

STORM AND FLOOD.

The Flooded Valleys Swept By a Terrible Gale.

Carrying Destruction and Death On Its Wings.

The Northwest Blizzard and Its Victims.

Los Angeles a Heavy Sufferer By a Dam Giving Way.

Notes From the Flooded Valleys and Storm Wrenched Cities.

SEVERE STORMS.

A TERRIBLE FATE.

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BERLIN, February 19.—The German sanitary commission, sent to Egypt and India by the German government, to study the nature, causes, etc., of cholera, has forwarded a report from Calcutta.

CAIRO, February 19.—The British relief force will reach Suakin Sunday next and advance on Tokar Tuesday.

PARIS, February 19.—The news publishes intelligence from Berlin which asserts that naturalized German-American citizens who return to Germany, are again being rigorously subjected to military duty, and that the German foreign office ignores United States Minister Sargent and conducts negotiations directly with Washington.

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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Further Testimony In the Danville Riot Investigation.

Our Brother In Black Presents a Dark Picture.

Unused Military Reservations To Be Disposed of.

The Closing Scenes of the All Night House Howl.

Various Matters of Interest Briefly Noted.

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THE TOLL-TAKE LETTER. SAN FRANCISCO, February 19.—The Chronicle has secured possession of the confidential letter which accompanied the circular announced yesterday as issued by John Livingston, president of the Railway Shareholders' association, of New York.

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OVER THE RIVER.

The Iowa Senate Passes Donnan's Prohibitory Liquor Law.

The Provisions of the Act and the Vote On It.

A Loud Voice Raised for High License.

Coal Miners Come Up for Higher Wages.

The Debate in the House Postponed Till Friday.

OVER IN IOWA.

DES MOINES, February 19.—In the house, bills were introduced to define resistance to officers in certain cases; to authorize relatives of insane patients in hospitals to visit them.

Henderson introduced a resolution requesting the railway committee to inquire into the alleged abuses of the people by reason of discriminations in rates of freight and passenger tariffs.

Henderson introduced a concurrent resolution for a committee to select certain lands from the house and three from the senate, to confer with the national board of managers of the house for disabled volunteer soldiers, with a view to securing the establishment of a branch home in Iowa.

Bills passed, authorizing the appointment of an agent to select certain lands along the line of the railroad from McGregor to Sheldon; to provide for selling, leasing and patenting lands belonging to the Iowa State Agricultural college and farm; to amend section 4,062 of the code in relation to Canada thistles, reducing the penalty for violating from \$500 to \$250 to legalize the incorporation of the town of Oxford Junction; to authorize the trustees of the Iowa hospital for the insane, at Independence, to purchase land.

Consideration of the prohibition bill, made a special order for 2:30 this afternoon, was postponed till Friday at 2:30.

In the senate, debate continued throughout the day on senate file No. 1, Speeches for the bill were made by Clark, Eastman and Sutton, and against it by Hall and Bills. Three amendments were offered by the enemies of the bill, one to punish a man for buying liquors prohibited by the act the same as the seller, another to allow the manufacture of ale, wine and beer for export, and the third to provide for reimbursing brewers for losses sustained by reason of the act.

All were rejected. At 6 o'clock a vote was taken on the bill and it passed as follows: Senate file No. 1 as amended by Donnan.

A bill for an act to repeal section 1555 of chapter 6 of title 2 of the code, and to enact a substitute therefor relating to intoxicating liquors.

Be it enacted by the general assembly of the state of Iowa.

Section 1,555.—Wherever the word intoxicating liquors occur in this chapter, the same shall be construed to mean alcohol, ale, wine, beer, spirituous vinous and malt liquors; and no person shall manufacture for sale or keep for sale as a beverage any intoxicating liquors whatever, including ale, wine, and beer, and the same provisions and penalties of law now in force relating to intoxicating liquors shall in like manner be held and construed to apply to violations of this act, and to the manufacture, sale, or keeping for sale, or keeping with intent to sell, or keeping or establishing a place for the sale of ale, wine and beer, and all other intoxicating liquors whatever.

Section 2.—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

The final vote on passage stood 35 for to 13 against, Baker, Graves, Rothert and Bill, republicans, voting with the democrats against it. Gault, democrat, voted with the republicans for the bill. Sweney, republican, and Johnson, democrat, were absent.

COAL MINERS' STRIKE.—Since the coal exchange of this city...

HIGH LICENSE ENFORCED. COUNCIL BLUFFS, February 19.—A large and enthusiastic meeting of leading citizens was held this evening to consider the Clayton high license bill.

A Good Thing. DECATUR, Ill., February 19.—The Knights of Pythias dedicated a "New Castle hall" here to-night.

