LATEST NEWS SUMMARY. BY TELEGRAPH TO DATE.

California is shipping grape vines to

Mexico. The Missouri river opened at Yankton

on the 14th. A verdict of acquittal was rendered in the Dukes mucder trial at Uniontown,

The treasury department of Mexico values its landed property at \$3,000,000. 000.

The state of Maine passed a bill through its legislature restoring capital punishment.

An Arab was sentenced to death recently for assaulting a French officer at Tonis.

The ship laborers of Montreal are demanding higher wages for the summer season.

Judge David Davis was married to Addie Durr at Fayetteville, N. C., on the 14th inst.

The New Jersey senate passed a bill prohibiting the sale of tobacco in any fort to minors. In the house of the Illinois legislature

a bill was passed recently to punish wife beaters by whipping.

John Phillips, of Hubbard, Ohio, while asleep walked out of a third-story window and was killed. Bills were introduced in both houses of the legislature of the state of Pennsylvania to prevent cremation in that

state. Latest accounts from various towns along the Mississippi river state that the water is falling and most of the danger over.

George Kenny, an ex soldier, suicided at Fort Leavenworth, recently, by blowing the top of his head off with a car-

Hon. Lucius Q. C. Elmer, LL. D., son of Gen. Elmer of revolutionary fame, died at Brighton, N. Y., on the 19th, aged 91 years.

At Elko, on the 13th, a brakeman on the Central Pacific by the name of Williams, fell from a freight train and was killed.

A sleeping car on the Pennsylvania road, near Belmont station, was de-stroyed by fire on the 13th. Passengers escaped without injury. A woman named Finger, an important

nihilist, who arranged the murder of General Streeltnihoff at Odessa in 1882, has been arrested at St. Petersburg. New York city is threatened with a

milk famine, the country dairymen refusing to furnish any more milk until the city dealers comply with their terms. The steamship Hudson, from New Or-

leans, caught fire at New York on the 13th inst. The vessel was flooded to extinguish the flames. Loss considerable. The existence of a branch of the "Black

Hand" society has been discovered in the north part of Portugal. Several of the members were arrested and important papara seized. The New York Public of March 14th

says business throughout the country for the past week shows an increase of 49 per cent, over that of the corresponding week one year ago. A Paris dispatch of March 14th says:

Count De Chamberd, in answering an address presented by 400 workingmen of Lyons, said the republic was infallibly leading France to ruin.

In the commons, London, Coleridge Kennard, conservative, gave notice that he would question the government as to what steps have been taken to recover the surplus of the Alabama award.

The Mexican government has declared forfeiture of the grant of 36,000 acres of land in lower California made to David Ferguson three years ago for colonization, owing to non-fulfillment of contract.

The remains of John Howard Payne, the author of "Home, Sweet Home, expected in New York city about the 23d inst., from thence to Washington city. and be buried June 5th, the 91st anni versary of the poet's birth.

A Berlin dispatch of March 13th says: The salvage steamer has returned from the scene of the wreck of the Cimbria. Divers report that a number of bodies of the victims are jammed against the gear of a life boat on deck. Entrance into the eabin is closed by a compact mass of bodies.

A Mankato (Minn.) dispatch of March 14th says: This morning Carl Winter, of St. Paul, shot Lizzie Levi, of Mankato, and then shot bimself. The wound of Miss Levi is not dangerous, but that of Winter is considered fatal. The opposition of Miss Levi's father to marriage is said to be the cause.

'The coroner's jury, of New York city, in the case of Mrs. and Miss Wakeman, suffocated at a fire at Cambridge flat. recommend the legislature to make laws prohibiting the erection of buildings over six stories high, as the fire department seems unable to cope advantageously with fires over that height.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railread company on the 13th directors were elected as follows: C. P. Hunting-ton, Leland Stanford, Jay Gould, Russel Sage, Jesse Seligman, Edward F. Wins-low, Jas. D. Fish, Wm. F. Buckley, Horace Porter, A. S. Hatch, Walter L. Frost, R. S. Hayes and Charles . A Rod-

& Ah Sing and other Chinese firms bringing a suit of damage against business men there to the amount of \$115,000, on account of alleged damage to their (the Chinese) business. The Chinese minis-ter at Washington has employed able counsel to conduct the case.

A San Francisco dispatch of March 13th says: Elish Delaheof was beaten in a most brutal manner this evening by a policeman, receiving injuries which may

The Northern Pacific track was completed to Bozeman March 15th. An attempt was made to blow up the

Jewish bank at Taganrog, Russia, recently, with dynamite. In the race between the Oxford and

the Cambridge crews on the 15th, the former won by three lengths. Charles Stuart, of San Francisco, committed suicide on the 15th by shooting himself through the heart with a shot-

The house of two maiden ladies named Judson, in East Hartford, Conn., burned on the 15th. Both perished in the

flames. At Evansville, Ind., March 15th, steamer Enquirer, going up, collided with the Dora Cobler, coming down. The latter sunk to the boiler deck, caught fire and burned to the water's edge. All aboard escaped.

Peter Mackel and Frank Kiser engaged in a shooting recently at White Oaks, N. M., caused by the latter's intimacy with the former's daughter. Kiser received a mortal wound in the breast, and Mackel's hip was shattered beyond repair.

The Republican state convention of Rhode Island met at Providence on the 15th. Every town was represented. Augustus Osbourn Bustal was nominated for governor by acclamation; Oscar J. Rathbun of Woonsocket was nominated for lieutenant governor.

A Berlin dispatch of March 15th says: The log product decree goes into force the month after its promulgation, as sent to the reichstag. The semi-official press represents the measure as purely a sauitary one. The liberals denounce it as protective in its character.

In northern Ohio, southern Michigan and some parts of Indiana, farmers are in much doubt about the outcome of their winter wheat. There has been very little snow on the ground, and they are afraid the repeated thawing and freezing will have killed a good deal.

The U. S. treasury department has deeided that of the \$72,000 recently approeided that of the \$72,000 recently appro-priated for the state of Oregon to reim-burse that state for expenses incurred during the Modec war, only \$42,000 can be paid under the law, as there still remains due to the United States from Oregon \$30,000.

Hon, Jeremiah Sherwood, who arrived in California in 1847 as lieutenaut of Company E, Stevenson regiment, after-ward clerk for Samuel Brannon at his store at Sutter's fort, when the first exchange of gold dust for merchandise were made, died at his residence in New York on the 15th, of panemonia, aged 60.

A San Francisco dispatch of March 15th says: Louis Jansen, coachman of Walter F. Hawley, was killed this after-noon while attempting to prevent the carriage from being smashed by a runaway team. Swain Lilgenberg, a carriagemaker, was dangerously wounded by being struck by one of the frightened horses.

A case of rape and retribution occurred near Mountain Home, Idaho, Wm. Gib son had a man, name unknown, working for him three days. Gibson was out looking after cattle, and on his return learned that he had outraged his eightyear-old daughter and fled. Gibson pur sued, caught the man on the stage, took him therefrom and taking him buch along the road some distance, shot an I kuited him

A New York Herald dispatch of March 15th says: Resides agents employed by Prince Bismarck in London to negotiate for the purchase of 10,000,000 acres of land in Mexico, it has been learned that the prime minister has also a very active representative cogaged in the same busi-So many Germans are annually emigrating to the new world that the German government desires to purchase land for the purpose of settling a colony in order to keep Germany's emigrants as much as possible under the supervision of the government and controlled by German laws. Negotiations are pending for another lot, 9,000,000 acres, some of which is located on the coast of the Guif of Mexico. Dr. Bedleck will sail for Europe on the Arizona in order to ther consummate his plans. A syndicate of English capitalists are interested in the scheme.

Latest news fron Washington state that work of the geological survey will be resumed this spring on a larger scale than ever before. Important scientific rescarches of surv y have heretofore been confined to territories. At the last ses-sion, congress authorized the officers to extend their operations into states, and the work will now be presecuted upon a much broader and more comprehensive plan. The object of the survey is to make an accurate history of the topographical, geological, minerological, and other economic resources of the United States, and to perform this work correctly, explorations in older states, as well as territories, are necessary. In states where local geographical surveys have been made the labors of government scientists will be greatly lessened. Conreas appropriated \$280,000 for the work this year, and operations will be begun in California, Colorado, Nevada, Minnesota, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennes-see, Kentucky, Arkausas and Texas. Operations in California will be upon a large scale.

A London dispatch of March 15th says: A terrible gas explosion in the local government board offices at Westminster occurred at 9 o'clock to night, destroying much property. The report was heard in the house of commons and caused an alarm. The concussion was so great that it shook the side galleries and the re-porters' galleries. It being dinner hour, A Waynesboro (Ga.) dispatch of the 14th says great excitement prevails in the hall. The Duke of Elinburgh was that place over the action of Loo Chang in the peers gallery, and seemed alarmed. but four members of the house were in The speaker rung the bell and asked the cause of the alarm. No one was injured, The wildest rumors are affect. The report resembled the discharge of an 83ton gan. It is believed the explosion was caused by dynamite, and was a dewith myriads of fragments of glass, and discoveries indicate that not more than heavy plate glass was lying in heaps on prove faial. Beturning home from work, the ground. A stone weighing 200 these habitations carved out of the face he heard his wife screaming, and saw her roughly handled. He remonstrated with King street police station, making a hole comparatively recent time. This concluthe officer and demanded an explanation, the size of a man's head. There was also

The Value of Humus in the Soil.

A factor of the soil is to be considered in the light of a plant nourisher, and though its chemical influence favorable though its chemical induced layorable to tree growth, is the humus, which forms the covering of all good forest soils, and is produced by the decay of the yearly fallen foliage, twigs, etc., and other decaying vegetable matter and other decaying vegetable matter and consists of the combination of neutral solls. The acids, which are formed in ments, and other particulars about the The acids, which are formed in salts. some humus soils, according to Liebig. are not components of a fertile humus, but belong to that of the peaty and marshy soils, which are not favorable to tree growth. Carbon, hydrogen and oxygen are the main components of humus. It has been asserted that the humus ought to be considered as fur-nishing the supply of carbon, which forms the largest part in the composition of the woody fiber. For any one who has seen the forests of large extent along the dunes of Southern France and the sea sand of the North German plain, lacking all traces of humus, nay, containing so little carbon that after heating it will not leave a trace of black or color-ing, it needs not to cite Liebig's proof of the insufficiency of the humus or any part of the soil, to prove the amount of carbon necessary for the building up of the tree and a forest. Besides, who could reasonably accept, as logic would compel us, the creation or decayed organic matter previous, and as a condition of following plant life. Yet that there is a chemical influence

of the humns on forest growth cannot be denied. Not only does the decaying veg-itable matter develop a considerable amount of ammonia, which, imparted to the atmosphere, enriches it with the needed nitrogen, but also of carbonic acid, which contributes largely to the disintegration of the rock, and increases the solubility of the carbonate and phos-phate of lime. This influence will be readily admitted as important, when we remember that in ten thousands parts of pure water only one part of carbonate of lime is soluble, while in the same quantity of water acidulated with carbonic acid, ten parts of that salt will dissolve. But the greatest significance of the

humus lies in its physical influence, which is more important where the other factors of "soilbonity"—depth, looseness, humidity, are lacking, considerable layer of humus i creases depth; a bad conductor of heat, counteracts the drying effect of the sun which, added to its capacity of absorbing easily and retaining long the meteoric precipitations, makes it a very desirable overing of the soil. The humus being of medium looseness tends to diminish the extremes of the physical properties of the soil.

We may sum up the influence of the soil on ferest growth by stating that its chemical composition is only of minor importance, almost all soils furnishing sufficient inorganic basis of the descrip tion which is needed by forest growth; that its main influence consists in its physical properties, represented by its depth, looseness and depending on these, the capacity of absorbing a retaining moisture, which properties may be increased or even compensated for by a sufficient layer of humus. The existence of these properties in their highest perfestion in due proportion are inducive to the presperity of any species, but the necessity of their existence is a relative one with regard to the different species. Cor. National Farmer.

Not Dead.

An Egyptian, when he has a lawsuit on hand, holds that success is a duty. If perjury will win the suit, he will perure himself and a troop of friends will aid him. A French physician, in the employ of the Egyptian government, tells a similar story illustrating the length to which an Egyptian will go in order to win his case. The Frenchman order to win his case. The Frenchman was accompanying Latif Pasha, the Gov-ernor General of Upper Egypt, on a tour of inspection. While stopping at a certain village, two men appeared before the Pasha to comptain that their Sheik had strangled one of their relations and seized the land.

The body was brought in sewed up in is shroud. "How long has he been dead?" asked the physician. "Several hours.

"Strip the body," ordered the physi-

He examined it, found it still warm, the pulse beating, the eyes closed and no involuntary motion.

The physician ordered the soles of the feet to be whipped, as a counter irritant would relieve the head, if life was not extinct. The dead man overhearing the order, opened his eyes and asked for

"God is merciful," exclaimed the complainers, "and has restored him to

life The Pasha, however, took quite a different view of the case, and ordered each of them to be bastinadoed. While this was being done, the physician whispered to the corose-

"Your turn will come next; you had better slip away.

The man threw off his shroud and ran off. He was pursued, caught, brought back and bastimadeed. Having thus disposed of the fraudulent pleading the Pasha heard the merits of the

The man, it appeared, having been unlawfully dispossessed by the Shiek of his land, thought it would strengthen his case in the Pasha's eyes if he should add the charge of murder to that of illegal eviction.

The Cave Dwellers.

Colonel James Stephenson, of the Bureau of Ethnology, has returned from New Mexico, where he has been making some further explorations of the ancient chill towns. He has made an important discovery which is believed to definitely fix the cave dwellers at a much later period than has been supposed by archeologists. It has been thought herefion is arrived at by the finding of a lot of The latter turned upon him and beat him with his club over the head, and when Delaheof started to run, fired a shot at him.

The latter turned upon him and beat him and to blow up the Times, an attempt made to blow up the Times, and a canister containing explosive material from a material resembling cotton. Upon at him and beat him and the preserved, found in position in a cyst encased in a fabric woven from a material resembling cotton. Upon at him and beat him and the preserved in position in a cyst encased in a fabric woven from a material resembling cotton. Upon at him and the preserved in a fabric woven from a material resembling cotton.

that the cloth instead of cotton is made from the fibre of a reed similar to flax. Specimens of the reed, with its root and stalk well preserved, were found in the remains of a house, which opens the way to a definite ascertainment of the actual material used. An ancient Spanish writhree centuries ago, gives an account of these people with a description of the ments, and other particulars about the customs of the natives, which are sub-stantiated by Colonel Stephenson's re-cent find. The nummies also are closed in a kind of neatly made sandal, which afford another point of identification. Besides the mummies, Colonel Stephenson brought 15,000 pounds of pottery .-Gunnison Review Press,

Time Table for Cooking Vegetables.

A French cook gives the the following general rules for cooking all kinds of vegetables: Green vegetables should be thoroughly washed in cold water, and then dropped into water which has been salted and is beginning to boil. There should be a tablespoonful of salt for If the water each two quarts of water. boils long before the vegetables are put in, it has lost all its gasses, and the min-eral ingredients are deposited on the bottom and sides of the kettle, so thatthe water is flat and tasteless, and the vege-tables will not look well or have a fine flavor. The time for boiling green vegetables depends much upen the age and time they have been gathered. Below is a very good time table for cooking vege-Beet greens, one hour.

Beets, one to two hours. Unions, one to two hours. Carrots, one to two hours. Spinach, one to two hours. Tomatoes, fresh, one hour-Parsnips, one to two hours. Cauliflower, one to two hours. Dandelion, two to three hours. Potatoes, boiled, thirty minutes. Potatoes, baked, forty-five minutes. Shelled beans, boiled, sixty minutes. Green corn, thirty to sixty minutes. Sweet potatoes, boiled, fifty minutes. Squash, boiled, twenty-five minutes. Asparagus, fifteen to thirty minutes. String beans, boiled, one to two

Turnips, yellow, one and a half hours. Cabbage, forty-five minutes to two

Green peas, boiled, twenty to forty minutes. Turnips, white, forty-five to sixty minutes

His Error.

A Western man went to New York on a little spree, and he found that every time he made a move it jerked his pocketbook open. On Sunday he went to church, and the sermon was on "Free Salvation." When it was about half over, he arose in his seat and said:

"Look here, Mr. Preacher, did P understand you to say that sulvation was free here?"

"Yes, brother, full and free to all who ask.

"Well, I'm a steer, if I ain't glad to hear it. Everything I've struck in New York yet has cost so durn much money that I didn't think anything was free. guess I'll take a little of it if you'll let me see a sample.

But before he could continue his remarks a deacon collared him and he was fired out.

"I knowed it," he said, as the doors closed on him. "That preacher was puttin' up a job on me, and this is what I git for being such a danged sucker as to bite. New York ain't no town for me to live in, and I'm going out West where a man has a show for his white alley."-The Drummer.

Wine at Princeton.

The rigid moral discipline of Princeton college has become so famous that the suspension of several students for unscemly bilarity after the free use of wine at a party given in honor of a guest from Harvard is a surprise, not to to say a shock, to the public. Dr. McCosh complains that students began to smuggle wine over to Princeton from New York, and the powers of the faculty will be devoted to the work of breaking up the permittions practice. The severe discip-line applied in the case of the youths who hank to excess the other night-or, more literally, who were drunk-is expected to effect the desired reformation without the application of the extreme penalty of expulsion for any of the offenders. tainly if young men from the best families of the country, as Princeton students are, cannot use wine without abusing it, the prohibition doctrine ought everywhere to prevail .- Mail and Express.

RAT, CAT AND PUPPY PIE .- In Canton we visited a restaurant where cats, rats and dogs were served for food. Dog steak, fried rat or cat stew were to be hall at any hour. It has often been de-nied and many affirm that it is only one of the old Peter Parley's stories that the Chinese cat these things. But it is true. We saw a whole puppy stewed in a large kettle. We saw a table full of men satisfying their hunger with dog meat, and they are with a hearty relish. cals and pups in cages for sale, and rats hung up waiting for purchasers. The s looked savory and the price of meal was "dog cheap," but we did not include in any "bowwow" soup or feline steak or rodent pot pie. We weren't hungry just then, The Celestials will tell you "rat number one good eatee," and show you rats skinned, rats salted rats dried, rats hung up by the tails and rats strung on strings. If you doubt the genuineness of the article, the proprie-tor will show the meat with the hair and tail attached for identification.

A man on Cambridge street the other day was in trouble. He had hitched to an express wagon an ugly old mare, who switched her tail and stood and kicked as hard as she knew how to. The brute liberate attempt to blow up the government effice, and undoubtedly the work of back in the distant past measured by a do any particular damage, but she back in the distant past measured by a wouldn't go along, and persisted in trying to kick the wagon into fragments. A three centuries ago they were living in crowd collected and folks began to ad-these habitations carved out of the face vise the man what to do, and presently vise the man what to do, and presently he got so mad he wanted to ery and he swore fluently. To a policeman, who came to his assistance, he said: "I don't mind the old brute's kickin'; I'm used tion in a cyst encased in a fabric woven to that. But, by hokey, I wish them from a material resembling cotton. Upon cusses were in my place and I had the close examination, however, it is found savising of them! I'd make 'em sick!" Carried Street

Vina is a railroad station with a few hundred inhabitants. Aside from other railroad stations it mainly owes its cimportance and influence to two factsthat is its rich soil and susceptibility to irrigation, and that it is mainly owned by ex-Governor Stanford, the railroad magnate, who is determined to spare no money to make that section blossom into full productiveness. Of course the few owners of land in that section who hold aloof from Stanford's influence will receive their reward, for they will profit by the energy and enterprise of the million-aire. A few years ago, the railroad mag-nate, Gov. Stanford, bought the main portion of the Gereke grant. This included some of the most productive land that ever lay out doors, and cost the purchater upward of \$200,000. Since that important purchase the railroad magnate has given that section a mighty boom. He bought the Gereke grant on a speculation and has made the most of his gain. We are reliably informed that Gov. Stanford has visited Vina but twice since he made his purchase. Before he visited the place at all his agent had 1000 acres of land in vices. In the meantime an elaborated irrigating scheme, with main and counter ditches had been provided; and now the whole tract can be freely irrigated from the celebrated waters of Deer creek. Twice, since Gov. Stanford possessed this rich inheritance, has he visited it, and yet improvements have rapidly progressed. Last year he had planted 1000 acres in vineyard and this year he will have 150 acres more. This will make the largest vineyard owned by any one man in the world. And it is said that the railroad magnate has selected none but the best varieties, so that it is likely that his vineyard will not only be the largest but the best in the world, owned by any one man. It is remarkable that Gov. Stanford should select so favored a section by proxy. The soil is the richest that could be exposed to the sun, and every inch is susceptible of irrigation from a living stream of water. Our correspon-dent went through the wine vaults and saw 34,000 gallons of wine made from the old vineyard. He was fairly muddled with the blooded stock cattle he met at every turn. This only demonstrates that this magnificent ranch will not only be expected to raise fine raisins and wine grapes, but that the finest stock will be provided for. A tract of 600 acres has been planted to alfalfa (all irrigated), which indicates that Stanford intends to have a good ranch to fall back on should the railroad commission einch him too tight. Mr. Smith superintends this entire possession, and the fact that Gover-nor Stanford has visited it but twice, is evidence that he gives entire satisfaction. A lot of new buildings have been built, which we have no room to refer to at this time. But sufficient is it to say that Governor Stanford is preparing a pos-session at Vina that will not be second

Technical Education in Belgium. One of the Commissioners on Techical

to a principality when it matures .- | Te-

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Education of Great Britian gives some interesting particulars concerning the at-tention paid to technical education in the works of John Cockerill, of Seraing, Belgium. In the several de partments of mining, smelting, forging and machine making about 10,000 men are employed, and the wages paid amount to about \$2,000,000 per annum. About 100 draftsmen are employed, of whom 25 are German and from the polytechnic schools of their respective countries. Several free nightschools are attended by boy and adults from the works, numbering nearly 2,000. There is also an industrial or technical school, attended by about eighty fitters, boilermakers and young men from all the departments, while a mining school in connection with the works is attended by about 200 students. According to statements made by the director of the steel department, all young men under eighteen years employed in that department are required to attend the night school, and absence is, in some cases punished by expulsion from the works. A similar state of things exists at the zipe works near Liege, the Viella Montague, employing some 7,500 men, and where intelligence in all the operations is insisted upon to such an extent that apprentices are required to attend the vening schools. It is not thought t'at the attendance at the night schools makes the young men better workmen, but it is considered to train them to habits of thought and reflection, to keep them from worse places and to tend in all respects to make them better men .-Chicago Journal of Commerce.

MORRID APPETITE FOR PAPER.-There recently died in a town near St. Louis a woman named Latimer, who had a morbid appetite for paper. She titerally devoured books, newspapers, and all kinds of literature. She would chew up a magazine with the same relish that an ordinary person would manifest in cating a sirloin steak. She was especially fond of printed matter. The ink seemed to add an additional flavor to the provender. She would tear from their bindings and masticate the leaves, or, if nothing more delectable was at hand, she fed upon common straw wrapping-paper, such as the grocers' and butchers cels are wrapped up in. She is said to have inherited the curious appetite, and to have begun to chew paper simultaneously with the cutting of her first teeth. Paper was a monomania with her. She was an intelligent woman and indulged in no other freaks. During the closing years of her life her friends had to keep a constant guard over her to prevent her from swallowing the conats of book cases and despoiling the parlor table of its poetry and its art.

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