

NEWS ITEMS.

A steamer is bringing \$300,000 from Havana to New York.

A heavy shock of earthquake shook Callao on the 15th of October.

The Insane Asylum at St. Peter, Minn., was totally destroyed by fire last Monday.

John Bright defeated John Ruskin, and is elected Vicar of the University of Glasgow.

Exports from New York for ten months of 1880, exceed 1879 for same time over \$53,000,000.

The Czar has commuted the sentence of three nihilists from death to imprisonment for life.

The Bank of England is getting short of coin, and has to ship bars of bullion to the United States.

The rebel savages at the Cape have forced a small force of Cape troops to evacuate a village they occupied.

The Congress of San Domingo has levied a tax of one dollar a ton on vessels to keep the port of the Capital clear.

Thousands of negroes are said to be leaving Alabama and Louisiana, and the emigration will continue all winter.

Secretary Thompson is said to be very unpopular because he is trying to introduce economy in his department.

David Davis, it is said, wishes to get back on the Supreme Bench and has all he wants of the United States Senate.

The Chicago Times says the ship canal from Chicago to the Mississippi must be pushed through while times are good.

The present city officers of New Orleans refuse to surrender their positions because they say the late city election was illegal.

The wicked boy of Boston, Jesse Pomeroy, came near saving his way out of prison by cutting through boiler iron with a case knife.

After all that has been said about Sitting Bull intending to surrender, it is now said that he will die first. Gen. Miles will capture him.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad only cleared \$7,967,000 net earnings last year, and the receipts were only a little over four millions more than the year before.

The barge Morning Star, Capt. John W. Thompson, of Buffalo, with six men, carrying 40,000 bushels of wheat, was lost last week on Lake Erie.

Another torpedo explosion in Callao bay destroyed some Chilean vessels. Chinese follow the Chilean forces and plunder what they do not destroy.

The Governor-General of Kasan is to be superseded by the Russian Government, because he has tried to convert, by force, 700,000 Tartars to the Greek church.

The coal mine at Stellarton, Nova Scotia, where so many men were lost by explosion of fire damp, is now flooded and they hope the explosion will cease, and the fire put out.

The Clergyman of New York City are doing all they can to prevent the performance of the Passion play in that city. The effort includes clergyman of all denominations from Unitarian to Catholic.

The National Congressional Convention held at St. Louis, believes that Utah ought not to be admitted into the Union, and that if it can be legally done, the Congressional delegate elect should not be admitted to a seat in Congress.

Secretary Schurz is sending Meacham back to his position as Ute Commissioner at Colorado, and he would have gone before but was afraid of being lynched on account of his complicity in the murder of Jackson by the Indians.

NEVER IDLE.

The most inveterate idler cannot prevent his body from working; that is clearly impossible; the body must keep hard at work, or it will die. Suppose the stomach refused to work within ten minutes after a hearty dinner, the man would die in convulsions in a few hours; or cholera or cramp colic would rack and wreck him. Supposing the pores of the skin—meaning thereby the glandular apparatus with which they are connected—should go on a "strike," he would in an hour be burning up with fever; oppression would weigh upon the system, and soon become insupportable. Suppose the liver became mulish, the appetite would become annihilated, food would be loathed, torturing pains would invade the small of the back, and the head would ache to bursting. And so with all the functions of the body. How wonderful the beneficence that enables us to keep this complicated machinery in order by the pleasant process of eating and drinking.

If the so-called protectionists will answer us one question we will feel greatly obliged: If protective tariff, as now administered, is not a form of legalized larceny, why are American goods purchasable in London, Paris, Berlin and Antwerp cheaper than in New York, San Francisco, Philadelphia and New Orleans? What sort of a law is it that swindles twenty-eight agricultural States to enrich ten manufacturing States on the Eastern seaboard?—*Inland Empire.*

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Edward McPherson, formerly clerk of the House, and now secretary of the republican congressional committee, figures out only one republican majority. The gains made by his party on congressmen, exclusive of Indiana and Ohio, which elected congressmen in October, are as follows: Virginia 1; Tennessee 2; Louisiana 1; Iowa 2; Minnesota 1; Wisconsin 1; Missouri 1; Pennsylvania 2; Illinois 1; Kentucky 1—making a total of 13. The losses were as follows: New York 4; Nevada 1; California 1—making six in all and leaving a net republican gain of 7, which added to gains made in October and other republicans elected, give them a total vote of 147 to 146 for the democrats. This estimate gives the democrats all the greenbackers elected and two readjusters from Virginia.

It is stated that Gen. Grant prefers the Secretaryship of War to the Illinois Senatorship, and will probably be offered that position.

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