

THE NEWS GRIST.

Important Happenings in Every Quarter of the Civilized Globe.

The Very Latest Intelligence Flashed Over the Telegraphic Wires.

THE VERY LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO BOODLERS.

The Robber Commissioners Take the Witness Stand—Mike McDonald's Big Brother Sentenced—Dr. St. John Arrested.

In the omnibus boodle trial at Chicago, on Monday, the examination of witnesses for the defense began. A number of persons testified to the good reputations heretofore borne by several of the defendants, their evidence going to show that people often enjoy good reputations who do not deserve them. Four of the defendant County Commissioners took the witness stand and stoutly denied that they had ever received money to influence their official action. Their statements are generally discredited. Judge Shepard overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of Edward McDonald, and formally sentenced him to three years in the penitentiary in accordance with the verdict of the jury. When asked by the court if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him, McDonald quietly replied: "I have nothing to say, your Honor." "Without further ceremony, then, I will formally sentence you," said the court. "You are an intelligent man, and it would be mockery for me to explain to you the full import of the verdict. Therefore, I command that you be taken hence to the county jail, and from there to State's prison, where you shall be imprisoned for the term of three years." McDonald heard the sentence without flinching, and looked intently at the Judge while he was speaking. Dr. St. John, a prominent Chicago physician, charged with aiding McGarigle to escape, was arrested and held to bail in \$20,000. McGarigle is in London, Canada, where he expects to be joined by his family. He boasts that he will be back in Chicago "a free man" within ninety days. Ex-Warden Charles L. Frey is still in jail, having been unable to secure bondsmen. His bail has been fixed at \$1,000 on each indictment, or \$16,000 in all.

THE PRESIDENT'S PLANS.

Probability that He Will Begin His Western Trip the Last Day of September.

An Associated Press telegram reports President Cleveland as saying that he—

Felt it to be an absolute necessity that he should be very careful to request those cities which proposed to send delegations to Washington conveying invitations to visit them on his Western trip to forego that formality and forward their communications by mail. He has a full appreciation of the cordial spirit which prompts such courtesy, and which is most gratifying, but it seems to him unnecessary that such journeys, for such a purpose, at this heated season of the year, should be undertaken. It is probable he will leave here the last day of September and go direct to St. Louis, and from there to Kansas City, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, Nashville, and Atlanta. The State delegations being fixed, it will not be practicable to deviate much from this programme. The journey will be made by the ordinary route of travel between the cities named, and the disposition of the President will be to see as much of the country and the people on his route as will be consistent with limited time and positive engagements.

The Criminal Record.

At Bridgeport, Conn., George Whelstein shot his wife fatally in a fit of jealousy and then committed suicide.

At Portsmouth, Ohio, the jury in the case of Alf McCoy, the saloon-keeper charged with the murder of Dr. Northup, prohibitionist, returned a verdict of murder in the second degree.

FLETCHER FRANKLIN, a member of the old Jesso James gang, while being pursued by a Sheriff's posse, near Craig, Mo., shot and killed Anthony Delong and Gideon Bostwick. Franklin, his brother Con, and Harrison Stone had escaped from officers, having been arrested for horse-stealing.

A CHRISTENING at the house of William Mullen, in Brooklyn, was broken up by the advent of a brace of desperadoes, who attacked the merrymakers with knives. A pitched battle followed, resulting in the killing of one man, the fatal stabbing of his sister, and the wounding of a number of others. The tragedy grew out of a feud of several months' standing between Mullen and his assailants.

At Jersey City, Joseph Schlimmer, aged 18, shot his wife Lillie, 16 years of age. It had been agreed that the couple should not live together for two years, but the murderer had endeavored to persuade the girl-wife to leave her parents' home. Failing in this, he met her in the street with her mother and grandmother, shot her dead, and fled.

Trouble Among Iron Workers.

More trouble is reported from the Pennsylvania iron region, which has already resulted in the closing of a number of mills, while the indications are that before many days there will be a still larger number.

Wirelets.

ANOTHER "trust" has been formed; this time by Western distillers. It is known as the American Distillers and Cattle-Feeders' Trust.

JOSEPH W. DREXEL, the famous New York banker, has presented to the Union soldiers, through Commander-in-Chief Fairchild, the cottage on Mount McGregor where General Grant died.

The overflow from the floods in the Savannah River has destroyed the cotton and corn crops in the Savannah valley. Railroad property has been much injured. Part of Augusta is submerged.

WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE EASTERN STATES.

A LOWELL (Mass.) dispatch says that Katy Hallinan, Delia Welch, Maggie Toomey, and Lucy Callahan went bathing in the Concord River, at North Belle. The water was unusually high and strong. The current carried them beyond their depth. Before assistance could be rendered the three first named were drowned, Lucy Callahan being alone saved. The girls' ages ranged from 12 to 14 years. Mary A. Kearney, aged 17 years, and her sister Catherine, aged 16, were drowned at Spring Valley, N. Y., while bathing.

A most appalling accident took place on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Bridgewater section, four miles below Reading, Pa. A team containing a pleasure party of five was run into by a passenger train making forty-five miles an hour, and four of the party were killed and one injured. The names of those killed are: Mrs. Hettie Fretz, aged 23; Miss Amanda Fretz, aged 35; Charles Fretz, aged 3 months; and Minerva Fretz, aged 18 months.

The losses by the floods in Eastern Pennsylvania aggregate \$100,000 in Philadelphia and over \$150,000 in and about Reading.

SHAW & CO., extensive lumber dealers at Towanda, Pa., have made an assignment, with preferences of \$100,000.

THE WESTERN STATES.

News comes by telegraph from New Mexico of a terrible accident on the Atlantic and Pacific Road. As a freight train was approaching Franconia Station, the engine plunged at full speed into an arroyo, the bridge over which had burned. The freight cars piled up on top of the engine, making a terrible wreck. A fireman named Sparks was instantly killed; J. T. Reilly, engineer, and George Gibson, brakeman, were fatally injured. Twenty-two cars, with their contents, and one of the finest engines on the road are a total wreck, involving a loss to the company of \$90,000.

A WRECK on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad near York, Ind., caused by a switch being opened, it is supposed by design, resulted in the loss of several lives.

FRED W. BIPPER, well known as the county meat contractor, is the most important witness yet produced in the omnibus boodle trial, says a Chicago dispatch of Wednesday. According to this witness he—

Repeatedly paid money for corrupt purposes to ex-Commissioners Ochs, Van Pelt, Leyden, Wasserman, Lynn, Hannigan, Niesen, Leach, Sommer, Clark, Rheinwald, Ender, Albright, and Patrick McCarthy. He began the business in 1880 and kept it up every year until last December. Of those now constituting the Board he bribed Klehm, Geils, F. A. MacDonald, McCarthy, and Allen Wren. He paid Leyden \$1,200 for himself and other Commissioners in December 1882, and for his services in voting the milk contracts to Kolze and Kee & Chapel, the meat contract to himself, and the bread contract to Heissler & Jung. The shameless rascal told how he bribed one of the sneakish Commissioners with \$200 to secure a \$1,200 per annum job for a petty office-seeker, and how he bribed another corrupt official with \$500 to retain Dr. Bluthardt as County Physician. The greater the official's virtues were, the more he was inclined to take. Van Pelt, in one of getting \$1,300 one year for his vote, urged that he should be offered \$2,000 by a rival contractor and then give it to him. Patrick McCarthy urged as a reason for getting double the bribe of his fellows during the second year of his service that he got nothing the first year. The whole story was sickening. Bipper seemed to take pleasure in the disgusting recital. The testimony of the grocery contractor, Elisha A. Robinson, was a fitting sequel to that of Bipper. The witness said he was "brought into" the bribery business by Morris Wasserman, brother of one of the indicted ex-Commissioners. He kept it up for three years.

ARMOUR & CO.'s beef-house at the Chicago Stock Yards was destroyed by fire, with a loss of \$300,000.

A CHICAGO telegram of Thursday last says:

Interesting and racy developments were made again yesterday in the boodlers' trial. A number of persons testified to selling goods to the county and paying commissions to members of the Board. Several of the witnesses admitted that they cheated the county on their bills in order to make up for the amounts given the gang. Henry C. Walker, a carriage manufacturer, swore that a bill presented the county in his name and his signature on the warrant issued in payment thereof were forgeries. It is the universal impression in Chicago that the entire batch of indicted officials will be convicted and sent to the penitentiary. McGarigle is now believed to have sailed from Chicago on the schooner E. Blake, which cleared yesterday from this port Saturday night, en route for Ontario. An interest in the schooner is owned by Dr. St. John, the friend of the fugitive, who had a long conversation with him at the jail Saturday afternoon. A yacht is in pursuit of the E. Blake, which has not touched at any port since leaving Chicago.

The boodlers' trial at Chicago reached a dramatic climax Friday afternoon when Mr. Klehm, the Chairman of the present Board of Commissioners of Cook County, who was also Chairman of last year's Board, arose and confessed his guilt. Mr. Klehm throws himself on the mercy of the court, preferring to take his chances on a plea of guilty and a sentence of punishment fixed by the Judge to a plea of not guilty and a jury verdict fixing the penalty. Says a Chicago dispatch: The testimony for the State was all in. "As far as we know now, the State rests," said Mr. Grinnell. "There may be some trifling points we don't think of now, and we would therefore reserve our right to put them before the defense opens." "All right, Mr. Grinnell," said the court. "We shall adjourn until 10 a. m. Monday." Whereupon the session of the trial occurred. "I desire to change my plea from not guilty to guilty, your Honor," said Mr. Klehm. "Are you aware what will be the effect of such a change?" inquired the Judge. "I am, and ask permission to change my plea to that of guilty." "It is my duty," said Judge Jamison, "to explain it to you. Your indictment is based on two sections of the Criminal Code: Sec. 49 of the general act of 1874, and also Sec. 1 of the act of 1877. Now, if you plead guilty and the State's Attorney should elect to find under Sec. 46 I may imprison you in the penitentiary not exceeding three years, or fine you not exceeding \$1,000. If under the other section, I may impose a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000, and in addition imprison you either in the penitentiary or County Jail for any period not exceeding two years. Now, having had the effect of such action explained to you, do you still desire to change your plea?" "I have fully considered the matter, your Honor," replied Mr. Klehm, "and trust to the clemency of the court." Mr. Furtman has examined Mr. Klehm's present bond," said the State's Attorney, "and we find it sufficient." "You may go, Mr. Klehm," said the Judge.

A RICHMOND (Ind.) special says that as

Joseph Rich, a farmer, aged 30, his wife, their 18-months-old babe, and his wife's mother, Mrs. Hannah Newcomb, aged 53, were returning home from town their carriage was struck by a Pan-Handle train. Mr. Rich, Mrs. Newcomb, and the babe were instantly killed, all three being horribly mangled. Mrs. Rich escaped with serious injuries, but will recover.

MEAGER reports have been received of disastrous tornado that passed over the town of David City, Neb. One man was killed and over half the buildings in the town demolished, including the Union Pacific and Burlington and Missouri depots, a large brick schoolhouse, a foundry, a brick hotel in course of construction, two elevators, several stores, and many dwellings. The damage is estimated at \$200,000.

SENATOR LELAND STANFORD owned up to the Pacific Railway Investigating Commission at San Francisco that his individual holdings in the Southern Pacific amounted to \$32,000,000. And yet the same Stanford has the infinite gall to demand that he and his associates shall not be compelled to pay their debts to the Government.

THE SOUTHERN STATES.

DR. E. D. STANDIFORD, of Louisville, Ky., died at his residence in that city. He was an active candidate to succeed Mr. Beck in the United States Senate, and was prominent in business and political circles.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

A Washington dispatch of Thursday says:

The Secretary of the Interior to-day, on application of settlers in O'Brien County, Iowa, that the United States title to 55,297 acres of land in that county claimed by the Sioux City and St. Paul & the Chicago and Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Companies directed the Commissioner of the General Land Office to make a formal demand on the Sioux City Company and the State for a re-conveyance of 17,600 acres in accordance with the act of Congress of March 3, 1877. In case of refusal the Secretary will request that suit be instituted. The Secretary has also decided to accept the reconveyance by the State of Iowa to the United States of 26,000 acres lying in Plymouth, Woodbury, and Sioux Counties, which are claimed by the Sioux City and Toledo Road and were withheld by the state because of the non-completion of the road to Sioux City, the same having been constructed only to Lemars.

SENATOR HARRIS, of Tennessee, having telegraphed that 100 citizens of Memphis were coming to Washington to invite the President to visit that city during his Western trip, Mr. Cleveland replied that the committee ought to be spared the long journey during the heated term when a written invitation by mail would be as effective. Similar answers will be sent to other Western cities in which arrangements are being made to send invitation-bearing committees to Washington.

KANSAS CITY's delegation which went to Washington to invite the President to visit that city during his contemplated Western trip, called on Mr. Cleveland at the White House Wednesday, and presented the invitation, which was accepted, although no date was fixed.

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT has closed a contract which will result in the establishment of a factory for the construction of the famous Hotchkiss guns in this country.

THE POLITICAL FIELD.

THE Ohio Republican Convention met at Toledo on Wednesday Daniel Ryan, of Seioto/County, was made temporary Chairman. In his speech upon taking the chair, and in that of the Chairman of the State Committee in calling the convention to order, John Sherman was heartily boomed for the Presidency. Two resolutions were offered in the convention—one giving Sherman an unqualified endorsement as a Presidential candidate, and the other merely "calling the attention" of the Republicans of the State to his "eminent services and splendid career" in connection with the national nominations of 1888. Both were referred to the Platform Committee.

ELIHU E. JACKSON was nominated for Governor by the Democrats of Maryland Wednesday. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the administration of President Cleveland.

GOV. FORAKER was nominated by acclamation for Governor of Ohio by the Republican State Convention at Toledo. The remainder of the ticket is as follows: Lieutenant Governor, Captain W. C. Lyon; Supreme Judge (long term), William T. Spear; Supreme Judge (short term), F. S. Dickman; Auditor, E. W. Poe; Treasurer, J. C. Brown; Attorney General, D. E. Watson; member of the Board of Public Works, C. A. Flickinger. The platform favors the protective tariff, demands duties on wool, advocates liberal pensions, and denounces the President's vetoes. It commands Governor Foraker's administration, and applauds his determination not to surrender the rebel flags. It demands a free ballot and a fair count, and asks for restrictive immigration laws that will keep out contract labor, paupers, anarchists, communists, and the vicious and criminal classes. Lastly, it endorses Senator Sherman, and presents his name to the people of the country as a candidate for the Presidency. The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

THE INDUSTRIAL REALM.

OPERATIONS have been pretty generally resumed in the Pennsylvania coke region, but the effects of the strike promise to be felt for a long time. There is talk of reorganizing the coke syndicate on a new basis. The Pinnerkton detectives are preparing to leave the coke region.

THE FOREIGN BUDGET.

THE report of Mgr. Persico to the Vatican on Irish affairs is said to be most laudatory of the Irish people.

ARTICLES of agreement for a prize-fight between Jake Kilrain, of America, and Jim Smith, the English champion, have been signed at London. The mill will take place within one hundred miles of Madrid, Spain, on January 3 next.

KING JOHN, of Abyssinia, has asked England to mediate between his country and Italy.

THE CROWN PRINCE FREDERICK William of Germany is progressing rapidly toward recovery.

TURKEY will reopen negotiations with England direct for the settlement of the Egyptian

question, and not consult the other Powers.

ADVICES from St. Petersburg reaffirm the reports of the endeavor on the part of Russia to negotiate a loan in Paris.

A CABLE dispatch announces the death of Signor Angustino Depretis, the Italian Premier, and the foremost statesman of his country. Signor Depretis was the leader of the Italian Liberals, a broad, enlightened, and progressive statesman, and the head and front of the anti-clerical movement. His death at this moment, when the Vatican is making such strenuous efforts to regain some of its lost power, is likely to be followed by important consequences.

The Shah of Persia will make a six months tour of the industrial centers of Europe.

THE CONTINENT AT LARGE.

THE barge Theodore Perry went to the bottom of Lake Erie in a storm, drowning five persons. The Captain and mate alone escaped.

CONGRESSMAN PATRICK A. COLLINS, of Boston, arrived at Belfast, Ireland, a few days ago, from Glasgow, Scotland, and the customs authorities caused a thorough search of his baggage to be made by detectives. No dynamite or other contraband substance was found, and the Boston statesman was permitted to follow the bent of his humor without further annoyance.

A SPECIAL telegram from Sarnia, Ontario, says:

McGargle, the Chicago boodler, who lay in the Chicago jail under a sentence of three years and leaked through a bath-tub from Sheriff Matson last Saturday night, July 23, was landed at Point Edward last Sunday morning about 8 o'clock from the schooner Edward Blake, on which he was suspected of being left Chicago. The schooner Marsh Blake was the last. The tug Oriole had been on the lookout here, and ran alongside the Blake, and had some conversation with the officers there. The Oriole, having Chicago detectives and reporters on board, steamed up to the Marsh, apparently to have the captain of the Marsh let the Blake's tow-line go while they were in American waters just opposite the Port Huron water-works, where the detectives could take McGargle. The Blake's line was let go, but at that instant a yawl was lowered from the Blake and McGargle and a sailor made for the Canada side, McGargle being landed at Point Edward. He is now in Sarnia, Ontario.

A SPECIAL dispatch from Chicago says:

Mr. McGargle probably regards his Canadian stay as a safe one, but Sheriff Matson has not given up the chase. Within a few hours after the news reached him that his man was in Canada a Deputy Sheriff was started in pursuit of the fugitive. Before the afternoon had passed a movement was set on foot by a committee of citizens interested in the prosecution of the fugitive, "to extradite" McGargle to McGargle's extra-jurisdiction. Governor Osgood will be asked for the necessary papers at once. The grounds on which the issue of such documents will be asked is that the Queen's subjects entered into a conspiracy to procure the escape of a convicted criminal. Several lawyers have been consulted on the question, and have expressed the opinion that sufficient grounds exist for the extradition of the ex-warden.

AN OTTAWA (Canada) special to the Chicago Times says:

A sensation has been caused here, on good authority evidently, that the actual murderer of D'Arcy McGee escaped the penalty of the law, while Whalen, an innocent man, was made the victim of circumstantial evidence which cost him his life on the gallows. It will be remembered that when James Whalen was executed here for the murder of Thomas D'Arcy McGee, grave doubts were entertained as to whether he was really guilty. The victim died in the gallows, and the execution of his innocence was a story. It was learned subsequently that a son of Mrs. Trotter, where McGee lived, and who died in the States, declared before death that Whalen was not the murderer. Young Trotter was at the time of the murder in the Commons of Canada, and they left the house about the same time. Trotter was on the ground shortly after the shot was fired. A lawyer and rapidly rising politician in the city, he was asked if he knew that Whalen was guilty. He said he did not, and that he was 11 years of age at the time of the killing. He had skipped out for the night to hear the debate in the House, and on his way home saw two men in front of Trotter's house, and one of them was a well-known criminal lawyer of Quebec, and the other, Whalen, had a pistol in his hand, but fumbled with it when McGee came to the door. His companion took the pistol and fired the shot which ended McGee's life, slowed it back to Whalen's hand, got into a rig close by, and drove rapidly away. Some startling developments are expected in connection with the matter in a few days.

THE WEEKLY SIGNAL-SERVICE bulletin says that the weather during the week