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PERSONAL AND POLITICAL. The veteran journalist, James Watson Webb, recently celebrated at New York City the eighty-first anniversary of his birth.

DOMESTIC.

The Secretary of the Interior has decided that the preference right of a party who secures the cancellation of a homestead entry is purely a personal one.

ALBERT WILLIGER and Swan Hoorsoof, boys under twelve years, quarreled at Minneapolis the other day, when the latter stabbed Williger to the heart with a pocket-knife, killing him instantly.

At Fern Park, below Cincinnati, on the 14th a floating house was stopped, and in one of the rooms was found a baby sleeping peacefully in its crib.

TWO HARDWARE MANUFACTURERS and a spectacle factory at Reading, Pa., closed on the 14th for a period, owing to dullness of trade.

COLLENDER'S billiard factory at Stamford, Conn., was destroyed by fire on the 14th. The loss was placed at \$250,000.

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THE shaft of the old Diamond mine, four miles from Bradwood, Ill., caved in on the 16th from the pressure of water.

A NEW YORK boatman who tried to hang himself in his cell in the fombs a few nights ago has been sent to the State Prison for one year for attempting suicide.

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JOHN V. ATERIS & SON, of Chicago, one of the oldest and most extensive iron firms in the West, failed on the 17th with liabilities estimated at \$2,000,000.

FATHER WALSH, of Waterbury, Conn., on the 17th forwarded \$12,000 to Ireland for Land-League purposes.

THE Ohio River was gradually falling at Cincinnati on the 18th. The houseless ones at New Albany, Ind., were suffering greatly by the cold snap.

THE Star-route trial at Washington on the 14th Herdell interrupted the proceedings to plead guilty, placed himself at the mercy of the court and offered to divulge any facts in connection with the defendants.

SECRETARY LINCOLN, in answering on the 14th the request of General Haze for an investigation of the Signal Service Bureau by the Senate, suggested that the articles of war provided tribunals for dealing with officers of the army.

THE Malagasy Ambassadors to the Court of St. James have concluded to visit the United States.

THE remains of ex-Governor Morgan were interred at New York on the 16th. Among the pall-bearers were President Arthur and General Grant.

THE death-roll on the 17th contained the names of George Dayton, for fifty years connected with the Evening Journal at Albany, N. Y.; Prof. Lyman B. Gwayer, of Princeton College, and Ann Gray, of New Haven, Conn., daughter of a signer of the Declaration of Independence aged ninety-one years.

THE officers of the steamship which recently ran into the Cimbric have been released by the Hamburg authorities, the conclusion having been reached that they were not culpably responsible.

THE British Parliament reassembled on the 14th. The Queen's speech announced that the withdrawal of troops from Egypt was proceeding as expeditiously as was prudent.

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A COAL-MINE HORROR.

A Coal-Mine Near Bradwood, Ill., Suddenly Caved In—A Large Amount of Water on the Surface—The Mine Closed—Over Seventy Miners Miserably Perished—A Company of Widows and Orphans.

BRADWOOD, Ill., February 14. The most awful tragedy which has ever visited the Wilmington coal-fields occurred today at the No. 2 shaft of the Wilmington Coal Mining & Manufacturing Company, known as the Diamond Company, three miles and a half northwest of this city.

Sixty-eight men and six boys lie dead in the mine, and it may be weeks before even the melancholy satisfaction of recovering their bodies is accorded. No such calamity has ever befallen this section of country, or, for that matter, nothing as horrible has ever been chronicled in the history of mining in the United States.

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NEAR GALLON, O., on the 15th six cars of an express train were derailed, killing three persons, and wounding many others.

S. D. HOULSON, a tax collector of Lawrence County, Ala., was robbed by highwaymen of \$3,320 on a lonely road a few days ago.

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CONYER & SHERRINS, train commission merchants of St. Louis, have suspended payment, after meeting losses to the amount of \$190,000.

A GIBSON was struck by a locomotive at Wallingford, Conn., killing two boys and a girl.

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THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE has passed an act prohibiting for two years the sale of intoxicants within three miles of a church or school.

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DA. H. J. GLENN, the largest wheat-grower in California, was once the Democratic nominee for Governor, was fatally shot a few days ago by his book-keeper, H. Miller, who had been discharged.

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ABOUT 11:30 the rumor spread among the population of the mining village that the ground had caved in over the main roadway in the Diamond Shaft No. 2, and that the water that stood in a large pond on the surface of the prairie was rushing into the passages of the mine, cutting off the miners and holding them in the passage.

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When we were about 300 feet from the shaft, the water again struck us, and quickly rose to a depth of three feet, so high, indeed, that it was utterly impossible for us to make any speed toward our escape.

"I was nearly up to the shaft. I came across two boys who were swimming in the same direction I was going. They cried out to me to help them, for they were tired out, but I knew my only hope was in a rapid move, and so I was compelled to leave them behind.

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Along the water's edge, and from half-submerged houses, photographers were busy everywhere taking views, as if a photo of \$2000 of them could convey the faintest conception of this appalling reality.

The view from Mt. Adams and from the shelter House Hill in Belmont Park grand beyond all powers of description.

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AN EXPLOSION.

CINCINNATI, February 15.

At one o'clock this morning the people in the vicinity of No. 50 Wiltach street, on the border of the inundated district in the western part of the city, were startled by a loud explosion, which broke the glass in windows in the neighborhood.

A fire alarm was turned in, and the fire department responded promptly. Finding no fire, the men began the work of rescuing the unfortunate victims.

This was slow work. The house was owned by Jacob Brown, who, with his wife, and two sons, and two daughters, occupied the first floor.

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