# OVER THE STATE.

THE NEBRASKA CITY CHILD MURDER. Lincoln special to the Omaha Bee: Mrs. Shellenberger has been returned to the Nebraska City jail from the penitentiary, where she and her husband were taken for safe keeping. It is reported that she has confessed all about the murder of little Maggie Shellenberger, her step-daughter, for which crime she and her husband were arrested. She charges her husband with the crime, no doubt in hones to save her own neck. Another report is that Mr. Shellenberger has confessed to the murder and that his wife was party to it. Furthermore, that the plan was to kill the girl, believing that the suicide theory would be accepted, and then when the affair had quieted down to kill Maggie's brother, bury the corpse, and say he had runaway. Maggie and her brother were heirs to a valuable farm which their father and their stepmother wished to get hold of by putting them out of the way. These stories about confession, however, are not generally believed.

#### TWO RICH MEN OF NEBRASKA.

Mr. Henry Witte, who is believed to have been the richest man but one in the state of Nebraska, was found dead on the prairie near Lincoln, a few mornings ago. He wandered away from home and a sudden change of weather occurred. Although the country is thickly settled, and he might easily have gained the shelter of one of the farm houses, he appears to have become dazed or demented, and to have continued to wander about until overcome by fatigue and exposure, he lay down and died, and his body was found stiff and cold on the following morning. Mr. Witte went to Nebraska many years ago, and removed to Lincoln, the capital, when that city was first laid out on the virgin prairie. John Fitzgerald, who is probably worth \$3,000,-000 to \$4,000,000, is the richest man in the state, and Mr. Witte was probably the next, with \$2,000,000. They both commenced life with pick and shovel on the streets and railroads of Iowa and Nebraska. Mr. Witte owned about 30,000 acres of choice land and probably half a million dollars in property in Lincoln. He was noted for the extreme care he took of his own interests, and the fact he never made any manifestations of public spirit. He paid his taxes grugingly and was a continual growler at public improvements of any kind. Fitzgerald is entirely different. He is generous, open hearted, a strong advocate of public improvements, and has done a great deal in improving Lincoln. Plattsmouth, Omaha, Nebraska City and other cities in the state. He is an earnest, warm-hearted Irishman, and Patrick Egan went to Lincoln direct from Ireland upon Fitzgerald's invitation and was assisted in business by him. The two rich men of Nebraska were no more alike than if they belonged to different species of the anima kingdom.-Peoria (Ill.) Journal.

#### THE UNION PACIFIC BILL.

Senator Van Wyck left Omaha for Washington last week. He carried the bill drafted by Mr. Poppleton, the committee of the Omaha board of trade and himself, to aid the Union Pacific. It reads as fol-

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled:

First--That the Union Pacific railway company is hereby authorized and empowered for the purpose of constructing branch lines, feeders and extensions to enable it to secure and hold the traffic and business naturally tributary thereto, to organize or to cause to be organized railway companies under the laws of the several states and territories, into and through which it may desire to build and operate such branch lines, and to extend such feeders and extensions; and to aid such companies so organized and companies heretofore organized for that purpose and their successors by subscription to the capital stock, and to guarantee the first mortgage bonds of such companies, provided, however, that such subscription or guarantee of first mortgage bonds shall in no case or under any circumstances exceed the actual cash cost of the roads of said companies. And, provided further, that this act shall not authorize the guarantee of any first mortgage bonds issued prior to the approval thereof. And the said Union Pacific Railway company is hereby authorized and empowered to operate and control the roads of said companies so aided or built as aforesaid, and their successors either by purchase or lease thereof; but in no case and under no circumstances shall such roads be purchased or leased by said Union Pacific Railway company except upon the basis of cost thereof. And, provided further, that such aid by guarantee and subscription shall not be furnished, and such lease or purchase shall not be valid until the same shall have been ratified by twothirds of the stockholders of the said railway companies.

Second-Congress reserves to itself the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act when the public interest shall require it; but such repeal shall not affect the validity of any action taken under the power of this act prior to such repeal.

## PROBABLY A FATAL ACCIDENT.

Bloomington special to the Omaha Bee: Prof. Harshbarger, teacher in the academy at Franklin, while drilling his class in military tactics last night met with a painful, if not a fatal accident. After the line had been formed he stepped ten paces to the front and gave orders to aim at a button on his coat and fire. Immediately after on his coat and fire. Immediately after gan of the St. Joe & Grand Island line. the firing he was heard to exclaim, "My God, boys, I am shot." He was assisted to the dormatory at once, and Dr. Finley was summoned, who found that a number of wads had pierced his clothing, one of them piercing the sternium and glancing to ters, theatrical men, etc., was again rethe right causing hemmorhage of the lungs. He is in a critical condition, but recovery is hoped for.

## MISCELLANEOUS STATE MATTERS.

THE barn on the Stanton Breeding Farm company's ranch, fourteen miles south of Stanton, was consumed by fire on the 10th. Thirty-eight head of breeding mares, valued at about \$8,000, and one stallion valued at \$2,100 perished in the flames, besides the farm implements and harnesses. The loss will be between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The ranch was principally owned by Marshall Field of Chicago. Insurance about

MR. AMES, one of the principal owners of the Union Pacific, will put up a six story building in Omaha to cost \$100,000.

GOVERNOR DAWES on the 12th signed discharge papers for two convicts whose terms are nearing the end. William Koble, who was sent up from Platte county for one year for horse stealing, will get out on the 17th, having made two months good time. John McGuire, of Lancaster county. who has served one year for burglary, will be released on the 16th.

A STRANGER was held up in Omaha the other night and robbed of a plug of tobacco, his only wealth, by two tramps.

THE state pharmaceutical society reports a membership of 385, an increase of 155 during the year.

THE latest suicide in Omnha is A. Abler, who took a large dose of morphine. He had been on a spree for several days, and took this means to put an end to his uncontrollable appetite and troubles.

HASTINGS will build a new school house in the Second ward to cost \$11,000.

THE Arkansas editors were not given a public reception in Omaha because they became too much scattered before reaching that place.

GEN. THAYER, state commander of the G. A. R. has returned to Grand Island from his visit to the east. He was given a public reception by the citizens, and the general made an interesting talk of his travels.

THIEVES broke into John Ford's barn at Edgar, and stole some goods from a peddling wagon they found there. They then set fire to the barn, but the timber being green and there being no hay or straw in the barn, the fire went out without doing any harm. No clue has been found to the perpetrators of the crime.

A MAN named Mason entered the sleeping room of Minnie Wilde, at Amboy, and attempted to commit rape. Warrants are out for his arrest, but the young man has gone to Kansas.

THE specifications for the York waterworks are printed and are now in the hands of bidders. The system consists of an engine, engine house and thirty-six wells in the center of the city, near the public square, and a stand-pipe 100 feet in height on east hill, near the college, giving a direct and indirect pressure. The city is to have five and three-eighths miles of pipe laid on all the principal streets. The specifications call for a system with a capacity of 1,000,-000 gallons of water per day.

DAVID B. HOWARD, of Lincoln, will build

York county's court-house for \$49,950. PIERSON, the accused murderer of Watson B. Smith at Omaha, four years ago, was last week called before the grand jury of the U.S. court and examined as to his participation in that crime. After a close investigation the jury concluded that there was not enough testimony to hold the man, and he was allowed to go. Sutton, to whom Pierson made the confession, and who was his cell-mate a portion of the time, was discharged from custody several days pre-

MRS. MARGARET KING, living southwest of DeWitt, lost several tons of good hay by allowing children to build a fire in close proximity to where the hay was stacked.

THIRTEEN tramps were introduced the morning to Judge Parsons, of Lin coln. He assessed them \$6.40 for the honor, and in default they were bundled off to the county jail on a thirty days' sen-

THE B. & M. has commenced making some needed improvements at Hastings. A number of new stalls will be added to the round house, more side track laid, a Kerr patent coal chute put in and other improvements made which will be duly appreciated by the employes of the road.

ABOUT 256 complaints of glanders in horses have been sent in to the live stock commission, but for want of time only bout half of them have been attended to. More help is needed.

MRS. BENJAMIN HALL, of Omaha, is one hundred years old, and the event was duly celebrated in that city last week.

Moses Mckeen, of Atlantic, Iowa, arived in Omaha the other day with \$60 in his pocket and proclaimed himself as 'nobody green," but he was picked up from the gutter in the early morning hour just the same minus all his wealth.

GOVERNMENT land can be had in the neighborhood of Brewster, the county seat of Blaine county.

GREAT preparations are making for the estival at Omaha in June. Efforts will be made to get reduced fare on all railroads. A LAW and order league has been organ-

ized in Norfolk. It is said the wild plum crop promises to be abundant this year.

THE prizes for the state firemen's tournament to be held in Fremont August 24-27 aggregate \$2,000. THE Rev. J. B. Murray, rector of St.

Marks church (Episcopal), Hastings, resigned his charge. A severe ailment of the throat was the cause. A LARGE white crane is on exhibition in the window of a Lincoln drug store. The

bird was found on the prairie north of that city by W. Messenger, who dispatched it with his buggy whip, it having been previously wounded by hunters, evidently. It measured S1/2 feet from tip to tip of wing, and has been mounted.

THE state pharmacists society met in Omaha last week with a good attendance.

The regular meeting of the passenger agents of all the railways in the state was held at B. & M. headquarters in Omaha on the 11th. There were present Mr. Truesdale of the St. Paul & Omaha, Mr. Stebbins of the Union Pacific, Mr. Francis of the Burlington & Missouri, Mr. Buchanan of the Sioux City & Pacific, and Mr. Millito arrange rates for excursionists and persons attending conventions, etc. The old rates were mutually agreed upon, which fixed the passages at one and one-third fare. The agreement about rates to minis-

FALLS CITY, the county seat of Richardson county, has a population of 3,000. Its canning factory, with a capacity of 40,000 cans a day, will be ready for business by June.

Gov. Dawes has issued a commission to Meloney C. Sohiat, of New Orleans, as commissioner of deeds at that place for Ne-

THE Omaha World figures out for Omaha a population of 78,000.

A cocking main was fought in the outskirts of Omaha on Sunday. Seven battles were contested, every one of which was won by cocks owned by a well known bird fancier. The affair was kept exceedingly quiet and the attendance was limited. It is un-

BARTLEY REED, whom the Y. M. C. A. of Omaha took in and cared for and finally procured a situation, has gone to the bad. The lady who gave him employment is out \$200, which he stole from a closet where it had been placed for safe keeping.

AT Lincoln, the other morning, while of the assistation of John Kent, superintendent of the Maxican rangers, who snot nim while making the arrest. Just before he died Galindo ing the arrest. Just before he died Galindo of the state has put his name to it. It confessed to having participated in the assistation of John Kent, superintendent of the Maxican land and cattle company. The lady who gave him employment is out five minutes, but totally destroyed nine houses and killed two persons, and several more were wounded. Wilkinson is in Hansland and cattle company. The lady who gave him employment is out five minutes, but totally destroyed nine houses and killed two persons, and several more were wounded. Wilkinson is in Hansland and cattle company. Galindo was the leader of a band of smugglers and horse thieves notorious through blinding the jailor and making their escape.

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Ir the bill in aid of the Union Pacine is got through congress, that corporation will at once proceed to build 400 miles of road

EXTRADITION warrants have been issued up to the present during May as follows: John V. Evans, charged with embezzlement and wanted in Iowa; Frank H. Myers, cancelling and selling mortgaged property, wanted in Iowa, W. W. Edgington, agent; E. A. Reynolds, wanted in Iowa for the crime of grand larceny, agent for the state, Thomas Fisher.

THE inhabitants of Blaine county have filed a petition with Governor Dawes, asking for the temporary organization of their county.

By the order of Commander Thayer, Monday, May 31st, is set apart as the time to be observed as memorial day in Ne-

braska. THE railway commission have received notice from General Manager Callaway, of the Union Pacific, that the overcharge on freight between Norfolk and Madison, complained of by the Boss Harrow company, was an error and will be refunded. The complainants shipped 400 pounds of first class from Charles City, Iowa, to a customer at Madison, via the Northwestern to Norfolk, and thence to Madison by the Union Pacific. The rate from Norfolk to Madison is 13 cents per 100, but the charge was 57 cents a 100. The agent at Madison, in explanation, said the company charged this to discourage shipments of freight to Norfolk that should be given to the Union Pacific at Council Bluffs.

THE store of S. V. Ludlow, of Red Cloud, was closed by creditors.

A PRISONER in the Lincoln jail earned his freedom by rescuing a dog that had fallen into a well.

TWENTY-SEVEN wagons loaded with lumber, hay, provisions and farming implements, left Benkelman on Monday morning for Chase county.

THE treasurer of Nance county has adorned his office with a mammoth snake which he demolished the other day.

Brakemen of the Union Pacific who went out on a strike are all back again, except those whose places were filled by new appli-

THE Hambletonian stallion MacMahon, owned by Dr. A. S. Halladay, of Lincoln, died last week of lung fever. He was a half brother to Maxey Cobb, and the owner had refused \$15,000 for him. Some rascally sneak thief robbed a hard

working widow in Fremont of \$140, the savings of years of toil, which she hoarded child, a 3-year-old boy. A GREAT many residences are under pro-

would be a credit to much older and larger ANTELOPE county has employed an expert to go through the treasurer's books

and see if everything is all straight. A DEMENTED German at Omaha named Schwaab suicided by hanging a few days ago. He was 26 years old, and had been

but a short time in this country. OMAHA has secured the location of the western branch house of the Moline Plow company and the Milburn Wagon company. The companies have purchased a part of the building site and have already prepared the plans for the proposed struc-

THE Valentine Republican says that a visit to the land office any morning will witness it besieged with anxious parties waiting to get their names on the plat books, and a receipt for a piece of Uncle

A VALENTINE dispatch says everything is now quiet at Rosebud agency. The band engaged in the trouble and who denied the agent's authority was led by Crow Dog, the Inoian who killed Spotted Tail.

VALENTINE special: A deadly shooting affair occurred at Fort Niobrara yesterday. A soldier on guard went to the dining room of his company quietly and there engaged in a quarrel with the corporal of his company which resulted in the corporal slapping his face. The soldier returned to the guard house, secured his gun and went back to the quarters, shooting the corporal through the head, inflicting a mortal wound from which he will die. The soldier attempted to escape, but was pursued by the sergeant of the guard and others who he fired upon. They returned the fire, and the man was killed by the sergeant. During he firing a valuable mule was killed.

FRED KNIGHT, of Omaha, was he'd to the listrict court for trial on the charge of forgery, he having "raised" a Union Pacific

Bohannon Bros., Lincoln, will put up a \$30,000 building.

A Bohemian named Hallenbeck was rui over by a train near Schuyler, and literally cut to pieces. He was drunk at the time and walking on the track.

MISS HELEN MOREHEAD, of Albion, is on a postal card.

In accordance with a suggestion by the chief engineer of the Chicago fire department there will be a "hitching up" test at noon on Decoration Day in every city in the United States where there is a paid fire the time and telegraph it to Washington as soon as the test is over, from which place the name of the champions will be sent out by the Associated press. The firemen of Lincoln and Omaha will see what they can d) in the way of speed.

The next meeting of the state pharmacentical society will be held in Omaha the second Tuesday in May, 1887.

AINSWORTH brags of one of the finest bands in Nebraska outside of the cities. The leader, Prof. H. P. Sutton, traveled six years with Sell's brothers big circus, and is one of the finest musicians and teachers in

THE Nebraska pharmaceutical society have elected the following officers: President, James Reed, Nebraska City; vicepresidents, C. E. Borgqist of Sidney, M. E. Schultz of Beatrice, C. H. Bruner of Fremont. H. E. Wells of Lincoln, and W. D. Haller of Blair, secretary, Charles A. Dautoch, Omaha; local secretary, N. A. Kuhn; treasurer, James Forsythe.

Nine saloons find a paying business in

The Catholics of Atkinson expect to put up a suitable house of worship this season.

A CELEBRATED SMUGGLER DEAD.

At San Antonio, Texas, information has

been received of the killing of Juan Galindo, the celebrated smuggler, in the Mexican village of Piote. He was apprehended by derstood upwards of \$1,000 changed hands. Mexican rangers, who shot him while mak-

TREES TORN FROM THEIR ROOTS.

The Elements Pass on to the Sucker State. Doing Much Damage.

On the 12th a terrible cyclone struck the village of Odell, Ill., which demolished one brick block, wrecked three warehouses, unroofed the hetel, Masonic hall and some of the Angell block, in which was the Odell bank and the Odd Fellows lodge, was completely destroyed. Scarcely a store room in the town escaped injury. The loss will amount to \$50,000. Houses, barns and sheds were twisted off their foundation, blown down and completely destroyed. Trees a foot in diameter were twisted entirely off. The storm did not last over five minutes. Ten minutes before the storm the air seemed to get green. Two clouds seemed to advance, one from the south and one from the northwest, and met over the town, forming a monstrous whirlwind which swept everything in its track. The large livery barn of Hard brothers was completely destroyed. A large three-story mill was blown off its foundation. The two-story brick hardware store of S. Cole is a total wreck. The hotel is injured from top to bottom and not a whole window remains in the building. A number of residences were badly wrecked and as many as seven barns blown to pieces. Streets filled with timbers, boards, fences, tin roofs and prostrated trees. The new school house s partly unroofed. A one-story school building is completely destroyed. The Congregational church is twisted into bad shape. The Methodist church has one steeple blown off. Those fatally injured as will guard them against land grabbing. are: Lettie Swift, a 10-year-old girl, who was carried over 200 feet in the air and fell on the railroad track, smashing her skull; George and Charles Hoke, laboring men; S. S. Cole, hardware merchant, and two children of John Miller were seriously hurt. The latter had taken refuge in a brick building and were buried, and with these, all of whom were supposed to be dangerously injured, but two escaped without a scratch.

#### SOME WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

THE May crop report of the department of agriculture indicates an improvement during April of two points in wheat, with a had long ago justly lapsed Yet these general average condition of 95. There is no marked chang anywhere, but a slight for thirty years, through war and peace, advance is noted in the Ohio valley, Missouri, Texas, Tennessee, the Carolinas, Virginia and Maryland. The May average last year was 70. The season has been admirable and the crop is more advanced than usual. The average in the principal states is: Pennsylvania 95, Michigan 91, for the sole purpose of educating her only Illinois 92, Kansas 67, Ohio 97, Indiana 98, Missouri 101. The condition of rye averages 96 and barley 97.

THE supreme court of the United States cess of erection in Chadron, some of which dismissed the three Snow polygamy cases for want of jurisdiction and also recalled the mandate in the Cannon polygamy case and set aside the former judgment and dismissed it for want of jurisdiction.

THE comptroller of the currency has authorized the American Exchange bank, of Chicago, Ills., to begin business with a capital of \$1,000,000.

The senate committee on pensions adopt ed a resolution calling upon the commissioner of pensions for an estimate of the outlay required under Ingall's bill for the removal of the limitation of arrears of pension act.

In view of the necessity for the shippers of flour from St. Louis and other points along the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to make use of the Morgan line of s'eamers from New Orleans to Havana, via Key West, in exportation of that commodity, the collector of customs at New Orleans has been authorized to consider New Orleans as a port of exportation in such cases within the meaning of the regulations, and allow drawbacks on bags which may be shipped in future by the said line; provided exporters produce, in addition to the requisite bill of lading and return of official inspection, a certificate from the collector at Key West that no flour in bags had been landed at any port within his district by such vessel, and an average specified in the preliminary drawbeck entry filed at

In the telephone investigation on the 11th, A. N. Hill testified that he had been told of the Pan-Electric meeting at 1327 G street by another person not connected with the Pan Electric, whose name witness absolutely refused to divulge. His informant had said that Mrs. Rines, the landlady of the house, would make an affidavit that Secretary Garland had attended that

### Killed by a Woman.

DENVER, Col., May 10 .- Bob Wright, a blacksmith, who until a month ago resided in Denver and who is a brother of a prominent bookstore keeper here, was shot and killed instantly at Elizabeth, a small station on the Denver and New Orleans railroad thirty miles south of Denver this morning by a woman whom he had seduced and refused to marry. The name of the woman can not be learned. She left Denver, where she resides, on the morning passenger train, accomcredited with having written 2,000 words panied by her brother. On reaching Eliza beth the brother pretended to be on a land buying expedition and tried to hire a horse. The woman asked to be directed to the blacksmith shop of Wright. shown the shop and accompanied by her brother she went into it. She then told Wright that she had come to have him marry her and that he must do it. force. Three judges in each city will record Wright refused, and the woman told him that she would allow him to secure a divorce as soon as he liked, but that he must marry then and there. Wright appeared amused at this and sat down upon his anvil and laughed in her face. The girl drew a 45-caliber revolver, and stepping up so close to Wright that the powder burned his face fired three shots, two of which took effect, killing him instantly.

The girl then gave herself up. S. B. Wright, brother of the deceased. left here to-day to take charge of his brother's remains. Wright's friends are very uncommunicative about the matter and the only information they could give as to the identity of the woman was that Wright had formerly kept company with her.

### FIGHTING THE SCOTT BILL.

Omaha Bee Washington special: The pork and beef packers of Nebraska are making a united and very strong fight against the Scott bill, which is now before the house and which taxes oleomargarine and imitation of butter and cheese to the extent of 10 cents a pound. They are telegraphing members of the Nebraska delegation in congress, and all they can approach, urging the defeat of the bill. These men are largely interested in the measure, as it proposes to cut off a profitable market for the offal of their establishments, and it is not surprising that they and other meat packers have organized a formidable lobby and are making a most desperate effort to kill the bill. It is generally believed that the bill will soon be passed.

SHARP, SHORT AND SEVERE.

A special from Wilkinson, Ind., says:

AFTER THE LAND THIEVES.

Progress of the Land Grant Forfeiture Legislation in the Present Congress.

Washington special: The public lands committee of the present house has done much good in the way of reform of gross and dangerous abuses of the land system. four store buildings; also the upper story If congress passes bills it has prepared and reported, the country will have reason to rejoice over long-lasting abuses remedied. The committee has reported for the action of the house a considerable number of

measures. Among these are: First-Bills repealing the pre-emption, timber culture and desert land acts. These are the laws under shelter of which a great part of the enormous land frauds have been carried on. Some of these laws were carried on at the instigation of land grabbers. All of them have been found in practice to encourage and protect systematic spoliation of the public domain to so vast an extent that at this moment only about 50,000,000 acres of arable lands remain for homesteads for the people, though, fortunately, if this congress does its duty, not less than 150,000,000 more will be recovered.

Second-The committee has reported a number of the bills fixing the individual rights of settlers.

Third-It has reported and has ready for action a number of land grant forfeiture bills by which a vast area of public lands will be justly recovered for the benefit of the people, and held, if bad laws are repealed, for actual settlement on such terms Fourth-One of these forfeiture bills has already passed the house and is in the hands of the senate public lands committee, where it has laid for several months. This bill declares the forfeiture of 8,000, 000 acres of land in the heart of the south ern states. These lands were granted thirty years ago, in 1856. Not one of the roads for which the land was granted has ever been built. On not one of them has even a mile of track ever been laid. On only one of them—the Gulf and Ship Island has a spade ever been struck into the ground, and that was for mere speculative purposes, two or three years ago, in an endeavor to keep the grant alive wen 8,000,000 of fertile acres in the heart of the Southern states have been held since 1856, sacred against the occupation of farmers and for the benefit of extinct or speculative corporations. Surely it is high time to estore these millions of acres to the public

for whose benefit these funds have been so long held are: The Gulf & Ship Island railroad. The Tuscaloosa & Mobile railroad. The Mobile & New Orleans railroad. The Eivton & Baird's Bluff railroad.

The Memphis & Charleston railroad. The Savannah & Albany railroad. The New Orl ans & State Line railroad The Iron Mountain of Arkansas railroad. Fifth—By other forfeiture bills will be re-

domain and to the use and occupation of

the people. The names of the corporations

covered for the public domain land grants not earned and justly forfeitable as follows: The Atlantic & Pacific railr ad, 28,871, 300 acres-this corporation having earned and got 16,000,000 acres outside of this. The Ontonagon & Brule River railroad.

The Southern Pacific, in all 12,000,000 The Houghton, Marquette & Ontonagon

350,000 acres.

railroad, 294,400 acre The Mobile & Girard railroad, 500,000 The Wisconsin Central railroad, 406,880

The California & Oregon railroad, 2,500,-000 acres. The Oregon & California railroad, 2.500,-

'000 acres. The Northern Pacific railroad, 36,000,-

000 acres. This does not clear the docket. More remains; but these forfeiture bills have been perfected and reported to the house. That more remains any one can easily see in the report of Land Commissioner Sparks, but this list shows strikingly how wasteful and careless have been the grants of lands to corporations, and how negligent has been the interior department for many years in not holding the corporations to the fulfillment of their contracts.

### SOUTH AMERICAN MAILS.

The Question of Subsidizing a Regular Mail

Service. Washington special: The friends of the mail subsidy clause in the postoffice appropriation bill are getting very much in earnest, and fear that it is going to be defeated in the house, where the bill was sent several days ago. The subsidy question is one of simply giving a bonus of \$800,000 to a line of American steamers to carry the mails to and from Central and South American countries-that much annually. At : resent the pay for carrying the mails between this and those countries is so small that it scarcely pays for the trouble, and does not in the slightest degree encour-

age more trips and regularity of the ser-It is contended that the subsidy will establish a regular line of ships, making at least fortnightly trips between New York and New Orleans and the countries south. and that such a line will at once open our exports and create a large trade, which will soon bring in more profits than the subsidy outlay. The matter of having prompt and rapid mail facilities is not the primary object by any means. It is a question of opening up trade. The house is more harry about subsidies than the senate and the fate of the senate amendment is uncertain.

FRED DOUGLASS ON CLEVELAND.

A special from Boston says: Frederick Douglass has written a letter wherein he says: "I am a republican and did all I could to defeat the election of Cleveland. He was under no official obligations to me whatever, yet I held the office of recorder nearly a whole year under his administration. The office is held by law not for any term, solely at the pleasure of the president. While in office the president treated me as he treated the other office-holders in the district. He was brave enough to invite Mrs. Douglass and myself to all the grand receptions, thus rebuking the timidity, cowardice and prejudice of his predecessors. If living I shall do all I can to elect a republican in 1888, but I honor manliness wherever I find it, and I found it in Cleveland, and I should despise myself if I should let anybody think otherwise. Whatever else he may be, he is not a snob or a

ASKING FOR CHINESE EXCLUSION.

Representative Morrow has received a monster petition from the Knights of Labor of California. It is over 2,000 feet long, and contains the names of over 50,000 persons. Every state, county and suburbs wrecked. municipal officer and every Knight of Labor of California has signed the petition. prays for action on the part of congress, either by appropriate legislation or by change in the present treaty with China, as may be necessary, to forever prohibit the lieved that the ruin wrought by the hurricane further immigration into the United States. | has been widespread.

THROWER OF THE BOMBS.

The Chicago Police Confident They Have the Guilty Anarchist in Custody.

Chicago dispatch: The police authorities are positive that they have under arrest the man who threw the bomb into the ranks of the police at the Haymarket riot. His name is Louis Lingy, and he has been in this country less than a year. Two officers in civilian dress effected his arrest at No. 80 Ambrose street this afternoon. When Officer Schutler attempted to arrest the alleged boom-thrower he drew a navy revolver and shrieked in German, "If I have to die you'll die, too." Schutler rushed upon his would-be murderer and a life and death struggle ensued. The men rolled over and over, upsetting tables and chairs. Officer Lowenstein who had remained outside to guard the exists, burst. open the front door and hurried to his comrade's assistance. The weapon was then taken away from Lingy and the prisoner burried to the East Chicago avenue station. I wouldn't care what they did with me if I had only killed those two officers," he said as he was being driven to a cell, "I tried to shoot them, and I am sorry I didn't suc-

When the police were raiding the dens of narchists last week they visited Lingy's oarding house and found three dynamite bombs similar to the one thrown during the Haymarket riot. These bombs, it is claimed, were made by Lingy, who has taken an active part in all socialistic meeting held in this city during the past year. When the police searched his boarding house Lingy was absent, the owner of the house, who was taken into custody but subsequently released on information he gave the police, declaring that Lingy had not been in his room since the night of the explosion. Last Monday the police learned that Lingy was hiding in the house of a friend on Ambrose street, and after visiting nearly all of the residences on the thoroughfare named, found the anarchist. Lingy was born in Germany and is about 22

years of age. Hynek Dejmek, an employe of the Arbeiter-Zeitung, his brother Voctav Dejmek, and Frank Novak, were before Justice White this afternoon charged with riot. Voclav Dejmek was also charged with assaulting Officer Casey. He was held in bonds of \$3,000. Hynek and Novak were dismissed, but just as Hynek was leaving the court room a posse of officers appeared and put him under arrest, charging him with assault upon Officer Casey. Casev is the officer who was rescued at the foot of a lamp post, upon which a crowd of infuriated Bohemians were about to hang him, believing that he had slain one of their countrymen during the assault on the McCormick factory.

#### PROMINENT MEN HERE AND THERE.

Ned Buntline is said to have averaged \$20,000 a year for the last twenty-five years out of his writings.

Abel Hosmer, of Concord, Mass., now 90 years of age, lives on a farm taken up by his ancestors in 1635.

Gov. Swineford of Alaska says he is going to return there whether he is confirmed or not. He likes the country. Bohdan Raleski, whose death is reported, was one of the most noteworthy Polish

poets of the century. Since the fall of Warsaw he has lived at Paris. Dr. E. O. Shakespeare of Philadelphia, who was commissioned to study the cholera epidemic in Spain and Italy, has been directed to proceed to India to study the

disease in its home. Sam Jones and Sam Small are doing a respectable revival business in Baltimore, and together they drawgood audiences, but when Sam Jon's is unavoidably absent

there is only a small house. Gen. Moorehead's Pittsburg mansion was dedicated to the uses of the faith cure on Thursday by his daughter and heir, who was cured last wintet. Regular services

will be held in the mansion. Prof. Timothy Dwight is boomed as the successor of President Porter and one of the arguments advanced in his favor is that he is a grandson of the former and

famous President Dwight of Yale college. Prof. Pritchett, of St. Louis, has discovered that our days are lengthening, but as it is only at the rate of two seconds in a century it will be some time before the extension comes in conflict with the eight-

Alexander Sullivan, of Chicago, says there is no danger that that city will be ruled by socialists. Next to Philadelphia, he says, there is no ci y in the Union where working people are so largely the owners of their

### THE APPROPRIATIONS.

Washington special: The passage of the consular and diplomatic appropriation bills to-day disposes of all the money bills thus far reported to the house. In addition to the four regular bills yet to be reported, provision must be made for further argent deficiencies. On June 4 the quarterly payment of pensions must be met, which will require about \$13,000,000, thus showing a deficiency of \$500,000. It will therefore, be necessary to pass another urgent deficiency bill. The house committee has given the matter attention, and has already agreed upon several items that acgregate \$6,000,000, which includes about \$500,000 for army and navy, and public printing. The legislative, executive and judicial bill is about ready, and will be presented within a few days. This will be followed by the general deficiency bill, leaving the sundry civil bill to be last reported. The naval committee were given permission to-day to sit during the session of the house, in order to complete the appropriation bill, which bill will be reported the middle of next week. It is not expected that any controversy will arise between the two houses over these bill. that will materially protract the sessions with the single exception of the postoffice bill, to which the senate added the subsidy clause appropriating \$800,000 for transportation of foreign mails.

An Awful Calamity,

Madrid, May 13 .- A terrible hundrant swept across the middle of S; ain to day. In this city seventy persons are known to have been killed, and 200 others seriously in-

jured. The wind struck the city with the smitherness of lightning. A train of ears and cabs was over-turned and broken into splinters. Roofs were dislodged; telegraph wires every

where torn from the poles; the parks in and about the city devastated: church towers were blown down and a number of houses in the Many cottages in the outskirts of the canital were blown from their foundations and

wrecked, some so completely and quickly that

they may be said to have simply vanished