

NEBRASKA INTERESTS.

The first excursion of the season arrived at Atkinson early in March in the midst of a severe snow storm.

An insane man named John Sorren, from Mason county, Ill., jumped out of a third-story window in the Canfield house at Omaha a few days ago.

On the 14th the large barn on the dairy farm of B. H. Post, near Omaha, was entirely consumed.

The pork packing establishment of Mitchell & Sherran, near Lincoln, was partially destroyed by fire on the 14th.

John Little, living on the Keya Paha, in Brown county, shot and killed Philip Staples.

The Plum Creek Pioneer notes with satisfaction the number of animals being brought into Dawson county.

The following from Gage county have recently gone forward to the penitentiary: Wm. H. Reid, manslaughter, ten years; John M. Ming, forgery, two years; Henry Burke, robbery, three years; Geo. W. Gray, forgery, three years; John Waggle, larceny, one year.

Senator Van Wyck has consented to deliver the address at the Saline county fair next fall.

Four young boys sent to jail at Beatrice for chicken stealing have been liberated and promise to do so no more.

Frank Plachy, a Bohemian farmer, living south of Crete, was found dead in the field, shot through the breast.

The Beatrice Daily Express of the 14th says: This is the last day for filing protest upon the Oke reservation lands.

A petition has been sent from Plum Creek to the commissioner of pensions asking that a board of examining surgeons be appointed, with headquarters at that place.

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

The sub-committee of the senate committee on postoffices and postroads, having several postal telegraph bills under consideration, has formulated and printed, as embodying the views of a majority of the sub-committee, a bill providing that the postmaster-general shall establish telegraph offices at all postoffices.

Mr. Logan called up the report of the committee on the military academy appropriation bill and moved concurrence therein. Agreed to.

Mr. Hoar called up and the senate resumed consideration of the bill increasing the salaries of United States district judges to \$1,000. The pending question was on Morgan's amendment providing that the increase should only apply to judges hereafter appointed.

Mr. Allison, from the committee on appropriations, reported favorably the house bill to provide for most urgent deficiencies in appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884. Placed on the calendar.

The remainder of the session, without debate, was spent in a consideration of Mr. Blair's educational bill.

HOUSE.

Immediately after the reading of the journal, Mr. Hoar called up the Virginia contested election case of Garrison against Mayo. The report declared that the contestant, Garrison, is entitled to the seat. Mayo, the sitting member, was heard in his own behalf.

At the conclusion of Garrison's speech, after further debate, the resolution declaring Garrison entitled to the seat was unanimously adopted, and that gentleman appeared and took the oath of office.

The military academy appropriation bill was passed. Objection was made to reference of the senate bill for the eradication of foot and mouth disease to the senate committee, with leave to report at any time, so the bill will have to take the usual course.

The bonded whisky extension bill was then considered without action.

SENATE.

FRIDAY, March 21.—Consideration of the bill increasing the salaries of the United States district judges was resumed, but without action the bill went over.

Bills were introduced and referred: By Mr. Platt, to provide for admission into the union of the state of Tacoma.

By Mr. Logan, to grant a pension of \$50 per month to the widow of Gen. Ordell By Call, to authorize the investigation of the issue of fraudulent warrants and protect soldiers and sailors from loss thereon.

The deficiency appropriation bill was passed.

The education bill was taken up and discussed, but without action the senate adjourned till Monday.

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DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

Criminal, Accidental, Political and Other Matters Here and There.

A Serious Accident on the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad.

The foot and mouth disease in Kansas—A Record of Events in the Old World.

NEWS NOTES.

On the 17th a special freight train of thirty-one cars, all loaded with corn for the sufferers by the floods in the Ohio river valley, left Wichita for Cincinnati.

Two robbers in the Sandwich, Ont., jail shot and killed Jailer Leach, a fully armed and equipped man, and escaped.

Tiller, the express robber, made a bold and desperate attempt to escape from the Lindell hotel, St. Louis, but was nabbed by an officer on watch.

Charles Mooney, aged 55, grandson of William Mooney, one of the founders of the Tammany society, died on the 15th in a cheap lodging house in New York.

The first train on the Mexican Central left the City of Mexico on the 15th for the United States. Regular trains will commence running May 1st, and mixed freight and passenger trains April 1st.

The announcement is made of the engagement of Mrs. Frank Leslie, the widow of the publisher, to Marquis de Leuville, of France.

A call has been issued for a national convention of anti-monopolists to be held in Chicago, May 14th, to nominate a presidential ticket.

Captain Roberts, of the Seventh infantry, department of Arizona, has been acquitted by court-martial of the charge of abusive and threatening conduct toward a superior officer, etc.

The annual meeting of the American Tract society has just been held in Washington. The reports shows the receipts of the year at \$39,065; expenditures, \$361,280; balance in treasury, \$7,783; donations and legacies, \$119,951, of which \$31,500 were special offerings, and \$84,557 available for benevolent works.

The death of Mrs. Annie Key Turner, daughter of Francis Scott Key, author of the "Star Spangled Banner," is announced.

The Sharon divorce case has been resumed at San Francisco. Several of Sharon's letters to the plaintiff were introduced. In some he addresses her as "dear wife" and others "dear Miss Hill."

The citizens of Wilkesbarre, Pa., in mass meeting, adopted a resolution pledging support to judges and courts in reducing the number of liquor licenses and enforcing the law.

At Lexington, Ohio, the grand jury has reported ten indictments involving 23 persons (one for murder in the second degree) in the Hickey lynching case and seven for riot in the McDavitt case.

A fire at Moberly, Mo., destroyed a dozen stores and buildings, including the postoffice. Total loss, \$44,000; insurance, \$20,000.

The prosecution in the Carpenter case, on trial at Petersburg, Ill., rested their case on the 18th. The defense demanded that Frank Simmons be called by the prosecution, as his name was on the back of the indictment. The court permitted this and the witness declared that he was positive that the man seen in the buggy near the scene of the murder on the night of the tragedy was not Carpenter, as he had an opportunity to look at him fairly.

Charles B. Wright, of Philadelphia, has been elected director of the Northern Pacific, vice Henry Villard, resigned.

A disease, supposed to be apthous, has appeared among the cattle near Rockford, Ill. They are taken sick at night and die before morning. The bodies are much bloated.

Mrs. John Schaefer, of Oakland, Cal., became insane over the loss of one of her children, and during the absence of her husband for a few minutes cut her baby's throat and then her own.

At Marysville, Kansas, Samuel Frayer was convicted of murder in the first degree for the horrible double murder of the Pennington family, in Wells township.

Col. Norman Curtis, a veteran of the war of 1812, died at Rockford, Ill., on the 20th, aged 92.

An injunction has been granted at Nashville restraining A. S. Colyer, president of the American Newspaper company, from advocating in the American a protective tariff.

Explosion of sulphur in the Enterprise colliery at Mt. Carmel, Pa., instantly killed three Hungarians and badly started the mine.

Commissioner Fink has issued a notice that, taking effect March 22d, rates will be reduced as follows: Chicago to New York, grass seed, 3 1/2 cents; high wine, 25 cents.

Prentice Tiller and George McFadden, the express robbers, were arraigned in the court of criminal correction at St. Louis, and the case continued until April 4.

Fears of a flood in the Missouri river are beginning to be realized. A gorge below Yankton is flooding the low lands, and a heavy rise will soon reach the lower country from above. The ice at Sioux City commenced going out on the 21st.

Judge Thatcher, of the supreme court of Colorado, is dead.

The conference committee of the Union Pacific and Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad companies, held in Boston, resulted in an understanding that harmonious should prevail in the local Nebraska business of the two companies. An adjournment was had until next week, when the committee will hold another meeting, at which President Potter will be present and the policy of the two companies will take a more definite shape.

Michael Toney, aged 16, was arrested at Mt. Carmel, Pa., in the act of changing a switch for the purpose of wrecking an approaching train.

Business failures last week throughout the country numbered 213, as against 216 the previous week.

Buckridge levee, Louisiana, thirty-three miles below Vicksburg, broke a few days ago. There is no chance to close the

FOREIGN.

General Graham is ordered not to pursue his reconnaissance far beyond Har-douk. It is not true that Turkish troops are going to Suakin or that the British government has decided to send an expedition to Slinkat and Berber.

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