

should be held for pre-emption under the homestead law.

ST. LOUIS.—Several days ago Dewitt C. Gray, a young merchant, was arrested, tried and acquitted; charged with stealing grain sacks. To-day he brought three suits against several merchants charging them with conspiracy to blacken his good name and credit. He claims \$40,000. Among the parties sued are Mayor Cole, Geo. Bain and Benjamin Von Phul.

COLUMBUS.—George Engle was murdered in a saloon at two this morning, by two companions with whom he had been spending the night in gambling.

BOSTON.—Commodore Stedman has assumed the command of the Navy Yard, in the place of Commander Rogers, who will take command of the East India squadron, as Admiral. The steam sloop *Alaska* has received her crew and goes to China. The iron clad *Terror* has taken her crew and goes to the West Indies. Several other vessels are fitting for sea. The *Niagara* is being converted into an iron clad.

WORCESTER, MASS., 15.—The Women's Suffrage Convention, to-day, resolved to instruct the Executive Committee of the New England Woman's Suffrage Association, prior to the next State election, to interrogate the candidates for office, whether, in case of election, they will use their influence in favor of the enfranchisement of women and to use all honorable measures to defeat those who fail to respond, or who return a negative or evasive reply. The session closed this evening.

BALTIMORE.—Phillips, the late postmaster at Cambridge, Md., has been sentenced to six months imprisonment and fined thirty-four thousand dollars for embezzlements.

CINCINNATI, 16.—The German physicians have dispatched a telegram to Governor Geary requesting him to suspend the sentence of death in the case of Mr. Schœppe and grant a new trial, as their belief is that he was convicted of murder upon insufficient evidence.

LOUISVILLE.—Edward Bryant jumped from the third story of the Willard Hotel this morning and was crushed to death. He was the author of a book giving accounts of two trips to California which he made in forty-nine and fifty.

Two houses of the Kentucky Legislature met in joint session at noon to-day, to elect a United States Senator. The first ballot stood, Stevenson 67; McCreery 59; Finley 10; Beck 1. The session then adjourned till the afternoon to give McCreery's friends time for consultation.

General Butler has a long reply to Greeley's article, calling on him to take prominent action in the removal of the disabilities of late rebels. Butler says the Southern leaders, who misled their communities and brought war with all its attendant evils upon the country, should be punished as examples to deter others in like cases. Had an example been made of some half a dozen leading traitors of the South, especially those who were educated in the military school of the United States and trusted with commands in our armies, and who resigned their trust to take command in the armies of the Rebellion, and those, who, being entrusted with places in Congress or in the Cabinet, used those places to harbor treason, foment insurrection and maintain the Rebellion to destroy the Government, ought to have been signally punished. If that punishment had been awarded, which every other government in like cases has meted out, at this day all matters in the rebel States, which now disturb the public peace, would have been settled, and quiet, commercial prosperity, agricultural industry, the emigrating of labor and capital revivification and every beneficent enterprise would have filled the Southern country, and every insurgent State would long ere this have been redeemed. All that remains now, is for statesmen to see that every safeguard be given to the loyal and true men of the South, both white and black, who stood by the country in the darkest hour of its history, and that protection of person and property and equal political rights be given to all. He adds—Any action I may make in Congress or elsewhere shall have this end, and not only the adoption but the enforcement of the Fifteenth Amendment, and will use all my efforts for the passage of laws to secure the latter, not for political purposes, but for the substantial benefit of the South.

NEW YORK.—The *Express* announces the failure of a number of merchants to-day, chiefly those in a small way. A number of failures in other cities are also announced.

CHICAGO, 16.—A Railroad Bond Con-

vention composed of delegates from counties having bonded indebtedness was held at Muscatine, Iowa, yesterday. Nearly seventy delegates were present. Hon. J. W. Grinnell was appointed President. He said he considered it an honor to preside over the so-called rebels of Iowa who assembled to show that they were not rebels but merely standing up for their rights. He counseled moderation and calmness reminding the convention it was treading on dangerous ground and could be regarded as an imprudent body. He was not a repudiator but would accept of nothing less, he rested his case with the court in his own State and did not propose to submit to wrong imposed by men in gowns in Washington, who had been making laws as well as transgressing them. Let us, said he, be sure we are right and then go ahead slowly but freely. After some discussion a resolution was adopted declaring the decision of the federal court involving the corporation railroad bonds of this State subversive of the authority of the State courts and dangerous to the rights of private citizens of this State and respectfully but earnestly protesting against the exercise of such authority by the federal courts, a pledge of sympathy to support the State courts in the maintenance of their rightful authority and calling a general assembly to apply to Congress and the other states to protect their citizens against similar encroachments on their rights and declaring the provisions of what are commonly known as the Daub amendments, reserving the right of the State to control certain railroads regarding freight and passenger charges; these are precious and valuable rights which ought to be preserved unimpaired; also declaring that the property of railroads ought to be taxed the same as other property, and urging a general assembly to provide By-laws for equal taxation. Recommending also that the cities and counties interested in the railroad bond question pay all the taxes except the bond tax and refuse to pay this until all legal and practical remedies are exhausted. Harmony and unity of action were recommended and each county urged to keep competent agents at Des Moines during the session of the legislature to furnish information to members and attend to the interests of the respective counties in the question of the total amount of bonded indebtedness in dispute, which amounts to about ten millions.

General Meagley delivered an eloquent address before the Society of the army of the Cumberland this afternoon. Short speeches were made by General Williams, Chaplain Moody and others, after which the Society adjourned to meet at Cleveland in September next.

TITUSVILLE, PA.—About four this afternoon a magazine containing half a ton of nitro glycerine owned by the Roberts Torpedo Co., exploded, causing much damage to buildings throughout the city and instantly killing P. H. Brophy the only man known to be near the magazine, which is about a mile from the city.

WASHINGTON.—The President has sent to the Senate the following nominations: J. Wilson Shaffer, of Illinois, for Governor of Utah, vice Durkee. Benjamin F. Potts, of Illinois, Governor of Montana, vice Ashley.

Dr. Oliver, an Englishman of prominence was shot and killed by George Ayers, of Farques, who charged him with seducing his daughter while visiting his house some months ago.

LOUISVILLE, 16.—The following is the result of the second ballot for U. S. Senator. Stevenson 117, Findley (Republican) 10; Spaulding 5; J. C. Breckenridge 1; necessary to choice sixty-seven. Stevenson has been declared Senator elect.

SAN FRANCISCO, 16.—Fires are still smoldering in the Gold Hill mines; several workmen were nearly asphyxiated yesterday.

Our Arizona advices say there had been heavy rains and snow in the Territory. Governor Safford has gone to Washington to obtain additional military force for the Territory.

LOWELL, N. Y.—Hiram C. Powers has been sentenced to be executed on the 4th of February, 1870.

NEW YORK.—It is stated that an attempt was made to destroy the Spanish gunboats to-night by a party of Cuban sympathizers, but timely information enabled the Spanish authorities to defeat the scheme.

A meeting of the working men of the city was held last evening for the purpose of considering the question of cheap labor. Resolutions were adopted strongly protesting against the importation of Chinese into the country by the American Immigrant Society, as an in-

jury to the working class, and calling upon Congress to take measures to prevent its progress.

Judge Greer's resignation was finally sent to the President last evening. Stanton is warmly supported for the vacancy by some, and bitterly opposed by others.

WASHINGTON.—Brooks, of New York, on Thursday, said "We," meaning the Democrats of New York, "never have been, never can be, nor never will be Repudiationists." The debate and action of the House on this subject are much talked about in the Departments, and among financial men: they regard the question as entirely removed from politicians, and regret is felt that the vote, though unanimous with one exception, was so small.

A movement has commenced for the formation of a new Medical Society, in the District of Columbia, in opposition to the society which excludes colored members.

CHICAGO.—The death of State Senator Russell, of Ohio, leaves the vote in the Senate a tie. Potts, nominated for Governor of Montana, in place of Ashley, is a member of the Senate, but he cannot be spared therefrom, and the nomination will probably not be acted on at present, unless it appears certain that a Republican will be elected in his District.

Cresswell has given orders that all franked matter from the Washington office for the next six months, shall be weighed and classified, so that the actual postage on it may be ascertained.

Specials from New York say that about a dozen engineers, engaged for the Spanish gunboats, have refused to go aboard, which is likely to cause further detention.

It is rumored that one of the Peruvian monitors, which left New Orleans some time since, is lying outside, ready to attack the gunboats, but this is not generally believed.

A Havana letter says a strong effort is being made there to revive the African slave trade.

Thirty indictments for election frauds have been found by the Grand Jury in Brooklyn.

The following additional failures are announced: Benton, Wills & Co., dealers in worsted goods; W. B. Sevezy, builder, Brooklyn; Ward & Wheeler, dealers in pickles and preserves, etc; Frederick Wittsie, coal merchant. The failure of two cattle dealers is also mentioned.

His agent has just closed a contract for ten thousand breech loading rifles for the Sultan of Turkey, to be delivered in six months.

The well-known thief, Edward Casey, was detected stealing clothing in front of a store near the corner of State and Randolph Streets, at six o'clock, last evening. A young man, named Wilcox, a clerk in the store, gave chase. Casey, fleeing through an alley, being in danger of being overtaken, drew a revolver and shot Wilcox in the abdomen inflicting a mortal wound, emerging into the street, which was filled with people, some policemen followed in pursuit, and Casey fired at all his pursuers, one ball grazing the cheek of a woman, another passing through the coat sleeve of a gentleman passing, another entering the neck of an Italian dealer in a store door. Casey was finally secured and conveyed to jail, amid threats of lynching by the excited populace.

WASHINGTON, 17.—The President has nominated S. L. Withey, of Michigan, Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, vice Yeaman withdrawn.

The Committee of Ways and Means agreed to make the tariff on all steel ingots, coils and sheet, and steel wire not less than a quarter of an inch in diameter, three cents per pound, in lieu of the present duties, of from two and a half to three cents per pound, and ten per cent, thus making the duty specific and uniform. Steel rails and other articles of steel are yet to be acted upon.

HELENA.—A dispatch from Fort Shaw, states that on the night of the 14th inst. Indians attacked a party of 11 men near that fort, killed one and drove off 30 mules.

TERREHAUTE, IND., 17.—Intense excitement has been aroused in this city, by Dr. White, who lectures against the Roman Catholics, expressing his views at the conduct of Perse Hyacinth, the Ecumenical Council, &c. His lectures are densely thronged. He was arrested yesterday, but the Catholic failed to make out a case against him, and he was discharged. His lecture in the evening was more largely attended than ever. The feeling against Catholics is beginning to be very excited and bitter.

BOSTON, 18.—In the Supreme Court, to-

day, Edward Healy, aged 70, was sentenced to the State Prison for life, for the murder of his wife.

ST. PAUL.—Pembina advices report that McDougall is enlisting a body of whites and Indians to march on Fort Garry at once. The rebels have four hundred men to defend their position.

HAZLETON, PA., 18.—A terrible mining accident occurred at 5 this morning, at Stockton, near this place: A coal mine caved in with enormous masses of earth, carrying two large houses with it, choking the entrance to the mine. Several persons in the dwelling houses at the time, were also carried down with the falling mass, and instantly killed. It is impossible to reach the bodies. Some men, said to have been in the ruins, are supposed to have been killed instantly. Ten persons in all lost their lives. Efforts are being made to extricate the bodies. The houses fell forty feet, and were broken in fragments.

The cause of the accident was the working of a drift in the colliery too near the surface, there being only twenty feet of space left when the houses caved in.

NEW YORK.—McFarland was formally indicted by the grand jury to-day.

An informal application was made to the Surrogate to-day for administration on Albert D. Richardson's estate, by his brother, on his own behalf. He stated that the widow and children were in Massachusetts, and that the bulk of the property, except some ten thousand dollars worth of the *Tribune* stock was in New Jersey. The application was denied on the ground that the administration belonged to the widow and children of the deceased.

Rochester, 18.—The Iron foundry, of Wickson & Van Winkle, Lyons, Wayne Co., burned this morning; loss, \$200,000.

The *Times* says in the matter of the conspiracy, said to be afloat against the Spanish gunboats, we learn from persons connected with the movement that a plan to intercept the gunboats and to capture and destroy them, has been matured, and even now is in course of development. It appears that George Abbott, who left the city on Thursday, with fifty men for the South, sent thirty of them to a point on the coast near the mouth of the Potomac, where a vessel was ready to receive them, in which they will put to sea and cruise in the track of the flotilla. Abbott returned yesterday morning with the remaining twenty men, who succeeded in getting enlisted aboard the gunboats, by exciting the suspicions of the Spanish Consul regarding the first lot. The enlisted men objected to co-operate with Lang, who commands an armed vessel in the South, when he attempts to destroy the flotilla.

BUFFALO.—At a large public meeting to-night, great indignation was expressed by the citizens of all nationalities, at McDougall being permitted by the United States to congregate British troops on American soil to coerce insurgents in another country.

Several failures are reported since yesterday, among them M. Dissatrus-legin, of the wine growers' association; J. F. and H. Turck, liquor dealers; Phillips and Hoff, and Matthews and Bonner, produce dealers.

No one has applied for letters of administration for A. D. Richardson, and his brother simply inquired of the Surrogate what course he should adopt, and was informed that he had no right to take out letters. Richardson did not make a will, and it is said that his relatives will contest the death-bed marriage.

The steamship *Grecian*, from Palermo, went ashore at Long Island, and broke in two; all the persons aboard, 17 in number, were rescued by a life boat at imminent risk.

The Grand Jury in King's Co., to-day, presented indictments against sixty election inspectors and canvassers for being concerned in the election frauds. Among them are one of the fire commissioners and two justices. The majority of them are office holders and politicians.

A duel, concerning a lady, came off at Acquia Creek, Va., a few days ago, between Col McNamara, a politician, and a broker named Varnum; they were both wounded, the latter probably mortally.

NEW YORK, 19.—Col. Richard Eringht convicted of being implicated in the whisky frauds, and sentenced to the penitentiary, has been pardoned by the President.

Eighteen Spanish gunboats sailed to-day, under convoy of the Spanish war vessel *Pizarro*. A few spectators witnessed their departure, but there was no demonstration whatever.