

NEBRASKA INTERESTS.

A party of duck hunters who went out from Wayne returned with a handsome white swan, which they had killed. It is to be sent to Norfolk to be mounted.

Three incendiary fires were recently started in Crete, with the intention of accomplishing their purpose by burning up two stables. A negro has been arrested and is held on suspicion. He was seen running away from one of the places just as the fire broke out.

The local paper figures up that the improvements in Clarkville as amounting to a little over \$40,000.

The Pawnee Press says that Beatrice is about the same distance from Omaha as Pawnee City is, yet you can get a round-trip ticket between those two points for \$5.40. It will cost just \$5.20 to get a round-trip ticket between Pawnee City and Lincoln, just half the distance. Competition explains the low rate.

The Beatrice Express learns of a terrible accident which resulted in the death of a sixteen months' old son of his brother, Mr. John Downey, who lives near Plymouth, in Jefferson county. A tub of boiling water was left in the room, and while no one was there the child came in. It went to the tub and fell in. It was badly scalded, but lived thirteen hours in the most intense suffering.

Orleans county has perfected an immigration society, electing a secretary and treasurer and appointing a standing committee to take charge of all matters pertaining to immigration.

The stable and hay stacks of Mr. Henson, of Wayne county, a new-comer, were destroyed by fire last week. He was burning prairie, when the fire got the best of him and destroyed his stable.

Chas. Oldman, a tramp, was arrested a few days ago for placing an obstruction in the track between Exeter and Friendville. A couple of years ago he was firmly strapped on one of the rails in such a manner that had the train struck it a wreck would have been inevitable. Oldman was arrested and will be held for trial.

The state horticultural society earnestly calls for early reports of arbor day planting, giving the kind of trees, etc., from any school district precinct and neighborhood in each county.

The Union Pacific is about to put on solid train from Denver to Omaha, making the run in seven hours or less.

The will of D. W. Stebbins, of Crete, which bequeathed all of his property to one of his children, was set aside by Judge Corey last week, for the reason that the child to whom the property was given declined to accept only her proportionate share, and desired her brothers and sisters to share equally with her, and appeared before the judge and expressed her desire, and stated that if the will were not set aside that as soon as she came in possession of the property she would make an equal division hereof.

The meat market of W. J. Garvin, Alexandria, was destroyed by fire a few nights ago, the loss being about \$400.

Twenty Union Pacific cars were loaded with sheep at Beatrice a few days ago and started east. The sheep were raised in Gage county and belong to R. W. Johnson, an eastern man.

The new Presbyterian church to be built at Lincoln will comfortably seat 500. It is to be supplied with all the modern conveniences, including parlor, Bible-class rooms, vestry, choir room, kitchen, dining room, etc.

Mr. Mariner, of Johnston, Brown county lost his store building and entire stock of general merchandise by fire. There was \$2,500 insurance on the property lost. It is supposed the fire was set by an incendiary.

The school population of Nebraska City is 1,533. That of Plattsmouth, 1,689. From the number of the school population at Nebraska City figures her population at 9,168. According to the same method of figuring Plattsmouth's population would be 9,186.

Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Pioneer Co-operative association of Beatrice. The general nature of the business to be transacted is the managing and carrying on of co-operative stores and other business incidental thereto. The capital stock is \$4,000, divided into 2,000 shares of \$2 each. There are sixty members all working men.

Frank Pepperell, of Pawnee county, has been held to answer to the United States grand jury for selling beer at a Catholic fair.

A Norfolk man, Henry Schroeder, went to Pierce, and there intoxicated himself. In his budget condition he visited the circus at the school house, and arrived, where, in the absence of the husband, he made an indecent assault upon the woman. The return of the man frightened Schroeder away, but he was followed by the husband a few minutes later and overtook him in the street, where the late arrival from Germany gave the offender a thorough thrashing.

Postoffice changes in Nebraska for the week ending April 12, 1884. Established—Dunn, Lancaster county, Wm. H. H. Dunn, postmaster. Discontinued—Buckeye, Hamilton county; Chase, Greeley county; Ford, Holt county; Latrobe, Johnson county; Spencer, Hall county.

The instruments for Seward's female band have arrived and the girls are expected to make their first public appearance on the 4th of July.

High license prevailed in Sterling, and now it is thought there will be no difficulty about providing more school room, of which the town stands greatly in need.

The Seward County Coal and Mining company have made arrangements to begin operations on the lands leased by them at once. They propose to go down at least 1,000 feet, if they do not find coal sooner, and have contracted with F. K. Copeland, of Denver, to do the work.

The telegraph operator named Church who has held forth at Oreadopolis for some months past, has absconded for parts unknown, leaving several to mourn his unexpected departure.

The test of the city well at Lincoln was finished a few days ago. The contract required to show 50,000 gallons per hour for seventy-two hours, or 36,000,000 in all; 4,000,000 gallons were pumped, and the test showed a flow of 15,000 to 20,000 gallons an hour. The water is pure and clear, and the council and citizens are jubilant.

Fourteen years has elapsed since the first school was started in Sterling, and during that time only one child of school age has died—and that death was caused by an accident. The Press thinks this is not a bad record for the town.

Pawnee county has no licensed saloon within its borders, and the disposition is that there shall be none in the future.

A paper is being circulated at Sterling to form a joint stock company to prospect for coal in four counties to be named, to be raised, and the shares will be placed at \$10 each.

In the analysis of the stomach of Mrs. Lee, recently poisoned at Crete, Dr. Clark, the chemist, came near being fatally poisoned by touching two drops to his tongue of a solution of less than one-half of the stomach in four ounces of alcohol, indicating the presence of a large quantity of poison.

Near Beatrice, a few days ago, the hind wheel of a front truck of a Union Pacific car slipped the track and dragged half a mile over the ties before the train could be stopped. In this short but dangerous journey the train passed over two bridges.

The expenses of the last term of the district court of Lancaster county foot up to about \$5,000. Not very encouraging outlook for tax-payers.

A man named Neide, living in Douglas county, was sent by his employer to Omaha to sell a team of horses. He effected a sale, getting \$300, but the money in his pocket and damped for parts unknown.

Quinn Bohanan was put on trial at Nebraska City on the 17th for the murder of James Cook at Waverly, in February, 1882. The prisoner was tried at Lincoln in May, 1883, convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to life imprisonment. The supreme court set the judgment aside for want of formality as to the grand jury.

A Rhode Island gentleman has been looking over the ground at Orleans with the view to establishing a woolen mill there. The indications are favorable for securing the enterprise.

A move is on foot at Atkinson to organize a driving park association with a capital of \$1,000.

The grand jury of Saline county found a true bill against John S. Lee for murder in the first degree. It is assumed that he is the poisoner of his wife. The report of the expert who had charge of the stomach of Mrs. Lee, reports that there was poison enough in it to kill two hundred and forty persons.

Young men of Stella engage in ball playing on Sunday, notwithstanding the editor of the local paper takes strong ground against such desecration of the Sabbath.

W. H. Russell, an old resident of Cuming county, who served as county commissioner for two years, was killed by a bullet by shooting himself, while on his way home from Wisner with a load of lumber. Temporary insanity was the cause.

Hon. E. L. Reed, of Weeping Water, was heartily congratulated by his neighbors and friends on return from the First district convention, which selected him as a delegate to the Chicago convention.

Lorenzo Curtis, of Cass county, was drowned in the Missouri river near Rock Bluffs last week while engaged in catching drift wood.

ACCIDENT ON THE RAIL.

One Man Killed and Two or Three Injured.

An accident occurred last week on the Omaha and Republican Valley branch of the U. P. railroad, resulting in the death of the fireman and badly injuring the engineer and a brakeman, besides the destruction of considerable property.

The train was a mixed one, consisting of a freight train with a passenger coach attached, coming toward Omaha. When about four or five miles from Wahoo a team belonging to a farmer became frightened, presumably at the train, and started. No one was in the wagon at the time and no one had control of the reins. The public road runs along near the railroad track, and down this road the team ran, until they finally switched over on to the railroad track ahead of the train. They had run but a short distance until they reached a culvert. In attempting to cross it one of the animals stepped between the ties and fell. The engineer saw them and attempted to stop his train, but was too close to do so before striking them. The engine gave a lunge and plunged down the embankment, taking with it the tender and several flat cars.

The fireman, Ernest Gould, was caught in attempting to get out of the way, and was crushed and mangled in a horrible manner, causing almost instant death. The engineer and a brakeman were also badly injured.

AFTER THE POLYGAMISTS.

The Substitute for Cassidy's Bill Adopted by the Committee on Territories.

The house committee on territories, by a vote of 7 to 5, adopted the substitute offered by Mr. Alexander to Mr. Cassidy's bill, providing that the president appoint a commissioner to govern Utah. The provisions relate to marriages require that they be solemnized by a minister, judge, or justice of the peace, and the same officiating shall file a certificate of marriage with the county recorder within thirty days after the ceremony. Failure to file on record is punishable by a fine of \$500. The substitute makes the solemnization of marriage by either party to be married his husband or wife living a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in jail for not less than six months nor more than twelve.

Silver, Coinage.

At a meeting of the representatives of the various arts and trades of the country, held at Willard's hotel, Washington, to urge upon congress the policy of discontinuance for at least two years of the coinage of silver dollars, delegates were present from commercial bodies at Portland, Providence, New Haven, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis and Minneapolis. Martin Cole, of St. Louis, presided. Resolutions approving a policy discontinuing silver coinage were read from a number of other boards of trade. A memorial, signed by 2,500 citizens of New York, was read, favoring the same policy. Brief addresses were made by a number of gentlemen, setting forth that thoughtful business men of the country were viewing with alarm the present and prospective effects of the silver issue, and also that a very decided change in popular sentiment on silver coinage is taking place in various localities west and south. Representatives of the board of trade now here will have a hearing before the house committee.

NEBRASKA First District Convention.

NEBRASKA CITY, April 15.—C. A. Holmes called the convention to order. Capt. G. M. Humphreys was elected chairman, and Fred Nye and John Steen secretaries. Committee on credentials: D. G. Courtney, of Lincoln; E. M. Bartlett, of Douglas; J. P. Crother, of Nemaha; N. B. Lareh, of Otoe; T. B. Wilson, of Saunders. Speeches were made by Hon. J. M. Thurston, E. Rosewater, Pat Hawes, Walter Bennett and Capt. Wittchell. After a spirited contest E. L. Reed, of Cass county, and Church Howe, of Nemaha county, were elected delegates to the Chicago convention. N. B. Lareh, of Otoe, and W. J. Broach, of Douglas, were elected alternates. A resolution instructing for Blaine as injudiciously introduced, but voted down.

A National Cattle Show.

The secretary of the National Agricultural association, having addressed a letter to General Jas. S. Brislin, commanding at Fort Keogh, Montana, requesting his views in regard to holding a national cattle show, the general replies urging that a show be held and suggesting that at the same time a national convention of cattlemen and stock growers be held, at which all the stock associations throughout the country shall be represented. He takes strong grounds against congressional interference with the cattle trade, and says there are no cattle diseases in the country worthy of notice, much less of national legislation.

An uncomfortable railway—the fence rail-way, with tar and feather accompaniment.

The house went into committee of the whole on the bill for the pension appropriation.

After an hour of general debate the bill was read by paragraphs for amendments.

NATIONAL LEGISLATION.

The Postoffice Appropriation Bill Finally Acted Upon in the Senate.

The Bill to Provide for the Appointment of a Missouri River Commission.

Action of the House Committee Regarding the Closing of Public Lands—Other Notes.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

FRIDAY, April 14.—Among the petitions and memorials presented were resolutions from the recent convention of inventors, held at Cincinnati, opposing any change in the patent laws that may tend to injure property patents; also, a petition signed by Mrs. James A. Gould and 500 other citizens of Cleveland, Ohio, praying for the passage of a bill providing for the return of the Nez Perce Indians to their old home.

Mr. Slater introduced a bill to forfeit the unearned lands granted to the Northern Pacific railroad and restore the same to settlement.

The senate resumed consideration of the naval appropriation bill, the pending question being on the amendment proposed by the senate committee to provide for the construction of new cruisers.

Bills were introduced and referred: To reorganize the supreme court of the United States.

By Mr. Turner (Ky.), to equalize taxation. It recites that bondholders and millionaires have paid no tax on their incomes to support the federal government for over twenty years; that taxation should be justly imposed, and that there should be no favored class, and enacts that income tax of 3 per cent on over \$5,000; 5 per cent on over \$10,000, and 10 per cent on over \$100,000 shall be levied and collected.

By Mr. King, to place on the free list all agricultural implements, all machinery used in manufacturing agricultural products, cotton ties, fannels, blankets, hats of wool, knit goods, all goods made on knitting frames, balmarols, woolen and worsted yarns, and all manufactures of every description composed wholly or in part of worsted.

TUESDAY, April 15.—Mr. Dawes called up the bill to divide a portion of the great reservation of the Sioux nation of Indians into two parts, and separate the reservation and to secure the relinquishment of the Indian title to the remainder.

Mr. Dawes moved to amend the bill so as to make the amount of land to be given in severalty to the Ponca Indians one-quarter section. Agreed to—40 to 2.

Pending in the chair laid before the senate the unfinished business, being the bankruptcy bill, Mr. Dawes remarking that he would to-morrow, after the morning business, call up the Indian bill for further consideration.

Mr. Morrison moved that the house go into committee of the whole for the consideration of the tariff bill. There was no division and the motion was agreed to. Mr. Cox, of New York, being called to the chair. Immediately upon the committee's assembling, Mr. Eaton objected to the consideration of the bill, and his objection was reported to the house and a vote was taken upon the question whether the bill should be considered. By a vote of 140 yeas and 128 nays the committee decided to consider the measure.

There was intense interest manifested in the roll-call. At the conclusion of the first call the yeas and nays showed a majority of one in favor of the measure. Then went on the second call, and the members crowded around any one of their colleagues who was keeping tally, earnestly listening for each response. The vote was so close until the final announcement that nobody was quite sure how the vote stood, but upon the announcement there was a round of applause from the democratic side.

WEDNESDAY, April 16.—The chair laid before the senate the resolution offered by Mr. Morgan, directing the judiciary committee to inquire whether Paul Strobach, whose nomination for marshal of the middle and southern districts of Alabama was rejected by the senate, and who is now performing the duties of an office, is entitled to the office. Agreed to.

The bill left undisposed of yesterday to divide a portion of the great reservation of the Sioux nation of Indians in Dakota into several reservations and secure the relinquishment of the Indian title to the remainder, was passed.

The senate proceeded with the consideration of the bankruptcy bill, but soon after adjourned.

Mr. Russell (Mass.) spoke in opposition to the bill. He made a lengthy argument in opposition to the measure and deplored the reopening of tariff agitation after the country had enjoyed a rest but for a short period of twelve months.

Mr. Chase was especially antagonistic to the reopening of the pending bill which reduced the duty on wool. The woolen industry was already burdened, and if a further reduction of 20 per cent. was made a pretty large proportion of all the mills in the country would be stopped; a reduction of 20 per cent. on the entire tariff list would throw out of employment 1,700,000 persons who, with their families, consume \$3,000,000 bushels of wheat. They would be forced to the cultivation of the soil and the production of wheat would be increased to the extent of 153,000,000 bushels. The producers of wool were already in danger, owing to the growing competition of the wheat fields of Russia and India. The only safe market for wheat was the home market.

THURSDAY, April 18.—Mr. Cockrell introduced a bill to provide for the appointment of a Missouri river commission, to carry into effect plans for the improvement of said river from its mouth to its head waters.

Wilson offered a preamble and resolution declaring that it is competent for congress to exercise its power to regulate inter-state commerce and to provide by law for such regulation in the transportation of commerce among the several states as shall include a system of maximum and minimum rates of charges for the same and for free competition within the limits so fixed.

The senate passed the bill authorizing the secretary of war to adjust and settle the accounts for arms between South Carolina and the federal government.

Consideration of the bankruptcy bill was then resumed, and amendments were offered by George Morgan, Wilson, Hoar and others. Among the amendments agreed to to-day was one proposed by George, giving debts due to laboring men and domestic servants priority over debts due to the state or the United States.

HOUSE.

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After an hour of general debate the bill was read by paragraphs for amendments.

Mr. Goff offered a proviso that no proof shall be required, either in pending cases or those hereafter filed, as to the physical condition of a soldier at the time he was mustered into service, and all claims heretofore rejected on account of the lack of proof shall be re-heard. After discussion the provision was ruled out of order and the house adjourned.

SENATE.

FRIDAY, April 18.—Mr. Sherman reported adversely the newspaper copyright bill. It was, however, placed on the calendar. Also adversely the joint resolution providing for the erection of a bronze equestrian statue to Simon Bolivar. Indefinitely postponed.

The senate then took up the postoffice appropriation bill.

Amendments proposed by the committee were agreed to, the only departure being in the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Plumb, adding \$25,000 to the appropriation for the river mail service. The bill was agreed to as a whole.

The senate went into executive session and when the doors were reopened a message from the house announcing the death of the late Representative Herndon was received. Remarks in memorial of the deceased were delivered by Messrs. Morgan, Gibson, Jones (Fla.), and Pugh.

The bill passed authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri at St. Joseph.

On motion of Mr. McMillan, the bill limiting to two years' time within which prosecution may be instituted against persons charged with violating internal revenue laws was taken up for consideration.

Messrs. White, Miller and others addressed the house, in conclusion of which the bill passed.

Unfinished business coming over from last Friday was the bill to relieve certain soldiers of the late war from the charge of desertion. After debate it was laid aside with favorable prospects.

House taken till 7:30 P. M. when the house passed twenty-six pension bills and adjourned.

SENATE.

SATURDAY, April 19.—The senate was not in session, having adjourned till Monday.

The house went into committee of the whole on bills reported from the committee on labor.

The first bill considered was for the establishing and maintaining of labor statistics. On motion of Mr. Warner, the salary of the commissioner of labor statistics was reduced to \$3,500.

Numerous amendments were offered and generally voted down, and although no debate was allowed upon them, the committee was the scene of a good deal of confusion. Finally the bill was reported to the house—yeas, 152; nays, 19.

It provides for the establishment of a bureau of labor statistics in charge of a commissioner at a salary of \$8,000, who shall acquire all useful information on the subject of labor, its relations to capital and industry, and promoting the material, social, intellectual and moral prosperity of the laboring classes.

CAPITAL TOPICS.

THE GREENE PARTY.

The navy department has been informed that a rumor prevails at St. Johns, N. E. Greely party, has been rescued from a mass of floating ice by the crew of a whaling schooner. In a communication on the subject the United States consul at St. Johns says the report is not believed there.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

Senor Batcis, Central American minister to this city, received a telegram from the ministry of foreign affairs for Guatemala and Salvador, advising that an attempt was made to assassinate President Barrios, but adding that no harm was done him, and he is perfectly well. The dispatch also says that there is no disturbance of public order and the attempt at assassination is universally execrated. General Barrios is receiving the congratulations of all classes of people.

NEW'S SUCCESSOR.

The president has nominated Charles E. Coon, of New York, as assistant secretary of the treasury, to succeed John C. New, resigned.

TREASURY NOTES.

The house committee on coinage, weights and measures have unanimously instructed Representative Lacey to prohibit the issue of treasury notes for less than \$5, and provide for the issue of \$1, \$2 and \$5 silver certificates. The bill provides that on and after the passage of the act it shall be unlawful for the secretary of the treasury to print and issue treasury notes of a smaller denomination than \$5, and any holder of standing silver dollars or silver certificates may deposit the same with the treasurer or any assistant treasurer of the United States in sums of not less than \$10 and receive therefor silver certificates denominated at the option of the holder at \$1, \$2 and \$5.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

At a meeting of the house committee on law respecting the election of president and vice-president, a proposition to limit to twelve months the time during which cabinet officers may perform the duties of president was acted upon favorably. It provides that if the duties of the presidency fall upon a member of the cabinet for more than twenty months, before the next ensuing presidential election, he shall issue a proclamation for a special election. Mr. Eaton was directed to report the proposition to the house as an amendment to the senate bill providing for the performance of the duties of the office of president in case of removal, death, resignation or inability of both the president and vice-president.

THE REWARD OFFERED.

The secretary of the navy has issued in accordance with a resolution adopted by both houses of congress a proclamation offering \$25,000 reward for the discovery and rescue by any private party or vessel of the Arctic signal service party of Lieutenant Greely.

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT.

Ex-Senator Jos. E. McDonald was formally announced as a candidate for the presidency by the Indiana democratic association here. Resolutions favoring McDonald's candidacy were unanimously adopted. Senator Voorhees made a speech supporting the resolution.

ENCLOSING OF PUBLIC LANDS.

The house committee on public lands has instructed Representative Payson to formally report his bill to prevent the unlawful occupancy of public lands. The measure provides that all inclosures of public lands in any state or territory, by persons who have no titles to the lands, shall be declared unlawful. It further provides that it shall be lawful for any person to demolish any such inclosure when it includes 640 acres of land or any agricultural tract.

MISSOURI RIVER IMPROVEMENTS.

Messrs. Dockery, Buckner, Bland, Burns, Graves, Cusrove, O'Neill and Alexander, of the Missouri delegation in congress, made arguments before the river and harbor committee in favor of the appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the improvement of the Missouri river. The congressmen from Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Western Iowa are to hold a meeting at an early date to secure united action on the bill creating a Missouri river commission.

THE FIRST BLAST WAS BY A TIN TRUMPET.

Giant powder is a later invention. The best place to loaf is in a bakery.

NEWS OF THE NATION.

Accident to a Union Pacific Train Resulting in the Death of One Man.

Veritable Foot and Mouth Disease Prevailing Among the Cattle in Kansas.

Affairs Politically—Instructions to Delegates to Chicago—Miscellaneous News Notes.

NEWS NOTES.

Ellen Cole, a single woman of considerable means and living alone with an illegitimate son near Joliet, Ill., threw her illegitimate baby, just born, into the stove and roasted it to death.

The motion for a new trial in the case of Rubing, convicted of the murder of Lucas at Sterling, Ill., was overruled by Judge Eustace. He is sentenced to hang May 16th.

The Grand Army of the Republic poets of New York have made further arrangements for a theatrical entertainment for the benefit fund to build a home for disabled ex-confederate soldiers at Richmond.

Investigation of the Cincinnati riot has begun and will be continued several days.

The chamber of commerce of Pittsburg, at a meeting, denounced the evils of the present jury system and passed resolutions recommending amendments so that three-fourths be empowered to render a verdict, and making it obligatory upon jurors to accept the law as laid down by the courts, rather than to be themselves judges of the law as well as facts, and that jurors be selected without regard to political services.

Mail advices from Havana state that Augero has penetrated the rich jurisdiction of Colone, receiving everywhere on the road men and horses, and having burnt several plantations where help was denied.

Michael O'urmer, the Ohio prospector who has been having trouble with the Indians in the Turtle mountains, has returned to Fargo. He says trouble may be anticipated, as the Indians have been reinforced by a large band from across the boundary under the chief "Little Shell." The Indians refuse to allow settlers upon that portion of their reservation recently thrown open by the interior department. The Indians are killing many cattle and are becoming very bold.

City of Mexico advices say the stores are all open and business is entirely resumed. Favorable reports are received from all other cities. The tax will produce considerable revenue.

The executive committee of the Irish national league of America met at Chicago in secret session. Alexander Sullivan, president of the league, presided. All the members were present or represented. It was decided to hold the next national convention at Boston, on the second Wednesday of August next.

Colonel Hammond, one of the wealthiest residents of Chicago, died suddenly while seated in the retail store of Marshall, Field & Co. He was one of the first settlers of Chicago and held a number of positions of public trust in that city.

A freight on the Western and Atlantic railway ran into a washtub near Ackworth, Tenn. Fourteen freight cars were wrecked, two of which contained live stock. The stock was killed. Engineer St. Clair McDonald and Fireman Edward McCullough were also killed.

An export report of the defalcation in Chamberlain's church, Troy, N. Y., the first three years more than \$50,000. Bondsman will be asked to make good the amount.

The maritime exchange of New York unanimously adopted a memorial to congress, asking for the suspension of the coinage of silver dollars for two years.

The drought on West Nueces river, Texas, still continues, and damage to the stock interest is increasing daily.

The house committee on commerce has agreed to favorably report the bill providing for the appointment of a Missouri river commission.

All the business places in Trenton, La., three excepted, burned. Loss, \$38,000; insurance, \$22,000.

The body of George Leah was found in White river, near Indianapolis. Leah was the oldest locomotive engineer in the United States, having been the first man to drive the locomotive "Rocket," which was exhibited at the recent Chicago railway exhibition. He was 81 years old. It is supposed to be a case of suicide.

The government of Mexico is negotiating with a representative of the Franco-Egyptian bank for a loan of \$20,000,000, \$10,000,000 to be paid to the present administration and \$10,000,000 to the incoming administration, \$3,000,000 to be advanced immediately.

The mining towns of Colorado are excited over alleged important gold discoveries in the vicinity of Pike's peak, seventy-five miles southwest of Denver. Crowds of people from the neighboring towns are flocking to the new camp.

The large increase in the Northern Pacific earnings this month are due to through business. The company expects to earn \$100,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30th.

John G. Tilford, a passenger on the Iron Mountain railroad from Pine Bluff, Ark., en route to Ireland, was robbed of \$17,000 on the train, near Poplar Bluff, Mo., by C. M. Dennett. The robber was arrested on the train by one of the secret service men of the Gould system.

Charles Hollenbeck, postmaster of Parker, Dak., defaulter to the tune of \$1,100, has been suspended.

A break in the levee at Lathrop, Cal., threatens to destroy 10,000 acres of wheat.

The house postoffice committee has decided to prepare a bill for a postal telegraph on the contract plan.

A rock slide in Black canyon, Colorado, threw an engine from the track, killing the engineer and injuring the fireman.

Two hundred cases for violation of the election laws were dismissed from the United States court at Charleston, S. C.

Wendell Phillips memorial services were held in Boston. It was the largest gathering of notable people ever held in that city.

A wreath was identified as the wrecker of a train on the Panhandle road, near Dayton, Ohio, and narrowly escaped lynching.