

NEWS SUMMARY.

Washington.

A special committee of the Senate, consisting of members of both houses, has been constituted for the examination of the various reports from the office of the Clerk of Court, has been appointed to review the records of the Senate, and to make recommendations for their improvement.

An armistice treaty between Spain and the United States has been concluded, and signed. The treaty specifies territorial boundaries, and it is the most comprehensive which has yet been entered into by the United States.

The West.

In the United States Court, at Yankton, John McCall, convicted of the murder of Wm. Ellsworth, has been sentenced, by Chief Justice Shannon, to be hanged on Saturday, January 18.

The only ground of defense is that he was so intoxicated as to be unconscious of his acts.

General.

A Lancashire, O., dispatch of January 1 says: Mr. Henry Clegg of Bloom Township, was wounded by his wife yesterday afternoon at about 6 o'clock. She was in the kitchen, and when she heard of his wife's work, she dropped her head with an ax. Mr. Clegg was a well-educated man, and has been married for four years. He was a brother of the Rev. J. H. Clegg, of Cleveland.

James Gordon Bennett, proprietor of the New York Herald, was hospitalized yesterday morning at the Hospital of the Good Samaritan, New York City, in consequence of the case of the attack on him at the hands of Mr. Bennett in the course of his business.

Mr. Bennett was born in May, 1819. At the time of his death, he was in the eighty-third year of his age. He would not be able to be out for several days.

Conrad Vanderveer died in New York, after a series of attacks on the morning of January 4. He was born in May, 1814. At the time of his death, he was, therefore, in the eighty-third year of his life.

The Montreal express train, on the Grand Trunk Railroad, was thrown from the track near Guelph, ninety miles from Portland, and became a heavy wreck. The entire train, consisting of the engine, baggage, express, smoking, and one passenger car, went over the bridge, and all were saved except Mr. Mitchell, foreman, is believed to be fatally injured. James Doyle, engineer; Frank Ross, baggage-master; E. L. Larabee, brakeman, and George Smith, fireman, were killed.

Express Company, and all other services, have been suspended.

The legislatures of Tennessee, Michigan, Illinois, and Missouri met on January 3; and the legislatures of Indiana, Ohio, and New York, on January 2.

The number of passengers and employees on the Atlantic train is officially reported as 117; and the number of men, women, and children, as 70; an aggregate of 187.

A New York alighting party, consisting of six persons, was killed by a driver, the driver, and his wife, F. P. Ferry, late driver.

All but one were women.

F. W. Martin, broker, S. Exchange Place, and Raphael Salomon, merchant, recently returned from a trip to Europe.

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts has sustained the lower court in its decision that insulation must be held accountable to the law of torts, and that the cause of action lies in the tort of negligence.

The case goes out of an attempt to keep a store open on that day.

Elijah Willis Major, convicted in December, 1870, at Newark, N. J., of poison, his wife, and son, John E. Evans, of Concord, January 3. Major spent his last night in religious devotions. At the scaffold he repented, and said, "I am sorry for what I did." The doctor was doing well, but lost his knees, utterly broken down. He died without a struggle.

In the printed copies of Governor Hayes' message to the press, the estimate for completing the geological survey of the State is put down at \$25,000. It should be \$25,000.

James Henry Butler, alias Charles Henry Simpson, and Charles Wilson, alias Martin Henry, both colored, convicted of the murder of John C. Evans, of Charles County, Md., were hanged yesterday.

Louisiana has two Governors. Both Nichols and Packard were inaugurated on January 8, and presented their inaugural addresses to the Legislature.

There was no collision between the parties. Blue Jean Williams was inaugurated Governor of Indiana on January 8, in the presence of the Legislature.

A railroad was opened at New York on the 9th of January, that James Gordon Bennett and Frederick May fought a duel on the 8th. The two men got out of an attempt to keep a store open on that day.

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The London Standard's dispatch from Madrid states that the extradition treaty between Spain and the United States includes crimes committed in Cuba and other countries.

The relations between Washington and Madrid are very cordial in respect.

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