifying progress, while that of Kansas City has been phenomenal. The business of St. Louis, on the other hand, shows a considerable decrease, and the city can no longer lay claim to being a packing center.

The buildings erected last year in Chicago would make a straight line for ten miles, and their cost was \$21,000,000. One-fourth as much more was expended just outside the city limits on three sides, and a portion of the lake would have given place to stately structures but for an injunction by the courts. The real estate transfers for the year aggregated \$75,000,000.

SOUTHERN.

Since 1880 the iron and steel plants in Southern States have gained an annual capacity of 565,200 tons, with indications that at the next census the gain will reach 2,000,000 tons annually. The outlook for the iron industry in 1887 is more promising than in the past. Ten new blast furnaces are in progress of construction.

Hirsch Brothers' store, twelve miles below Vicksburg, Miss., was burglarized, and Milton Washington (colored), the occupant, murdered. Robert Beasley and Raymond Murphy, known to be enemies of the murdered man, were arrested for the crime. A

mob forcibly took them from the officers of justice and hanged them to a telegraph pole.

A steamboat used as a boarding-house at Jackson, Ala., was burned at midnight. Twenty-five persons lost their lives; ten perishing in the flames, and the others being drowned.

The Dolores Land and Cattle Company of Texas, chartered during the last year with a capital stock of \$2,000,000, has made an assignment. The liabilities are \$500,000, assets \$450,000.

The new Sunday law at New Orleans is said to have been observed last Sabbath at all but about four hundred places of business, although the District Court had enjoined the Mayor and police from interfering with certain specified bar-rooms and groceries. The gambling houses gave away no liquors. The open shops were generally in the French quarter.

WASHINGTON.

The General Land Office has received reports during the last week showing the removal, under peremptory orders from special agents, of fences from twenty inclosures, embracing over 270,000 acres of land, principally in the Denver Land District.

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued the 145th call for the redemption of bonds. The call is for \$10,000,000 of the 3 per cent. loan of 1882. The principal and accrued interest will be paid on Feb. 1, 1887, and interest will cease on that day.

The Dead Letter Office reports that out of sixty-four letters addressed to Pittsburgh, Ohio, all but nine were found to belong to parties in the Pennsylvania city. Another common error is that of addressing letters to Chicago, New York.

President and Mrs. Cleveland, assisted by members of the Cabinet and their wives, gave an official reception in the Blue Parlor of the Executive Mansion on New Year's. The President showed but slight traces of his recent illness.

The residence of the Chilean minister at Washington was robbed of \$7,000 worth of jewelry and considerable money by a discharged servant named Silva, who was arrested while boarding a train for New York.

Representative Springer, after a careful study of the Pacific Railroad question, has decided to offer an amendment to the Outhwaite refunding bill requiring the companies to discharge their debt to the government in twenty-six years, by annual installments of \$3,877,410.

It is now thought probable that Mrs. Logan will consent to the burial of the deceased General on the site in the Lake Park which has been tendered, free of all restriction, by the Chicago Council. The Washington subscription for the benefit of Mrs. Logan amounted Saturday to about \$40,000, and the same day Mrs. Logan received \$6,500 as the result of the first day's subscription in Chicago.

POLITICAL.

The Federal Court, at Indianapolis, refused to quash the indictments for bribery found against the Republican Sheriff and Auditor-elect of Orange County, Indiana. It also declined to release Perkins, the recalcitrant Democratic witness, whose case will now be brought before Judge Gresham on appeal.

The New York *Sun* reports that a Republican conference was held last week at Philadelphia to make arrangements to boom Senator Don Cameron for Presidential nomination.

The contest for Gen. Logan's seat in the Senate is exciting no small degree of interest in Illinois, particularly in Republican circles. There is quite a list of Richmonds in the field. Ex-Congressman Charles B. Farwell, of Chicago, has a strong following. Clark E. Carr, Gen. Henderson, Congressman Cannon, and Congressman Payson have each their quota of supporters, while the name of Robert T. Lincoln has been strongly urged by not a few. Ex-Gov. John M. Hamilton would not refuse the plum if it fell to him, and there are any number of dark horses browsing around and praying for the lightning to strike them. Gov. Oglesby positively announces his noncandidatecy. Senator Culom's preferences are not yet known, but it is the opinion of the Illinoisans who visited Washington that, so far as possible, he desires to keep out of the fight, and link his fortunes with no one candidate.

THE INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK.

Two thousand brewery employees in Philadelphia struck against a reduction of 20 per cent. in their wages.

It is computed that there were 3,000 separate strikes in 1886, and that the loss to the country was about \$25,000,000.

The Brewers' Union of New York has seceded from District Assembly No. 49, of the Knights of Labor.

RAILROAD INTELLIGENCE.

The Illinois Central has purchased the Champaign and Havana Road.

A contractor is looking over the territory lying between Duluth and Port Arthur in the interest of American capitalists, who intend to build a railway for grain traffic.

The Atlantic and Danville Road, fifty-five miles in length, has been purchased by Senator Plumb, and will soon be extended to Danville, Va.

The Vanderbilts have declared dividends of 2 per cent. each on the Michigan Central and Lake Shore Roads, and 1½ per cent. on Canada Southern. Stephenson Burks was elected President of the Bee Line Road, and a surplus of \$105,000 over all charges was reported, but no dividend was declared.

The Pennsylvania Company has arranged to heat two hundred of its freight cars with oil stoves.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A mechanic who has just returned to Oswego, N. Y., from Panama, where he was at work for the canal company, says that employees are being buried daily by hundreds. Three trains are run out of Aspinwall each

day bearing bodies of dead employees, which are taken to a place called "Monkey Hill." These three trains bear three classes of corpses. The first is known as "Dumps"—those who have neither friends nor money. The second train contains those who die at work. The third contains those whose friends can pay for a decent burial. At the burying ground a long trench is dug, and the bodies are dumped in and covered with two or three feet of earth. The great objection to the food is the manner of cooking. Everything is cooked with onions. They are found in the soup and hash, and the beefsteak is smothered in them. Even the tea and coffee taste and smell of onions. The employees of the American Dredging Company all receive their pay in silver issued by the Chilean Government, and each dollar is worth about sixty-five cents.

Fred Wittrock, alias "Jim Cummings," was taken by the Pinkerton detectives from Chicago to Leavenworth, Kansas, where he made a full confession of his connection with the Adams Express robbery. A large amount of the money was recovered, it having been concealed in a box under a barn at Leavenworth. The detectives were taken to the spot and the box dug up. It was taken to that city by Cook and concealed by him and three other young men. Mrs. Haight, wife of the man who planned the robbery, was arrested at Nashville and taken to St. Louis.

A Washington dispatch says: "Captain G. E. Lemon this morning started a subscription fund for the benefit of Mrs. Logan with \$1,000, and sent invitations to hundreds of General Logan's friends and admirers throughout the country, asking them to contribute. The Western Union Telegraph Company tendered the free use of its wires for transmitting subscriptions. The responses are now coming in rapidly, and \$1,000 subscriptions have been received from Senator Sawyer, Hon. William Walter Phelps, John B. Drake of Chicago, Gov. Alger of Michigan, George M. Pullman, and others. The receipts in ten hours from the time the subscription was started amounted to \$15,000. All persons desiring to contribute should telegraph George E. Lemon, Citizens' National Bank, Washington, D. C., stating the amount of their subscription, and send checks or drafts at once to the order of J. A. J. Cresswell, President Citizens' National Bank, Washington, D. C."

The Executive Departments in Washington were closed on the occasion of General Logan's funeral. General Sheridan was Marshal of the funeral procession, which was an imposing one. At Central Music Hall, Chicago, 2,500 ladies and gentlemen met to do honor to the memory of the soldier statesman. Preachers, soldiers, and politicians paid tribute to the dead hero. The Chicago Council has set apart a space, about 320 feet square, at the south end of the lake front, in that city, as a burial place for General and Mrs. Logan.

Thomas Stevens, the bicyclist who has for the last three years been on a tour around the globe, has reached the end of his journey, and will be in San Francisco within a few days, where he will be banqueted by the local bicycle clubs.

FOREIGN.

Isabella Begg, the niece of Robert Burns, has just died in Scotland.

A workman's congress in Brussels decided to form a fund to drill and equip men. A proposal to affiliate with the American Knights of Labor was disapproved.

The Chancellorship of the British Exchequer has been accepted by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Lord Randolph Churchill.

Just outside the harbor of St. John, N. B., the steamer Sir John was burned to the water's edge. One man was drowned while attempting to swim ashore, and five others were fatally burned. The financial loss is about \$70,000.

Baron Theodore von Oppelsier, the Austrian astronomer, is dead.

There is a growing belief in Vienna that Russia is determined on war. Reports of increased Russian armaments are continually coming to hand from various sources. The latest intelligence of this kind is to the effect that 300,000 Russian troops have been ordered to mass at Kieff, and the occupants of 10,000 houses have received official notification that soldiers will soon be billeted in them.

Mr. Gladstone celebrated his 77th birthday Dec. 29. He attended early service at the Hawarden church, and received presents and congratulations from all parts of the world.

Lord Colin Campbell has applied for a new trial of the divorce suit brought by his wife against him, and, if he fails, will take the matter before the House of Lords for final adjudication.

A fire at Lisbon, Portugal, which destroyed a large block of buildings, caused the death of five persons.

John Dillon has deposited in a Dublin court £1,000 required as bail, and Messrs. Kenney and Biggar signed a bond for twice that amount.

A Paris correspondent affirms that he has reliable information that Germany and Russia signed a direct alliance a fortnight ago.

Emperor William on New Year's celebrated the eightieth anniversary of his entrance into the Prussian army.

The report of the Scotch crofters' commission shows the existence of a system of rack rents in the Highlands as deplorable as any known in Ireland, and recommends a reduction in rents of from 15 to 50 per cent.

The scheme for mobilization of the troops of Great Britain is perfected, and by April 1 the Government will be able to get 63,000 troops on shipboard at twenty-four hours' notice.

Overtures for a reunion of the Liberal party have been made to Mr. Gladstone by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain. The former makes the approval of his Irish government bill, upon which the last Liberal ministry were defeated, a condition precedent to such reunion.

By the burning of an inclosure at the People's Park, in Madras, 275 natives lost their lives.

LATER NEWS ITEMS.

A Washington dispatch says Mrs. Logan expressed to an intimate friend of her late husband her opposition to the burial of the remains in the space set apart on the lake front, Chicago, and her willingness to accept a location along the South Parks or boulevards. It is indignantly denied that there is dissatisfaction on the part of Gen. Logan's family with the medical treatment he received in his last illness. The fund for the relief of Mrs. Logan had reached upward of \$50,000 on the 5th inst.

A San Antonio dispatch furnishes meager particulars of a horrible collision on the Southern Pacific Railroad, 200 miles west of that point. Nine Mexicans were burned to death among the wreckage. The men were riding on an open flat-car when the collision occurred. This car was driven under a heavily laden box-car, on the top of which several others had piled, when the entire wreck took fire, literally roasting alive the Mexicans, who were pinned down on the top of the flat-car. None of the bodies were recognizable when recovered.

At the opening of the opera season in Boston last week, head-dress among the ladies proved to be the exception. The reform is due to the press.

The decrease in the public debt during December was \$9,358,222. The interest-bearing bonds now amount to \$1,130,494,402. The treasury stock of gold has been steadily gaining since July last, and is now \$170,912,413. The government's holdings of silver have rapidly fallen off for some months, the aggregate being \$75,998,944. Following is the official debt statement for December:

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT.	
Bonds at 4 per cent.	250,000,000
Bonds at 4 1/2 per cent.	737,781,350
Bonds at 3 per cent.	63,809,000
Refunding certificates at 4 per cent.	190,100
Navy pension fund at 3 per cent.	14,000,000
Pacific railroad bonds at 6 per cent.	64,623,312
Principal	\$1,130,494,402
Interest	11,893,720
Total	\$1,142,388,122
DEBT ON WHICH INTEREST HAS CEASED SINCE JANUARY.	
Principal	\$8,874,855
Interest	211,336
Total	\$9,086,191
NO INTEREST.	
Old demand and legal-tender notes	\$346,798,341
Certificates of deposit	6,510,000
Gold certificates	97,215,605
Silver certificates	117,245,670
Fractional currency (less \$8,355,934 estimated as lost or destroyed)	6,953,702
Principal	\$574,664,318
Total	\$1,717,052,635
Interest	12,560,037
Total	\$1,729,612,672
Less cash items available for reduction of the debt.	
Less reserve held for redemption of United States notes	100,000,000
Total	\$341,962,564
Total debt, less available cash items	\$1,387,650,108
Net cash in the Treasury	42,196,632
Debt, less cash in Treasury.	
Jan. 1, 1887	\$1,341,984,496
Debt, less cash in Treasury, Dec. 1, 1887	1,351,842,698
Decrease of debt during the month.	
CASH IN THE TREASURY.	\$9,358,222
Available for reduction of debt:	
Gold held for reduction of debt actually outstanding	\$97,215,605
Silver held for silver certificates actually outstanding	117,245,670
United States notes held for certificates of deposit actually outstanding	6,510,000
Cash held for matured debt and interest unpaid	20,924,912
Fractional currency	5,376
Total available for reduction of the debt	\$241,902,563
Reserve fund held for redemption of United States notes, acts Jan. 14, 1875, and July 12, 1882	100,000,000
Unavailable for reduction of the debt	
Fractional silver coin	\$25,660,985
Minor coin	131,422
Total	\$25,792,357
Certificates held as cash	33,024,235
Net cash balance on hand	42,196,632
Total cash in the Treasury as shown by Treasurer's general account	\$444,915,783

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK.	
BEEVES	\$4.00 @ 5.75
HOGS	4.25 @ 5.00
WHEAT—No. 1 White	.90 @ .90 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	.86 @ .86 1/2
CORN—No. 2	.37 @ .41
OATS—White	.27 @ .27 1/2
PORK—Mess.	12.00 @ 12.50
CHICAGO.	
BEEVES—Choice to Prime Steers	5.00 @ 5.50
Good Shipping	4.75 @ 4.50
Common	3.00 @ 3.50
HOGS—Shipping Grades	4.25 @ 4.75
Flour—Extra Spring	4.25 @ 4.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	.77 @ .77 1/2
CORN—No. 2	.36 @ .37
OATS—No. 2	.26 @ .27
BUTTER—Choice Creamery	.27 1/2 @ .28 1/2
Fine Dairy	.18 @ .22
CHEESE—Full Cream, Cheddar	.12 1/2 @ .12 3/4
Full Cream, new	.12 3/4 @ .13 1/4
EGGS—Fresh	.23 @ .25
POTATOES—Choice, per bu.	.45 @ .48
PORK—Mess.	11.50 @ 12.00
MILWAUKEE.	
WHEAT—Cash	.77 @ .78
CORN—No. 2	.36 @ .37
OATS—No. 2	.26 @ .26 1/2
RYE—No. 1	.54 @ .56
PORK—Mess.	11.50 @ 12.00
TOLEDO.	
WHEAT—No. 2	.80 @ .80 1/2
CORN—Cash	.37 @ .38
OATS—No. 2	.23 @ .23 1/2
DETROIT.	
BEEF CATTLE	4.50 @ 5.25
HOGS	3.50 @ 4.75
SHEEP	4.25 @ 5.00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	.82 @ .82 1/2
CORN—No. 2	.37 @ .38
OATS—No. 2 White	.31 @ .32
ST. LOUIS.	
WHEAT—No. 2	.90 @ .91
CORN—Mixed	.35 @ .35 1/2
OATS—Mixed	.28 @ .28 1/2
PORK—New Mess.	11.75 @ 12.25
CINCINNATI.	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	.81 @ .81 1/2
CORN—No. 2	.38 @ .38 1/2
OATS—No. 2	.30 @ .30 1/2
PORK—Mess.	11.75 @ 12.25
LIVE HOGS	4.00 @ 4.50
BUFFALO.	
WHEAT—No. 1 Hard	.90 @ .91
CORN—No. 3 Yellow	.44 @ .44 1/2
CATTLE	4.25 @ 5.00
INDIANAPOLIS.	
BEEF CATTLE	3.00 @ 5.00
HOGS	3.75 @ 4.50
SHEEP	4.25 @ 5.00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	.77 @ .77 1/2
CORN—No. 2	.35 @ .36
OATS—No. 2	.29 @ .30
EAST LIBERTY.	
CATTLE—Best	4.75 @ 5.25
Fair	4.00 @ 4.50
Common	3.35 @ 3.75
HOGS	4.25 @ 4.75
SHEEP	3.50 @ 5.00

Not Generally Known.

The Japanese Prince is handsome. But, girls, he is married. Same here. All of us handsome men are married.—*Wa King on Post*.

A Burlington girl, who is a great talker, says it is better to be engaged in conversation than not at all.—*Burlington Free Press*.

Some Americans are too proud to beg and too honest to steal, so they get trusted.—*Boston Post*.

A New-Yorker shot at his wife, but the bullet hit nothing but her store hair. It is very hard to get at the exact boundaries of a woman nowadays.—*Omaha World*.

The royal family always wears its trousers turned up at the bottom, because it is reigning in England.—*Life*.

No gentleman should smoke when walking with ladies, nor should a lady smoke when walking with a gentleman.—*New Haven News*.

Albert—Your inquiry reveals that you are a young married man. All women have cold feet, and it is believed by scientists that they enjoy having them.—*Philadelphia Call*.

Richard had no sooner declared that he was himself again than Richmond came along and knocked him out. It would have been money in Di's pocket if he had remained somebody else.—*Puck*.

A New York doctor says that men who have the headache are the most sympathetic. If there was ever a man with the headache who cared a copper how soon the whole world stubbed its toe and broke its nose he ought to be put on exhibition.—*Detroit Free Press*.

Arguing with a Bolter.

In the early days, when politics was rather rough, Bill Carr was famous as a manipulator. During the fight for Broderick for Senator there was one legislator who gave a great deal of trouble. He had been engaged to both sides, and even then refused to stay put, and Broderick had made up his mind that the traitor would go into caucus against him. His vote was a danger, and several consultations were had. At last Carr lost all patience and said: "You have wasted more time on that man than he's worth. Leave him to me, and I'll guarantee he won't vote in this caucus."

It was so agreed, and Carr laid his plans. He put half a dozen men on the roof of an unfinished house, from which depended a block and tackle, and gave them orders to haul away when he said hoist. Then he deoyed the frail one beneath the rope, and hastily throwing a noose round his waist yelled out: "Haul away." The boys pulled with a will, and in a few seconds the delegate was on the roof, and Carr walked off, after saying: "If he makes a noise pitch him off, and say he fell off."

The caucus came, and scouts were sent out in all directions for the missing one, who could not be found, and in his absence Broderick won the fight. The member was kept on the roof till midnight, and then given a chance to sneak out of town.—*San Francisco Post*.

How to Read.

A great deal more can be accomplished by systematic reading or study for fifteen or twenty minutes daily, than appears possible to one who has never tried it. It would suffice to keep up French or German, and to become conversant with the best authors. Or a little time given daily to the earnest study of science, and one might become a skillful botanist or geologist. Or if English literature be more attractive—as it undoubtedly is to the great majority—how soon would one become familiar with Milton or Shakespeare, Bacon or Macaulay, if a few sentences were read and considered daily.

Above all things it is important that one should read systematically, and not be guided by chance. Have always a good book, a standard work, that will repay careful study, at hand, and to that devote a part of the time that may be set apart for reading. Before opening the book recall as fully as possible what was read the day before, and on closing it see by reflection how many of the thoughts of the author you have made your own, and so cultivate memory.—*Boston Transcript*.

Equal to Mark Twain's Frog.

An old gentleman at Tewkesbury for many years rode a blind horse. Though sightless, the steed, which had probably been a good fencer once, had learned to jump whenever he received a hint that he was desired to do so. One day, after a run with the hounds, some hunting men were talking in the bar of the hotel about jumps, and the owner of the blind horse stoutly maintained that that animal would jump over a single obstacle which none of their hunters would leap. He was ready to back his words with money, and, as the result of the conversation, he made four bets of £5 each on the subject. Very soon the four sportsmen repented of risking their money so rashly. The owner of the blind horse put down a straw in the street, and this constituted the obstacle. He rode up to it, and the blind steed, responding to his call, "rose at the rasper," clearing it with a bound four feet in the air, and covering twelve feet of ground at least. None of the other four horses would rise at a straw, and the owner of the blind horse was £20 the richer.—*English paper*.

A WELL at Yakutsk, Siberia, was many years ago sunk 382 feet without penetrating the frozen ground, which a recent estimate, based on temperatures taken at various depths, shows must extend 612 feet below the surface.