

CRISP NEWS BREVITIES.

A Condensed History of the Week's Events.

BULKY DETAILS BOILED DOWN.

Interesting and Important News From All Parts of the Globe—Free Dispatches Short of Superfluous Words and Presented Without Padding or Flowers For the Consideration of the Busy Reading Public.

Governor Morton has signed chapter 10, legalizing the issue of \$500,000 in bonds by the Monroe county board of supervisors. It is reported that Admiral Ting, the Chinese naval commander, and the general commanding the Chinese force on the island of Liu Kung Tao, in the harbor of Wei Hai Wei, have committed suicide.

One hundred coroners' inquests have been held in London in four days, and in 80 of the cases the intense cold was the direct or indirect cause of death. At Hot Springs, Ark., Dr. W. T. Carver and T. A. Marshall shot a match at 100 live birds for \$200. Result: Carver, 95; Marshall, 50.

The New Zealand government has issued an order prohibiting the exportation of arms and munitions of war from New Zealand to Samoa. Snow fell in New Orleans covering the ground to the depth of about an inch—a sight not witnessed there for nearly 20 years.

The contract has been awarded to the Union Bridge and the Elmira Bridge company, both of New York, for the entire construction of the Northwestern "L" in Chicago. The iron work alone amounts to more than \$1,250,000. George White, the best known provision merchant in Montreal, ex-grand master of Quebec Masons and vice president of the Butcher and Cheesemongers association of Canada, died there, aged 59, of cancer of the kidneys.

The representatives of the employees of the Southern railway have decided to reject the wage schedule offered to them by the company and will make counter proposals to Vice President Baldwin within a few days. Governor Morton has signed the bill which combines the general and city elections.

An avalanche buried several peasants at Borascobow, Galicia. Before they could be extricated all were suffocated. The Westchester (N. Y.) Temporary home has been totally destroyed by fire. Dr. Carlos Buel Bunley, a physician, and a member of a family of prominent doctors, committed suicide in New York by taking an ounce of prussic acid. The reason for the act is not known.

After being closed exactly one week, Pipe Bush branch of the Erie railroad was opened. James Hodges, ex-mayor of Baltimore, has died at his home there. Captain Richard E. Trivett, the well-known labor advocate and politician, died at his home in Detroit of paralysis, aged 65. Prince Bismarck has been elected an honorary member of the Berlin Academy of Arts.

Dr. Hollowell and family were found at their residence, Fort Wayne, Ind., in a dying condition from the effects of asphyxiation by escaping natural gas. The victims are still in a critical condition. The family consisted of the doctor, his wife and three children. Negotiations are on foot in Italy and Germany to obtain Russia's adhesion to the Triple Alliance.

The pope has sent a protest to the Russian minister against the arrest of 30 Catholic priests in Poland, who are accused of anti-dynastic tendencies. Fearful snowstorms are prevailing along the Russo-Austrian frontier. The railways are interrupted. Many deaths have been caused by the extreme cold. The king of Spain has recovered from his recent sickness.

A regiment of Indians recruited to fight for Guatemala in the impending war with Mexico has deserted and fled in a body across the border into the latter country. Emperor William of Germany is rapidly recovering from his indisposition, the result of a cold. He has left his bed. The health of the pope shows improvement.

On account of the failure of the crops and the ravages of locusts in German East Africa, a severe famine prevails in that country. During the past week there were reported 118 cases of cholera and 69 deaths from the same disease in the government of Fodola. Cholera barracks have been opened at Batoum on the Black sea, in Asiatic Russia.

William Kelly, who was convicted in New York of the murder of Mrs. Waldon, at her home in West Fifty-fifth street, was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. Four houses in the Huntley tract, a suburb of Syracuse, were burned to the ground. Loss \$10,000, nearly covered by insurance.

A telegram from Lexington, Va., says: Godwin, the supposed accomplice of Figgart, the defaulting cashier, has been arrested. The long overdue steamer City of St. Augustine, Captain Gaskill, which sailed from Jacksonville, on Feb. 3, for New York, has arrived at Bermuda. Dartmouth college has voted to suspend all relations with the triangular Dartmouth-Amherst-Williams league for one year, and to settle all differences by arbitration.

DOINGS IN ALBANY.

Legislative Proceedings in Both Senate and Assembly. ALBANY, Feb. 14.—Both houses convened at 9:30 to allow of the election of a superintendent of public instruction and a regent, and also enable the majority of the senators to take the Empire State express west to Rochester and attend the dinner of commerce.

Only 15 senators were present when the session was opened. A number of protests against Sunday opening of saloons was handed up. The judiciary committee reported favorably the nomination of A. Judd Northrup of Syracuse as commissioner of statutory revision, and the nomination was confirmed at once unanimously.

The cities committee reported favorably the Cantor bill, allowing New York to bond itself for \$5,000,000 for new schools. In the assembly Mr. Braun called up his bill on the order of second reading to provide for the transportation of state officers, members of the legislature and employes by corporations engaged in the transportation of passengers within this state.

Mr. Wilds offered as a substitute a bill drawn by Louis Marshall, a member of the constitutional convention, providing for free transportation for state officers and designating the same. Mr. Burns moved to amend that the judiciary committee report the bill. Mr. Wilds' motion to substitute and refer as amended by Mr. Burns was adopted and the house adjourned.

ALBANY, Feb. 15.—As the senate did not have enough members present to pass bills, it adjourned after a 40-minute session. The Braun free transportation for public officers bill came out of the judiciary committee reported simply for consideration. It was drawn by Louis Marshall and provides for the issuing of certificates by the secretary of state and by mayors of cities which simply attest that the holders are state or city officers.

On presentation of these, all transportation companies must carry said holders without charge. The hearing on the Gerry society whipping post bill has been postponed until Wednesday, Feb. 20. In the house Mr. Alinsworth presented the annual appropriation bill and asked that it be printed and referred back to the committee on ways and means. The amount appropriated is \$9,000,000. E. C. Stewart's, authorizing the comptroller to sell the securities on which the proceeds of the sale of land and land scrip is invested and credit same to the general fund.

Mr. Conkling's amending the penal code relative to making it a misdemeanor for any person to solicit candidates for elective offices to purchase tickets for balls, picnics, etc. ALBANY, Feb. 16.—In the senate were Senators O'Connor, Kiburn, Donaldson, Owens, Lexow and two Democrats, Senators Parker and Rice. Senator O'Connor took the chair, pronounced gravely for order, and the six men took the oath.

Senator O'Connor maintained a dignified gravity, but the other four Republicans grinned significantly at the minority. Then each of the senators shyly handed up protests against the Sunday opening of saloons. A number of bills were received from the assembly and referred. The senate then went into committee of the whole, with Senator Rice in the chair. Several bills were advanced to third reading.

Mr. Alinsworth was in the chair when the house was called to order. Upon motion of Mr. Burns of Westchester, the resolutions relating to the preservation of the Palisades, were passed. Also a bill carrying out the provisions and allowing the governor to appoint a commission to confer with a commission from New Jersey and report as to the best means of preservation. The commission is allowed to expend not more than \$1,000 in the investigation. The bill was ordered to a third reading at once.

An attempt was made to pass bills, but there were not enough of the members present, and the house adjourned until Monday. ALBANY, Feb. 19.—The nomination of Elias W. Burt as civil service commissioner was a lively topic of conversation in the senate. Senator Mullin is authority for the statement that the nomination will be favorably reported. Among the more important measures passed are the following:

Senator Child's conferring additional powers on trust companies in counties of 120,000 inhabitants and less than 600,000. Mr. O'Grady's anti-mortgage shark bill. Senator Stapleton's, giving town auditors in towns of 12,000 or over, 80 days instead of 10 to finish their work in. Senator Coggeshall's, allowing an additional trustee in villages of 1,200 for each additional 400 inhabitants. Senator Mullin's, preventing towns which have built bridges costing more than the allowance per cent from throwing the surplus as a cost on the county.

A lively tilt in the house between Leader Alinsworth, who is supposed to represent Mr. Platt, and Mr. Nixon of Chautauque, who is an anti-Platt man, is the beginning of what promises to be lively politics. Mr. Nixon called up his bill, laid aside, making an appropriation of \$3,000 for horticultural investigations and experiments in the Fifth judicial department. He moved to amend by making the amount \$10,000.

Mr. Alinsworth opposed the amendment. After a few sharp exchanges between Mr. Alinsworth and Mr. Nixon, a vote was taken on the amendment and it was adopted—yeas, 64; nays, 23. All the Democrats voted in the affirmative. The speaker was not recorded. ALBANY, Feb. 20.—The bill allowing New York city to spend \$5,000,000 on new schools and sites was passed by the senate, 15 now goes to the governor.

Another bill passed was that of Senator Lamy, providing for the organization of a loan association for the relief of the poor in counties of between 200,000 and 600,000 inhabitants. There was great fun in the assembly when Mr. Cutler called up his theater-high-hat bill. The bill was placed on its final passage. A number of members explained their votes in serious and humorous vein. The bill was lost—yeas 55, nays 53—not a constitutional majority. Mr. Cutler moved a reconsideration, and the motion was laid on the table.

VICTORIOUS JAPANESE.

Latest Conquest as Told In Official Dispatches.

SURRENDER OF WEI HAI WEI.

Report of the Suicide of Chinese Admiral Ting Confirmed—Complete Surrender of Chinese Forces on Land and Sea—Other Chinese Officers Ended Their Lives to Avoid Punishment For Their Disastrous Defeat.

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 18.—An official dispatch from Wei Hai Wei, bearing date of Feb. 13, has been received here. It states that in response to the offer made by Admiral Ting, the Chinese naval commander to surrender his vessels if conditions of amnesty were granted, Admiral Ito, commander of the Japanese naval forces, demanded that the naval station be thrown open this (Wednesday) morning. The Chinese messenger who conveyed this demand returned to Admiral Ito and informed him that Admiral Ting had committed suicide on the night of Feb. 12 and that his responsibility had been transferred to Captain McClure, formerly the master of a British merchant vessel, who had been appointed by the Chinese government as assistant to Admiral Ting. Admiral Ito, the last of the Chinese defense of Wei Hai Wei, was in command of the Japanese military forces at Wei Hai Wei, and announces the complete surrender of the Chinese on land and sea.

He also announces that Admiral Ting and two other officers committed suicide after addressing a letter from the Chinese flag ship accepting the Japanese demands. The Chinese soldiers garrisoning the forts on the island of Liu Kung Tao, the last of the Chinese defenses of Wei Hai Wei, held out against the Japanese, and the sailors of the Chinese fleet were to be taken beyond the Japanese lines and liberated, while the captured officers and the foreigners will be conveyed away by ship before they are given their liberty.

CHINA'S CONQUERED LEADERS. Bodies of the Sailors Sent Home by Their Conquerors. CHEFOO, China, Feb. 19.—The steamer Kang Chi, loaned by the Japanese for the purpose, arrived here with the remains of Admiral Ting, the Chinese naval commander who committed suicide after the surrender of his fleet to the Japanese at Wei Hai Wei.

The steamer also brought the bodies of Commander Liu and Captain Chang, commander of the military forces at Wei Hai Wei, all of whom killed themselves rather than to suffer the punishment that would have been meted out to them by the conqueror for the failure of his forces to repel the Japanese. The Japanese paid the greatest respect to Admiral Ting's remains. Captain Yang shot himself as the Japanese went over the side of the flag ship.

ADJOURNED CONSPIRACY TRIAL. Eugene V. Debs Says It Will Never Be Resumed. THREE HOURS, Ind., Feb. 18.—The adjourned conspiracy trial at Chicago will never be resumed, it will die out, said Eugene V. Debs, president of the American Railway union.

"While confined in the Woodstock jail I said I would stake my head that no jury would convict me and my colleagues. That statement has been as good as proven true as a result of the recent three days I was in court at Chicago. That adjourned trial will never be resumed. I will never be put on the stand again in that case. I want a trial, but the General Managers' association has connived to have it killed. We had the jury with us unanimously. Mr. Wickes went to Europe to escape the trial.

"I will tell the people of Chicago a few things on Thursday evening, Feb. 23, when I will speak at the Auditorium on 'Who Are the Conspirators?' A series of sessions will be sprung regarding the General Managers' association which would have come out in the trial if it had been continued."

WHITE RIBBONERS MEET. Temperance Advocates to Present Their Petition to Congress. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—A good attendance greeted the opening session of White Ribboners, which began with singing of hymns, followed by an address of welcome by Mrs. M. E. Griffith, president of the District Woman's Christian Temperance union, to which Mrs. Clara G. Hoffman, recording secretary of the national union, responded. There came a prayer and consecration meeting conducted by Mrs. Catherine Lente Stevenson of Chicago, and participated in by other prominent workers in the cause of temperance.

Miss Frances Willard and Lady Henry Somerset were unable to be present, having been detained in Boston, but are expected to arrive during the day. The principal object of the gathering is to call to the attention of congress and the president as strongly as possible the immense political petition which has arrived in Washington after a journey round the world, and now, it is asserted, bears the signatures of more than 8,000,000 people of all nationalities.

WHEELMEN ELECT OFFICERS. Aubury Park Chosen As the Place For the Next Meet. NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The 14th annual convention of the League of American Wheelmen opened in the Grand Union hotel.

President A. U. Wilson of Maryland; first vice president, George A. Perkins of Massachusetts; second vice president, A. C. Morrison of Milwaukee; treasurer, A. E. Merriam of Ohio; by acclamation, auditing committee: J. E. Adams of Massachusetts, John G. Van Noy of Pennsylvania and G. R. Prout of Ohio.

Relief For Ford's Theater Victims. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Senator Manderson, from a special committee considering the Ford's theater disaster, made a report for the relief of the legal heirs of the victims. The committee recommends an appropriation of \$115,000 being \$5,000 for the widow or other heirs of each victim.

Anti-Tobacco Not a Success. MONTREAL, Feb. 15.—The president of the board of governors of the general hospital announced that the anti-toxicum system has not been a success there and that the serum treatment has been abandoned.

FLAMES IN ROCHESTER.

Two Firemen Injured, One Fatally, by a Falling Ladder. ROCHESTER, Feb. 15.—The two upper stories of the 6-story stone building owned by W. W. Mack, and occupied by the R. T. French company, spice manufacturers, was gutted by fire. The stock and fixtures were damaged to the extent of \$40,000 and the building \$10,000. Both losses are covered by insurance.

Twenty firemen were standing on the extension ladder, holding a line of hose, the truck which supported the ladder upset, throwing the men to the ground, a distance of 100 feet. One of them, Patrick Conway, received injuries which will result fatally. The other, William Nolan, was quite seriously injured.

Fatal Conflagration. LYNN, Mass., Feb. 14.—Fire broke out in the basement of the 2-story wooden building, 23 and 10 Monroe street, occupied by W. Henry Richardson, hardware merchant, and spread to adjoining property, entailing a total loss of \$100,000. Three men were killed, 10 injured and 9 are missing, supposed to be buried in the ruins.

Buffalo Huts Hall Ablaze. BUFFALO, Feb. 18.—The Buffalo Music Hall, one of the finest structures in the city and the best equipped opera house in Western New York, was badly damaged by fire. The west wing of the building is in ruins. The loss will reach \$75,000. The fire was started by an explosion in the cellar, presumably of gas.

London Has Another Church Fire. LONDON, Ont., Feb. 14.—Dundas street Methodist church was destroyed by fire. Its destruction was as complete as the Queen street church, which was destroyed a few days ago. Chief Rev. Firemen McDonald and Riddell were seriously if not fatally hurt by falling walls. Loss, \$40,000.

What Mayor Strong Says. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Mayor Strong denied that faith had been broken with T. C. Platt. "I never made any promise to him or anybody else concerning appointments," said Mr. Strong. "My only promise was contained in the letter I wrote to the Committee of Twenty accepting the nomination. No faith could therefore have been broken."

Found Dead In His Bed. ALBANY, Feb. 19.—T. W. J. Holbrook, a well-known wine merchant and at one time quite prosperous, was found dead in his bed at his home here. The door of his bedroom was securely locked and the gas turned on full head.

THE MARKETS. New York Money Market. New York, Feb. 19. Money easy at 1 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 2 1/2 to 3 per cent. Sterling exchange. Austria business in bank bills, \$1.25 to \$1.28 for demand, and \$1.24 to \$1.27 for 30 days. Posted rates, \$1.27 to \$1.28 and \$1.25 to \$1.26. Commercial bills, \$1.28. Railroad bonds—Pacific Co. of W. \$1.23. Certificates were bid up to 25 but no sales above 6 1/2, at which price \$1,000 were sold. Silver, 59 1/2. Mexican dollars, 40 1/2.

New York Produce Market. NEW YORK, Feb. 19. FLOUR—City mill patent, \$2.00 to \$2.10, winter patent, \$2.00 to \$2.10; city mill clear, \$2.20; winter straight, \$2.20 to \$2.30; winter extra, \$1.90 to \$2.00; Minnesota patent, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Minnesota bakers', \$1.90 to \$2.00; winter low grade, \$1.75 to \$1.85; spring do., \$1.70 to \$1.80; spring extra, \$1.80 to \$1.90; southern flour: Common to fair, extra, \$1.60 to \$1.70; choice do., \$1.60 to \$1.70.

RYE FLOUR—Superior, \$2.00 to \$2.10; fancy, \$2.10 to \$2.20. RYE—State, \$2.30 to \$2.40; Jersey, \$2.30 to \$2.40; carload, \$2.30 delivered; bootloads, \$2.30 to \$2.40. CORNMEAL—Yellow western, \$1.00 to \$1.10; bran and germ, \$2.30 to \$2.40. BUCKWHEAT—State, \$2.00 to \$2.10. BARLEY MALT—Western, \$2.70 to \$2.80; two-rowed, \$2.80; six-rowed do., \$2.70 to \$2.80. BARLEY—No. 2 Milwaukee, \$2.40 to \$2.50; two-rowed state, \$2.30 to \$2.40; six-rowed state, ungraded western, \$2.30 to \$2.40; No. 2 western, \$2.30 to \$2.40; Canada, \$2.30 to \$2.40.

WHEAT—Spot sales of No. 2 red, state and elevator, \$1.50; do. do. \$1.50; No. 1 hard, \$1.50; No. 1 soft, \$1.45; No. 2 soft, \$1.40; No. 3 soft, \$1.35; No. 4 soft, \$1.30; No. 5 soft, \$1.25; No. 6 soft, \$1.20; No. 7 soft, \$1.15; No. 8 soft, \$1.10; No. 9 soft, \$1.05; No. 10 soft, \$1.00; No. 11 soft, \$0.95; No. 12 soft, \$0.90; No. 13 soft, \$0.85; No. 14 soft, \$0.80; No. 15 soft, \$0.75; No. 16 soft, \$0.70; No. 17 soft, \$0.65; No. 18 soft, \$0.60; No. 19 soft, \$0.55; No. 20 soft, \$0.50.

CORN—Spot sales of No. 1, elevator, \$1.30; do. do. \$1.30; No. 2, elevator, \$1.25; do. do. \$1.25; No. 3, elevator, \$1.20; do. do. \$1.20; No. 4, elevator, \$1.15; do. do. \$1.15; No. 5, elevator, \$1.10; do. do. \$1.10; No. 6, elevator, \$1.05; do. do. \$1.05; No. 7, elevator, \$1.00; do. do. \$1.00; No. 8, elevator, \$0.95; do. do. \$0.95; No. 9, elevator, \$0.90; do. do. \$0.90; No. 10, elevator, \$0.85; do. do. \$0.85; No. 11, elevator, \$0.80; do. do. \$0.80; No. 12, elevator, \$0.75; do. do. \$0.75; No. 13, elevator, \$0.70; do. do. \$0.70; No. 14, elevator, \$0.65; do. do. \$0.65; No. 15, elevator, \$0.60; do. do. \$0.60; No. 16, elevator, \$0.55; do. do. \$0.55; No. 17, elevator, \$0.50; do. do. \$0.50; No. 18, elevator, \$0.45; do. do. \$0.45; No. 19, elevator, \$0.40; do. do. \$0.40; No. 20, elevator, \$0.35; do. do. \$0.35.

POTATOES—Long Island, \$1.75 to \$1.80; sweet, \$1.75 to \$1.80; Jersey, \$1.50 to \$1.60; New York, \$1.50 to \$1.60; Maine, \$1.50 to \$1.60. BUTTER—New cream, \$1.25 to \$1.30; extra prime, \$1.30; family, \$1.30 to \$1.40; short clear, \$1.30 to \$1.40. BUTTER—Western dairy, \$1.40 to \$1.50; creamery, \$1.40 to \$1.50; do. do. \$1.40 to \$1.50; state dairy, \$1.40 to \$1.50; do. creamery, \$1.40 to \$1.50. CHEESE—State large, \$0.11 to \$0.12; small, \$0.10 to \$0.11; part skims, \$0.09 to \$0.10; full skims, \$0.12 to \$0.13. EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, 25c; ice cream, 19c to 20c; western fresh, 27c; southern, 26c to 27c. POTATOES—Long Island, \$1.75 to \$1.80; sweet, \$1.75 to \$1.80; Jersey, \$1.50 to \$1.60; New York, \$1.50 to \$1.60; Maine, \$1.50 to \$1.60.

Buffalo Provision Market. BUFFALO, Feb. 19. WHEAT—No. 1 hard, new, 63 1/2c; No. 2 northern, old, 62c; do. new, 62 1/2c; No. 2 red, 62c. CORN—No. 2 yellow, 45c; No. 3 do., 44c; yellow, 43c. OATS—No. 1 white, 32c; No. 2 mixed, 31c. RYE—No. 2, 56c in store; track, 54c. BARLEY—No. 1 Western, 80c; No. 2 do., 81c; chevallier, 60c to 64c; Canada, 55c. FLOUR—Spring wheat, best patent, per bush, \$2.00 to \$2.10; do. do. \$2.00 to \$2.10; winter wheat, best family, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Graham, \$2.10 to \$2.20. BUTTER—State creamery, \$1.40 to \$1.50; western do. \$1.40 to \$1.50. CHEESE—Fancy full cream, 11c to 12c; choice do., 10 1/2c to 11c; light cream, 9c to 10c; 40c. EGGS—State, 25c; western and southern, 24c to 25c. East Buffalo Live Stock Market. EAST BUFFALO, Feb. 19. CATTLE—Extra export steers, \$6.00 to \$6.10; good do., \$5.80 to \$5.90; choice heavy butchers, \$4.50 to \$4.75; light butchers do., \$4.25 to \$4.50; cow and heifers, extra, \$3.75 to \$4.15; calves, heavy fed, \$3.00 to \$3.25; veals, \$3.00 to \$3.50. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Choice to extra washers, \$4.50 to \$5.00; good to choice sheep, \$3.50 to \$4.00; common to fair, \$2.00 to \$2.50; choice to extra spring lambs, \$3.75 to \$4.25; common to fair, \$3.25 to \$3.75. HOGS—Heavy, \$4.50 to \$4.75; medium and mixed, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Yorkers, \$4.00 to \$4.25; stags, \$3.00 to \$3.25. Buffalo Hay Market. BUFFALO, Feb. 19. No. 1 timothy, per ton, \$12.00 to \$13.00; No. 2 do., \$11.00 to \$12.00; common mixed, \$10.00 to \$11.00; baled hay, \$9.00 to \$10.00; loose straw, \$8.00 to \$9.00; baled do., \$8.00 to \$9.00.

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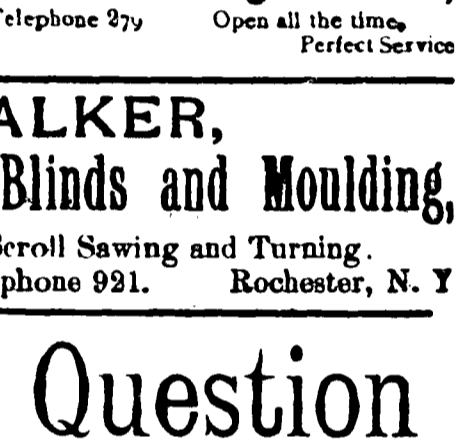
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