

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Items of Interest Gathered from Various Quarters.

In the Eleventh Michigan district Seymour's plurality is 402. The mayor of Cork has been released from prison.

There are twenty-seven Japanese students at the Michigan University. The funeral services of the late Mr. Corcoran in Washington were simple and impressive.

At Meridian, Miss., the Regsdale House and its contents were burned on Sunday night. Loss, \$50,000; insurance small. At Shreveport, La., yesterday eighteen of the twenty-five prisoners confined in the parish jail made their escape.

A fire in New York last night destroyed the Union Square Theatre and badly damaged the Morton House. Loss \$20,000. In the New York Court the complaint against Gould and Sage have been dismissed.

Judge Gildersleeve, of New York, has decided that Dr. Myer Moore must go to the Utica insane asylum. Disorders in the St. Petersburg University have been renewed. Students hanged Rector Vladisloff while he was delivering a lecture.

The wounded at Mount Vernon, Ill., the cyclone-stricken town, are being well taken care of. Of seventy-five wounded only two are expected to die. Two bakers in Philadelphia have been convicted of using chrome yellow in buns, and have been sent to the penitentiary for short terms.

The constitutional amendment, providing for an elective judiciary, which passed the Mississippi Senate, has been defeated in the House. Sunday night was the coldest of the winter at Lynchburg, Va. Yesterday morning at 6 o'clock the thermometer registered eight degrees above zero.

George H. Clark & Co., hat jobbers, of New York, the oldest and until recently the largest in the business have suspended. They recently claimed to be worth \$100,000. Governor Green, of New Jersey, has vetoed the local option high license bill which the Republicans had passed as a caucus measure.

Five shares of the New York Sun Publishing Company, par value \$1,000 each, were sold at the New York Real Estate Exchange for \$3,350 each. The astonishing statement is recorded that Justice Gray has drawn 1,000 French novels from the Congressional Library since his accession to the Supreme Bench.

It is reported in Paris that the Sleeping Car Company has been ordered to prepare a train to convey the German Crown Prince from San Remo to Berlin. The New York Senate committee investigating trusts devoted yesterday to the Standard Oil Company. John D. Rockefeller was the principal witness.

An avalanche in the valley of Morobia, Switzerland, has killed ten persons and many cattle and destroyed a large number of houses. A London dispatch states that stakes for the fight between Sullivan and Mitchell have been deposited. Mitchell won the toss and will select the battle-ground.

Steel was made at Birmingham, Ala., yesterday by the Henderson Steel Works, being the first steel ever made from Birmingham ore. This marks a new development of the South. At Vallejo, California, yesterday the ferry-boat Julia, plying between South Vallejo and Vallejo, about to start from South Vallejo, was blown up and thirty persons were killed.

At Carthage, Panola county, Texas, Thomas Forsyth, son of the sheriff, has confessed the murder of County Treasurer D. C. Hill, and has returned the \$6,000 stolen. Annie Jordan, an insane white girl, wandered away from home in Montgomery, Ala. Her body has been found and it is thought she was murdered by a negro named Jake McCoy.

A large audience greeted Sir Henry Grattan Edmond, member of the British Parliament, in Atlanta. He spoke forty minutes on the Irish question and made a good impression. The Wisconsin Supreme Court has declared inoperative the law enacted by the last Legislature, which permitted habitual drunkards to be confined in an asylum not to exceed two years.

Twenty-eight counties in Michigan have voted for prohibition under the local option law. The first county to go "wet" is Washtenaw, which voted yesterday by a majority of 1,850 against prohibition. Many a man has come to his senses after marriage, and realized that what he took for mutual love was merely community of sentiment as to the quality of the boarding-house table.

Mr. Pyne, M. P., who was arrested in London, has been convicted at Clonmel, of offences under the Crimes Act, and sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment without hard labor. He gave notice of appeal, and was admitted to bail. The sales of leaf tobacco in Danville, Va., for February, amounted to 4,100,000 pounds. The total for the five months was 14,800,000 pounds, or nearly 6,000,000 pounds more than for the same time last year.

ground floor, eight stories below. About sixty men were at work on the building. One was killed, a dozen more or less injured, two of whom may die. The hotel was damaged to the amount of \$50,000. On yesterday, about six miles from Abbeville, a negro about 21 years old, named Jas. Wharton, shot a small negro boy 12 years old, named Nathan McClinton. It has not been found out who the attending physician. The doctor considers the wound mortal. There was no apparent cause for the shooting. A warrant has been issued, and it is that Wharton will be arrested this evening.

Around Mount Vernon, Ill., the weather continues extremely cold. The homeless have suffered greatly during the past forty-eight hours. The finance committee has issued a card to the general public, stating that all subscriptions received will be devoted to the purchase of building material, household furniture and other articles necessary to provide the destitute and needy with shelter. To do this the committee has received a sufficient quantity of clothes and food to supply all demands.

While it has been a well-known fact that Western farmers are loaded down with mortgages, it was not until an investigation was initiated by the department of agriculture that the mortgages resting on the farms of ten Western States aggregate, it appears, \$3,422,000,000. Ohio leading the list with an aggregate of \$701,000,000. In Michigan one-half of the farms are mortgaged, the aggregate debt secured by mortgages being \$50,000,000. A striking fact of the situation is that the annual net earnings on the capital invested in farms in the United States is but 4 or 5 per cent, while the mortgages in question command 10 to 12 per cent. The insurance companies of Hartford, Conn., own \$70,000,000 of Western farm mortgages, and the loan companies of Boston hold them to the amount of \$76,000,000.

Where General Sheridan was Born. The Chicago Times thinks the following telegrams appear to explain themselves: COUNTY CAVAN, PARISH KILMURRAY, Ireland, February 17.—Phillip H. Sheridan was born in this county, near the town of Virginia. There is no doubt about this. Mr. Patrick R. Sheridan, his uncle, remembers the event well.

SOMERSET, O., February 17.—General Sheridan's mother, who lives here, says Phil was born in Somerset. She is sure she is not mistaken about this. HONOLULU, Sandwich Islands, February 17.—General Sheridan's aunt, Mrs. Crispy, who came here with Captain Cook, says the general was born in Wrisk, Wales. She was present at the time, and knows what she is talking about.

LONDON, England, February 17.—Allan Quartermain, a half-brother of General Sheridan, says he remembers well when Phil was born. He is very sure it was just before his first journey to King Solomon's mines. Mr. Quartermain is willing to make affidavit that General Sheridan was born in Kukuanaaland.

ATLANTA, Ga., February 17.—Joel Chandler Harris says he and Henry W. Grady are positive that General Phil Sheridan was born on the Piedmont fair grounds, near this city. Mr. Harris says he remembers it particularly by the circumstance that Mrs. Sheridan, the general's mother, was at the time visiting friends in New York State.

St. Paul, Minn., February 17.—Frank A. Carle, of the Pioneer Press, says General Sheridan was born in the ice palace in this city. Mr. Carle is sure he cannot be mistaken, because, as he says, when he called on the illustrious soldier soon after his birth, he noticed particularly that he did not wear his shoulder straps, and spoke to him about it.

WASHINGTON, February 17.—General Sheridan says he was born in Albany, New York. Mr. Corcoran's Will. WASHINGTON, D. C., February 29.—The will of the late W. W. Corcoran was offered for probate at noon to-day. The greater portion of the estate, which is valued at \$3,000,000, is bequeathed to his three grandchildren—George P. Louise M. and Wm. C. Eastis, to be held in trust for them for ten years. Several legacies of \$4,000 and \$5,000 are left to other relations, and similar amounts to various orphan asylums in the District.

The sum of \$100,000 is to the Corcoran Art Gallery, the will stating that \$1,500,000 had already been given to that institution. Fifty thousand dollars is left to the Louise Home, \$500,000 having already been devoted to it. Judges Drawing Straws. Shocking as it may seem, the judges of the supreme court of Florida not only gamble, but they some times put up the office of chief justice as a stake. In fact, the constitution of the State requires them to do it. This is what the Tallahassee says: "The idea of three learned and dignified supreme judges drawing straws to determine which shall exercise the functions of chief justice is so ridiculous, undignified, and absolutely foreign to every principle of intelligent and civilized government that we can hardly realize that the constitution of the fairest State in the Union contains a clause making such a spectacle necessary. The member who introduced this clause into our constitution ought to go off and bump his head against a post for a solid hour every morning during the remainder of his natural life."

Uncle Sam's Balance Sheet. The debt statement just issued shows the decrease of the public debt during the month of February to \$7,736,967.67; decrease of debt since June 30, 1887, \$76,974,023.30; cash in treasury, \$572,330,989.34; gold certificates outstanding, \$96,697,913; silver certificates outstanding, \$184,452,639; certificates of deposits outstanding, \$11,215,000; legal tenders outstanding, \$346,681,016; fractional currency, (not including amount estimated as lost or destroyed,) \$6,941,325.13; total interest-bearing debt, \$1,641,674,032; total debt of all classes, \$1,700,735,778.64. Total debt, less available cash items and less net cash in the treasury, \$1,329,454,714.83.

A Massacre in Texas. CHICAGO, March 1.—A dispatch from Houston, Texas, says: The full particulars of the massacre of negroes at Spanish Camp have not yet been obtained. The latest report is that seven were killed and one severely wounded. The cabin was approached while the inmates were asleep and kerosene oil poured around the bedding and then fired simultaneously. The murdering began as the half sleeping negroes rushed from the burning house. Five were killed as they rushed out and two were shot in the house and their bodies cremated. Only one escaped, and he was severely wounded.

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The more heated the discussion between friends the cooler their subsequent relations.

RIVERS AND HARBORS. Capt. W. H. Bixby Recommends Certain Sums that can be Profitably Expended During the Coming Year—Let the Claims Flow in. WASHINGTON, N. C., Feb. 15, 1888. Editor RECORD, Columbia, S. C. Sir: I have lately seen it stated in the papers that the North and South Carolina delegations were not ready to present their claims to the Liver and Harbor Committee because they had not as yet received copies of the reports of the engineer in charge of these works.

For fear that there may be some misunderstanding in the matter, I wish to say that my final reports on the surveys of Lockwood's Folly and Lumber rivers, N. C., Little Peede and Alligator rivers, Clark's and Mingo creeks, S. C., were forwarded to Washington by me on the 5th September, 1887; final reports on the surveys of Yadkin and Catawba rivers, N. C., were forwarded in January, 1888, and annual reports on all other rivers and harbors in my district in August, 1887.

As these final reports consist of about 370 pages of type-written Pool's-cap manuscript, it is impossible for me to furnish copies of them to anybody until they shall have been printed by order of Congress (which will probably not be until next October); but these reports are on file in the office of the Chief of Engineers in Washington, where they can always be seen and consulted by members of Congress and other interested persons.

In these reports I recommended certain amounts as those which could be profitably expended during the coming year. (See accompanying table.) In the case of many of the works already in progress, and in order to reduce the total river and harbor bill estimates to the figures demanded by recent Congresses, the Chief of Engineers has recommended amounts considerably less than the above. In the case of works not yet commenced, the Chief of Engineers has not yet (as far as I know) made any recommendations, leaving the decision in such cases entirely to Congress, or waiting until Congress shall have decided as to the commencement of such work. Very respectfully, your obedient servant, Wm. H. Bixby, Captain of Engineers.

Table with columns: NAME OF WORK, Total spent on present project up to 30th June, 1887, Necessary to Complete, Can be spent profitably during next year as recommended by Engin'r (Chief of ch'rgs Engin'rs)

Lockwood's Folly river, N. C. 40,000 40,000 Lumber river, N. C. 35,000 35,000 Little Peede river, N. C. 50,000 50,000 Yadkin river, N. C. Not recommended at present. Clark's creek, S. C. 7,500 7,500 Mingo creek, S. C. 17,000 17,000 Alligator river and other waters connecting Santee river and Bull's bay, S. C. 183,000 183,000 Catawba river, N. C. Not recommended at present.

SOME FACTS ABOUT ADVERTISING. The presence of the President of the United States in Charleston yesterday was not the first time in the history of this city that so distinguished an official has been here. Several Presidents of the United States have been here since the days of the colony, and besides, many men of note in the various departments of life; hence the community was not exceptionally stirred by President Cleveland's very brief consideration of our municipality. This city never forgets a service in the matter of good manners, and as was her duty, if not her pleasure, received the chief magistrate as became them as a sensible people. There was no noisy demonstration, although the streets were filled with curious people. The military and prominent citizens met him, and under a military and civic escort, he was ridden through the city, which was marked with bunting and legends of good will along the route of the drive. The reception was a very conservative evidence of the people's respect for the head of the nation.

Mr. Cleveland is a short, thick-set man of unwinning appearance when standing. His broad, open face and massive head evince firm character. His recognition of the courtesies shown him along the streets, and when from the platform of the car he interchanged adieus, was respectful, but not demonstrative. His wife charmed everybody, although not a wife of handsome lady. She is tall, with a somewhat shaded complexion, but a face which she constantly wreathed in the most irresistible smiles. Her habit was tasteful, and her manners elastic and democratic. She is evidently a lovely woman. Just as the cars were moving out of the depot, a gentleman presented her, as she stood on the platform, with a choice flower. She stooped before the President could reach it, and took it from the gallant giver's hand with a grace very bewitching. In a few minutes the Presidential party were on their way to Washington, to forget perhaps in the demands of high official and social life, the incidental trip to Charleston.—Sunday Dispatch.

New Trusts Springing Up. The New York Senate committee investigating trusts Saturday examined J. O. Preble, a trustee of the envelope trust, known as the Standard Envelope Company. He said that nine companies form a part of the concern. Each pays twenty cents to the Standard Company for every 1,000 envelopes sold. The market price per 1,000 is \$1.05. The company now controls in the neighborhood of one-half of the envelopes made in this country. They have made as many as one hundred and twenty and one hundred and forty millions a month, which increases the treasury account by about \$24,000 or \$26,000 per month. Franklin Woodruff, of the Empire Storage Company, showed that a storage trust has been established by which it was intended to control virtually the storage business in Brooklyn. There are nine companies in this combination. The committee in daily receipt of information of innumerable kinds of trusts, the latest of which appears to be in the glass and watch trade.

A Prosperous Mule Trade. An Atlanta letter to the Macon Telegraph says: The mule trade in Atlanta has been exceptionally large this year, and all the available mules have been sold at a very high price. Their proprietors say that the trade this year in Atlanta was almost double what it was last season. South Carolina has been a strong market and thousands of head of good mules have been shipped to that State. It is said that the good crops made in South Carolina last year had the effect of creating a demand for more mules and of the best that can be had. A day or two ago a carload of mules was shipped to Newberry, S. C., that weighed in this market \$80 per head, which is about the highest price paid for a carload of mules this season. The drovers and stockmen say that the farmers of Georgia and South Carolina have bought stock with such freedom as to indicate that they are in a prosperous condition.

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Ground hogs—Western land-grabbers.

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