

Congressional.

The Senate has passed the bill which provided that the term of office of the President and of the Fifty-third Congress shall continue until the thirtieth day of April, 1889 at noon; that Senators whose existing term would otherwise expire on the 4th of March, 1889, (and thereafter) shall continue in office until the 30th of April succeeding such expiration, that the 30th of April at noon shall thereafter be substituted for the 4th of March as the commencement and termination of the official term of the President, vice-President, Senators, and Representatives in Congress, and that the 12th article of the amendment to the Constitution shall be amended by striking out the words "Fourth day of March" and substituting the words "Thirtieth day of April at noon."

Mr. Sawyer, from the postoffice committee, reported back adversely the proposition to reduce letter postage to one cent. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. Plumb offered a resolution instructing the postoffice committee to inquire into the causes of the inefficient mail service, especially in the West and South, and presented newspapers extracts and letters to show the "Democratized" condition of the service in Kansas, the result of "a stupid attempt to make a record for economy."

In the House, Mr. Henderson introduced a petition of the surviving soldiers of the Mexican war, for an amendment to the Mexican pension to all such soldiers whether sixty-two years of age or not.

Mr. Nichols introduced a petition of citizens of Cedar Grove, Orange county, and of Clendoon, Chatham county, North Carolina; and Mr. Rowland, of citizens of Lane Creek, Union county, for an increase of the compensation of fourth-class postmasters.

By Mr. Turner, of Kansas, providing for a bounty on wheat, corn and flour exported from the United States.

By Mr. Stone, of Kentucky, to prevent combinations for the purpose of regulating the price of produce, stocks, bonds or labor.

By Mr. Rayner, of Maryland, to prevent the creation of trusts.

Bills were passed for the erection at a cost of \$100,000 each, of public buildings at Greenville, S. C., and Asheville, N. C.

The Art Amateur.

For February gives a delightful colored portrait study of a little girl by Ellen Welby; decoration for a plate (La France roses), a lamp (sun-flowers), and a fish-plate; a striking study of orchids, by Victor Dagon; numerous models for wood carving, embroidery design for cushion and a chalice veil, and a page of monograms in Q. Articles of special practical interest are those on animal painting (dogs), still-life painting (fish), painting in water-colors, wood-carving and church embroidery. Mrs. Wheeler tells how one may become an artist with the needle. Mr. Shugio discourses on Japanese sword guards, Theodore Child and "Greta" gossip about art in Paris and Boston, and "Montezuma's" Note Book is filled, as usual, with piquant paragraphs. An article on beds is profusely illustrated, as is the one on dogs. The Moran and Bahot etching exhibitions are reviewed, and all the minor department of this excellent magazine are ably sustained. Price, 35 cents. Montague Marks, 23 Union Square, N. Y.

Lester Singtary, a negro of Clarendon county, South Carolina, and his wife locked their six children, aged from thirteen years to thirteen months, in their house, and went two miles to church on the night of the second instant, and when they returned the house and children were all burned to ashes.

The lumbermen of Indiana, Pennsylvania and Ohio, 321 in number, have just made a tour of the South. At Chattanooga, Birmingham, New Orleans and Atlanta they were hospitably entertained. In their speeches they were unanimous in the conclusion that it was only a question of a few years until the North would have to go South for all its timber. They stated that already they were seeing that the supply in their section was becoming limited. They urged upon the South to be economical in its consumption of lumber and to exercise extreme care in the protection of its forests. This was sound advice and should be heeded.

We Say So Too.

If we would undertake to say who we favored for Governor this year we would do so rather by telling what kind of a man we did not favor for Governor. We do not favor any one for Governor whose only aim is to go to the Senate. We hardly think a man ought to be Governor of North Carolina whose ambition is so vaulting that he thinks to be the Governor of a great State is a small honor—a mere stepping-stone to some higher office more in harmony with his great powers and expanded views.—Goldshore Argus.

Southern Cotton Mills.

The Manufacturer's Record has compiled through direct reports a list of every cotton mill in the south, giving the name and location of each and the number of spindles and looms in each. The figures show an increase of 100 per cent, in the spindles and looms since 1880. The mills now under construction, and those for which the money has been secured, and upon which work will shortly be commenced and the additions to the plants of old mills, will require, as shown by the reports, 242,000 spindles and 4,800 looms. Thus, by the end of 1888, the south will have in operation about 1,736,000 spindles and 38,800 looms.

An Outrage, if True.

The Ring of Alexander have for a number of years collected a poll tax off a widow lady 75 years old. She was charged this year with two dollars, thirty-seven and a half cents on the poll. Being charged with a half cent aroused her suspicions, and on inquiry she discovered it was a poll tax. She referred to Mrs. Lackey and she lives near Stony Point. She has been a widow since 1846.—Statesville Mail, (Republican.)

Skeleton Found.

One day while the hands were engaged in working the public road near George Echerd's they dug out the skeleton of a man. The bones were quite much decayed, and no idea can be formed as to the time they have remained buried. The skeleton was in sitting posture.—Taylorsville Journal.

She Rose Up in Her Coffin

REARBORO, Vt., Feb. 2.—The mother of Dexter M. Bishop, aged 80, who was supposed to have died on Friday, and who was laid out for burial, astonished the watchers after twelve hours of apparent death, by rising from her coffin and opening a conversation. She is still living.—New York Star.

The terrible blizzard and their murderous work in the northwest has turned more general attention in that quarter toward the mild climate, genial and responsive soil and great latent resources of the South. There is room down here for some millions of blizzard-beaten men, women and children.

A Wisconsin apple-grower says he made money by reducing his orchard 50 per cent, and giving the part that remained the same amount of care formerly spread out thirty over the whole.

Let the State Tax It.

The repeal of the internal revenue laws does not mean "free whisky," as the free traders try to make the people believe. Far from it. But if the Federal tax, which is not needed by the general government, were removed, it would open the way for the States to deal with the question. The States do need the taxes derived from that source. Suppose Virginia could levy and collect the taxes on liquors which are now levied and collected by the Federal Government in this State, she would be perfectly independent in her finances, and it would enable her to reduce taxes on real and personal property. And those are the taxes which the people feel most.—Richmond Whig.

Shelby Cotton Factory.

The machinery of the Shelby Cotton Factory has been purchased and is to arrive about March 1st, and the factory will start up in a month from that time. The factory is to be with all improvements. The main building will be of brick, two stories high and 168x75 feet. Adjoining this will be a picker room, 30x50 feet and also two stories high. These buildings will be covered with tin roofs and will be equipped with automatic sprinklers.

North Carolina to the Front, as Usual.

Miss Cora Goodell Cheek is certainly a musical prodigy. She is not yet five years old. Her performances on the organ or piano are simply astonishing. We heard her play a half a dozen or more pieces Sunday evening. She touches the keys gracefully, keeps time and brings out all the melody. Mrs. Cheek says she does not know a note or letter in the book and learns readily by ear.—McDowell Bugle.

Penalty for Leaving the Old Rut.

Every editor who dares to take a step in advance, knows he must do so in the certainty of encountering, if not the censure of those not ready for the move, at least the spirit-searching chill of indifference. Oftentimes the corpse-like coldness with which efforts to arouse sleeping energies are met, casts one down almost into the slough of despair.—North Carolina Presbyterian.

Hon. John C. Scarborough, ex State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has taken the professorship of Thomasville Female College. Rev. J. W. Stallings, former principal, will still devote his time to the college.

Superior Courts

- TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.
SPRING—Judge Gilmer.
FALL—Judge Clark.
Henderson—Feb. 13, July 16.
Burke—March 5, Aug. 6.
Caldwell—March 19, Sept. 3.
Ashe—March 26, May 28, Aug. 20.
Watauga—April 9, June 4, Aug. 27.
Mitchell—April 16, Sept. 10.
Yancey—April 30, Sept. 24.
McDowell—May 14, Oct. 8.
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.
SPRING—Judge Boykin.
FALL—Judge Gilmer.
Catawba—Jan. 16, July 16.
Alexander—Jan. 30, July 30.
Union—*Feb. 13, *Feb. 20, *Sept. 17, *Sept. 24.
Gaston—March 19, Oct. 8.
Lincoln—April 2, Oct. 1.
Cleveland—April 9, Aug. 6, Oct. 22.
Rutherford—April 23, Oct. 29.
Polk—May 7, Nov. 12.
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.
SPRING—Judge MacRae.
FALL—Judge Boykin.
Madison—Feb. 27, July 30, *Nov. 19.
Buncombe—March 12, June 18, Aug. 13, Dec. 3.
Transylvania—April 2, Sept. 3.
Haywood—April 9, Sept. 10.
Jackson—April 23, Sept. 24.
Macon—May 7, Oct. 1.
Clay—May 14, Oct. 8.
Cherokee—May 21, Oct. 15.
Graham—June 14, Oct. 24.
Swain—June 11, Nov. 5.

*For criminal cases only.
†For civil cases only.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Galleon papers confirm the reports of sustained movements of Russian troops toward the Austrian frontier.
Patrick Doyle, of Gap Dunloe, was murdered in his house Sunday evening. He recently procured some sheep-shears.
Father Stephens, of Falcargagh, County Donegal, has been arrested at Dunfanoghy, in the same county, under the coercion act.
Professor Asa Gray, the eminent botanist and professor of botany at Harvard College, died of paralysis, in Cambridge, aged seventy-seven.
The village of Aisone in Italy, has been almost wholly destroyed by fire. Two persons were killed and many injured. The inhabitants are destitute.
Dr. Mackenzie made an examination of Crown Prince Frederick William's throat Monday. The tumor inflammation was reduced and no signs of cancer were found.
The President has issued a proclamation granting to German vessels in American ports the same rights and privileges accorded United States vessels in German ports.
Father McFadden, of Gwendore, who was arrested a few days ago for obstructing evictions in county Armagh, was sentenced Monday at Dunfanoghy to three months' imprisonment.
John Johnson of Toledo, O., eighty-five years old, while taking care of a bull, was attacked by the animal and gored to death. His body was terribly mangled, and death resulted almost instantly.
It is given out that Prince Bismarck's reasons for refusing to see Lord Randolph (Churchill) during the latter's visit in Berlin was, that he was overburdened with public work, which left him no time to devote to callers.
A vein of natural gas was struck in Corsicana, Texas, at a depth of 240 feet, while boring an artesian well. The flame is very brilliant, but the pressure is small. The well will be a filled deeper with the hope of developing a larger flow.
The physician of James Redpath, the journalist and lecturer, has given up hope of his patient's recovery. Paralysis of the throat cords, the result of overwork a year ago, is the disease. Mr. Redpath cannot speak, but is in possession of all his mental faculties.
A German named Brandt, alleged to be spy in the employ of the German Government, entered the office of La France at Paris and penetrated to the editorial rooms, where he tried to shoot the editor, M. Nicol, with a revolver. Brandt declared that he wanted to shoot Mr. Nicol in order to avenge the attacks of La France upon Germany.
Eduardo H. Cato, the "king of Havana cigar manufacturers," will shortly build in Key West the largest cigar manufactory in the United States. The building is to be of brick, iron, and stone, with a capacity of 10,000 cigar-makers, enabling them to manufacture 200,000 cigars a day. The Cuban troupe, it is said, was one cause of the removal.
Mrs. Ellen Dinsmore, who has been on trial since Thursday for complicity with David L. King in the murder of J. C. Davis, a Clarion county Pa. oil speculator, was found not guilty. King was to have been hanged on Friday, Jan. 27, but has been reprieved to March 6. It is thought to-day's verdict will change his sentence to life-imprisonment.
The trial of the Socialists charged with being members of a secret revolutionary society, was concluded at Posen. Four of the prisoners were acquitted, and the others were convicted and sentenced as follows: Slavinski, two years and nine months in prison; Wikowski and Konopiński, each two years and six months; and Jarnachewski, and Mielkowski, eighteen months each.
The large building occupied by the York Daily Publishing Company as a printing office at 100 Broadway, burned on Sunday morning. The building, which had been recently repaired, and which at one time had made considerable headway in one of the lower rooms of the printing office. The Daily was issued in about its usual form on Monday morning from the press and type of the Age.
George H. Clarkson, the Chicago drummer who at Twelfth and Penn streets, Kansas City, a short time since was robbed of \$200 in cash, a revolver, a gold watch worth \$150, and a gold chain worth \$50, is a suit to enter suit against the city for \$200 damages. His claim is that the city is responsible for the safety of life and property of citizens and strangers. The case is probably without precedent.
The Public Ledger in its financial article says: "The situation of the anthracite coal trade has not changed materially during the past week. All ears of a coal famine have been dispelled by the largely increased production of anthracite coal in the Wyoming region. The receipts of coal from that region in this city and vicinity have been sufficient to quiet the anxiety of consumers and dealers, and the anthracite trade, both wholesale and retail, is now at least quiet, if not dull."
In the hospital for ruptured and crippled at Lexington avenue and Forty-second street, New York, there are 163 crippled children under treatment. About 6:45 o'clock Sunday evening the younger of these children were in bed, others were preparing to retire, and a few of the older children were eating their supper in the basement when fire was discovered by two of the little cripples. Without screaming or manifesting fright in any way they hurried as rapidly as possible to the third floor, found a nurse, Ellen Dougherty, and told her the building was on fire. The nurse told them not to tell any of the children, and sent them to their rooms. She then sent word by an assistant to Matron Webber, who in turn notified Dr. Gibney, through whom an alarm was sent out. As rapidly as possible the doctors, nurses, police, and firemen, as well as a number of citizens, carried the children from the building. The guests in the Vanderbilt Hotel, opposite, gave up their rooms, and 143 of the little sufferers were put to bed there. All were saved except a cook who lost her life in the flames.
The Unionist candidate for the vacant seat for Dunbar, attempted to address a meeting at that place, but was assailed and hooted so persistently that he was compelled to leave the platform, and the meeting dispersed in great disorder.
M. M. Gonzales, agent for several wealthy residents of Coahuila, Mex., has closed the sale of 500,000 acres of land in the State of Coahuila to the representatives of an English syndicate who already own 2,000,000 acres in that State. The syndicate was \$125,000 of 25 cents per acre. The purchase comprises much mountain land. English capitalists now own fully one quarter of the State of Coahuila.

Bismarck is still suffering from rheumatic pains.
Cardinal Manning has forbidden the proposed requiem services in memory of Prince Charles Edward Stuart.
James Redpath, the well-known journalist, abolitionist and lecturer, was stricken with paralysis Sunday and is in a dying condition.
A dispatch from Moscow says: It is reported that the King of Abyssinia has been obliged to send Las Michael with a detachment of troops to the south to quell a tribal revolt.
The Chamber of Commerce building at Peoria, Ill., was damaged to the amount of \$20,000 by fire Sunday. The Western Union and Postal Telegraph office were damaged by smoke and water.
Sunday night the Irish volunteers held a meeting in New York, at which O'Donovan Rossa and Frank O'Byrne, were the principal speakers. Both advised Irishmen to imitate the men who killed Cavendish and Burke. The use of dynamite was advocated.
A defective cue in the four-story building of U. G. Hussey, No. 42 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., occupied by Uring & Sons, merchant tailors, and Green Brothers, mantle-making jewelers, resulted in a fire this morning which burned mercery for eight hours and occasioned a loss of nearly \$300,000.
The London Geological Society has conferred the Marchison medal upon Dr. Newberry, of Columbia College, New York.
A report is current in diplomatic circles at Vienna that the armaments still proceeding in the name of Russia will shortly form the subject of formal inquiry on the part of Austria.
The Supreme Court of California filed its decision in the celebrated Sharon divorce case, in which the lower court granted to Sarah Athol Sharon a divorce from the late United States Senator William Sharon, and allowed alimony and a large amount of money as counsel fees. The amount of counsel fees allowed was \$35,000, and the amount of alimony was \$7,000, and an annual allowance of \$2,500. The Supreme Court taxes the alimony at \$1,500, and annual allowance of \$900.
The latest reports from the mountains indicate there has been great loss of life on the Canadian Pacific, owing to snow and a Near Lander Station, B. C., several men were caught in a slide, only one was ungutted alive, and he was badly bruised and injured and is not expected to recover. The mild weather has put an effectual stop to all through Canadian Pacific trains, and as the mountain streams are considerably swollen, it may be some time before traffic is resumed.
John Cullen, a ship calker of Buffalo, aged thirty-four years, killed his mother, Ann Cullen, with an ax. The two were in their house just getting ready for supper, when John struck her twice in the back of the head, inflicting two horrible wounds. She fell dead. He then walked into two saucers and announced that he had killed her. When arrested he made no resistance. He gave as an excuse that he committed the crime so that his mother would not have to go to the workhouse.
Joseph Thompson, a negro condemned to be hanged, broke out of the national prison at Piquette, I. T., last Wednesday and took refuge with a Creek Indian by the name of Conosky, also an escaped convict under penalty of death. When the Sheriff on Friday night demanded the men to come out they replied with a volley from Winchester, which instantly killed Jack Condy. A battle ensued and a deputy named Blair was killed and a woman and a boy in the house were fatally shot, and one of the refugees was badly wounded. This makes seven innocent lives sacrificed by the condemned outlaws, who are still at large.

A terrible tragedy occurred at Wallace, Mo. A young man named Biakely has been paying attention to Miss Annie Estes. Her family objected to Biakely, but Sunday night the couple attended church. They were met by her father, and William, her eighteen-year-old brother. A quarrel arose between Biakely and the Estes as to who should escort the young lady home. Finally William drew his pistol and shot Biakely through the jaw. Biakely then drew his weapon, but the old man had drawn his by this time and shot him in the forehead. William then completed the butchery by stepping up to the prostrate man and blowing nail of his head off. The father and son have been arrested. The girl has lost her reason since the bloody affair.



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