

The *Banner of Light*, the spiritualist newspaper, goes to the expense of cable despatches about the Slade case. Why doesn't some obliging spirit bring over the news free of cost?

The *Publishers' Weekly* announces with due solemnity that "the occupation of a bookseller may now fairly be classed with the offices of honor, as it has ceased to be one of profit."

The Keith paper company of Turners Falls, Mass., have been awarded a contract to supply all the No. 1 ledger paper to be used by the United States government for the coming year.

There were born in the month of January one hundred and four American newspapers. When the deaths in that period are subtracted the grand total will be found decreased by sixteen.

P. P. Bliss, the song-writer, the author of "Hold the Fort," "The Armor Bearer," "Almost persuaded," and scores of other popular songs, was on the train that went down to destruction at Ashtabula.

The editor of the *White House Casket* offered fifteen acres of land and water power to any respectable manufacturing company who would establish at that place a business that will employ 150 to 200 hands.

Tennyson's *Harold*, which Messrs. Osgood & Co. issued from their own plates within twenty-four hours after the receipt of the copy from England, is said by the critics to be a success, both as literature and drama.

A new monthly, to be called *The Florida Star*, is to be started at New Smyrna, Volusia county, Florida, by Messrs. Wm. H., C. H. & W. A. Coe. It will be the first paper ever printed in that county.—*Sun*, Jacksonville.

Daniel O'Neill, one of the editors and proprietors of the *Daily Despatch*, Pittsburg, Penn., died January 30th. He was a man of great energy, and one of the ablest and best qualified men connected with the press of that city.

A Michigan stock company at Dundee advertises for a first class editor: one who can do fine job work, who will take cash instead of potatoes and wood on subscription, who can't be bought off with a glass of five cent beer from speaking the truth when a sensational local item appears, and who will work for \$8 per week.

A dog near Norfolk, Va., was taught to wait every day for a railroad train, catch a newspaper thrown out by the baggage master and carry it home. His master died several months ago, but he goes every day to get the newspaper, and gazes after the cars in apparent disappointment when nothing is thrown to him.

New York city met with a severe loss, when death ended the career of three of its most notable editors:—Raymond, the conservative republican editor of the *Times*; Greely, the radical and protectionist editor of the *Tribune*; and Bennett, the independent and satanic, of the *Herald*. It would be hard for any other city to produce another such famous trio.

Journalism is the rage with San Francisco school boys. About a dozen schools have their representative papers, each an organ of the most extreme type, independent journalism being as yet known. The pioneer sheet is the *Peanut*, six inches by four, devoted to heavy politics and facetious paragraphs; the *Thunderbolt* is noted for its fearless utterances, and the *Bombshell* and *Torpedo* are also influential.

Two newspaper men formed a conspiracy to burn the Baron de Palm's body in Dr. Le Moyne's furnace at one o'clock in the morning, before the other spectators could be warned. They offered the fireman at first \$100, and afterward a gold watch and a diamond ring in addition to start up the furnace; but he was incorruptible and the plot fell through. The object of the conspiracy was, of course, to obtain an exclusive report of the process of cremation.

Mr. D. P. McMullen, of Jefferson, Texas, has a copy of the Bible, printed in Latin, by Barsi'en, at Brytton, A. D. 1578. The binding is of beech wood covered with boar skin. On the front lid is the picture of Martin Luther, and on the other is that of Melancthon. Originally it was fastened with golden clasps, but these have been broken so that only remnants of them remain. It is a family relic, 298 years old, and in a good state of preservation.

The Brooklyn *Argus* has been sold out to the Brooklyn Union, for, it is said, about \$30,000, and hereafter will be known as the *Union-Argus*. Mr. Barnes retires and it is reported, has gone to Europe to recruit his health. In his valedictory he says that he "declines to allow himself to carry on an aggressive warfare against a common enemy, the benefits of which are shared by others and all the burdens of which are borne by him." The *Argus* had had several notable libel suits during its brief existence, notably with Judge McCre and engineer Julius Adams.

Patrick Donahoe, the Boston publisher, who failed about a year ago, owed nearly \$100,000 to depositors in the savings bank which was one of his business enterprises. Donahoe's paper, the *Pilot*, was bought by its editor, Mr. John Boyle O'Reilly, in connection with Archbishop Williams. Although in no way legally or morally responsible for the losses suffered by Mr. Donahoe's depositors, the new proprietors of the *Pilot* assumed the debt. Mr. O'Reilly has so managed the finances of the paper that he is now able to declare a first dividend of ten per cent. to the depositors. The course of the new owners is so honorable, and, unfortunately, so unusual, that we notice it here.

The annual meeting of the Massachusetts Press Association was held in Boston on the 21st ult. Hon. Geo. S. Merrill, of Lawrence, presided. The annual report showed the receipts to be \$2,839.20; the expenses were \$2,761, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$78.20. Resolutions of sympathy were adopted on the deaths of Mr. Wm. Hastings, of the *Waltham Sentinel* and Mr. C. B. Josselyn, of Malden. A committee was appointed to arrange for the annual excursion. The following route was suggested:—Boston to Albany, via New York or otherwise, Utica, Trenton Falls, Alexandria Bay, St. Lawrence River, Lachine, Plattsburg, Ausable Chasm, Lake Champlain, Whitehall, Troy, and thence to Boston by rail. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Geo. S. Merrill, of Lawrence; Vice-Presidents, Charles W. Slack, Edwin B. Haskell, Francis Proctor, of Gloucester, George A. Marden, of Lowell, Henry Chickering, of Pittsfield; Biographer and Historian, S. N. Stockwell, of Boston; Recording Secretary, Luther L. Holden, of Boston; Corresponding Secretary, J. L. Parker, of Woburn; Treasurer, John S. Baldwin, of Worcester; Auditor, Nathaniel A. Horton, of Salem.