

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

A General Cleaning Out of the Architect's Office to Follow on the Wake of Hill.

Mahone's Political Assessment Agent Leavies Another Five Per Cent on Norfolk.

Another Call for Bonds Looked For—A Tribute to a Dead Clerk—The Fever and Forgery.

CAPITAL NOTES.

A FOREIGNER COMMITTED. WASHINGTON, September 20.—Wm. S. Whitford was committed to jail to-day charged with forging checks on the sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, about \$700.—in the name of United States Senator Gorman and Congressman Talbot. Whitford was at one time private secretary to Gorman.

THE FEVER IN FLORIDA. The secretary of the navy received a telegram from Commandant Welch, at Pensacola navy yard, dated the 19th, saying: No cases of fever among the naval forces. Have been able to-day to get some reliable information of the situation among citizens. Ten cases of fever are under treatment by physicians, two of which are new to-day, all but two being children. Two are reported with symptoms of the disease.

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT IN MOURNING. The Secretary of the Navy to-day telegraphed Edgar S. Wallis, of Hartford, son of Gideon Welles, Lincoln's Secretary of the Navy, condoling with him on the death of Mr. Faxon, who was chief clerk of the navy department during the rebellion. He was appointed assistant secretary in 1866, on various occasions acted as Secretary of the Navy. Secretary Chandler has ordered a number of heads of bureaus to attend the funeral. The department will be closed Friday afternoon, the day of burial, out of respect to the memory of Mr. Faxon.

MAHONE'S POLITICAL ASSESSMENTS. The Civil Service Commissioners to-day received a letter from Representative Dezenford, stating that one C. C. Clark, Senator Mahone's political assessment agent, made an assessment last week of 5 per cent on the salaries received by all employees of the Norfolk navy yard. Dezenford says this is the third assessment levied on the same employes by the same man inside of a year. Lyman, chief examiner, says if Clark is a government employe, the matter will be laid before the President.

CLEANING OUT THE ARCHITECTS. The critic says: There was a report at the Treasury department to-day that there would be a number of changes in the office of the supervising architect of the Treasury. The report mentions the name of chief clerk Jacobs and four or five others who would have to walk the plank. Among prominent Treasury officials there seems to be no doubt that a number of changes will be made at an early day in the architect's office.

ANOTHER BOND CALL. The critic says: "Another bond call may be made before the \$15,000,000 call just issued matures, which will be December 1st, next. The nearest estimate that can be made fixes the further amount of bonds to be redeemed during the fiscal year at \$45,000,000. This would make the total amount of debt reduced during that period about \$30,000,000, or \$45,000,000 have already been called in since July 30, last."

RAILROAD MATTERS. The Merchants of Chicago Combining as Solidly as the Railroads—Baggage Smashers' Convention.

THE MERCHANTS' POOL. CHICAGO, September 20.—The Merchants' Freight association, organized for the purpose of protecting the interests of shippers, now numbers 300 members. It is expected to increase the list to 600.

THE EASTERN POOL. The executive committee of passenger agents of the east bound trunk lines met to-day. It is stated that the result was a free and full discussion of the charges of rate cutting by some of the lines and the restoration of complete harmony.

BAGGAGE CHECKS. At to-day's session of the National Association of Baggage Agents the method of loading baggage and the legal liability for injury to baggage under the laws of different states were discussed. It was decided not to check parcels of less than 20 pounds weight. The committee on the system of checking reported in favor of ordinary verifiable checks, good either way between two points for use between points on the same line, a joint verifiable check for two points on connecting lines, and special checks with holder and paper tab for marking destination, which, it is believed, will greatly simplify and cheapen the checking system.

THE BOTTOM DOLLAR. The general passenger agent of the Pan Handle route announced to-night that to-morrow and until further notice his line will make a rate of \$1 from Chicago to Louisville.

NORTHERN PACIFIC FINANCES. NEW YORK, September 20.—The annual report of the Northern Pacific company for 1883 shows the gross earnings to be \$7,855,459; increase, \$242,553; expenses, \$5,346,129; increase \$1,764,809; net earnings, \$2,509,330; increase, \$661,064.

A DONNYBROOK WAR. CHICAGO, September 20.—There was no change to-day in the passenger rate war between Chicago and Louisville. Sidney B. Jones, of the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago line, said to the Associated Press reporter: "We are like the Irishman at Donnybrook fair—whenver a head shows up we will hit it."

Feasting the Scribes at Portland. PORTLAND, Oregon, September 20.—The eastern journalists accompanying the Villard party who left this evening for the east, were entertained prior to their departure by the prominent members of the Portland Oregonian, and elected a full set of officers with Col. Dudley Wickersham, of this city president.

THE ILLINOIS TENT. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., September 20.—The reunion of the Tenth Illinois cavalry took place in this city to-day evening. They organized a permanent society and elected a full set of officers with Col. Dudley Wickersham, of this city president.

trust committed to them, and for the wise measures adopted to provide means to complete the great undertaking, the construction of the Northern Pacific railway. The president and vice president of the company were also thanked for the zeal and foresight they employed.

BOSTON AND NEW YORK ISLAND. BOSTON, September 21.—The projectors of the New York & Boston Inland Railroad scheme, now claim that the Russian firm of Linn & McCarthy have consented to build the road between Boston & New York, and to complete it within three years. The amount of capital required of Linn & McCarthy is about \$3,000,000. The road is on nearly a straight line.

THE EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION. Federal Aid For the South, the Burden of Their Song.

LOUISVILLE, September 20.—Twenty-three States and the District of Columbia were represented in the Educational convention to-day. The convention was called to order at 10 a. m. by Chairman Beckner. Congressman Willis, of Kentucky, moved the following preamble and resolution, which were referred to the committee on resolutions:

WHEREAS, Certain measures were pending before the last Congress of the United States which proposed an appropriation to be distributed among the several States in aid of popular education;

WHEREAS, The measure provides that this distribution be made for a term of years upon the basis of illiteracy and upward upon the basis of school population; and

WHEREAS, The measures referred to do not claim for the federal government the right to control education in the states;

Resolved, That this convention most heartily approves the adoption of some measure of material legislation which shall embody the principles set forth in the foregoing.

Discussion of the subject of federal aid to education was then opened by Rev. J. L. Curry, of Virginia, who spoke at great length. He urged that the great mass of citizens could never be educated except by direct federal aid.

Congressman Albert S. Willis, of the Louisville district, followed Dr. Curry in an excellent speech.

Congressman Money, of Mississippi, spoke on the necessities of educational aid to the south. He was for the federal bill, embodying the principles enumerated in the resolution of Willis.

Dr. Basil Mandy, president of the Louisville Baptist theological seminary, delivered an address on education.

Massachusetts Prohibitionists. BOSTON, September 20.—The prohibitory state convention met this morning. James H. Roberts temporary chairman.

Roberts made a short address, saying Robinson was in favor of the present license law, and could not represent the prohibitionists. The Republicans had gone from prohibition to license, and their nomination yesterday was made by about 30 men who are Republicans and Democrats, just as they happen to feel.

Committees were appointed. Geo. M. Butterick, of Bar, was elected as permanent president. He reviewed the cause of prohibition and recounted the manner in which that party had been deceived by the declarations of leading parties, the republicans coming in for the larger portion of his animadversion.

He predicted the ultimate success of prohibition, which was the sole remedy for the evils which threaten the city.

New York Tribune, Times, Sun, Philadelphia Press, St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Louisville Courier-Journal, Harper's Weekly, Chicago Tribune, Minneapolis Sun, and other papers. The party express surprise at the resources and scenery of the new northwest.

The Masonic Temple at Peoria. PEORIA, September 20.—The new Masonic temple, just completed at a cost of \$100,000, was dedicated to-day in an unostentatious manner, no effort being made at display. A procession of local lodges paraded the streets. The dedicatory services were conducted by Dr. A. I. Darrah, of Bloomington, grand master, assisted by the order of grand officers. The oration was delivered by S. S. Page, of this city.

A GREAT GATHERING. Thirty Thousand Miles of Railroad Represented at a Meeting in San Francisco.

The Overland Managers Meet to Form an Ironclad Pool.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 20.—The conference of managers of railroads west of the Missouri river opened at the Hotel to-day. The following lines were represented: Central and Southern Pacific, Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio, Union Pacific, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Northern Pacific, Burlington & Missouri, Texas Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande, and the Atlantic & Pacific. The vice president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy was also present. The total mileage represented was 30,000 miles.

The meeting was called to order by General Manager Towne, of the Central Pacific. H. M. Foxie, vice president and general manager of Gould's southwestern system, was elected chairman.

As it was decided to hold meetings in secret, a committee, composed of Vining, of the Union Pacific; Muir, of the Northern Pacific; and Goddard, of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, were appointed to furnish newspapers such of the proceedings as, in their opinion, was of public interest.

The immediate object of the conference, as stated by one of the general managers to a representative of the Associated Press, is not to make any alteration in the present fares or freight, but if possible to agree upon a pro rata distribution of the same between the several roads lying between the Pacific and Missouri rivers, so as to prevent the cutting of rates.

The adoption of this would have the effect of breaking up the contract system with shippers hitherto enforced by the Central and Southern Pacific. The fight, therefore, will be over the proportion to be assigned to each.

The whole day was occupied by the managers in setting forth the capabilities and possibilities of their respective roads, none venturing any claims as to what proportion of the gross pooled earnings they felt entitled to. Some are sanguine on a basis of agreement will be reached, others are doubtful. Prominent among the latter are the Northern Pacific representatives, who it is believed will claim a larger share than the Central Pacific will accept.

It is generally acknowledged the principal difficulties will be between these two roads. It is confidentially affirmed that Villard instructed his representative if such proposition as he named could not be obtained to withdraw from the meeting and immediate steps would be taken to construct an independent line to this city. The only important feature of the proceedings has developed is that an understanding exists between the Union and Northern Pacific. If this understanding is adhered to, it is safe to predict the result of the conference will be nil.

TELEGRAPH NOTES.

The fire in the woods at Bar Harbor, Me., is under control and all danger is now past.

President Arthur left New York for Newport yesterday morning. He will not go to Washington for some days.

Tax Collector T. J. Britton, of Hall county, Ala., is reported a defaulter for \$17,000. Friends claim there is no intentional wrong. The default is said to have existed several years.

The supreme lodge of Odd Fellows, in session at Providence, R. I., refused to strike the word "white" from the constitution. Minneapolis was chosen for the next annual meeting.

Senator Benj. H. Harrison, of Indiana, and Senator James Wilson, of Fairfield, spoke to large and enthusiastic audiences in Marshalltown, Iowa, yesterday afternoon and evening.

The funeral of Junius Brutus Booth at Manchester-by-the-Sea yesterday afternoon was largely attended by relatives and professional friends. The interment was in Rosedale cemetery.

In spite of the rainy weather, the Moody Evangelical convention in Chicago yesterday, met with no diminution in attendance.

The seventh annual congress of the National Liberal League convenes in Milwaukee to-day. Delegates have already arrived from Nebraska, Iowa, and a few from the east. T. C. Wakeman, of New York, President of the association, arrived to-day.

Seth Barton French, of Newport, whose guest President Arthur is, gave a grand dinner last evening in honor of the President. Tuesday night the President will assist in laying the corner stone of the Burdick Memorial Hall.

The suspended Exchange bank of Montreal is redeeming its circulation with gold on presentation, but has reduced the amount payable to each person one-half. A demand has been made on the directors to have official investigation of the bank's affairs, which it is believed will be acceded to.

Poisoned by "Bitters." QUINCY, September 20.—O. B. Ward and Charles Johnson were accidentally poisoned at Camp Point to-day. They procured what was supposed to be a quart bottle of bitters at a drug store to drink as a beverage. Drinking freely of it, they both dropped dead in a short time. The third man who drank with them was seized with spasms, but will recover. The jury returned a verdict of accidental poisoning.

THE OLD WORLD. The Austro-German Alliance Stirred Up as a Menace to France and Russia.

The Viceroy of Canton Pleased With the Lofty Neutrality of the American Consul.

French Deputies Petition for a Call of the Chambers—Protection Advocated in England.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS. PARIS, September 20.—A London correspondent says: The Austro-German alliance is directed against Russia and France. In the event of a war between Germany and France, Austria is to maintain armed neutrality; in the event of a war between Austria and Russia, Germany is to do likewise.

ALLOP FROM HIS FELLOWS. LONDON, September 20.—The American Consul at Canton maintained a conciliatory attitude and remained aloof from other foreign representatives. The Viceroy appreciates this fact, has visited the Consul and assured him a prompt arrangement will be effected regarding American claims. It is rumored Washington thinks of resigning the post of French ambassador to Great Britain.

THE CONQUEST OF THE PAPAL STATES. ROME, September 20.—An enormous crowd witnessed the ceremonies attending the commemoration of the entry of the Italian troops into Rome in 1875. The municipalities placed a wreath on the tomb of King Victor Emanuel in the presence of an immense concourse.

BISMARCK'S MIGHTY MAW. BRUSSELS, September 20.—A customs union between Belgium and Holland is about to be affected. Bismarck endorses the scheme which appears to be the first step towards absorbing Holland and Belgium in the German Zollverein.

PROTECTION IN ENGLAND. LONDON, September 20.—At the session of the British association for the advancement of science, the condition of the English cotton trade was discussed, the general opinion being that England has nothing to fear from foreign competition.

THE FRENCH CHAMBERS. PARIS, September 20.—A meeting of 200 members of the Extreme Left to-day passed resolutions insisting upon the necessity of convoking the Chambers in order to ascertain the policy of the Government in connection with the Tonquin question. A committee was appointed to wait upon Prime Minister Ferry and request him to call the Chambers into session.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES. LONDON, September 20.—During the bombardment of Tamatave, Missionary Thomas' residence was looted and he threatened with punishment by French officials because he failed to remove debris caused by ransacking the house.

It has been decided to reinforce the police of St. Petersburg by a regiment of infantry, the occasion being the funeral of Turgenieff.

The Italian bark Fratelli Gaggino, from Dunkirk for Darien, has been in collision with a steamer, name not given. Both vessels foundered, but the crews were saved.

Antoine Ferdinand Joseph Plateau died in Paris yesterday, aged 82. The Montenigrin Cabinet has resigned. A new Liberal Ministry will be formed under M. Yankoff.

THE FRENCH IN TONQUIN. HONG KONG, September 20.—The French are in difficulties through want of troops. Many Chinese are deserting to the Black Flags. Lau, their Chief, is very powerful. France may have to negotiate with him. Foreigners have been seen fighting inside the Black Flags. Gen. Boulton says he was unable to hold his position after the last fight. The French are still buying steamers and horses.

NOT ACCEPTABLE. PARIS, September 20.—It is reported that the memorandum of the French proposals under the Tonquin question, which Marquis Tzeng telegraphed yesterday to Peking, have not proved acceptable to the Chinese government.

Unveiling the Taylor Monument. LOUISVILLE, September 20.—The monument erected by the state of Kentucky to the memory of Gen. Zach Taylor, President of the United States, was dedicated to-day at the Taylor homestead, five miles from Louisville. A number of prominent citizens, including soldiers of the Mexican war, were present. The ceremonies were very imposing. Gen. Wm. Preston, a veteran of the Mexican war, in a short address introduced Gen. Thos. L. Crittenden, eulogist of the occasion. At the conclusion of the address the monument was unveiled. The monument is marble, thirty feet high, surmounted by a statue of Gen. Taylor.

THE LATEST FROM THE POLE. PHILADELPHIA, September 20.—The bark Thyra, from Vigut, brought and forwarded the following cable message from the celebrated Swedish explorer, Nordenskjold: Arrived at Ijulivshav June 17th. (Signed) ARVID NORDENSKJOLD. To Oscar Dickson, Gothenburg, Sweden.

She's Here With all Her Bangs. BOSTON, September 20.—In a communication to Harvard Observatory, Rev. G. M. Searle, of New York, called attention to the fact that Brooks' comet is identical with the long expected comet of 1812. Computations at Harvard confirm Searle's hypothesis.

Standard Oil company nor any of its affiliated interests, nor any person connected with the management of the company, have now nor never had any interest.

SPORTING NOTES. BICYCLE TOURNAMENT. SPRINGFIELD, Mass., September 20.—Ten thousand people attended the bicycle tournament to-day. In the club drill race, Rochester (N. Y.) club won. The one mile scratch race was won by Corrie, of Boston, in 25.4.5, beating the record. Robinson, the Englishman, beat the record of 2:52.

Five mile amateur handicap race, ten contestants, was won by Charles S. Fisk, of Springfield, in 15:59.

The twenty mile race for the professional championship of the world and purse of \$1,000, was won by Higham in one hour, six minutes and two and three-quarter seconds, beating the record one minute and two and three-quarter seconds.

In the 24 mile amateur contest, Robinson won in 1 hour, 23 minutes and 10 seconds, beating the record by 14 minutes 44 seconds.

Correy, of Boston, made a 10 mile spin against time, and beat Harman's record of yesterday, 34 seconds; time, 31 minutes 33 seconds. The one mile consolation race was won by Adolph, of Ohio, in 3 minutes 4 seconds.

Cincinnati hotel stakes for all ages, two and one-half miles, Lidia Stanhope won, Washburna second, Kate Creel third; time, 3:25.

Mile and a half long, Wallansea won, Sovereign Pat second, Cardinal McCloskey third; time, 1:58.

Three-quarters of a mile, McBowling won, Twilight second, Lord Edward third; time, 1:19.

Three-quarters of a mile, Bell Boy won, Kinney second, Golden Venture third; time, 1:18.

THE BILLIARDISTS. CHICAGO, September 20.—Sexton and Wallace, the billiardists, reached the city late last night from the west. Schaefer is expected here to-morrow, and all three will then go to New York, where Schaefer will at once go into practice for the forthcoming match with Vignaux. Slosson had gone to Minneapolis before Sexton arrived, so nothing was done in regard to Sexton's proposal for a game; a cushion caroms. Sexton expresses a desire to meet Slosson at that game at any time for \$1,000.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY RACES. SHEEPSHEAD BAY, September 20.—Coney Island Jockey Club races: Mile, Dan K won, Stratray second, Buccaner third; time, 1:42.

Mile and a quarter, Pizarro won, Topsy second, Rica third; time, 2:10.

Great Eastern handicap for two-year-olds, three-quarters of a mile, Dutch Ryler won, Water Lilly second, Leo third; time, 1:47.

Mile and five furlongs, Apollo won, Bella second, Gen. Monroe third; time 2:51.

Mile and a sixteenth, Baby won, Piko's Pride second, Hartford third; time, 1:52.

Steeplechase, short course, Charamagne won, Jim McGowan second, Disturbance third; time 6:01.

JAY EYE SEE AND JULIEN. NEW YORK, September 20.—Jay Eye See and St. Julien will contend for a purse of \$5,000 Saturday, and all three in the track of the Gentlemen's Driving association, Morrisania.

MYSTIC PARK RACES. BOSTON, September 20.—Mystic Park special meeting. The announcement that Jay-Eye-See would attempt to beat his Providence record of 2:10, brought to the park nearly 5,000 people. Class 2:20, Miodoc won in straight heats, George A second, Fidos third, Allegheny Boy fourth; time 2:22, 2:23, 2:21.

sell hand working miners. The association hold another session this evening, when commissioners from both operators and miners will be appointed, who have power to arbitrate all future difference without resorting to strikes.

A Social Sensation. SAN FRANCISCO, September 20.—Gen. Winfield Scott Kries, son of the celebrated Gen. Kries, has applied for a divorce from his wife on the ground that she was already the wife of James O'Brien Kelly, of Virginia, when he married her, which fact was unknown to him at the time. Mrs. Kries is an exceedingly handsome and prominent lady in the society of this city. Her maiden name was Flora Hastings. She indignantly denies the charge and says Kries knew all the circumstances of her acquaintance with Kelly, that he only married her after having satisfied himself that she had not been previously married. When Gen. Kries first saw his present wife he became so enamored of her that he persuaded his former wife to consent to being divorced from him, which she immediately agreed to do. All parties are very prominent. The trial takes place in the superior court.

A Fight to the Death. DENVER, September 20.—A Socorro (N. M.) special to The Tribune says that one of the Big Four Cattle company's ranches, near here, Monday, Joel Fowler, a large cattle dealer, met a party named Forest and Bill Childs, with whom he had previous trouble. Forest and Childs opened fire on Fowler, who returned the fire, killing Childs. Forest ran into the house occupied by Mr. McGee. The latter went to the door and ordered Forest out of the house. Instead of going, Forest fired and killed McGee.

Fowler then set fire to the house, rather than take the chances of shooting with Forest; and rather than meet Fowler, Forest, while the house was burning, put a ball through his own head. Childs, Forest and McGee, all three, were buried in the same grave.

Low Water at Minneapolis. MINNEAPOLIS, September 20.—Water is lower in the river than it has been for many years. All saw-mills on the platform and all those run by water on the east side will be compelled to stop for lack of force. It is believed nothing can be done until the water rises as an attempt to clean the channel failed.

Wrecks of the August Gale. ST. JOHNS, N. F., September 20.—Information comes from Burn and Fortune bay this morning of two additional wrecks on the great banks, owing to the gale of August 30th. One a bawker, flying an arrow, with a crew of seven, and the other the schooner Freedom, with a crew of six all told. In both cases all hands were lost.

A Veto on Huntington. CONCORD, N. H., September 20.—Governor Hale has decided not to sign the bill incorporating the Southern Pacific company.

Another Telegraph Company. NEW YORK, September 20.—The certificate of incorporation of the International Telegraph company was filed to-day. Capital, \$5,000,000.

THE LOUP VALLEY. The State Fair and Its Effect Upon the Loupian.

Political Points and General News. Correspondence of THE BEE.

NORTH LOUP VALLEY COUNTY, September 16.—Nearly all of the residents of the town and country hereabouts who visited and participated in the reunion festivities at Hastings, and who attended the State fair which has just closed at Omaha have returned. Those who took in the fair report a splendid display of everything in the way of stock and machinery, and return well satisfied with the trip and the information gained thereby. They have come back imbued with the laudable ambition of carrying off some of the prizes and premiums next year themselves, and I have no doubt they will, for they certainly have a soil to work on unequalled anywhere.

Another building project is about to be consummated by the erection of a two-story business block on the corner now occupied by Steve Parks as a wagon and trading shop. The lower story is to be divided into stores and the upper to be used as a public hall—a room the town is very much in need of. The parties investing in this improvement, I believe are Omaha men.

Arrangements are now making by which it is thought a bridge will be thrown across the Loup river a point two miles above the town of North Loup. In a very short time this will be of great benefit to the village and will open up to it its trade a large section of country heretofore almost entirely shut out. The bridge will be a good one and built to last.

During the past week the local politicians have been working like beavers for their respective candidates, as the delegates to the county convention were to be appointed on Saturday night. The convention meets next Thursday, and last night was an exciting one in the little burg, though everything passed off harmoniously, the disappointed ones swallowing their medicine without the semblance of a kick. The selection of delegates was a good one and embraces most of the leading business men here. It shows forth the unqualified defeat of Babcock, the present county clerk, and who is a candidate before the convention for re-nomination. He will be scalped, and all because he went back on some promises made early in the campaign. A politician should make no promises he does not intend to keep. Reddon will be the nominee. The present sheriff will probably be re-nominated, and the treasurerhip will be named by the town of Ord. North Loup will get the county superintendent of education, and the county commissioners will be given to the county precincts. Thus stands the slate.

It is just possible that the Anti-Monopolists and the Democrats will take advantage of the situation and put up a ticket and scoop in the whole bakery. N. H.

A SHOCKING SHAKE. Pittsburg Stirred to Its Foundation and the People Terrified.

The Sligo Mill Torn to Fragments by an Exploded Boiler.

Three Men Killed, Four Fatally Injured and Eight Severely Hurt—Other Accidents and Fires.

PITTSBURG, September 20.—Between 1 and 2 o'clock this afternoon a shock was felt throughout the city which shook many buildings to their foundations, smashed windows and terribly frightened residents of the south side, who rushed from their houses into the street in terror. Immediately after the shock an alarm of fire was struck and upon investigation it was found that the large boilers in the flanging depot of the Sligo iron works had exploded with fearful violence, scattering flying fragments in every direction, setting fire to the Lake Erie railroad shops and a number of dwelling houses in the vicinity. The news of the disaster spread like wild fire and soon thousands of people were on the way to the scene of destruction. A fearful sight met their gaze. The boiler department, a brick structure, was a complete wreck, as were also a number of passenger and freight cars and the master mechanic's shops of the Lake Erie railroad, while a row of dwellings on the opposite side of the street were in flames. Men, women and children were running about wringing their hands and calling for friends whom they supposed were either killed or wounded. In the ruins of the flanging department, scattered around, were dead and dying, some with arms and legs off, some disfigured almost beyond recognition, and others suffering from painful burns and scalds. By this time the police had arrived in force, and the work of removing the killed and injured from the ruins was begun. It was found at the time of the explosion that 20 men were at work. Of these 9 are reported all right, 3 were killed, and 8 were badly injured, four killed, and 4 children of Charles Douglas, who lived across the way, were also badly hurt.

The following is a list of the killed: John W. Allen, top of head blown off. Charles Douglas, side of head blown off. John McGavigan, scalded and sides crushed in.

The neighbors did all they could to relieve the sufferers. The boiler was upright, six feet in diameter and was split into four fragments, the largest being blown 200 feet, landing in the middle of the Monongahela river. It is not known what caused the explosion. It was just after the dinner hour and steam had been turned on only a few minutes when it exploded.

The coroner has empaneled a jury, and a thorough investigation will be made. The Sligo iron works are owned by Phillips, Mervie & Co. Their loss is estimated at \$10,000. Loss to the Erie road and dwellings about \$3,000.

Lewis House, one of the victims has since died, and W. V. Stewart and Christ Miller are not expected to live through the night. Jesse Douglas died at 10:30 this evening, making the fifth death.

The Piegans Will Cede. HELENA, Mont., September 20.—Senator Vest and delegate Maginnis have arrived at Fort Benton from Blackfoot Agency, where they had a satisfactory council with the Piegans, who agreed to cede the government a large tract of fine land on the eastern side of their reservation. The chiefs ask the government to give them cattle and farming implements as they are starving since the buffalo disappeared.

Sudden Death on a Train. STEELING, Ill., September 20.—B. H. Church, a prominent citizen of Sterling, was found dead last night in a water closet on a Pullman car on the St. Louis and Rock Island train. The remains were brought to Sterling this morning. The whole city is exercised over his death, as Mr. Church was a wealthy manufacturer and broker.

The Greenbackers of Maine. LEWISTON, Me., September 20.—A conference of Maine Greenbackers was held last night. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the Chicago platform of 1880, instructing the State committee to call a State convention the first week in May, and declaring opposition to fusion with either party.

Nathaniel Thayer's Will. BOSTON, September 20.—The will of Nathaniel Thayer disposes of property valued at \$10,000,000, most of which goes to relatives and friends.

The New York Tribune announces a reduction in the selling price of The Tribune from five to three cents a copy. It says, "The reduction is made on the theory that our readers are our partners, and are entitled to a share in our good fortune in the reduced price of paper."

A SURE RECIPE For Fine Complexions.

Positive relief and immunity from complexional blemishes may be found in Hagan's Magnolia Balm. A delicate and harmless article. Sold by druggists everywhere. It imparts the most brilliant and life-like tints, and the closest scrutiny cannot detect its use. All unsightly discolorations, Eruptions, Ring Marks under the eyes, Sallowness, Redness, Roughness, and the flush of fatigue and excitement are at once dispelled by the Magnolia Balm. It is the one incomparable cosmetic.