

NEBRASKA INTERESTS.

A sheep, the property of W. W. Slater, Pawnee county, lately gave birth to a double lamb, having a double head, two noses, four eyes, three ears, a double body and two tails.

The Nebraska Central Railroad company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The object is to build and operate a railroad, telegraph and telephone line from Des Moines, Iowa, through the counties of Burt, Cuming, Stanton, Madison, Boone, Wheeler, Loup, Cherry and Sioux, all in Nebraska, to the west line of the state.

A floater was discovered in the Missouri river at Nebraska City, floating down stream on a huge cake of ice. Before the river men could catch him the ice upset, throwing the man into the water. He was an old man, rather large, with heavy gray whiskers, and was much bloated, apparently having been in the water a long time.

State papers having circulated the report that there are several cases of small-pox in Plattsmouth, the Journal of that place thinks it proper to inform them that no case of small-pox in Plattsmouth, the same having been entirely eradicated.

In the district court at Lincoln a motion for a change of venue in the case of Quinn Buchanan, the Waverly murderer, was sustained and the venue changed to Otoe county. The court, Judge L. M. Caster, and ordered that the trial of the case be had and conducted in said Otoe county at the next term of the district court.

Mr. John Terhune, of Beatrice, has a large contract in the artistic line. He is to furnish 1,000 signs for the Mound City paint company, at Lincoln. These signs are to be distributed in Nebraska.

The Lancaster county fair, (Lincoln county seat), this year, will be held September 16-19 this year.

The Hastings Gazette says there will probably be two lines of refrigerator cars from that city this season. One upon the St. Joe and Western road, the White Star line, and the other on the B. & M. line, the Merchants' Dispatch. This will enable the butter, egg and poultry men to ship their goods east with safety and in good shape.

A three-year-old girl of Webb Brenan, of Boone county, was accidentally shot by her seven-year-old brother, a few days ago. The little boy by some means succeeded in getting possession of the rifle which hung on the wall, and in fooling with the lock the gun was discharged, the ball passing through the child's forehead and the body of the little girl, who was playing in an adjoining room. She died almost instantly.

Two prominent gentlemen of Fullerton have arranged for giving that town an opera house 60x100 feet. The work thereon will commence at an early day.

The Soldiers colony which met at Lincoln a few days ago, decided to name the new colony, of which Logan will be the county seat, Dawes county. It will probably be six months before the town can be opened for settlement, owing to a delay in securing the title to the land.

Sam Farmer, living near Arapahoe, was told carbolic acid was good for a skin disease from which he was suffering. He applied the globules, instead of the diluted acid, and suffered terribly until relieved by physicians.

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Mr. S. Chandler and wife, of Shelton, Buffalo county, Nebraska, have made a fine donation to the ladies of the Auxiliary society for the Home of the Friendless at Omaha.

The barn of Andrew Backlund, of Folk county, was struck by lightning last week and burned to the ground. The contents, consisting of eleven head of horses, five sets of harness, a lot of machinery, four hundred bushels of corn and a quantity of oats were burned, together with a stack of hay which stood near. The family knew nothing of the catastrophe until Mrs. Backlund saw the light from the burning building. It was then too late to save any of the horses. Loss, \$2,500. About the same time a bolt descended upon the barn of A. J. Swanson, in the same county, and killed two horses.

It is reported that discovery has been made that the last legislature mistakenly omitted to appropriate for two years' salaries at the state deaf and dumb institute at Omaha, and that Principal Gillespie is endeavoring to have the state authorities provide for the deficiency.

Mr. Curry, of Albion, had a narrow escape from being buried alive a few days since. He was engaged in boring a well, and had got it to down something over a hundred feet, when, on account of it caving in so much, it became necessary to go down and put in a curbing. The well was only twenty inches in diameter and when suspended over a hundred feet from the surface, the well began caving in at the top. Only the prompt action of his men saved his life.

Beatrice last week elected a license ticket throughout. The proposition to give the street railway company a right to lay its track through the city was defeated.

Charley Sayers, of Falls City, a boy about twelve years old, caught fire from some inflammable substance in his pocket and was badly burned.

The West Point Republican says people cannot be too careful just at this season of the year in guarding against the appearance of diphtheria. Every scrap of vegetable matter in cellars that shows any signs of decay should be removed at once, and yards and alleys kept as clean as possible. Watch the children closely, and commence fighting the dreaded disease at its earliest appearance. Many cases can be prevented, which if allowed to develop result fatally.

Fritz Drescher, a boy of eleven years, in the northern part of Richardson county, while out hunting recently had his gun burst, entirely blowing off his left hand. His gun was old and defective, and was blown into many pieces.

STRUCK BY A CYCLONE.

An Indiana Town Completely Wiped Out—A Scene of Desolation and Death.

A destructive cyclone struck Oakville, Indiana, on the 1st, completely wiping it out of existence, and doing inestimable damage to the property of the town. At 6 o'clock a heavy black cloud came driving from the west and another from the north. The two clouds met at the house of Lewis Cochran, two miles west of Oakville, lifted it bodily from its floor and foundations and carried it into kindling wood and debris, as it along its course for two miles and a half. A minute later it struck Oakville, carrying death and destruction along its track. Of thirty houses in Oakville all but three were blown to atoms. Four persons were killed outright in Oakville and a fifth died soon afterward, while James Sanders, two miles west, was also killed, making six killed and a large number injured. Fifty persons are reported wounded.

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THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Preparation for the Coming Great Political Event.

At a meeting of the sub-committee of the national republican committee, held in Chicago for the purpose of arranging the preliminaries for the coming national convention, Hon. John C. New, of Indiana; John A. Martin, of Kansas; and John H. Cough, proxy for Senator Logan, were present. Plans for a convention hall, made by the music festival committee, were adopted, with modifications, increasing the seating capacity of the gallery so that the hall will accommodate between 8,000 and 9,000, exclusive of the platform for the delegates, which has a seating capacity of 1,000. Provisions have been made for the daily press of the country upon an liberal basis as possible, and a reportorial force of about 500 can be accommodated. Applications from the daily press for seats will be considered by the sub-committee at its next meeting. Inasmuch as the whole country is to be provided for, it will be expected that the daily newspapers will only apply for such a number of seats as is absolutely necessary. The committee call attention to the fact that the associated press will make full and complete reports of every detail and transaction of the convention, for whom it will have ample facilities.

Many truths now of reverend esteem and credit, had their birth and beginning once from singular and private thoughts, while the most of men were otherwise possessed, and had the fate at first to be generally exploded and exclaimed on by many violent opposers, yet truth, in some age or other, will find her witnesses and shall be justified at last by her own children.—[Milton.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Favorable Report on the Bill for Establishing a Postal Telegraph.

Adverse Report on the Constitutional Amendment for Woman Suffrage.

A Record of Proceedings in the Senate and House of Representatives.

CONGRESSIONAL.

MONDAY, March 31.—Mr. Miller (N. Y.) reported favorably the bill to provide for the establishment of forest reservations at the head waters of the Missouri river and the head waters of Clark's Fork of the Columbia river.

Mr. Mabone introduced a bill to allow a drawback on imported goods used in manufacturing tobacco, snuff and cigars exported from the United States. Referred.

Mr. Platt called up, for the purpose of making some remarks on it, his bill providing for the organization of the patent office into separate departments.

The chief justice before he sent a communication from the attorney general stating that there has been neither neglect or refusal to furnish information concerning the star route attorneys, but his force was too small to supply promptly the voluminous papers called for.

Under the call of states the following resolutions were introduced and passed: By Finerty, joint resolution declaring that thanks are due and hereby accorded to United States Minister Sargent for the able, faithful and dignified manner in which he discharged the duties of his office while representing the United States in this republic at the court of the German empire; also appropriating \$300,000 for the establishment of a sailor's home at Chicago.

By Kasson, to repeal the internal revenue tax on tobacco and distillation of apples and peaches.

By King, appropriating \$400,000 for the relief of sufferers from the Mississippi floods.

By Graves, authorizing the appointment of a special commissioner, by \$25,000, by McMillan, limiting to one year from date of the commission of offense the time within which prosecutions may be instituted against persons charged with violating the internal revenue laws.

TUESDAY, April 1.—A bill was introduced by Edmunds, and reported favorably from the committee on naval affairs, for the relief of the Jeanette crew. Passed.

Mr. Logan reported favorably a joint resolution, requiring the secretary of war to furnish the governor of Ohio with copies of the muster rolls in his department, of Ohio regiments which fought in the war for the union. Passed.

Mr. Hale reported the naval appropriation bill, with sundry amendments.

Mr. Hill introduced a bill to make certificates of gold and silver deposits in the United States a legal tender for public and private debts.

The educational bill was then considered without final action.

Mr. Reagan reported, as a substitute for a number of bills, a bill to provide for inspection of live stock and hogs. Mr. Jones reported a bill to prohibit an officer, servant or agent of the government to hire or contract out labor of prisoners incarcerated for violating the laws of the United States.

Mr. Lovinger reported a bill to pay employees of the government wages heretofore withheld in violation of the eight hour law. The house resumed consideration of the trade dollar bill.

Mr. Bland moved to strike out the fourth section, which provides that trade dollars received into standard dollars shall be deducted from the amount of bullion required to be coined by the remonetization act. Agreed to—131 to 118. The bill passed—189 to 86.

WEDNESDAY, April 2.—The chair laid before the senate the credentials of Henry B. Payne, senator-elect from Ohio. These credentials were transmitted owing to the informality in the credentials first presented.

The senate passed the bill to increase the efficiency of the general land office; also, Morrill's bill for the improvement of coinage.

The education bill was taken up and discussed by Messrs. George, Blair and Van Wyck.

Mr. Dorsheimer presented a memorial from the bondholders of the Northern Pacific railway company praying to be heard before the committee on public lands on the bill declaring the forfeiture of lands granted and asking congress to protect their interest. Referred.

The house then went into committee of the whole on the Indian appropriation bill. Mr. Ellis explained the provisions of the bill, including the provisions for the punishment of irresponsible whiskey sellers, the annual census of the tribes and the provision for school houses. He expressed the hope that the Indians would be given standing in the courts and eventually citizenship.

A message was received from the president, recommending an appropriation of \$100,000 for the protection of the levees on the lower Mississippi.

THURSDAY, April 3.—Mr. Hoar presented a petition from citizens and soldiers of the western states connected with the national league praying that a pension of at least \$5 per month be given each honorably discharged soldier and sailor of the late war.

A bill was reported favorably and placed on the calendar to authorize the construction of a bridge over the Missouri at White Cloud, Kan.

A resolution was agreed to instructing the committee on library to inquire into the expediency of purchasing from the Lewis family, for the United States, the sword worn by Washington on the occasion of resigning his commission as commander in chief.

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After consideration of forty-six of the fifty-two pages of the bill the committee rose and the house adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 4.—Mr. Logan presented a petition from the Chicago board of trade, protesting against the further coinage of silver dollars; also from the Chicago trades and labor assembly, protesting

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OSMAN DIGNA.

Latest advices report Osman Digna encamped in the vicinity of Tanager, having about 1,000 followers and many shakhs; and that he is preparing to give battle to tribes friendly to the English. On the 1st the rebels approached within a mile of Suakin and looted cattle. The inhabitants of Suakin are disconcerted and angry at being left by the British to take care of themselves.

PARTICULARS OF THE PLOT.

The following particulars have been learned concerning the plot to blow up Mountjoy prison: The Invidibles in prison were engaged in clandestine correspondence with accomplices outside. The letters were found in James Mullett's cell which disclosed the plot. The prison warden was to be bribed with money from O'Donovan Rossa's fund to convey an infernal machine into the prison. One letter contained an order for the murder of Patrick Delaney, one of the Phoenix park conspirators, by throwing him over the balcony as he should leave the prison after mass. Delaney still remains at Mountjoy for safety. The warden has been dismissed.

EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS.

The Pall Mall Gazette says: Egyptian affairs are fast drifting into anarchy, and through anarchy to annexation of war, possibly both. England must undertake the administration in Egypt. The Gazette urges the government should assist Gen. Gordon to establish at Khartoum an independent state under his sovereignty. "Tell him," it says, "England no longer considers Soudan part of the Ottoman empire."

POLITICAL.

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Maury county (Tenn.) republicans elected Arthur delegates to the state convention to select delegates to Chicago.

Republican primaries at St. Louis for the election of delegates to the state convention to nominate delegates to the national convention, resulted in a sweeping victory for the Filley faction, they carrying twenty-five of the twenty-eight wards in the city.

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Republican senators met in caucus after adjournment of the senate on the 1st, to consider the condition of business before the senate and discuss the order in which it shall be transacted.

The republican convention of the Eighteenth (Pa.) congressional district, announcing its headquarters at Feltz, Franklin, Perry and Snyder counties, elected Blaine delegates to the state convention. Credentials were not given to the delegates until they signed a written pledge to support Blaine for the presidential nomination.

The caucus of republican senators on the 3d was not very fully attended. The education bill was the only topic for discussion. Several amendments proposed by the caucus committee were approved by the caucus. Chief among them was a proposition to reduce the aggregate appropriations to between \$70,000,000 and \$80,000,000.

The democrats of Kanawha county, Va., selected Tilden delegates to the state convention, which elects delegates to the national convention. Prominent politicians predict that the state delegation to Chicago will be strong for Tilden.

The republican caucuses in Quincy resulted in sixty-seven Logan delegates and eleven anti-Logan. Reports from the township insure a solid Logan delegation from Adams county to the state convention.