

## GENERAL NEWS.

By Telegraph to the News.

**SUICIDE, Cal., April 14.**—Michael Keefe, the wife murderer who was to be hanged to-morrow, cut his throat with a pocket knife this morning. He resisted the efforts of the doctor to dress the wound and died this afternoon.

**SPRINGFIELD, Ill., 14.**—The annual Lincoln memorial exercises will be held in the Hall of Representatives to-morrow. The deepest interest is being manifested in the approaching exercises in honor of the martyr President, on account of the revelations which are expected to be made relative to the disposition of the body of President Lincoln after the attempt made in 1876 to steal the body from the sarcophagus under the Lincoln monument, in which it was placed. An address will be made by Clinton L. Conkling, one of the members of the Lincoln guard of honor. He will say: "On the night of November 7th, 1876, Mullins and Hughes, two Chicago thieves, made an unsuccessful attempt to steal the body of the late

## PRESIDENT LINCOLN

from the marble sarcophagus in which it was enclosed, and which was exposed to the view of visitors through an iron grating on the north side of the monument. It was forced open and the coffin was taken out, but at this point the robbers were interfered with by certain persons secreted in the monument who had received information that the robbery was to be attempted, and abandoned their strange booty. Since that time the public mind has been in a state of uncertainty as to the real resting place of the dead martyr's body, a report having gone out that it was not returned to the sarcophagus after the

## ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

All mystery that has attached to the matter is now cleared away. It appears that the body was replaced in the sarcophagus and remained there for about a week. The members of the association, however, felt that it was insecure and was subsequently removed to a place of greater safety. Finally the Lincoln guard of honor, which is composed of some of our best known and most highly respected citizens, was organized and one of the duties of this association has been to

## SACREDLY GUARD

the body of the dead president. During the month of November, 1875, members of the guard, with their own hands, prepared the vault within the monument for the body. An excavation was made in the earth about thirty feet south of the sarcophagus and the body was safely deposited therein and the mouth of the excavation was closed. The atmosphere at the point where the excavation was made was almost stifling and work was prosecuted at different times during the stillness of the night with no human eye to witness it save those who were assisting in the labor of love. Two days after the funeral of

## MRS. LINCOLN

in July, 1882, her body was taken by the guard and laid beside that of her husband. The members bound themselves by the solemnity of an oath, not to reveal what had been done until the proper time should arrive to do so, and that time has now arrived. Yesterday both these bodies were taken by the Lincoln guard of honor, in the presence of the monument association, and placed in the new receptacle prepared for them during the week. This receptacle is in the earth near where the sarcophagus has so long stood. It has a bottom of twelve inches of cement, and has double walls of brick. The bodies have been placed in their final resting place and cemented over, and this will, in time, become as solid as rock. After this work had been completed the bodies were formally turned over by the guard of the monument association, and were accepted by it. Before being finally entombed the body of Lincoln was opened and identified. The hair and whiskers have fallen off and the face is very black. The contour is, however, still perfect, and the face is said to strongly resemble that of the bronze statue on the monument.

**NEW YORK, April 14.**—The time convention of railroad superintendents and managers concluded its session this afternoon. The new code which was provisionally adopted six months ago was brought up again and adopted and will be put in operation as soon as practicable. By this code a uniform system of signals by lamps, whistles and other methods is established for all roads represented at the convention. Nearly all the roads were represented. Uniform methods and regulations for timing and starting trains, rules for running trains on single tracks, for switching and sidetracking, are included in the code. The general intent of the new code is to insure safety to passengers and freight. A plan for a system of telegraphic signals was also introduced and provisionally adopted. It will come up at the October session.

**LONDON, April 14.**—The language used by Chamberlain in speaking at the meetings in Ay has incited the Irish against him, and he has received numerous letters warning him that he will not leave Scotland alive. Speaking to an assemblage of 2,500 persons, Chamberlain said, "the opponents of the crimes bill have made an outcry

against the repression of liberty to do what? To commit theft, to ruin industrious men, to outrage women. [Hisses mingled with cheers.] What are you are hissing at, the crimes or the punishment?" Here a man rising and menacing Chamberlain, cried, "It is

## NOT CHARACTERISTIC

of the Irish to outrage women!" An attempt was made to turn the man out but Mr. Chamberlain cried out, "Leave him alone." Then he continued: "Do you want instances of insults offered to women? [Cheers and cries of 'Outrage!'] 'You slander the Irish?' I did not mean the grossest outrage of all, but I alluded to personal violence and insults. [Hisses and cheers.] I referred to cases like that of the Carter family, where the lives of the widow and the daughters of the murdered man were made intolerable; like that of the widow of another murdered man, Byers, who, while accompanying the

## DEAD BODY

of her husband, was jeered and hooted along the street. [Here the speaker was interrupted by cries of, "Watch yourself," hisses and general disorder.] I am stating facts to which even my opponents might listen to in silence and shame. When I refer to assassinations, a man here says "take care of yourself." Has the time come when we are not to discuss political matters in this country without being threatened with assassination? [Great cheering.] This is the spirit of parties in convention in Chicago. I am sorry to know that they have any representatives in Scotland."

**SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.**—Alexander Goldenberg, convicted of the murder of Mamie Kelly, was refused a new trial to-day and sentenced to be hanged June 10th.

**BOSTON, April 14.**—The *Herald* states that Mrs. Sarah M. Howe, of Woman's Bank fame, has absconded with \$50,000 of the depositors' money. Ever since her release from confinement on the charge of swindling depositors in her bank, she has combined the business of receiving deposits of money from women, paying, or promising to pay, an exceedingly rate of interest thereon. A lady from Augusta, Maine, called at Mrs. Howe's house last evening for the purpose of collecting interest on a sum of money deposited with her. She was told by a man who came to the door that Mrs. Howe had skipped, and taken \$50,000 with her. A warrant has been issued for Mrs. Howe's arrest, and the police are searching for her.

**SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.**—T. H. Goodman, the general passenger agent of the Central Pacific Railroad, has notified J. G. McCall, the Pacific Coast agent of the Erie Railway, that the Central Pacific would no longer allow him to send emigrant excursions east over its road. The reason assigned for its action is that the extra accommodations provided for these excursionists was in contravention of the interstate commerce law, which prohibits "undue preference or advantage to any person."

**ST. LOUIS, April 14.**—The awards of contracts for supplying beef to various Indian agencies was made by the Indian commissioners this afternoon. The bids range from 6 to 15 per cent, lower than those of last year, which will result in a saving of fully \$50,000 to the government.

**DENVER, April 14.**—Buena Vista special to the *Denver Republican*: A rock slide occurred in a deep cut on the work of Kyner, Higbie & Bernard, on the Midland grade near this place, in which Mr. Bernard was badly injured and several men killed. The full extent of the disaster cannot be learned at this instant. Doctors Mattoon and Laubman have gone out to work. It is said to say that eight or ten men have lost their lives and several others have been more or less injured.

**INDIANAPOLIS, April 14.**—Something of a sensation was developed to-day in connection with the frauds alleged to have been committed at the last election. Under the ruling of Judge Graham the prosecution were forced to transfer the cases to the state courts, and the grand jury of the criminal court has been taking evidence in the matter. The jury, drawn to serve six months, consists of six members and is equally divided politically. To-day the republican members sent a letter to the judge, in which they stated that there was ample evidence to warrant the finding of indictments in the

## ELECTION FRAUD CASES,

but that such a result was prevented by the refusal of the other members of the jury to take action. In concluding, the three members asked to be excused from further service on the jury. Judge Irwin, on receipt of the letter, expressed considerable indignation, and said that the facts stated developed something entirely new in criminal jurisprudence. He further said that the letter would be filed for consideration at the beginning of the next term of court, but took no further action.

**TOLEDO, April 14.**—This afternoon Edward W. Cody, night distributing clerk at the postoffice, was arrested by Deputy United States Marshal Breed for robbing the mails. Cody is an unmarried man, aged about 37, and has been in the postoffice about five years. The only letters he abstracted were those addressed to the *Blade* newspaper. He was caught by means of decoy letters. The *Blade* first noticed the loss last November, and estimates the stealings since then at between \$2,000 and \$4,000.

**ST. LOUIS, April 15.**—Daniel Jewell who shot and killed his wife in December, 1884, because she refused to live with him, was hanged in the jail yard at 7 this morning.

**CHICAGO, April 15.**—A panic was created among the inmates of the county jail shortly before 10:30 this morning by the knowledge that a fire was in progress in the insane department of the jail. An insane man who had been incarcerated last week had suicided by smoke by means of firing his bed clothing and the smoke quickly permeated the jail corridors. The alarm was sounded and a number of engines were quickly at the scene but the fire was extinguished by the jail apparatus. No one injured; the loss was light.

**AMSTERDAM, April 15.**—Forty-five hundred students last night serenaded King William and royal family, who have remained here since the recent royal birthday festivities.

The hotel in the centre of the city, which was crowded with guests who came here to join in the festivities in honor of the King's birthday, caught fire last night and was entirely destroyed. Four of the inmates were killed and several sustained injuries of a more or less severe character.

**ST. JOHNS, N. F., April 15.**—A terrific gale raged along the west coast of this island on Tuesday and Wednesday, causing serious loss of life and great destruction of property near Rose Ranch. Two barks and skiffs went down at their moorings and five men were drowned. Grave fears are entertained for the safety of four schooners and a large boat.

**RALEIGH, N. C., April 15.**—Parties of Mormon missionaries who have been at work at the mountains near here have been badly beaten and driven into Georgia.

**LEHMAN, Mo., April 15.**—Last night the prisoners in jail here escaped. Among the prisoners was J. W. West convicted of murder and sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary.

**LONDON, April 15.**—The miners at Northumberland decided by a vote of 1,400 to 800 to continue the strike.

**MILWAUKEE, April 15.**—The wholesale drug store of Chas. Baumbach & Co. was burned to-day. Loss, \$175,000; insurance \$90,000. The fire was caused by the explosion of a varnish barrel. Rudolph Seabel, a clerk, was fatally injured by the explosion.

**DOVER, N. H., April 15.**—The greatest fire Dover has ever experienced occurred this afternoon in the Cecheco print works. It will involve a loss of nearly \$200,000 and will throw over 800 operatives out of employment.

**RANGOON, April 15.**—Half the town of Pegu, fifty-eight miles northeast of Rangoon, was destroyed by fire, presumably incendiary. The extensive plot among the inhabitants of Upper Burma and the Dacots to burn the towns, massacre the Europeans, and proclaim a new king has been frustrated by the police and the loyal Burmese, who after three days' fighting, captured the leaders.

**BIDDEFORD, Maine, April 15.**—A large fire is in progress at Kennebec Port. Half the business section of the town has been consumed. The Biddeford fire engines have been telegraphed for.

**SALEM, Mass., April 15.**—A large fire is raging at the New England brick works at Davenport, but particulars cannot be given owing to the distance from the telegraph office. There is no way of obtaining any idea of the extent of the fire or the damage to-night.

**ST. CLAIRESVILLE, Ohio, April 15.**—A storm was felt here at 8:15 p. m. It appeared to be traveling from the west and was in the shape of a funnel-shaped mass of cloud resembling in appearance dense black smoke. The cone was downward, and it could be plainly traced over its track by the destruction it left. Houses were demolished and trees snapped off like pipe-stems. Horses and cattle were prostrated and carried bodily hundreds of yards by the gale. The sky was darkened with clouds of flying debris. The storm and its effects showed all the distinguishing characteristics of western cyclones. It

## FIRST STRUCK

two new brick houses belonging to Col. Paxton and Judge Cochran, west of town, and a frame house belonging to a man named Coleman. All three were completely demolished and the furniture and portions of the roof and walls scattered along the track of the cyclone, clear to the end of town, a mile distant. A large mansion at the corner of Marietta and Main streets was cut off clean at the second floor, and the walls and roof scattered in fragments. The First National Bank block and C. Thrall & Sons' dry goods store were almost swept from their sites, only a portion of the lower walls being left standing.

The dwellings and business blocks of T. H. Patterson, druggist; George Jepson, grocer, and James Patterson, dry goods, had their upper walls and roof

## SWEEPED OFF

and the lower part of the houses badly damaged by falling bricks and timbers. The National Hotel, Mrs. Evans' large brick residence, and probably forty other houses were less seriously damaged. No casualties to persons are reported, the funnel-shaped cloud having been seen approaching in time for families to take refuge in their cellars.

Benjamin Parkhurst's fine old brick mansion south of town was totally de-

molished, likewise the United Presbyterian Church, a large brick edifice. The loss in St. Clairesville will reach \$2,000,000. The Western Union wires and poles are

## ALL DOWN.

Horses hitched in the street were blown about like chaff and vehicles demolished. A scuffling sailed through the air for a mile and cut as clean a hole through two walls of a brick house as a cannon ball would. Shingles were driven through weatherboards like arrows.

James F. Anderson, of Bellaire, had just hitched his buggy in the street, when some one shouted a warning to him. He clutched a telegraph pole, which snapped off just above his head.

Hon. L. Dantford was sitting in his law office, when an

## ENTIRE CHIMNEY

crashed through the ceiling and floor, leaving him unharmed.

At Barten's Station, four miles away, a new brick house was leveled to the ground.

At Pasco, five miles west of this city on the national road, the brick house of A. Hinkle was demolished and he badly hurt.

Large tracts of wood between here and St. Clairsville have not a tree uninjured, while most of them are flat on the ground.

The town of Bridgeport, just across the river, escaped, as did Wheeling, but a funeral was in the cemetery on the hill top at the time, and the carriages were blown over and carried against the trees, the tombstones snapping off as they blew over them.

## MARTIN'S FERRY.

on the opposite side of the river, at the north end of town, suffered even more severely than St. Clairesville. Here a broad valley gave direction to the destroying gale, which loked up the forest and farm houses and scattered fences in its path down the hollow, widening out as it struck the little city and scattering destruction everywhere. The Elston glass works had one brick building blown down on the hill. The brick residence of J. H. Drennon, editor of the *News*, was so badly used up that not one brick was left on another. L. W. Barclay's fine concrete residence was also leveled to the ground. Henry Bellings' eight houses, barns and sheds were

## ALL DESTROYED.

In the town proper 75 to 100 houses were more or less damaged, and the loss will reach \$185,000.

In Walnut Grove, the fine park has but a few of 300 lofty trees standing. The city cemetery, adjoining, was similarly unfortunate.

James Reilly's house and saloon were blown down, and Mrs. Reilly was pulled from the ruins and may die. The storm struck town at 4 p. m., without warning, and it is wonderful that more injury to persons was not done. Besides Mrs. Reilly, the

## OTHER CASUALTIES

reported are: James Reilly, her husband, a saloon keeper, both legs broken; Mrs. Wilhelm, collar bone broken; Mark Davis, of Martin's Ferry stove works, probably fatally injured; a German lady, whose name could not be learned, dangerously injured.

When the storm struck the river, the water shot up into a perpendicular wall about twenty feet, and then fell back in frothy, seething foam, and simultaneously a shower of fence boards, shingles, posts and timbers, with some large sections of houses, fell in a sheet on the

## TURBULENT WATER.

The river for miles is strewn with wreckage.

Fairview schoolhouse, one mile west, was totally wrecked, and Miss White, school teacher, badly hurt. Several families are rendered homeless. Lafayette rink was engaged by the city authorities as temporary shelter for the homeless.

A meeting of citizens is called for 1 p. m. to-morrow to devise means of relief. Every few minutes news comes of additional damage in the country, and it is said to say the aggregate loss will exceed a million dollars.

**BURNA VISTA, Colo., April 15.**—At five o'clock last evening a premature blast killed six men and wounded seven at the camp of Kyner, Higbee & Bernard while working in the sixty feet cut on the Midland, near Buena Vista. A twenty foot hole had been put down to blow off the face of the cut and sprung with twenty kegs of blast plant powder. The foreman was loading the charge and when he had filled in ten kegs the charge prematurely discharged, throwing masses of rocks into the cut where thirteen men working, instantly killing six and wounding seven. The wounded included Mr. Bernard, one of the firm, but none were fatally wounded. The dead lie at the morgue here. The names of the killed are: Tim Sullivan, Wm. Conway, W. S. Corcoran, Wm. O'Neill, Wm. Kopes and an unknown man. The wounded are receiving the best of attention by Mr. J. H. Griffith, who is in charge of the camp. Some claim the explosion was caused by tamping the blast with an iron bar. There are conflicting statements, however, in this respect.

**CHICAGO, April 15.**—A joint conference of the general passenger agents of the Eastern trunk lines and the Central Traffic Association roads ended to-day. The passenger boycott was not discussed and no meeting had with

the western officials. Special rates of one and one-third fare for round trip were granted to the National Education Association to be held in Chicago in July; the National Sunday-school Teachers at Chicago, June 1 and 2; the Young Men's Christian Association, at San Francisco in June, and the Grand Army of the Republic at St. Louis in September. Military companies going to the national drill at Washington, travelling in parties of twenty-five, in uniform, will be carried for three-quarters of a cent a mile each way. The rates for ministers of religion were placed at two cents a mile.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 15.**—Ben Brown (colored) was hanged here to-day for the murder of an old colored farmer named Frank Arnold, in November, 1885.

**LOUISVILLE, April 15.**—It was discovered this morning that the New Albany closed pouch which left the St. Louis postoffice at 6:40 last evening was robbed at the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis depot last night. The pouch was found upon the platform cut open and rifled of its contents. The extent of the loss is not yet known.

**HOBOKEN, April 15.**—Hoboken's water commissioners are holding a session. Register Mitchell H. Murphy is missing. It is rumored he is largely short in his accounts, but nothing definite can be ascertained. He held office for 19 years.

**NORFOLK, Va., April 15.**—When the stateroom of the steamer *Virginia*, from Baltimore to Norfolk, occupied last night by Robert W. Gatewood, was opened this morning, his body was found in bed with a pistol ball in his brain. The evidence before the coroner showed that he committed suicide. Young Gatewood was the son of Rev. Robert Gatewood, of this city, and was 25 years of age. He was a graduate from Annapolis with high honors as a cadet engineer. He made one cruise and resigned and studied and taught physics and electricity at John Hopkin's university. At the time of his death he was a fourth assistant examiner in the division of steam engineering of the Patent Office, Washington. His mind, which was uncommonly brilliant, had become unbalanced by the intense study and the writings he left showed that he imagined himself pursued by demons and chose death as the only escape from them.

**PHILADELPHIA, April 15.**—To-morrow's issue of the *Journal of United Labor* will contain a long article by Powderly, referring to the intentions of the Knights of Labor. Powderly says the Knights of Labor need not go away from home to get "issues" to advocate. They have a declaration of principles, any one of which carried out would materially advance the welfare of the human family. Take the fourth section of our platform, for instance: "That public lands, the heritage of the people, be reserved for actual settlers; not another acre for railroads or speculators, and that all lands now held for speculative purposes be taxed their full value." The latter clause especially would materially lessen the tax rate in nearly every municipality in the country, by making it unprofitable to build "a graduated income tax" which is the

## THIRTEENTH ARTICLE

of our faith, would more equitably divide the burdens of taxation. Doing away with the banks of issue is the third important question which will soon have to be met, for the rapid payment of the government bonds will induce the issuers of illogical and expensive national bank currency to ask congressional sanction for other means of keeping hold of this source of income, and last, but not least, is the matter of vital importance to a free government, the state ownership of railroads, telegraphs and the like means of transporting intelligence, passengers and freight. On this point the Knights speak with no uncertain sound.

## THE PAPAL BRIEF.

**LONDON, April 15.**—A dispatch from Rome to the *Chronicle* says the Papal brief in favor of the recognition of the Knights of Labor will be published before Cardinal Gibbons' departure.

**BOMBAY, April 15.**—Intelligence is received here that a body of the Amer of Afghanistan's troops made a night attack upon a force of Ghilzai rebels and killed two hundred of them. Several villages in the disturbed district of Afghanistan have been destroyed by fire. A number of other tribes than the Ghilzais are joining in the rebellion against the authority of the Amer. There are reports that the Russians are making, by slow stages, toward Zulfiar, which place is about 140 miles northwest of Herat.

**NEW YORK, April 16.**—A fire early this morning in a double five-story tenement, 647 Second Avenue, caused the police great difficulty in rescuing the inmates. Richard Gilladort was severely burned and removed to the hospital; Bridget Hughes, an aged woman who lived on the top floor, burned to death. Loss, \$16,000.

**ST. LOUIS, April 17.**—The jury in the case of John A. Rensdorf, charged with the murder of Rev. Geo. C. Hadcock, disagreed and were finally discharged by the court at 11:50 a. m. to-day. The jury stood eleven for acquittal and one for conviction. Denis O'Connell was the jurymen who stood out for conviction, and when the jury was before the court he said that his judgment was final. The court thereupon discharged the jury from further services.

**ST. LOUIS, April 17.**—Advices from Mexico state that the following notable