

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

THE EAST. A shocking tragedy is reported from Seymour, Connecticut. A Mrs. Evans cut the throats of her two children, aged three and six years, and then cut her own throat.

THE WEST. Chicago elevators contained on the 10th inst. 3,852,500 bushels of wheat, 1,735,848 bushels of corn, 539,096 bushels of oats, 14,314 bushels of rye, and 215,763 bushels of barley.

THE SOUTH. The steamer R. B. Hart was recently sunk in the Mississippi river about thirty miles from New Orleans, caused by running against some drift-wood.

WASHINGTON. Returns received at the Internal Revenue Bureau show that the manufacture of whiskey has not diminished since the passage of the law increasing the tax.

THE TILTON-BEECHER TRIAL. FORTY-FIFTH DAY.—Several witnesses were examined for the defense. The most important testimony elicited was that of St. Clair McElwain, a journalist and Samuel E. Beecher, a deacon of Plymouth Church, which went to show that Tilton's original charge against Beecher was only a fabrication.

FORTY-SIXTH DAY.—The new witnesses examined were Oliver Johnson, assistant editor of the Christian Union, and Miss Oakley, a friend of the family. A good portion of Johnson's testimony related to his religious belief, and a letter of Tilton's testified that he had been present at a number of interviews between Tilton and Maria Woodhull.

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY.—Charles Cowley, a lawyer of Lowell, Mass., was called as the next witness. Tilton swore that he had never seen this witness, yet he (Cowley) testified that he had been present at a number of interviews between Tilton and Maria Woodhull.

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