

most descriptions of merchandise during the past week, the quietude incident to the coming of the new year having obtained in the market for almost all kinds of commodities. Merchants have barely gotten the old year's affairs squared up, and have shown but little inclination to incur new responsibilities, or enter new fields, or branch out in the cold yet. It is a noteworthy fact that mercantile affairs are in an eminently healthy condition, and the new year is looked forward to as one of prosperity. The "order" branch of the business has been pretty lively during the past week, and the chief articles of speculation have generally tended upward, while all have fluctuated considerably.

The markets to-day are generally quiet, but steady, with fair speculative transactions, mostly at a fall in value. The demand for California products is very limited, and outside of one or two articles there is nothing doing.

Wool is very low, as its condition is very poor, and not what it used to be. Texas grades are fast taking the place of California wool. Sales 330,000 pounds; spring 23@25c; 100 lbs. fall, 13½; 40 bales scoured spring 72c; 24,000 lbs scoured fall 50@62½.

California red wood is meeting with good demand, as it is becoming popular for many purposes; quoted at 65 @ 70 per thousand feet.

The dullness of the freight market is somewhat aggravated by the condition of the streets, rendering moving merchandise a difficult matter, and as a consequence ships in berth load very slowly. Next week will witness the departure of the *Armenia* and *St. Paul*, and if the weather holds pleasant the market will be more active. Rates unchanged and steady. Freights at Philadelphia very quiet.

At Boston the market is also quiet. A schooner has sailed for this port with 300 tons of freight to be placed on the *Armenia*. Overland freights at Boston quiet. Shipments include 152 half barrels of sugar, 25 cases canned goods, 100 packages fish, 50 kegs nails, 64 cases canned fish. Freights to Portland not very lively; still there is a fair movement.

New York, 13.—W. D. Ferris, provision dealer, 115 Broad Street, has failed.

Pittsburg, 13.—Another judge has declared future dealings on margins as gambling contracts, immoral in character and pernicious in tendency. Judge White rendered the decision here to-day.

SARANTON, Pa., 13.—Some time past a man named Quinan and his wife have had many quarrels, in which the woman usually proved victor. Quinan resolved on revenge and on Wednesday last purchased whisky for her, causing her to fall into a drunken stupor. While in this condition he heated stove lids to a red heat, with which he burned her body in a horrible manner; also piercing her limbs with red-hot poker. When the police went to arrest him his wife protested, declaring she would inflict worse punishment on her brutal husband than she had received as soon as she was able.

Chicago 13.—Judge Rodgers, this morning, in the case of Capely, a keeper of a gambling room at "The Store," 176 Clark Street, decided the statute under which the city police sought to destroy gaming implements taken from his place was unconstitutional; that the city police was not the power to execute a warrant directed to the sheriff or constable. As the police found Capely dealing a faro game, the court nevertheless decided to hold him to the grand jury. The effect of the decision is that gambling implements may be destroyed only after the owners are indicted by the criminal court.

Concord, 13.—Chas. W. Cook, in the penitentiary for the murder of Susan Sanson, died, leaving a confession that he swore falsely in saying Bushnell, who was hired to do the murder, was present at the shooting. The fact was Bushnell repented and rode at breakneck speed to stop it but arrived too late.

Pittsburg, 13.—United States Inspectors Spies and Coates arrested Daniel J. O'Leary, a letter carrier of the Pittsburg postoffice, to-night, for robbing the mails. O'Leary has been in the postal service for years, and during that time, it is alleged, has stolen many thousand dollars.

Cleveland, 13.—J. F. Bush, wagon-maker, drove a crowd of mischievous boys out of his shop. They went to the rear of the building, pushed a long iron rod through a

hole in the wall and gouged out one of his eyes.

PHILADELPHIA, 13.—W. H. Vanderbilt confesses having 120,000 shares of Reading stock, and to thinking very highly of Mr. Gower and desiring he do not resign.

New York, 13.—The *Commercial* construes the election of Henry Villard, John W. Ellis and Fred. Billings directors of the New York, Lake Shore & Buffalo Railroad as meaning a separate trans-continental road beginning in New York and ending at Puget Sound.

CHICAGO, 15.—Reports from the northwestern blizzard in Dakota, Minnesota, northern Wisconsin and Iowa, say a number of people have been frozen to death and lost in snow storms, and railway travel much delayed.

MILWAUKEE, 15.—Jay Gould sends a dispatch subscribing \$500 to the relief fund as his personal contribution. Mayor Slowells acknowledgment of the donation says: "Please accept my thanks and the thanks of all our citizens for your munificent gift. It is timely, and should rank you with the noble philanthropists that distinguish this age and all previous ages in the world's history."

TARRYTOWN, N.Y., 15.—The fine residence of Samuel C. Lewis, having a frontage of 100 feet, together with all the furniture and pictures, burned; loss over \$100,000.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., 15.—A frame structure 600 feet long by 50 wide, belonging to McKee & Fuller, car manufacturers, of Fullerton, fell under the weight of snow on the roof. Several carriages and engines in the building were ruined; loss \$12,000.

ST LOUIS, 15.—About one o'clock this morning, the Duggan & Ocker hardware Co's., works were destroyed by fire; loss, \$40,000; insured, \$25,000. Severn Seabolt, a silver plater, who occupied the second floor of the building, lost \$25,000; insured.

CHICAGO, 15.—The works of the Chicago Smelting and Refining Co. corner of 14th and Clark Streets, were totally destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock this morning; loss \$100,000; insurance \$29,000.

There was some delay in calling the fire department and in turning on the water and before the streams were turned on the main building, which was 220 by 25 feet and the separating building 20 by 250, the smaller building, 20 by 150 feet, were too far involved to be saved. The buildings were 2½ stories high. Cause of fire unknown.

CHICAGO, 15.—Nasen Ludington, former president of the Fifth National Bank, now the National Bank of America, who won a prominent place as a conservative financier in that institution, died at his home in this city this morning from softening of the brain and a complication of diseases.

Milwaukee, 15.—One hundred and fifty men are at work searching for bodies to-day. The weather is somewhat milder and the work proceeds more rapidly; still the total results of the forenoon's search were only two bodies, so badly burned that recognition was impossible. Thus far 20 little heaps, pronounced by physicians to be human flesh and bone, have been taken from the ruins. So far as can be learned 39 are still missing.

Philadelphia, 15.—Joseph Sailer, for many years financial editor of the *Philadelphia Ledger*, died this morning.

New York, 14.—Passed Asst. Engineer Brosnahan U. S. N., died in Brooklyn on Friday. He was recently in Asiatic waters with the *Lackawanna*.

NEW YORK, 15.—Captain Alfred Todd, aged 77 years, died at his residence in Brooklyn yesterday morning, of paralysis. Captain Todd was born in Maine, but settled in Brooklyn about fifty years ago. At one time he was a pilot of the steamer *New World*, running on the Sacramento River, California. He was in the employ of the Union Ferry Co. and of the Jersey City ferry, as pilot at different times, but of late years was engaged in the tonage business.

The *Herald* editorial says: In an interview with Governor Stephens, of Georgia, a veteran observer of great facts, gives his opinion upon the subject of the inter-oceanic ship canal to connect the Atlantic and Pacific. Upon a review of the several projects now before the world he expresses his unqualified preference for the Nicaragua Canal; holds that the United States should control it, and urges, consequently, the passage of the bill on the subject now before the House of Representatives.

## FOREIGN.

LONDON, 12.—Gladstone starts for Cannes, France, Monday, being advised to take a complete rest till the meeting of Parliament.

The Parliamentary return reports the depreciation in value of crops in Ireland for the year 1882, in consequence of the unfavorable harvest, aggregated £5,118,167 as compared with a favorable year, and £2,557,664 as compared with the average for the preceding ten years.

The British ship *Pride of the Ocean*, of Hamburg, for New York, is supposed to have been lost of Harwich, as a boat and other wreckage, evidently belonging to that vessel, are washing ashore.

Dublin, 12.—The hangman has arrived at Galway for the execution of Huddy.

The two persons convicted of shooting with the intent to kill, are sentenced respectively to penal servitude for life and twenty years.

Limerick, 12.—A parcel containing dynamite was posted at the Limerick post-office to-day. Not being addressed it fortunately escaped being clamped, whereby a terrific explosion was avoided. The police are inquiring into the affair.

Harrington, 12.—The National League organizer is convicted of using intimidating language towards farmer, and is sentenced to two months' imprisonment; appealed and bailed.

VIENNA, 12.—Requirement of refugees arriving at Raab in large numbers in a half-starved condition cannot possibly be met at that place although all are doing their utmost for their relief. Soldiers are placed along the dykes to prevent the people returning to their homes over the dangerous ice. Repairing the dykes has been impossible; since frost set in the whole Rhine valley is frozen over. The entire village of Ratahaza is washed away.

Madrid, 12.—The new Minister of Justice announces at the cabinet council he proposes to abolish the execution of women; also the suppression of newspapers, leaving suspension the highest press penalty.

Moscow, 12.—It is stated the estimate for 1883 shows a deficit of 27,000,000 roubles, but it is hoped by the exercise of economy no actual deficit will occur.

Berlin, 12.—The Emperor William at his own instance increased the contribution from the imperial fund toward the relief of the distressed by the floods. The Emperor said in making the increase, it was intolerable to him to think that hundreds were shivering from cold and hunger, while he was sitting in a warm room. Twelve German square miles of territory are submerged at Raab, Hungary.

In the Reichstag yesterday the annual motion of the social democrats for repressive laws was rejected, after a debate in which Herr Leibknecht was sharply called to order for describing the anti-socialist laws as execrable.

Durban, 11.—Capt. Gambler reached Capetown from Congo, where he reports Henry M. Stanley arrived with 3,000 tons of goods. He has worked 150 miles up the river.

Cochin, India, 12.—A portion of the crew of the British ship *British Empire*, recently burned at sea, has landed here.

Pesth, 12.—The waters are receding in upper Hungary. They leave a fearful devastation at Raab and Greau. A large volume of under water is held back in narrow rocky channels above the iron gates constituting great danger to the lowlands of South Hungary. Thousands of soldiers and workmen are employed on dams. Their labors are much impeded by frost, which, however, checks the flow of water into the tributaries of the river Theiss.

The Danube has fallen thirty-one centimeters since Wednesday. The water has broken the dams at Mopale and Zamba.

Twenty-three bodies were found in garrets of the House Asverla.

At Grau 200 houses are submerged to the roof and several hundred families are destitute. Distress is fearful. The situation defies description.

Moscow, 13.—Persons are found frozen to death in the streets here daily.

Constantinople, 13.—A scheme for the administration of judicial, financial and military reforms in Egypt, which the British charge d'affaires handed the Porte yesterday, also deals with proposed regulations with reference to the Suez Canal and arrangements for withdrawing the British troops from Egypt, when

the objects aimed at are secured. The effect of the scheme upon the Porte has already been to dispel the idea of England's contemplated annexation of Egypt.

Berlin, 13.—Edwin Booth's second appearance was another brilliant success. The Crown-Prince Frederick William was again present and joined in the frequent and tumultuous applause bestowed upon the American actor.

H. Haines Jackson's figures on the British harvest place the wheat acreage for '82 at 3,004,000 quarters; barley 2,255,000; oats 2,833,000. These figures as compared with those of '81, are about 9 per cent. increase; wheat 77 decrease; barley, 2.3 decrease; oats, 3. The gross English crop yield of wheat is placed at 10,268,000 quarters, and including the Scotch, Irish and Welsh yield makes a grand total that would be 11,412,000. Taking out seed and grain destroyed by the weather, there would be 10,412,000 quarters for bread-making. The barley yield available for malting, feeding, etc., would be 10,400,000 quarters, and oats 23,400,000 quarters.

London, 13.—A dispatch dated Porta Ferry, County Down, Ireland, says: The British ship *Wild Deer*, from Glasgow to New Zealand with 200 passengers, went ashore at North Rock, Cloughy, and will become a total wreck. The passengers are saved.

LONDON, 13.—The Prince of Wales to-day unveiled the statue at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, erected to the memory of the French Prince Imperial by subscription of 25,000 officers and men of the British army.

Gen. Lord Wolseley, Prince Lucien Bonaparte, the Duc de Bassino, and a large and distinguished company assisted at the unveiling.

In the course of his remarks the Prince of Wales said: "It is obvious this short ceremony is not a political one in any sense of the word. We are inaugurating a monument to the memory of a young and gallant prince who fell fighting for the Queen of England." After tracing the career of the Prince Imperial to the time of his death, the Prince of Wales concluded: "His virtues, his blameless life, his courage, his obedience to orders, will always prove a bright example to cadets educated at Woolwich, who when they gaze at the statue inaugurated to-day will see the features of a young and brave Prince who died with his face to the foe." The Prince was accompanied by his two sons and by the Dukes of Edinburgh and Cambridge.

The Queen sent two wreaths. The Prince afterwards distributed Egyptian medals to patients in Herbert hospital.

It is reported the government contemplates sending reinforcements to South Africa.

The steamer *France* on the passage from New York lost overboard twenty-seven oxen and 117 sheep.

The Duchess of Connaught is safely delivered of a son at Windsor Castle.

Dublin, 13.—The arrests in Dublin number fifteen; the prisoners will be charged with conspiracy to murder. The magistrate refused bail. Carey said a conspiracy was on the bench, and their action a false imprisonment.

It is positively stated that one of the prisoners is a member of the municipality, who was arrested at midnight in his own residence in the south side of the city and conveyed to the college station under a strong escort. The prisoners will be privately examined to-day before a divisional magistrate, and possibly afterward arraigned in the police court. The police are reticent regarding the cause of arrest.

A riot occurred to-night in Ann street, where the police and marines were mobbed.

Sixteen of the persons arrested to-day have been examined at private investigation at Dublin Castle. Some of them had signed depositions, others were not asked to sign and some were not sworn. Several of them have been imprisoned under the Foster's act on suspicion of being concerned in murders committed here; two of them for the Phoenix Park crime. The knives used in the Phoenix Park murder were found behind the house of one of the prisoners. The authorities finding there was no chance of bringing home the guilt to any of them, decided to group all the men alluded to by the informers in a general charge of conspiracy. It is rumored five of the accused will be examined next week as witnesses. The police have warrants for the arrests of five other persons. The knives supposed

to have been used by the Phoenix Park assassins have been found to fit the cuts in the clothes of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Burke. The authorities are confirmed that they are the identical weapons with which the murders were committed. Efforts are being made to procure descriptions of those who purchased the knives in the Strand London. The police have a clue to the purchaser of the revolvers with which the attempt was made on Judge Lawson's life.

SAN FRANCISCO, 15.—By the arrival of the steamer *Oceanic*, from Hong Kong, via Yokohama, we get the following:

Hong Kong, December 23.—The death at Nanking, of Viceroy Tso is daily expected. Commissioners from Burmah strongly insist on their country being permitted to resume tributary relations to China. Severe earthquake shocks were felt at Hong Kong and Amoy about the middle of December. Foo Chow arsenal is preparing for the construction of ironclads on a large scale; ten ships of various dimensions are ordered by the government.

Choy a rising Chinese lawyer of London training, is now confidentially employed by government, and is about to be dispatched to Europe on important diplomatic service.

Mrs. Young, wife of the American minister, is greatly improved in health. Reports from Peking indicate that the relations between China and the powers are becoming unsatisfactory on the question of the right of foreign merchants to manufacture at an open port. The United States Consul General at Shanghai and envoy at Peking have protested against the action of the Nanking Viceroy in obstructing the cotton yarn company of Witmore, the manufacture of silk by Russell & Co., and the Electric Light agencies; all American interests. The recent refusal of the United States envoy to sanction the arrest of Witmore's clerk ordered by the Viceroy, has been followed by the proposal of the Viceroy to withdraw the order of arrest, provided Witmore abandons his enterprise. The result is awaited with considerable interest by the diplomatic body. Van Brandt, the German envoy has given the Peking Government to understand that any attempt to carry out an obstructive policy with his countrymen will be opposed by force. The other foreign representatives are less concerned about manufactures in China. The English would not object to see them suppressed as England already supplies a large proportion of the cotton goods used. A proposal is understood to have been made by Capt. St. John of the British navy that England annex a certain island on the coast of Corea and establish a colony and a naval station. Prince Kung shows no sign of recovery.

Yokohama, Dec. 31.—Hanabusa, for many years Japanese envoy to Corea, is promoted minister to Russia. Numerous destructive fires have occurred in Tokio and Yokohama; in the latter place the governor's official quarters were burned. The Japanese exports for October are three million dollars, imports two million two hundred thousand dollars.

The Korean special envoys returned home after a month of festivity in the capital of Japan. One hundred and twenty-four policemen were constantly employed to guard the higher government officers in and out of doors. Hachiska, Ex-Daimio of Awo, one of the few great noblemen who take part in the government service, is appointed envoy to France.

GALWAY, 15.—Patrick Higgins, one of the murderers of the Huddys was hanged this morning. Only a few persons gathered outside the jail at the time of the execution.

PARIS, 15.—The *Rappel*, referring to the Prince of Wales' unveiling the statue of the Prince Imperial at Woolwich, stigmatizes the English nation as a herd of cattle and the English army as an army of women. Other newspapers make spiteful comments on the affair.

LONDON, 15.—The employees of the Caledonia Railway have struck; only ten of the forty engines in Hamilton Depot can be used. Five hundred men paraded in Hamilton to-day, prior to quitting the town for Glasgow.



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