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GENERAL EASTERN NEWS.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.
Big Death Rate in New York.
New York, Feb. 27.—Deaths since the first of January, 6,348, an enormous increase.

Matrimonial.
New York, Feb. 27.—The Mercury announces the marriage in March of Whitelaw Reid, editor of the Tribune, and Jennie Mills, daughter of D. O. Mills, of the bank of California.

Children Burned to Death.
Scranton, Pa., Feb. 27.—The Catholic orphanage, Hyde Park, Scranton, was burned early tonight. Fifteen children were taken out dead; two are missing.

On to Washington.
Mansfield, Ohio, Feb. 27.—The president-elect will leave Mentor tomorrow (Monday) at 1 p. m., and go by the Lake Shore road to Ashtabula in a special train arranged by the Pennsylvania company, and from Ashtabula via the Pennsylvania company's lines through Warren, Youngstown, and Pittsburgh to Washington, passing Pittsburgh about 7:30 p. m., and reaching Washington early Tuesday morning.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.
Dead.
San Francisco, Feb. 26.—William Salheim, one of the founders of the firm of Levi Strauss & Co., died to-day, aged sixty-one.

Fire and Loss of Life.
San Francisco, Feb. 26.—The hay and grain warehouse of Moore & McLaren burned early this morning. Loss \$20,000. Two employes slept in the establishment. One perished and the other was badly injured.

Run Over and Killed.
Dallas, Feb. 27.—A man named Michael Doyle was run over last evening by the cars and instantly killed at Celilo. Doyle was asleep on the track and it is supposed was in an intoxicated condition. The train passed directly over his body, most horribly mauling it. Deceased was married, aged about 40 years. He was in the employ of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company.

WASHINGTON CITY NEWS.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.
Postal Changes.
Washington, Feb. 27.—Established—Mendota, Spokane county, W. T., Chester D. Irie, postmaster. Postmasters appointed—Barclay & Jones, Butteville, Marion county, Oregon; Alonzo E. Austin, Sitka, Alaska.

The President Asked to Pardon the Mussel Slough Murderers.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Senators Farley and Booth and representatives Berry called on President Hayes yesterday and laid before him the petition signed by upwards of 30,000 citizens of California praying that the Mussel slough prisoners be pardoned. The president suggested that the petition should be filed in the attorney general's office, but promised that he will pass upon the case before his term of office expires.

Important Statistics.
Washington, Feb. 26.—The excess of exports of merchandise over imports for the twelve months ending January 31st was \$210,001,752; twelve months ending January 31, 1880, \$237,452,160. It is estimated by treasury officials that reduction of the public debt for February will be about ten millions. Deposit of national banks received at the treasury department to-day for retirement of circulation, \$2,826,720; total to date, \$13,802,999. The Revere national bank of Boston gave notice to-day that it had deposited 100,000 U. S. 6 per cent. bonds, series '81, to obtain additional circulation.

THOMAS HARDY.

The Greatest of Living English Novelists.

Now that George Eliot is dead, some of the English critics are trying to determine, to their own satisfaction, who is the greatest of the surviving British novelists. Their opinions differ, of course; but several of them agree that Thomas Hardy deserves the honor, although he is the youngest of living writers of fiction, and one whose reputation has been very recently made. Hardy, a native of a village in Dorsetshire, is but forty years of age—he was born June 2, 1840—and was educated at divers schools without any thought of becoming an author. He was designed, indeed, by his father for architecture, and was articled at sixteen in the country town to an architect of some local renown. He received at the same time careful instruction in the classics, and after serving his apprenticeship went to London, where he advocated the modern Gothic school, and added to his knowledge and experience under the well-known Arthur Bloomfield. His first attempt of a literary kind was in the direct line of his profession, being an essay on colored brick and terra-cotta architecture, which received (1863) the prize and medal of the Institute of Architects. He then decided to become an art critic, and fitted himself for the calling by further studies, though he published nothing, general literature appealing to him more and more. After hesitating several years between architecture and authorship, and steadily inclining to the latter, he put forward when he was thirty-one, his first novel. It was as much censured as praised, but he was naturally so influenced by the praise that he determined definitely upon his vocation. The year following he put forth a rural story, "Under the Greenwood Tree," and within a twelvemonth appeared "A Pair of Blue Eyes," both of them being well received. It was not, however, until he had produced, six years ago, "Far From the Madding Crowd," that his reputation became national or transatlantic. It was published, like its predecessors, anonymously, and was attributed to various authors, to George Eliot among others. Since then he has occupied a foremost place among English writers of fiction, though he has not equaled that effort by any subsequent work. Hardy is the reverse of a sensationalist. His scenes and characters are quiet, but closely and skillfully drawn. It is evident that he has observed carefully, and he is generally considered truthful to life and nature. Persons that like high-colored, sharply-contrasted, melodramatic plots and situations do not enjoy Hardy, who is very dull to them. Charles Reade ranks himself, as may be inferred, as the greatest of English novelists, and did so long before the death of Thackeray, Dickens or George Eliot. He cannot understand, it is said, how Hardy has gained so much fame.

Mind Reading by a Girl of Eleven Years.

The performance of a Boston girl, aged eleven years, whose husband, if she ever gets one, is to be commiserated, are thus related by the Herald, of that city: She had dark hair and eyes, and a decidedly nervous temperament. She was blindfolded, and a thimble was placed on the top of an upright piano on the other end of the room from where she stood. The gentleman of the house and one of the children then placed their hands on her shoulders, and fixing their minds on the thimble, she was told to proceed. Turning squarely around, she walked directly to the piano, felt her way till the corner was reached, then lifting her hand as high as she could reach, she placed her hand on the thimble. The performance caused surprise, and elicited a round of applause. The child was taken to the other side of the room and blindfolded again, the work being securely done. This time the thimble was placed on the piano stool, much lower than before. The same persons placed their hands on the child's shoulders, and again she turned squarely around and walked straight to where the stool was standing. As she approached it she put out her hands, reaching not up as before, but down, and felt her way cautiously. In this attitude she walked up to the stool, and, while in the act of passing her hand over the top, jarred the stool and knocked the thimble on the floor. The third time the thimble was placed in a different part of the room, on the hinge of a folding door, about five feet from the floor. It was in a place not easily discovered by a person with his eyes open. The blindfolded child, with the hands of the other persons on her shoulders, walked straight to the spot, and, after feeling on both sides of the door for a few moments, passed her hand along up the edge until she struck the thimble, which fell to the floor. She declined to perform any more, saying she was tired. When asked how she knew where the thimble was, she said she could not tell. It was impossible for her to see, and no one suspected for a moment that she was playing a trick. It seemed to be a clear case of "mind-reading," the exhibition being the same in kind, if not in degree, as those given by Brown a few years ago.

Patent Outsides.

Many country newspapers are in part made in San Francisco. The first and fourth pages are printed in that city, and contain several columns of advertisements for which the paper receives no compensation. The publishers of the patent outsides, as such sheets are termed, send the same thing to many of the smaller towns, so that the first and fourth pages of many of the papers that reach us are identical. A paper published in San Leandro comes to us with a special plea in favor of the system, which would not have been written had its publisher given more study to some feature of the business in which he is engaged. The San Leandro Sentinel says that many country newspapers could not live if it were not for the system of patent outsides, and we will call its attention to the facts revealed by its own columns. Its first and fourth pages contain a little over five columns of selected reading matter, which, according to the measurement of printers, would be about twelve thousand. A man would set it up in a day and a half, at a cost of less than five dollars. If the Sentinel man followed a good policy he would give one or two boys a chance to learn the trade, in which case the cost of putting into type those few columns would be nominal. For the sake of two or three dollars worth of type setting, at the outside limit, he giving to the patent outside man an amount of advertising space worth several hundred dollars, and depriving himself of any chance to secure a dollar's worth of business from that city. It would not cost him ten dollars a month extra to give his readers as good a paper, made entirely at home, and he would probably obtain San Francisco business that would more than offset that expenditure. His alarm about the bill to prevent the publication of legal advertisements in such papers is not well founded; its passage would be one of the best things that has ever happened to him.

Horse Education.

In something written we have an indistinct recollection of having made reference to a general disposition among boys in their teens, as well as boys of maturer years, to enlighten and bless the world with their profound knowledge of the horse and his history. Our books and newspapers are full of this kind of literature, and it varies in style from the production of the child at school, commencing with: The horse has four legs and a tail; up to the eloquent tribute of the scholar when he quotes from Job: That his neck is clothed with thunder and the glory of his nostrils is terrible. He smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains and the shouting. Between these two extremes of the child at his first school composition, and the professional literature, we have every grade of pretension, and each professing to have mastered the whole subject. As we approach the close of this nineteenth century, we begin to look for something better in this department of knowledge from those who assume to instruct. And it is to be found in Kendall's Treatise on the horse, sent by mail to any person for twenty-five cents, postage paid. Apply to THE ASTORIAN office, or address D. C. Ireland, Astoria, Oregon.

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