

THE WEEK'S NEWS

Happenings of the Past Seven Days in Brief.

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Casualties and Fires, Personal and Political Notes, Business Failures and Resumptions, Weather Record.

INTELLIGENCE FROM ALL PARTS

CONGRESSIONAL

Proceedings of First Regular Session.

A joint resolution in favor of the annexation of Hawaii was reported to the senate on the 15th.

In the house Mr. McCleary presented a protest from the people of Minnesota against unrestricted immigration.

The Cuban question and Hawaiian annexation were discussed.

Senator Proctor, of Vermont, who returned recently from an extended trip to and through the island of Cuba, made a statement to the senate on the 17th of his observations.

He said the accounts of suffering, degradation and death were not overdrawn.

that 200,000 Cubans had been starved to death in what are virtually Spanish prisons, that autonomy was a failure, and that the Cubans were capable of self-government.

In the house the session was mostly devoted to the post office appropriation bill.

Mr. Wheeler (Ala.) introduced a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to issue an address to Spain declaring that Americans and American interests in Cuba must be protected and that the atrocities now being perpetrated in that island must cease.

The senate was not in session on the 15th.

In the house, after agreeing to the conference report on the agricultural bill, the post office appropriation bill was further considered.

A memorial from the Illinois legislature asking for the erection of a monument to Abraham Lincoln was introduced by Mr. Belknap.

The committee on ways and means favorably reported the Dingley bill for the temporary admission free of duty of naval and military supplies purchased abroad.

There was no session of the senate on the 19th.

In the house the post office appropriation bill was passed.

The military affairs committee held a special meeting to consider the bill for the reorganization of the army.

DOMESTIC

The Benson savings bank in Waterford, Pa., closed its doors with liabilities of \$40,000.

The cruises Montgomery has been withdrawn from Havana and will join the fleet of warships near Key West.

The board of inquiry into the Maine disaster has given out no intimation when its report will be ready.

George H. Leonard, city marshal of Cameron, Mo., was murdered by a negro burglar.

The United States navy will not be withdrawn from the Key West station at the suggestion of Spain.

James Harrington shot his wife dead at Anderson, Ind., and then killed himself. No cause was known for the deed.

A negro boy accused of stealing \$20 was lynched by a mob at Marcella, Ark.

The navy department issued an order for the formation of a new squadron of naval vessels to be stationed at Hampton roads.

One-half of the business portion of Perry, Ill., was destroyed by fire.

The Cuban junta in New York in a proclamation declares it will not accept nor discuss the proposals of autonomy. Its motto is "Independence or death."

It is reported at Washington that Spain has given the United States government to understand that intervention in Cuba must lead to war, and that any demand for indemnity for the Maine based on the idea of an external explosion will be indignantly repelled.

John J. Shipperd was indicted at Cleveland, O., on the charge of embezzling \$150,000 belonging to the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Street Railway company.

Burglars robbed the post office at Boonsboro, Mo., of several hundred dollars and then burned the building.

The United States transport Kelnett sailed from New York for Matanzas with a cargo of provisions for the destitute people of Cuba.

Gov. Scofield issued a proclamation officially announcing the celebration of Wisconsin's semicentennial, and declaring June 7 a legal holiday for that purpose.

In a fire that destroyed Carter Bros. livery stable in Aledo, Ill., 23 valuable horses were burned.

The chief of Merere, with 80,000 followers, has rebelled against German rule in Ueheland, Africa.

Spain has appealed to all Europe for its influence in securing an international court of inquiry.

Alexander Anderson, a young negro who attempted to criminally assault a schoolgirl at Grenada, Miss., was hanged by a mob.

The exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 18th aggregated \$1,289,102,979, against \$1,282,473,447 the previous week. The increase compared with the corresponding week of 1897 was 35.4.

The barbed wire, wire rod and wire nail industry of the United States was organized as a single company in Chicago under the name of the American Steel and Wire company, with a capitalization of \$24,000,000.

The United States cruiser Montgomery arrived in Key West from Havana. Business throughout the country is reported to be steadily on the gain.

Twelve tons of supplies for the reconcentrados in Cuba were started south by rail from Cincinnati.

The Maine board of inquiry still continues at work at Key West, and Captain Sampson says he is unable to state when the report will be ready.

President McKinley, it is said, will submit the report to congress as soon as it arrives and allow that body to choose between indemnity, independence or war.

Two more bodies have been recovered from the wreck of the Maine. Part of the ship's silver service and a six-pound gun have also been brought to the surface.

A dispatch from Washington says that at a cabinet meeting the general tenor of the discussion was that the Cuban question must be settled, and settled very soon, and that it was useless to waste any more time in delay or diplomatic correspondence.

The damage to the fruit by the frost in the Susion and Vaca valleys in California is placed at \$400,000.

A bill prohibiting the entry into Canada of pursy stock from the United States has been signed by the governor general.

The state bank at Nickerson, Kan., was blown open and robbed of \$75,000.

Capt. Albert S. Barker, of the navy, left Key West for Washington with the official report of the board of inquiry into the Maine explosion.

President McKinley stated that he did not want congress to adjourn before the present trouble with Spain was settled.

The bank of Franklin, Ill., was robbed of \$10,000 in cash by burglars.

Three officers and other survivors of the Maine disaster arrived unexpectedly in Washington and held conferences with the president and Secretary Long.

Spain's proposal that the United States join in effecting a settlement of the Cuban question upon the basis of complete autonomy of the Canadian pattern, under Spanish sovereignty, has been rejected by the United States.

The international chess match between Great Britain and the United States was won by the Britishers by 5 1/2 to 4 1/2 games.

An explosion occurred in a mine of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railway company at Pratt City, Ala., killing six negro convicts.

Fifteen smuggled Chinamen were captured at Los Angeles, Cal.

Dr. George Clinton Hubbard, aged 27, assistant surgeon United States navy, committed suicide in Washington while temporarily insane.

Ed Chalmers, a negro who recently married a white woman named Headly, was with his wife, murdered by a mob near Wybarke, I. T.

The little town of Clancy, Mont., was nearly wiped out by fire.

Twenty-five ear loads of provisions donated in Kansas and Kansas City have been forwarded to Matanzas, Cuba.

The great station of the Pennsylvania railroad in Jersey City, N. J., was destroyed by fire.

The thirty-fifth international Sunday school convention will meet in Chicago March 30.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL

Blanche K. Bruce, register of the treasury, died in Washington, aged 57 years. He was also register under President Garfield, was United States senator from Mississippi from 1873 to 1881, and next after Fred Douglas had long been regarded as the most conspicuous man of the colored race.

Elizabeth Babcock died at Mendon, Mich., aged 100 years and 3 months.

Adam Adameck celebrated his one hundredth and fiftieth birthday at his home in Chicago.

Mrs. Charity Jane Robinson celebrated her one hundredth birthday at Fond du Lac, Wis.

Rev. George B. Engle, for 57 years a Presbyterian minister, and chaplain of the Fourteenth Wisconsin volunteers during the war, died at Indianapolis, aged 80 years.

Judge Solomon Claypool, one of the most prominent attorneys in Indiana, died at Indianapolis, aged 69 years.

Matilda Joslyn Gage, one of the best-known advocates of woman's suffrage in the country, died at her home in Chicago, aged 72 years.

Charles W. Woodman, of Chicago, former republican congressman from the Fourth Illinois district, died at the Elgin insane asylum, aged 54 years.

Roland Worthington, for many years editor and proprietor of the Boston Traveler, died in Boston, aged 81 years.

FOREIGN

It is stated that in a letter written January 8 by Weyler while he was captain general of Cuba, he declared that he had Havana harbor "well prepared" in the cruiser Amantanon, built at Gravesend, England, for Brazil and purchased by the United States, was formally transferred from the Brazilian flag to the stars and stripes.

In the Santa Isabel mine at Belmez, Spain, an explosion killed over 60 persons.

The British government is massing a very powerful fleet of warships in Chinese waters.

It is reported from Madrid that Gen. Blanco is about to begin an aggressive campaign against insurgents in the eastern part of Cuba.

The Morris & Butts meat packing house in the City of Mexico was burned, the loss being \$1,500,000 and no insurance.

The notorious Black Jack gang of outlaws, nine in number, that has for years defied the authorities, was killed by a Mormon colony in the Sierra Madre mountains in Mexico.

LATER

In the United States senate on the 21st Senator Bacon (Ga.) introduced an amendment to the resolution for the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands which provides that the resolution shall not be effective until the question of annexation shall have been submitted to the qualified electors of Hawaii and passed upon affirmatively by them.

In the house the bill for the relief of the survivors and victims of the Maine disaster was passed unanimously.

Mr. King (Utah) introduced a joint resolution to recognize the independence of Cuba.

The quarantine bill was further debated in the United States senate on the 22d.

Senator Foraker presented the credentials of his colleague, Senator Hanna, for the term as United States senator covering six years from March 4, 1899, and they were read and ordered filed.

In the house the naval appropriation bill was reported. It carries a total of \$35,683,058, an increase over last year of \$3,764,432, and over the current estimates of \$2,514,824.

The army reorganization bill was favorably reported.

The two new cruisers purchased from the Brazilian government have been named New Orleans and Albany.

Two men dead, another dying, 20 persons missing and many injured is the record of a fire which destroyed the Hale house in Butte, Mont.

The battleship Texas left Key West to form the nucleus of a north Atlantic squadron at Hampton Roads.

It is said to the conviction of congress that the president will speedily recognize the independence of Cuba or ask congress to take steps in that direction.

A DOCTOR'S DIRECTIONS.

They save a daughter from blindness.

When a father writes that yours "is the best medicine in the world," you can allow something for seeming extravagance in the statement if you know that the medicine so praised, cured a loved daughter of disease and restored to her the eyesight nearly lost. The best medicine in the world for you is the medicine that cures you. There can't be anything better. No medicine can do more than give her Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Of course, that is why John S. Goodie, of Orrick, Mo., writes in these strong terms:

"Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine in the world. My daughter had a relapse after the measles, due to taking cold. She was nearly blind, and was obliged to remain in a dark room all the time. The doctors could give her no relief; one of them directed me to give her Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Two bottles cured her completely."

The thousands of testimonials to the value of Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla repeat over and over again in one form or another the expression: "The doctors gave her no relief; one of them directed me to give her Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Two bottles completely cured her."

It is a common experience to try Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla as a last resort. It is a common experience to hate Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla prescribed by a physician. It is a common experience to see a "complete cure" follow the use of a few bottles of this great blood purifying medicine.

Because it is a specific for all forms of blood disease. If a disease has its origin in bad or impure blood, Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla, acting directly on the blood, removing its impurities and giving it its vitalizing energy, will promptly eradicate the disease.

The great feature of Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the radical cures that result from its use. Many medicines only suppress disease—they push the pimples down under the skin, they paint the complexion with subtle arsenical compounds, but the disease rages in the veins like a pent-up fire, and some day breaks out in a volcanic eruption that eats up the body.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla goes to the root. It makes the fountain clean and the waters are clean. It makes the root good and the fruit is good. It gives Nature the elements she needs to build up the broken-down constitution—not to brace it up with stimulants or patch it up on the surface.

Send for Dr. Ayer's Curebook, and learn more about the cures effected by this remedy. It's sent free, on request, by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

Home in the South

The opportunity is now offered to make a trip to the South at small cost. On the first and third Tuesday of each month, the Chicago & Eastern Illinois R. R. will sell Home Seekers' round trip tickets at about one-half rate.

Stop-overs will be granted on going trip to enable inspection of lands for sale and the many advantages of different localities.

Write to Charles L. Stone, General Passenger Agent, Chicago & Eastern Illinois R. R., Chicago, for land maps of southern states, descriptive pamphlets and full information as to rates, routes and time of trains.

Delightfully Feminine

Mother—I don't understand you at all. You are constantly praising Miss Whirly now, and you used to insist that you couldn't bear her.

Daughter—But I didn't know then, mamma, that she was jealous of me. It is just too sweet of her.—Detroit Free Press.

McVicker's Theater, Chicago.

Thomas M. Keene, the eminent tragedian, comes for one week, commencing March 27, in a repertoire of standard Shakespearean plays.

Explosions of Coughing are stopped by Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar. Pike's Toothache Drops Cure in one minute.

A man would rather spend five dollars foolishly than to lose a nickel through a hole in his pocket.—Washington Democrat.

Black, deep bruises cured by St. Jacobs Oil. It wipes them out.

To-morrow will be like to-day. Life wastes itself whilst we are preparing to live.—Emerson.

Sore and stiff? Cold. St. Jacobs Oil Cure. It warms and relaxes.

Saegre religious—the young woman who naves the church to advertise her new clothes.—Rural New Yorker.

Surely. Often after 10, 15, 20 years' suffering, St. Jacobs Oil cures rheumatism.

People always laugh at the first man to follow a new fashion, and at the last one to adopt it.—Atchison Globe.

Humped and bent. Lame back did it. Straight and sound. St. Jacobs Oil did it.

A hand separator—not letting your right hand know what your left is doing.—Rural New Yorker.

Crippled for years? Pahaw! Why St. Jacobs Oil will cure sprains right off. Sure.

A woman's idea of the best plastering is the kind you can drive a nail into anywhere.—Washington Democrat.

DO YOU COUGH DON'T DELAY TAKE KEMP'S BALSAM THE BEST COUGH CURE

Oats 23¢ Wheat 40¢ Bu. pr. A. Wheat 40¢ Bu.

7,000,000 ACRES—Farms, Timber, Mineral, Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Chickens, etc.

Beware the March Wind! Escape the rigors of the winds this month by going South over the Louisville & Nashville Railroad.

Home-seekers' Excursions on the first and third Tuesday. Tickets at about half rates.

How to dissolve bones—feed the children on corn meal, fat meat, pie and cake.—Rural New Yorker.

How many petitions have you signed without knowing what they were all about?—Rural New Yorker.

OVER-WROUGHT NERVES OF WOMEN.

Extracts From Letters Received by Mrs. Pinkham. I am so nervous and wretched. I feel as if I should fly. How familiar these expressions are. Little things annoy you and make you irritable. You can't sleep, you are unable to lift ordinary burdens, and are subject to dizziness.

Bear Wasn't

The Point Wasn't Proved the

THE concern shot off for said the Knob end Tom so when he took night. Tom lack you worse? I mind what I tell you old army musket all through the war back home he hun o' pegs on the sett seemed to me that took down sense. gun'll kink you wo "But here's twi lugged away last "And by that same know! And that dust o' the month this clearin' got no nuttin for bears?" "Tom," I says, "p'int!" I says, "The shoot that gun it's mule. That's wha to th. Klekin' gun I'm arguin' on." I a mule, I says. "Tom he says: 'Off he goes with Dolph, his hired man.'" "Samantha, I 'that gun hain't and better, hnk it 'Not as I know 'Pap took it down died, jest after T' from the war,' she in it to kill a hawl "That's so, I had been took dow up," I says. "Yes," says Sam down an' loaded, says she, 'but the come nigh to, and so he hung the 'Yes, and it was to think on it," sa "It was, eh?" I "Yes," says sh couple or three y Tom's brother Si loaded it to kill a away and Sim did "Your pap loa "I says. "Yes," says Sam "And Tom's li after that and did "Yes," says Sa "Did Tom loa in?" I says, "Yes," says Sa "Samantha, I Tom home to-nigh 'I nted," I says, "a spudded hento I'll explain thing "Why, Abel, s like, 'you don't him and mumm do you?" "Bears ain't hain't said a gun I says. 'Gin is I Tom fires that worse'n a mule. 'fin' Socrates' inties," I says, home, aggravated they kep' throwin I wa'n' arguin' that gun the all "Yit, when I hadn't ort to blame so much for it, been thinnin' on dous, and though nights watchin' and tried to run daylight, he giv then when they' git a little sleep off another shee pastur' pretty w Tom he made up with the old m could do 'hansel be I hadn't ort for arguin' bear the pint. "I hadn't got when I says to find Tom where 'in the pastur' I ag'in, thinkin' I able to make mo in the argumens havin' rammu left it there, an havin' rammu o' Samantha's and the load th rammu in on t and Sim's with there. "If them arg show Tom that than bear,' I sa nothin' about lo left a widda and I says, 'twon't gne on proper 'So I turned to'rd's Tom's h was more'n like