

LATE NEWS SUMMARY.

Francis Scott, Eastern and Foreign. A ship 150 years old recently landed at Quebec.

Peter Donahue, the San Francisco millionaire, is dead.

Six clubs will comprise the National Baseball League of 1886.

Marshal Serrano, the well-known Spanish General, is dead.

A rumor prevails that Riel was not executed, but is still alive.

The Grant monument fund in New York now amounts to over \$100,000.

The Utah & Northern Railroad is to be extended from Butte to Helena.

President Cleveland did not attend the funeral of Vice-President Hendricks.

A son of Kit Carson lives at Albuquerque, N. M., on a Government pension.

At Bay City, Mich., McGraw's sawmill was destroyed by fire; loss, \$150,000.

Two hundred professors in the German universities are over seventy years of age.

In Sweden the Government runs the drinking places, and puts in each a free library.

The teeth of Chicago school children are cared for by a dentist at the public expense.

The will of the late Vice-President Hendricks bequeaths all of his property to his wife.

The steamer Aurora foundered near Hartlepool, England, and three of her crew were drowned.

Eight Indians, convicted of the massacre at Frog Lake, were hanged at Battleford, W. S. N.

The Barnum iron and wire works at Detroit were destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$210,000.

W. H. Harrison and W. O. Waldo were recently murdered by Indians near Ft. Apache, Arizona.

C. A. Thorpe and J. White, upon retiring in a Baltimore hotel, blew out the gas and were suffocated.

Ben. Holden died near Vancouver, W. T., from an overdose of morphine, taken with suicidal intent.

Miss Minnie Sheriff and James Tynan were fatally burned in the Metropolitan Hotel at St. Louis.

Ex-Mayor Bowman, of East St. Louis, Ill., was shot and killed at his own door by an unknown assassin.

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A Montreal butcher was arrested and fined for irreverence because he knelt on only one knee in church.

Miss Bertha Duckworth was found in front of her residence at Detroit with her throat cut from ear to ear.

New Orleans is to pay the heirs of Myra Clark Gaines \$1,200,000 to compromise her suit for real estate in that city.

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One hundred and seventy-five newspapers have been confiscated in Spain within the past two months for disloyal utterances.

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At New York, Mrs. Mary Kohn was crushed by a falling wall. Archer George, James Barrie and George Mariviera were also fatally injured.

The San Francisco Knights of Labor have adopted a resolution demanding that the Chinese be expelled from the city limits within sixty days.

At Dubuque, Iowa, Mrs. Charles formed and robbed her husband, and then eloped with a "nice" young man.

The schooner Highland Maid was found capized on Lake Erie. It is supposed that Captain Oliver and his two sons, who sailed the vessel, were drowned.

Mrs. William Seigler, in New York, became insane, owing to the landlord's threat of ejection for non-payment of rent. Seizing her infant she jumped from the fourth story window. The child was killed and the mother badly injured.

John W. Luter, general manager of the nail-works at Omaha, has been held in \$25,000 for shooting his wife, a young and beautiful woman, with whom he had lived unhappily. He claims that in the night he mistook her for a burglar. Her death from the shot was almost instantaneous.

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A FOREST HYMN.

The glowing sun is riding high Amid the arches of the sky. From heights of rolling green away, No sound disturbs the leafy glade Save that by busy woodhills made.

"STAR-SPANGLED BANNER."

The thrilling event which inspired this Patriotic Song. A piece of news was borne across the Atlantic Ocean in May, 1814, which chilled with apprehension every American heart.

The invasion came. The enemy's ships entered Chesapeake Bay about the first of June. A fleet of frigates and gunboats entered the bay in a great ship of eighty guns, bringing with him a fleet and three or four thousand soldiers.

Every one knows what followed. The country was invaded, Washington was sacked and pillaged, and its public buildings burned.

A few days after, the British forces made their second attempt upon that coast. Baltimore, then a city of forty thousand inhabitants, enriched by the present commerce of the last quarter of a century, would have been a valuable prize.

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no should send the news of their landfall in Baltimore. He was a particular friend of Mr. Key and of his family.

"I hope to return in about eight or ten days, though it is uncertain, as I do not know where to find the fleet."

The flag of Fort McHenry, which still exists in a tolerable state of preservation. Colonel Armstrong caused it to be taken from the staff after the battle, and his honorable wounds bound about by the very ladies who had made it.

BEFORE PENS.

The instrument used for writing before pens were invented. These were invented. The chisel was employed for inscribing on stone, wood or metal.

Of all the thousands of human beings within hearing of that bombardment, there was probably not one fitted by nature and education to be moved by it.

Suddenly about three in the morning the firing ceased. As they were anchored at some distance from the British vessels, they were utterly at a loss to interpret this mysterious silence.

As they walked up and down the deck of their vessel in the darkness and silence of the night, they kept going to the binnacle to look at their watches to see how many minutes they were from before they could discern whether the flag over Fort McHenry was the star-spangled banner, or the union jack of England.

A few minutes after the dawn of that glorious day, when the poet first felt sure of the issue of the contest, he impulsive to express his feelings in verse rushed upon him.

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OLD-TIME SNAKES.

A Practical Joke Whose Recollection Cautioned Dozens of Perpetrators. In the olden time, when the prairies of Illinois had not yet been fenced in, snakes were plentiful.

In that day and age of the world, women did not gather up their skirts and climb up on the table if anybody inadvertently said "mouse."

The serpents that infested the unfettered wastes of prairie were bad. They were more numerous than black-birds are now, and some of them were so poisonous that it made a man's leg swell and sent him screaming to the whiskey-jug to look at them.

WOMEN AND THEIR FEET.

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PRODUCE MARKET.

Portland. FLOUR—Per cwt., standard brands, \$1.25; others, \$2.25@2.50. WHEAT—Per cwt. valley, \$1.25@1.25.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Per cwt. \$4.00. CRACKED WHEAT—Per cwt. \$3.00. HONEY—Per lb. No. 1, \$1.25; No. 2, \$1.00.

EGGS—Per doz, 32@35c. BUTTER—Per lb. fancy roll, 27@30c; inferior grade, 12@15c.

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WRESTLING WITH THE MAZY.

A Giddy Wyoming Youth Learns to Trip the Light Fantastic. (Bill Nye in Boston Globe.) Very soon now I shall be strong enough on my cyclonic leg to resume my lessons in walking.

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