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NEWS CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week.

EASTERN.

Because of the low stage of water and the scarcity of boats, work in the mines between McKeesport and Brownsville, Pa., is suspended. Six millions bushels of coal are ready for shipment. High railway rates have crippled the trade.

The continued heavy importations of iron and steel prompt a trade journal of Philadelphia to allege that there are undervaluations in the Custom House at New York.

Mrs. Sarah E. Howe, of Boston, who was once imprisoned for swindling women by a woman's bank scheme, and who re-established her bank on being released from prison, has fled with \$50,000 intrusted to her. A warrant has been issued for her arrest.

Thousands of dollars' worth of spurious Virginia bonds have been unloaded in Boston and New York.

The Mayors of Pittsburg and Allegheny refused to license an exhibition by the John L. Sullivan combination.

A big fire in the New York docks was caused by a large leakage of oil from the Standard Company's main pipe, the oil floating on the water being set on fire by sparks from a passing tug. The aggregate loss was about \$150,000.

The pews in Grace and Trinity Episcopal churches, on Broadway, N. Y., are to be made free as rapidly as private ownership ceases or purchases can be effected. The late Miss Wolfe left \$350,000 to Grace Church to aid in the abolition of rentals.

WESTERN.

The premature explosion of a blast at Buena Vista, Col., resulted in the killing of six men and the wounding of seven others.

Sixty meat-dealers at Akron, Ohio, recently refused to handle carcasses shipped thither from Chicago by Armour & Co. The firm opened three retail markets and speedily brought the boycott to a close.

The explosion of a barrel of varnish resulted in a fire which destroyed the building at Milwaukee occupied by the Charles Baumbach Company, wholesale druggists. The total loss is about \$170,000, with insurance of \$90,000.

The business portion of Ainsworth, Iowa, was swept away by fire, causing a loss of between \$50,000 and \$75,000. Twenty-seven buildings were destroyed, and many families rendered homeless.

A genuine Western cyclone visited the immediate vicinity of Wheeling, W. Va., last week. The storm commenced at St. Clairsville, Ohio, extended ten miles west, and as far east as Wheeling. Everything in its path was swept away, but strange to say the loss of life is reported as being small. The damage is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The jury in the case of John Arens-dorf, charged with the murder of the Rev. Mr. Haddock, of Sioux City, Iowa, failed to agree, and were discharged, after having been out twenty hours. On the first ballot the jury stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction, but after the third ballot one of the jurors joined the majority, leaving only one—Denis O'Connell—in favor of conviction. Judge Lewis was at first disposed to send the jury back, but changed his mind when Juror O'Connell addressed the court and announced that his mind in the matter could not be changed if the jury were locked up for weeks.

For the murder of Miss Ella Bowe in July last, E. F. Clum was last week executed at Cassville, Mo., in the presence of 10,000 people. Burglars at Coshocton, Ohio, administered a fatal dose of chloroform to Mrs. Amanda Murphy and her young daughter. The conductor of an emigrant train reported eight births to German mothers between Bollaire and Mount Vernon on his train.

The Governor of Colorado has issued a quarantine proclamation against the introduction of cattle from many of the Eastern States, including Illinois.

In one of the schools at Wabash, Ind., thirteen children are down with cerebro-spinal meningitis.

SOUTHERN.

The Rev. Dr. Alfred Lee, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Delaware, died at Wilmington, aged 81.

William A. Day, of Champaign, Ill., will probably succeed Mr. Maynard as Second Controller of the Treasury.

At Union City, Tenn., John Thomas, a young man negro, brutally assualt ed a little colored girl. He was arrested and arraigned in a Justice Court to answer the charge. The negro failed to secure a lawyer, but introduced several witnesses in the vain attempt to prove an alibi. The little victim gave her testimony, which brought tears to the eyes of the many spectators with whom the courtroom was densely crowded. At the close of the testimony, and before the court could render a verdict, a yell was heard and in an instant the officers were overpowered. The negro was seized, a rope was placed around his neck and over a beam in the courtroom, and a hundred hands drew him to a merited death. Not more than two minutes were consumed in the act. The body hung for one hour and was then cut down, and a Coroner's jury returning a verdict to the effect that "deceased came to his death by hanging at the hands of parties unknown." It was impossible to find witnesses to testify as to who they were.

The City Council of Laredo, Texas, has granted to a Mexican mining company ten acres of land and five years' exemption from taxation, conditioned upon the erection of a smelter to cost \$1,000,000.

John T. Fernandez and Henry Bernard, members of a New Orleans fencing club, had a friendly set-to with foils. The button of Bernard's weapon was broken off during the encounter, and a sudden thrust drove the point of the blade into Fernandez' brain, entering below the left eye. Fernandez died, and Bernard surrendered himself to the police.

WASHINGTON.

A contract for furnishing steel-gum forgings and armor plates to the amount of \$4,512,938, was awarded by Secretary Whitney to the Bethlehem Iron Company, of Pennsylvania.

The quarterly report of the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics shows that the consumption of distilled spirits, domestic and imported, in this country has increased from 43,000,000 gallons in 1840 to 72,00,000 in 1880; of wines from 4,800,000 gallons to 22,00,000; malt liquors from 23,000,000 gallons to 642,00,000. An elaborate statement prepared by Mr. F. N. Barrett by request of the chief of the bureau shows that the present average expenditure in this country per annum for malt and spirituous liquors and beer at retail is \$700,000,000. The drinking population is estimated to be (in 1880) 14,925,417, making the average expenditure per capita \$45.90. The wholesale cost of this liquor for which the retailer receives \$700,000,000 is not more than \$300,000,000. During the period from 1882 to 1886, inclusive, the consumption of coffee rose from 8.2 pounds per capita to 9.1 pounds, while the consumption of spirits and wine was decreased, and that of beer increased.

Senator Allison predicts the accumulation of \$93,000,000 additional surplus by Dec. 1, unless there be a special session of Congress.

Chief Justice David K. Carter, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, died in Washington last week, at the age of 74 years. He had been Chief Justice since 1863.

A Western firm of lawyers, of whom the Interstate Commerce Commissioners have never before heard, have asked permission to make use of the Commissioners' names as "references." A Pennsylvania man asks to be informed if that State can tax him for representing a New England manufacturing company "by sample only." He complains that the State is "trying to work so-called mercantile tax on any one who has no office for headquarters to receive letters and samples and write letters." A Californian complains that he can't send refrigerators to Los Angeles under the present condition of things and asks relief. These are samples of hundreds of letters upon irrelevant matters received by the commission every day.

A. R. Lawton, of Georgia, has been appointed Minister to Austria, and N. W. McConnell, of Tennessee, Chief Justice of Montana. General O. B. Wilcox has been placed on the retired list.

The Commissioner of Agriculture has issued a new set of rules governing the operations of the department in the suppression and extirpation of pleuro-pneumonia and other infectious diseases.

POLITICAL.

The Illinois House of Representatives has passed a bill prohibiting pool-selling in the State.

An Anti-Prohibition State Convention will be held at Dallas, Texas, May 4.

The Governor of New York has vetoed the Crosby high-license bill.

The entire Election Board of a precinct in Jersey City was arrested for tampering with the ballot-boxes.

The Michigan House defeated, by a vote of 52 to 33, the bill conferring suffrage at municipal elections upon women.

A joint resolution proposing a woman suffrage constitutional amendment passed the Pennsylvania Senate.

A Lansing (Mich.) special says that a Republican legislative caucus, attended by fifty Legislators, appointed a committee to draw up a bill establishing this liquor license fees: For cities with 10,000 inhabitants and over, \$700; under 10,000, \$500; incorporated villages, \$400; townships, \$30. No discrimination is proposed between wine and beer licenses, and no brewer or liquor dealer will be allowed to sign a bond. After some discussion, it was decided that drug stores wishing to sell liquor should pay the same tax as saloons. A proposition to have the new laws enforced by a State constabulary met with favor by a majority of the members present.

The Delaware Senate has passed a bill prohibiting absolutely the manufacture and sale of bogus butter.

The Wisconsin Legislature, which has just adjourned, made appropriations aggregating about \$918,000.

The Florida Senate has passed a bill prohibiting the granting of free passes to delegates attending a nominating convention.

THE INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK.

The contractors of Cincinnati conceded the demands of the striking carpenters and set 650 of them at work.

The Knights of Labor have formed a National District Assembly of Iron and Steel Workers at Pittsburgh. It is proposed to locate subdistricts at Chicago, New York, Cincinnati, and other points.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Largely attended meetings, called by Irish-American citizens to express sympathy for Ireland and protest against the coercion bill now before the British Parliament, were held in various cities of the United States on the 14th inst. In Washington City Congressman Springer presided over a gathering that filled Masonic Temple. Speeches were made by Congressmen Springer, Crain of Texas, and Suivey of Indiana, Gen. Boeckman, Gen. Broderick of Virginia, Gen. George A. Sheridan, ex-Senator Van Wyck, and others. Letters expressing sympathy with the object of the meeting were read from Senators John Sherman and Sabin and Congressman S. S. Cox. Strong resolutions were adopted.

Gov. McGill presided at a mass meeting in St. Paul. Speeches were made by Congressmen Wilson and McDonald, State's Attorney Gen. Platt and others. Sympathetic letters were read from Senator C. K. Davis and Congressman Knute Nelson, and resolutions were passed which strongly condemn coercion. There were similar meetings in New York, Baltimore and other cities, at which the usual resolutions were passed and ordered sent to Mr. Gladstone.

Many prominent manufacturers of Canada oppose reciprocity with the United States as inimical to their interests, and will resist any such scheme with all the means in their power.

Daniel Jewell, a wife-murderer, was executed in the jail-yard at St. Louis. Ben Brown, a negro, was hanged at Nashville.

The failures throughout the United States for the week were only 146. R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly review of trade, say:

Considering the embarrassment from uncertainty as to freight accounts of trade are surprisingly satisfactory; it is the almost universal testimony that retail trade is unusually large. No embarrassment appears in collections except where real estate or mining speculation looks up all available means, or in some localities where bad roads still block business, but in most cases improvement is reported. The manufacturing activity is clearly connected with the exceedingly plentiful supply of money, which is more abundant here some need was previously reported, while in many points, as at Memphis, money "was never so abundant before." Rates rise to ten per cent, or eight to ten, only as far as for Western points, or where speculation rages, but are usually moderate for the locality.

The third and last week of Miss Kate Claxton's Chicago engagement will be devoted to the production at McVicker's Theater of an adaptation of one of D'Enver's plays called "The Brain-Stealer." The play is said to deal with alcoholism in a very realistic manner. The cast is a strong one, including Miss Claxton, Miss Catherine Lewis, and Mr. Charles A. Stevenson.

Mr. Powderly has written and published a long article on the objects and intentions of the Knights of Labor, in the course of which he says:

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