

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The larger pupils attending the Bunsen public school at Belleville, Ill., went on strike for a reduction in the hours of study.

At a special meeting of the directors of the Missouri Pacific at New York a semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent was declared.

With several stolen letters in his pocket, Samuel S. Goodman, a clerk in the Chicago postoffice, was arrested for robbing the mails.

Frederick G. Roelker, one of the best known members of the Cincinnati bar, was found dead in his bed room with a bullet in his brain.

A tornado passed over the extreme southwest corner of Beadle county, S. D., Saturday afternoon, injuring ten persons and destroying much property.

James Shepherson, editor of a weekly society paper, committed suicide at his home in Chicago by shooting. His mind had been injured by brain fever.

It is estimated that the repairs to the Oregon, which has just arrived at San Francisco from the orient, rendered necessary by the damage sustained when she was wrecked in the Gulf of Pe Chi Li, will require about six months on the dry dock and cost \$250,000.

The Minnesota supreme court affirmed the decision of the Ramsey county court holding former State Treasurer Bobleter and his bondsmen responsible for the money of the state lost in defunct banks. The amount involved is about \$50,000. The bondsmen are liable in the sum of \$400,000.

Western roads have agreed to make reduced rates for July 4 from all the territory east of the Missouri river. Tickets will be sold at a fare and one-third for the round trip in all territory where the local rate is 3 cents a mile and at a rate of a fare and one-fifth for the round trip where it is over 3 cents a mile.

William Carson, manager of the Spot Cash mine, was fatally stabbed at Leadville, Colo., by P. F. Lynch. The men were playing a friendly game of cards for the drinks. Lynch accused Carson of cheating and a quarrel ensued, when Lynch drew his knife and stabbed Carson five times, the fatal wound being made in the abdomen.

The shirt waist problem has reached a crisis before the school board of the District of Columbia and promises to become such a serious problem in local municipal affairs as to engage the attention of the district commissioners. Twenty-five youths were sent home from the school because they wore shirt waists and the principal pronounced these garments improper attire.

Crop reports from the entire Northern Pacific system indicate very favorable conditions. The seventh bulletin issued from Vice President Hannaford's office states that throughout Minnesota there is plentiful moisture, with the ground in such condition that, without more rain, crops will not suffer until well into July. A few North Dakota points report slight damage from frost, but not enough to leave permanent traces. West of the Dakotas favorable conditions prevail.

Tracey Griffin, colored, was hanged at Brunswick, Ga., for murder. It is semi-officially announced that President Loree, of the Baltimore & Ohio railway, is also to be made president of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern.

The National packing house at Mexico City, Mexico, burned. Loss \$300,000.

Jane Harriet Hamlin, sister of Winfield Scott Stratton, the Colorado multi-millionaire, is dead at her home in Jeffersonville, Ind.

The entire plant of the Wylie Co-operative company, at Interlochen, Mich., was wiped out by fire.

The population of Great Britain almost doubled in the Victorian era, but that of Ireland declined from 6,801,000 in 1821, to 4,456,000 in 1891.

Senator Hanna has announced the appointment of Hon. John Blodgett, of Grand Rapids, Mich., as a member of the republican national committee, to fill the vacancy in the national committee caused by the recent death of Wm. Elliott, of Michigan.

Julien Phelps, United States consul at Crefeld, Germany, has resigned. He was appointed from Iowa in 1897.

The Peoria, Ill., internal revenue district will this year contribute \$30,000,000 to the United States government.

The president has reappointed Miguel A. Otero governor of New Mexico. His term expired June 7th.

At the thirtieth annual commencement of the University of Nebraska degrees were conferred on 212 members of the senior class.

WEST VIRGINIA STORM

Hundreds Dead and a Tremendous Loss of Property.

KEYSTONE THE WORST SUFFERER

A Cloudburst Deluges the Coal Regions—Town of 2,000 Inhabitants is Swept from Its Foundations—Property Loss Rivals Johnstown.

ROANOKE, Va., June 24.—Passengers on a train from the west report that about 300 people were drowned yesterday evening along the Elkhorn division of the Norfolk & Western railroad and that miles of track and bridges were washed out.

The passengers on the train were transferred by ropes from the train to the mountainside near Vivian, W. Va.

All wires are down over the devastated section and no other particulars are obtainable. Those drowned are said to include the most prominent folks of the section.

The general manager of the Norfolk & Western left for the scene. It will probably be several days before the road is open.

TAZEWELL, Va., June 24.—The trainmaster of the Norfolk & Western railroad walked the track between Vivian and North Fork, a distance of twelve miles. He discovered thirty bodies floating in the river.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—The following dispatches have been received by the Washington Post regarding the reported loss of life by the flood in West Virginia:

"BLUEFIELD, W. Va., June 24.—Flood in Pocahontas coal field equaling that of Johnstown. Two hundred drowned. Impossible to estimate the loss of property."

"ROANOKE, W. Va., June 24.—Cloudburst over Pocahontas division of the Norfolk & Western this morning. Keystone, Elkhorn, Vivian and other towns wiped out. Railroad dispatches say 500 lives are lost. One house left in Keystone. Twenty-five to thirty miles of railroad track are destroyed."

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., June 24.—This entire section has just been visited by a flood, the extent of which in all probability will exceed that of Johnstown in 1889, so far as the loss of property is concerned. Yesterday morning, shortly after midnight, a heavy downpour of rain began, accompanied by a severe electric storm, which violently increased in volume and continued throughout the entire day and night. At 10 a. m., while the storm has abated, the lowering clouds would indicate another terrific downpour at any moment.

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FIRE IN THE STATE PRISON.

Attempt to Destroy the Remaining Wing Is Thwarted by Prompt Discovery.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 24.—The remaining wing of the Nebraska penitentiary building, one of which was burned last March, narrowly escaped destruction last evening from a fire started maliciously. Governor Savage and Warden Davis say by convicts employed in the broom factory. Prompt discovery allowed the flames to be quenched in their incipency and the damage is nominal. An investigation in the broom building showed that a candle had been lighted and so placed that after burning itself about half way would communicate to a mass of broom corn. The nozzle of the hose had been plugged, but the pressure was so strong that the water removed the obstruction and the fire was quenched.

Boer's Inflict Losses. CRADOCK, Cape Colony, June 24.—In an engagement at Waterkloof June 20 the British lost eight men and had four men seriously wounded. In addition sixty-six men of the cape (colonial) mounted rifles were captured. Captain Shandow is reported to have been wounded and one Boer killed.

Refuse Perishable Freight. COLUMBUS, O., June 24.—The Norfolk & Western railroad officials here have no information regarding the disaster in West Virginia beyond the fact that great damage has been done to the road in the Pocahontas district, a number of bridges having been washed away. Orders were issued to accept no perishable freight for shipment to points on the eastern end of the line. No attempt is being made to run trains east of Kenca.

EX-CONSUL HAY KILLED.

The Son of Secretary Hay Meets With a Violent Death.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 24.—Adelbert Stone Hay, former consul of the United States at Pretoria, South Africa, and eldest son of Secretary of State John Hay, fell from a window in the third story of the New Haven house in this city shortly before 2:30 o'clock this morning and was instantly killed.

The dead man was a graduate of Yale of the class of '98 and his death occurred on the eve of the university commencement, which brought him here yesterday, and in which, by virtue of his class office, the young man would have been one of the leaders.

The terrible tragedy has cast a gloom over the whole city and will undoubtedly be felt throughout the whole day, which heretofore has been so brilliant and full of happiness for Yale and her sons.

The full details of the terrible accident will never be known. Mr. Hay had rooms at the New Haven house for commencement week. It is generally supposed, however, that after going to his room he went to the window for air and sitting on the sill he dozed off and overbalancing fell to the pavement below, a fall of fully sixty feet. The fall resulted in instant death and within fifteen minutes the body had been identified as that of young Hay. How it all happened became a matter of speculation on the part of the throng of curious spectators who gathered and a subject of mournful inquiry for the classmates and friends of the young man.

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REMINISCENCES OF A CYCLONE.

An Old-Fashioned Twister that Strongly Impressed a Nebraskan.

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