

NEBRASKA INTERESTS.

Two trains collided near Plattsmouth on the 7th, one of them running at the rate of twenty miles an hour. Conductor Erlison was injured about the head, Fireman Russ and Engineer Spurgeon were painfully hurt and six other persons slightly bruised.

Bishop Clarkson, who had suffered for several days from a severe attack of pneumonia, died at his residence in Omaha early on the morning of the 10th, aged 68 years.

T. J. Potter, of the Burlington road, telegraphs to H. P. Deuel at Omaha: "Our trains out of Omaha will be daily. The people of your city need not carry almanacs to ascertain when the Burlington trains leave for Chicago."

W. H. Reid, found guilty of manslaughter at Beatrice a few days ago, was given ten years imprisonment in the penitentiary at hard labor, and to pay the costs of prosecution. The court ordered that during his imprisonment Reid be confined in the solitary cell on the 22d of each July, the anniversary of his deed.

James Paxton, of Louisville, left home February 25th for Alnsworth, Nebraska, by rail. His family are deeply concerned, as telegrams from there give no trace of him. He had quite a sum of money on leaving home, expecting to buy land or locate a homestead.

The Central City Courier tells of a useful horse owned by Frank Herst, of that place. Mr. H.'s children hitch up the nag, and the five pile into the sleigh and away they go to school without lines, and when they get to school, a mile and a half distant, they turn the old nag loose and he goes home alone. At night Mr. H. hitches up the horse and away he goes right back to school alone, and away they go giggling over the snow back home.

Twenty families from the eastern states arrived at Beatrice a few days ago, bringing with them their household furniture, considerable live stock and farming implements. They will all become settlers here along with thousands of others who are rolling into Nebraska as fast as the cars can bring them.

Mr. Hoback, who has lived in Cass county thirty years, claims to be the father of the first white child born in the territory of Nebraska, the same having made his appearance on June 3, 1854, or when the territory was but four days old. Mr. H. located his claim and bought the right from the Indians May 29, 1854, the day before Nebraska organized a territory, and a month before the Indians gave up possession.

Postoffice changes during the week ending March 8, 1884. Established—Concord, Dixon county, David C. Leamer, postmaster; Darnall, Brown county, Daniel H. Darnall, postmaster; Pickrell, Gage county, Joseph W. Chandler, postmaster; Sibley, Richardson county, Frank M. Kien, postmaster; Thayer, Cherry county, Loren F. Lewis, postmaster. Postmasters appointed: Ayr, Adams county, H. A. Howe; Camden, Seward county, E. Kinney; Stove, Frontier county, Hannah M. Heaton.

Theodor Olsen, of Omaha, has been appointed vice-consul for Denmark for Nebraska, and received his commission from the Danish minister on the 11th.

J. Muller, of Council Bluffs, proposes to give a \$1,000 piano to the Nebraska or Iowa girl between the ages of 16 and 24 who at the coming Nebraska state fair shall show herself to be the smartest in a given number of points.

The Kewasaw Times thinks that at best the desert line can be kept within the borders of Nebraska but a few years longer. It is a scientific fact that the rainfall is advancing westward at a rapid rate, and sufficient moisture is at present being furnished to make the buffalo grass region as productive as any other.

Cold and long as has been the winter North Loup's building boom has gone steadily forward, and activity in this line will be greatly increased within the next six weeks.

In a period of six weeks not a freight train left Fairmount that did not have as high as forty cars of grain gathered along the route. This shows how Nebraska's cereal products are going to market.

John Ray, of Harlan county, is out \$170 taken from his trunk while he slept.

Matt Daugherty, J. R. Johnson and J. W. Craig, of Crete, are interested in 28,000 acres of railroad land in Keith county.

A large meeting of citizens was held at Omaha to give expression to the sorrow at the death of Bishop Clarkson. Addresses were made by Hon. E. Millard, A. J. Poppleton, Judges Savage and Poppleton and Revs. Harsha and Lemon.

Application was made at a Lincoln real estate office for a wife. The applicant was a farmer by occupation, but being without a farm he is at present without a job, and wants to secure a widow not over thirty years of age, who has a well improved homestead. The agent informed him that he was just out of women, but would see what he could do for him.

A gentleman who returned to Nebraska City from an extended trip to the southern part of the state, declares that emigrants are pouring into the state by the hundred every day. In nearly every village he visited it was almost impossible to obtain lodgings on account of the vast throng of land-seekers. He predicts that in a year from now there will not be a single piece of land to be had for homesteading purposes in the southern part of the state.

Salem is excited over stock bitten by mad dog and exhibiting signs of hydrophobia.

O. G. Roberts, while out gunning near Red Cloud, on the Republican river, shot and killed a large white swan which measured seven feet from tip to tip. Its neck was nearly three feet long.

The remains of the late Bishop Clarkson were laid to rest at Omaha on the 18th, an immense throng attending the obsequies. Burial took place on the south side of the cathedral, immediately opposite the transept window.

Lincoln has in her midst an organized band of chicken thieves. Some of them have been arrested and the business has been carried on so extensively that they are likely to be provided with a place in the state pen.

By private letter from Ed. S. Past, of Hebron, says the Express, to a business man of Beatrice. It is learned that his brother John E. Past, was burned to death in a dwelling house near Monticello, Minn., on the night of February 6.

West Point has got its roller skating rink, which is in full blast two nights in each week. The rink organization numbers nearly fifty.

The West Point reading room has been formally opened and a librarian appointed. The society has two hundred volumes.

A contemptible piece of vandalism at Stoughton is reported by the McCook Tribune. Some individuals or individuals forcibly entered the church and all the seats were torn from their fastenings and piled up together, and the furniture demoralized generally. The Sunday school library was thrown out of the windows, and after passing through a snow and rain storm was practically ruined.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS.

The Fitz John Porter Bill Gets Through the Senate by a Vote of 36 to 25.

A Resolution Appropriating \$50,000 for Eradicating the Foot and Mouth Disease.

Mr. Henry Watterson Makes Argument in Favor of the Newspaper Copyright Bill.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

MONDAY, March 10.—Mr. Garland submitted a joint resolution proposing the following amendment to the constitution:

ARTICLE 16.—That portion of the public debt of the United States represented by notes issued under authority of law, and the quality of lawful money and as legal tender for the payment of debts, shall never exceed the sum of \$300,000,000, unless a bill or bills providing such increase of issue shall receive the concurrence of two-thirds of each house of congress, and the votes on all such bills be recorded by yeas and nays on the journal of each house.

Bills reported favorably and placed on the calendar. By Mr. Morgan, to provide for the rights of states, persons and corporations interested in any grant of land in aid of railroads or canals which shall hereafter be declared forfeited.

From the committee on postoffices and post roads, to amend the revised statutes, authorizing the postmaster general to prohibit the delivery of registered letters and payment of money orders, and providing for the return of the same.

Mr. McMillan (by request) introduced a bill to authorize the United States to resume possession of certain lands granted in Iowa to aid the construction of railroads. Referred.

Mr. Hewitt proposed the following constitutional amendment: That congress shall not have power to make anything but gold and silver coin tender in payment of debts.

Mr. Broadhead introduced a bill for the improvement and repair of rivers and harbors by contract.

Mr. Tucker, by request, introduced a bill granting copyright to newspapers identical with senate bill introduced by Senator Sherman.

Mr. Payson introduced a resolution calling on the secretary of the interior for information as to the excess of lands alleged to have been certified to by the Burlington and Missouri river railroad company.

District business was laid aside to receive a formal message from the president transmitting documents from the secretary of state relative to the resolution of the house on the death of Herr Lasker.

Mr. Cassidy, from the committee on Pacific railroads, reported a bill to incorporate the Spokane Falls and Coeur de Alene rail road company. Placed on the house calendar.

SENATE. TUESDAY, March 11.—Mr. Allison presented a memorial joint resolution from the legislature of Iowa, urging the national government to avail itself of the power granted by the constitution to regulate the commerce of the states and paying congress to pass laws in pursuance of that power for the regulation of railroad fares and freight.

The committee on Indian affairs reported favorably the bill to ratify the agreement with the Shoshones, Bannocks, and other Indians for the sale of a portion of their land. Placed on the calendar.

Bills were introduced and referred: By Mr. Miller, providing for the suspension of coinage of the standard silver dollar for two years and the issue of two dollar treasury notes.

Mr. Ingalls, to make a Lake Berne outlet to improve the low water navigation of the Mississippi river from New Orleans to Cairo.

By Mr. Logan, by request, to give pensions to dependent relatives of deceased soldiers.

HOUSE. Mr. Morrison reported favorably the bill to reduce import duties, and tariff, (the new tariff bill) accompanied with a written report.

Under the call of committees, reports were submitted from the judiciary committee, two additional associate justices for Dakota.

From the committee on Indian affairs, for the sale of the Kickapoo diminished reservation in Kansas.

The house went into executive session on the postoffice appropriation bill.

The bill having been read by sections, Mr. Horr moved to increase to \$12,250,000 the appropriation for the compensation of postmasters.

Mr. Payson reported back the resolution calling upon the secretary of the interior for information touching land patented to the Burlington and Missouri river railroad. Adopted.

WEDNESDAY, March 12.—Mr. Edmunds introduced a bill to establish forest reservations at the headwaters of the Missouri river, and at the head waters of Clark's falls on the Columbia river.

Mr. Jackson submitted a joint resolution providing for submission to the states of a constitutional amendment making the presidential term six years and making the president ineligible to re-election. Referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Pugh reported favorably the bill to establish an educational fund and apply a portion of the proceeds of the public lands to public education, and provide for the more complete endowment and support of colleges for the advancement of scientific and industrial education. The senate took up for consideration the house pleuro pneumonia bill, and after speeches for and against the measure adjourned without action.

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The committee of the whole by a vote of 117 to 48, struck out the clause limiting the salaries of postmasters to \$84,000.

The amendment offered by Mr. Horr, increasing from \$1,600,000 to \$12,250,000 the appropriation for compensation to postmasters, was voted—yeas 85.

Mr. Horr moved to increase the appropriation for clerks in the postoffice by \$125,000.

The amendment was favored by Cutcheon, Horr and Bingham, and opposed by Holman and Townsend. Lost—77 to 111.

Mr. Skinner (N. Y.) offered an amendment increasing, by \$400,000 the appropriation for the pay of letter carriers.

Pending action the committee rose and the house adjourned.

the executive. Congress would stand aghast if such a proposition came before it directly from the finding of a court martial. President Lincoln, after reading all the testimony, wrote to Logan: "Tell you he is guilty of the crime of which you speak. The corroboration of this was given in the testimony. Robert Lincoln was before the advisory board as to the statements of his father. Porter's contempt for Pope was so evident that even McClellan had to beg him to be loyal to his command. The circular says no proof of the charges has been adduced and the president cannot believe its truth, but for the honor of the nation instructs them to be diligent in their efforts to prevent offenses described and prosecute offenders."

WATTERSON'S COPYRIGHT BILL. Henry Watterson appeared before the joint committee on library and made argument in support of the newspaper copyright bill. In answer to inquiry by members of the committee, Watterson said the misapprehension with regard to the scope of this bill had grown out of the fact that the original draft provided for exclusiveness in published matter for a period of forty-eight hours, which time was subsequently reduced to twenty-four hours.

Both forms were impracticable and unnecessary. Watterson said, and presented a bill granting a copyright for eight hours which was all that was sought by the promoters of the measure. Its object was simply to prevent the pirating of news and concurrent publication.

THE LASKER INCIDENT. The sub-committee of the house foreign affairs committee, consisting of Curtis, Rice and Eaton, to whom the Hancock resolutions on the Lasker matter were referred, at a meeting offered a substitute for the resolutions, and the report of the committee was laid before the members. Considerable discussion followed.

After suggesting a few changes to the sub-committee the full committee adjourned.

COUNTERFEIT SILVER CERTIFICATES. The secret service division of the treasury department reports that it believes that certain counterfeiters are consummating a scheme to simultaneously pass upon the public, especially in the cities of the south and west; counterfeit \$20 silver certificates. A fair sample of the same has just been received at the office of the secret service department.

The issue is a series of 1884 James Gilliam notes of the United States. The paper is thick, greasy and stiff, and the note is one-eighth of an inch shorter than the genuine.

THE FITZ JOHN PORTER BILL. It is generally understood that the Fitz John Porter bill, returned to the house for concurrence in the senate amendments, has been indefinitely pigeon-holed. According to a certain rule of the house, the bill, although under a hundred other bills, may be taken up any day, if the majority so desire.

PRENTISS TILLER CAUGHT. The Absconding Pacific Express Messenger Arrested in Milwaukee—Ninety Thousand Dollars of the Stolen Funds Recovered.

MILWAUKEE, March 13.—Prentiss Tiller, the Pacific Express company's agent at St. Louis, who decamped with nearly \$100,000 a few weeks ago, was arrested at 10 o'clock this morning by Milwaukee detectives and \$80,000 of the money recovered.

Tiller, a man looking like a tramp, with a small mustache, brown hair and of slight build, bought a trunk at the store of Carpeles, Schram & Co. Tuesday and asked to have it shipped to G. H. Pochank, Detroit, Michigan. He left a valise which he asked to have placed inside the trunk to prove he was not carrying it.

When about to put the valise in the trunk the clerk dropped it and the clasps burst asunder, the contents rolling out upon the floor. On gathering up the bundles the clerk found them wrapped in the Pacific Express company's labels and close examination disclosed that every package contained a prize, the total amounting to nearly \$90,000.

The police were notified, and with a description of the man traced him to a cheap boarding house in the Third ward, but he was not at home. The boarding house people said the man was frequently out all night, and the police continued searching the city, thinking he must be on a spree. This morning he returned to the trunk store to ask about the valise and was arrested. He has been in the city since the morning of March 8th, but it is not known whether or not he boarded anywhere else before that. Besides the money there was a large amount of valuable jewelry in the valise and money placed in the Merchants' Exchange bank, and an assortment of other property.

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The secretary of the national industrial convention, to be held in Chicago, May 21st, has received letters from Hon. Columbus Delano and Judge Lawrence, of the National wool growers' association, urging that the date of the latter's convention be postponed from May 7th to May 19th.

The execution of the Stevenson's, at Regina, W. T., has been postponed until April 31. The death warrant had been received, and all the preparations for the hanging completed when the order staying execution arrived.

A cyclone passed over Saline county, Ill., destroying a number of dwellings and outhouses.

FOREIGN.

AFFAIRS IN THE SOUDAN. Gordon advises the appointment of Zobeir Pasha to succeed himself as governor of Soudan. He thinks that Zobeir, if adequately supported, would dispose of the Arab and English troubles. The British expedition to reconquer the Soudan, and express deep anxiety about the situation at Khartoum.

Unless the British act promptly in regard to Zobeir's appointment the victory of Graham Hill, he thinks, have been useless bloodshed. The British are sending further telegrams. It is no longer a question of days, but hours. It is reported that Sheikh Obeld, on the other side of the Blue Nile, has risen. If this is true the telegrams will be cut forthwith. It is improbable that the rains will attack Khartoum, but will try to starve the city into submission.

BISMARCK ON THE RESOLUTIONS. Bismarck appeared in the reichstag to-day and made a speech in justification of his course in refusing to transmit the Lasker resolutions to the reichstag. He said he had recognized the good intentions of the American congress, but was unable to transmit them because of the opposition. Bismarck continued: "I should have refrained from mentioning this matter except for the manner in which the reichstag has discussed it and for the charge of interference made by Herr Richter. The relations of Germany with America have always been good. The government has constantly tried to cultivate them. Ever since there has been a minister the relations of the two countries have been satisfactory. After the war with Austria, in 1866, and again after the Franco-Prussian war, America gave numerous proofs of sympathy, not only with the prosperity of the empire, but also with the person of the chancellor. Nothing has occurred to disturb these good relations."

THE BATTLE AT TAMAL. Further details of the desperate battle between Graham's forces and the rebels near Tamal Wells continue to arrive. During the confusion which ensued when the Arabs made their wild rush on the British camp, the British were scattered, and many of the rebels were killed. The British loss is considerably heavier than at first reported. The number killed will reach 100 and wounded 150. Gen. Graham telegraphs that five officers and eighty-six men were killed and eight officers and 100 men were wounded. The British loss is considerably heavier than at first reported. The number killed will reach 100 and wounded 150. Gen. Graham telegraphs that five officers and eighty-six men were killed and eight officers and 100 men were wounded.

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C. D. Sharp, of Gainsville, Texas, was found guilty of raping Amanda and Emma Clark, aged respectively sixteen and twelve. The penalty in the first case is fifty years in the penitentiary and the other case death. Sharp was sentenced to hang at Gainsville, April 25th.

George Buckland, a popular lecturer, and Wm. Blanchard Jerold, a well known journalist, both of London, are dead.

Chicago liquor men propose to still further test the constitutionality of the Harper high license law.

A large delegation of whisky men held a meeting at Louisville, at which indignation was expressed at the delay of congress in taking up the whisky bill. Opinion was expressed that the bill would finally pass.

The Western Kansas stock growers' association, representing 250,000 head of cattle worth \$3,000,000, met at Dodge City on the 24th of April and remain in session three days.

The cigar manufacturers of Cincinnati have declared a lockout, which throws over 1,100 cigar makers out of employment.

The governor general of Canada has received threatening letters from the Fenian brotherhood in Chicago. His guard has been doubled.

Mrs. Elizabeth Keating, aged 80, was buried to death at Philadelphia during a fire in her house.

James Hughes, who shot and wounded Officer Welch at Clinton, Iowa, last October, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

A snow-slide descended on the little snow-bound station of Woodstock, Colorado, on the South Park railroad, carrying away every building in the town. Seventeen persons are known to have been caught in the avalanche, including Mrs. Doyle, a widow, her six children and another woman, name unknown, and ten section men. The two women and one section hand were rescued alive. All others undoubtedly perished.

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