

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The Report of the Civil Service Commission Summarized.

The President's Views and Action Commended.

Official Intimidation by a Western Senator.

A Commission in the Inter-State Commerce Bill.

White and Rosecrans Abuse Each Other in the House.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, February 29.—The president sent a message to congress to-day transmitting the first annual report of the civil service commission...

The evils of the spoils system are set forth at great length and the benefits of competitive examinations fully set forth.

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The postoffice appropriation bill as prepared by the committee appropriates \$10,000,000 for the postoffice...

Representative Watson has prepared a report accompanying his bill for the increase of pensions of soldiers and widows...

A gentleman who was called upon the president yesterday said certain subordinate officers of the postoffice department in a western state expressed a fear of removal...

The house committee on commerce has agreed to report Representative Stewart's bill to regulate inter-state commerce...

able for such service, that there shall be no discrimination in transportation of freight, that there shall be no unlawful allowance or any rebate...

Paul Strobeck, deputy marshal of Alabama, before the Springer committee to-day testified in regard to the administration of his office...

The secretary of war has still on hand \$40,000 of the \$500,000 appropriated for the relief of the flood sufferers...

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CHARGE AND CRIMINALS. REV. SPURLOCK'S CONDUCT. GENESEE, Ill., February 29.—The church trial of the Rev. M. Spurlock, charged with falsehood, immorality and undue intimacy with Mrs. George...

CHICAGO, February 29.—The grand jury this afternoon found a second indictment for murder against Neil McKoskie. This is for the murder of Mrs. Willson, of Winnetka. The other was for the murder of her husband...

NEW ORLEANS, February 29.—A Franklin special says: William Moore (colored) was hanged to-day for the murder of Lee Amen, a Chinaman, last spring. After Moore had been hanging half a minute it was discovered that the rope was too long and the feet of the culprit rested on the floor...

JACKSON, O., February 29.—Great crowds were present to witness the hanging of the brothers, Luke and William Jones, for the murder of Andrew Lackey, a year ago. The trap fell shortly after 10 o'clock. The brothers were hanged on a single piece of rope...

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—It is reported that the cashier of G. A. Bennett & Co., stock brokers, is a defaulter to the amount of \$30,000.

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The Moving of Hostile Armies in Egypt and Tonquin.

Gordon Issues a New and Sensational Proclamation.

General Graham's Useless Demand of the Rebels.

Murder in a Convent by a Discharged Gardener.

Glimpse of the Situation in Egypt's Rebellious Confines.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

CAIRO, February 29.—General Gordon's proclamation to Soudan issued Tuesday is as follows: Since my arrival I have given you sound advice. Everything has been done to insure quietness and stop bloodshed.

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PUSHING PROHIBITION.

The Iowa House of Representatives Ready to Pass the Senate Bill.

All Amendments Offered Speedily Voted Down.

The Majority For Engraving the Bill Only Three.

Its Passage Even With This Margin Predicted.

The Efforts Made Yesterday to Defeat or Weaken the Measure.

THE IOWA LEGISLATURE.

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