

AWFUL TORNADO.

Eleven Persons Killed in Clay County, Kan., and Vicinity.

Thirty or Forty Others Said to Be Injured—Many Houses and Barns Wrecked and the Damage to Property Great.

CLIFTON, Kan., April 27.—A tornado, accompanied by a severe rain and hail storm, prevailed in this section Saturday night. Between seven and eight o'clock a funnel-shaped cloud appeared eight miles southwest of Clinton and traveled in a northeasterly direction, tearing up fences, granaries, farm houses and trees. Eight lives are reported as being lost, among whom is a five-year-old boy whose body has not yet been found. Frank Wilkinson, a young farmer, is so seriously injured he cannot survive. The entire family of John Morris is frightfully mangled. They had just reached the cellar when the house was blown away. The residence of Walter Haynes was also blown to atoms, but he had reached the cellar with his family and escaped unhurt. The barn of Lawrence Rains, a wealthy farmer, was completely destroyed and several head of horses were killed. Great damage to stock also resulted. The loss is estimated at \$20,000; partially insured.

A dispatch from Clay Center stated that at about 9:30 Saturday evening a tornado swept the country some 12 miles northwest of there, killing many persons and totally destroying all houses and outbuildings within its path. Its direction was from southwest to northeast over a strip only about 40 rods wide. It came suddenly, without other warning than a calm of some five minutes and was accompanied by torrents of water. Frank Peterson, his wife and daughter were killed and the other daughter cannot live. A boy named Jesse Ham, about five years old, who was at Anderson's, his grandfather's, was blown 30 rods into an adjoining field and his lifeless body was not found until Sunday morning. Mrs. Halberson was also among the killed of the Peterson family. One boy about 11 years old is the only survivor. Although he was with the others of the family, by some strange chance he received only a few scratches.

At Concordia reports show that the tornado was even more destructive than at first supposed. The path followed by the storm is 400 feet in width and over 20 miles long, extending from St. Joseph, a small French settlement in the eastern edge of Cloud county, in a northeasterly direction through the northern part of Clay and into the southern portion of Washington counties. Fortunately the storm did not pass through any small towns, or the loss of life would have been far greater, but it did lay waste a thickly settled portion of the Republican valley. Over 20 families who Saturday night boasted of pleasant homes and comfortable surroundings are to-day relying upon the kindness of friends to care for their injured and dead. At the first place visited by the storm, that of Eli Belthazor, six children are left to mourn the death of a father and mother. The family were just preparing to go into the cellar, and several of the little ones had already gone down, when the building was swept away and dashed to kindling wood. Two of the children are so seriously injured that they probably will not recover. About a mile farther east the house of Julian Trembley was destroyed and he was killed.

Reports from Palmer, on the Missouri Pacific east of Clifton, state that quite a number were seriously injured, and that several will die.

The power of the storm was terrific; nothing could withstand its force. Large farm houses and barns seemed to offer no resistance whatever, and were swept away like so much chaff. The damage to property is very great. It is thought that fully 20 houses were destroyed, besides barns, granaries and a large number of horses, cattle and hogs. The latest reports give the number killed as 11, while probably between 20 and 30 are injured.

TWO MURDERERS LYNCHED.

William and Victor Hillis Hurred into Eternity Without Local Sanction. NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 27.—At midnight last night a mob of armed men, about 15, entered the jail at McMinnville, dragged the jaller from his bed and forced him to give up the keys. William and Victor Hillis were then taken from the jail, carried on horseback five miles from McMinnville and hanged. Before the mob succeeded in removing their victims from the jail they had a hard fight with them, but the prisoners were overpowered. The mob came from Van Buren county, where the lynched men lived. The Hillis boys were guilty of murder and the work of the mob was the result of a feeling that the courts were too slow in disposing of the men.

A Noted Publisher Dead.

NEW YORK, April 27.—George Munro, the noted publisher, dropped dead of heart failure at Pine Hill, in the Catskill mountains, whither he had gone to visit his country home. Munro was born in 1825. He started the Fireside Companion in 1867 and the Seaside Library in 1877. He accumulated a fortune and in recent years contributed liberally to educational and benevolent institutions.

CYCLONE IN VIRGINIA.

Deadly Work of a Funnel-Shaped Cloud—Two Persons Killed.

ROANOKE, Va., April 25.—Yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock a cyclone, accompanied by hail and a very heavy rainfall, struck the city of Salem, seven miles west of here, and besides blowing down several barns, unroofing out-houses and uprooting trees, completely demolished two houses, in one of which a family of eight colored people resided, all of whom and three others were in the house at the time of the disaster. Jane Harris and her five-year-old son were taken dead from the ruins, and of the others four were badly injured, one, a four-year-old girl, being fatally hurt. Surgical assistance was promptly rendered by physicians, and the wants of the homeless were also attended to. The cloud, a dark, funnel-shaped one, came up suddenly from the southwest, cutting a complete swath of about 150 feet wherever it passed. Considerable damage was done in other places in Roanoke county.

ROBBERS KILL TWO.

Women Murdered and a Man Wounded in a Maryland Hamlet.

LA PLATA, Md., April 25.—The dead bodies of Mrs. Joseph Cocking and Miss Daisy Miller, her niece, and the unconscious form of Joseph Cocking, were found early yesterday in the village store kept by the Cockings at Hill Top, a hamlet near here. Robbery had been the incentive for the murders. The women were on an upper floor of the store and were struck dead with a blunt instrument supposed to have been an iron bar. Cocking was left for dead in the cellar. He had been bound with a heavy rope and brutally treated, and is suffering from frightful wounds about the head, but probably will recover.

RELIEF WORK FORBIDDEN.

American Missionary at Hadjin Accused of Abetting Treason.

LONDON, April 25.—A Constantinople dispatch says: "By an order from Stamboul, an American missionary at Hadjin has been forbidden to give relief. The vali there has formally accused him of being the abettor of treason, on the ground of the pretended discovery of an insurrectionary plot, in connection with which many young men have been arrested. There are many threats of a renewal of the massacre at Kharpout. Crowds of Armenians would emigrate to America, but the government refuses its permission. Typhoid fever is raging all around, and it is unsafe for foreigners to travel without an escort."

IMPROVEMENT NOTED.

Bradstreet's Says Business at Kansas City and St. Louis Is Picking Up.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Bradstreet's says: The feeling is more hopeful at many trade centers owing to continued improvement of demand in retail lines, better weather, generally favorable crop prospects and the activity which naturally follows renewed building operations, distribution of implements and farm supplies, and attendant activity. More favorable reports from commercial travelers and from those representing Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha and Milwaukee houses.

FATHER AGAINST SON.

Terrible Result of a Domestic Feud at Union City, Pa.

CLEVELAND, O., April 25.—A special from Union City, Pa., says: This town was the scene of a double tragedy this morning. Simon Hasselbach, aged 70, and his son William, engaged in a quarrel. Both were drunk and the young man seized an ax and attempted to kill his father. The old man drew a revolver and shot his son. Seeing what he had done the old man turned the weapon on himself and sent a bullet through his temple. Both will die.

WISCONSIN TALENT WON.

Given the Decision Over Northwestern University in a Joint Debate.

CHICAGO, April 25.—In the debate between the university of Wisconsin and Northwestern university the former was given the victory by the unanimous decision of the judges, who were Don M. Dickinson, William Warner, of Kansas City, and Judge Bunn, of Chicago. The question for debate was: "Is it desirable that Cuba belong to the United States?" Wisconsin had the negative side.

SATOLLI'S SUCCESSOR.

Mgr. Averdani, Now in Mexico, Coming to the United States.

ST. LOUIS, April 25.—The apostolic delegate, Cardinal Satolli, will be succeeded in this country by Mgr. Averdani, the present nuncio to Mexico. He will come to the United States immediately upon finishing his work in Mexico, where he is now engaged in making a thorough inspection of the condition of the Catholic church government in that republic.

"DISCOURAGED" CUBANS.

Senor Castillo Talks of Offering Them "Inducements to Surrender."

MADRID, April 25.—Senor Canovas del Castillo has declared that the Cuban rebels are convinced that they will not be recognized as belligerents and that they are, therefore, greatly discouraged. He says 1,500 of them have recently yielded, and that if this course is continued at this rate the government will offer them inducements to surrender.

GRANT'S STATUE UNVEILED.

Union League Club of Brooklyn Has Erected a Beauty.

BROOKLYN, April 27.—The fine equestrian statue of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, which the Union League club, of Brooklyn, bought for presentation to this city, was unveiled here with imposing ceremonies. The veil was lifted from the statue by the hand of little Ulysses Grant, grandchild of the general and third son of Col. Fred Grant, of New York. The statue, reputed judges say, is a beauty of its kind. It is of heroic size, 16 feet high, made of bronze and weighs 110 tons. William Ordway Partridge was the sculptor. Its base is a square granite block 23 tons in weight, supporting three similar blocks. The general is represented in soldier dress, his slouch hat drawn well on his head and overcoat on. The horse stands with his four feet firmly planted on the pedestal, head up, ears alert. Aside from the unveiling the great feature of the celebration was the military parade, about 6,000 men being in line.

BIG FIRE AT CRIPPLE CREEK.

The Colorado Mining Town Visited by a \$1,000,000 Blaze.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Col., April 27.—The greater part of this town was burned on Saturday. All the theaters, dance halls and sporting resorts, were destroyed, together with the post office, the first national bank, the Midland railroad depot and restles, the Times newspaper office and many stores. An angry woman in a dance hall threw a lamp at her lover and started the fire. The loss was roughly estimated at over \$1,000,000.

With 3,000 people rendered homeless in a day, of course lodging houses are in greatest demand, and many of these are rapidly progressing. Fortunately, the weather is remarkably fine, so that the sleeping in open air does not entail suffering and few have been compelled to do this. Already the work of rebuilding the burned district has begun, and last night, by the light of the full moon, nails were being driven in many houses.

RUSSELL SAYS NAY.

He Requests Democrats Not to Use His Name for the Presidency.

NEW YORK, April 27.—The World prints the following signed statement of ex-Gov. Russell, of Massachusetts, in response to a question from one of its staff correspondents:

I am greatly surprised to hear that the action of the Massachusetts convention has attracted any special attention outside the state. While I greatly appreciate the compliment of an endorsement by my state, I am not seeking the nomination, nor am I desirous of being the candidate, nor do I wish any movement made in any state in my interest. On the contrary, I have already earnestly requested that no such movement be made in any other state by friends of mine. My belief is that it is all important that when the Chicago convention meets its delegates should be absolutely free to deliberate and act clear of all instructions or pledges of even expressed preferences—at least so far as I am concerned. I don't know that any movement personal to me is contemplated. If it is, I request and insist that it should not be made.

WILL INCLUDE DEMOCRATS.

The A. P. A. Investigation of Presidential Candidates Will Not Stop with Republicans.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—It is stated on excellent authority that the national advisory board of the A. P. A. will soon meet again to pass upon the religious records of the men whose names have been mentioned for the democratic nomination. The records of Cleveland, Carlisle, Russell, Patterson, Olney, Bland, Boies, Tillman, Matthews, Campbell and others will be gone over and the order will be notified which of these men are objectionable and which can pass over. It is probable, however, that the democratic national convention will adopt a plank condemning the order and, if it does, the order will have the whole party to fight.

GOLD WILL TRIUMPH.

Prediction That the Republican National Convention Will Declare Against Silver.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The republican national convention at St. Louis will declare against the free coinage of silver at sixteen to one and for gold as the monetary standard of the United States according to the platforms adopted by the state republican conventions which have been held. The delegates from states which have adopted the gold standard as the basis of our currency system number 466, or a majority of 14 over all possible opposition. Conventions have now been held in 28 states, and in all but five of these some expression on the currency question was made by resolution.

Estimates Far Apart.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—There is a wide difference between the estimates of Joseph Manley and Representative Grosvenor on the strength of candidates before the republican national convention. Mr. Grosvenor claims that Gov. McKinley now has 444 delegates, with 456 necessary to choice. Altogether 711 delegates have been elected. Mr. Manley concedes Mr. McKinley 250 delegates and claims 161 for Reed.

Agricultural Bill Unsigned.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The president having failed to sign the agricultural appropriation bill within the ten day limit, it became a law at midnight Saturday night without his approval. He was displeased with the spirit and purpose of some of the sections, but not sufficiently so as to veto it.

THEY ADVOCATE PEACE.

A Great Gathering at Washington to Urge Universal Arbitration.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Three hundred men met in Metzger's hall yesterday afternoon for a conference to promote the propaganda for international arbitration, which has been supported by many religious and secular organizations since the Venezuelan boundary dispute first inspired talk of war with Great Britain and the United States. There was a noticeable absence of government officials. Before the meeting Secretary Olney was visited by a committee who outlined the plans for the conference and submitted for his approval the resolutions which will be presented to the conference to-day. The secretary of state found nothing to criticize in the resolutions and expressed sympathy with the objects of the meeting. After a few words of welcome in behalf of the local committee and the municipal authorities of Washington, ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster, the temporary chairman, said: "Compulsory arbitration between nations presents problems and difficulties not easy of solution, and it will be a great gain to the general cause if out of your deliberations a plan shall be evolved which will meet the objections and solve the difficulties. It seems a Utopian idea to anticipate a general disarmament of nations in our generation, and until barbarism and the spirit of conquest and oppression shall be banished from the earth governments will be forced to maintain armies and navies. But certainly among people who profess to be governed by the principles of a common Christianity and especially between nations kindred in lineage, language and constitutions, a better method of adjusting the differences which must arise between them must be found than by the blood arbitrament of war. The English-speaking race is by far the most numerous of the great Caucasian family, and to it is intrusted by Providence the highest interests of civilization and Christianity in the world; and if this conference shall result in a permanent plan whereby their differences may be adjusted by arbitration, it will win for itself the fame of one of the memorable assemblies of all history."

WHAT SENATOR BRICE THINKS.

An Emphatic Declaration That Neither Platform Nor Candidate Will Be for Free Silver.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Senator Brice has changed his mind. He is going to the Chicago convention. He will go there full of fight and will neither expect nor take quarter. Speaking on the subject, he said: "In my opinion, there will be a good deal of talk about a free coinage platform until about the middle of June or the 1st of July, but after that it will disappear. There will be no free coinage plank in the Chicago platform, and there will be no free silver candidate nominated. It is possible that there may be a majority of silver men in the convention, but you mark my word, there will be no free coinage plank. The democratic party will not commit hari-kari this year."

ANOTHER ESTIMATE.

An Oklahoma Man Has Collected Presidential Preferences of Republican Club Members.

GUTHRIE, Ok., April 23.—In answer to personal letters to the secretaries of republican clubs, George Dodson has received from all but four States expressions of their opinion of the comparative vote of candidates on first, second and third ballots. The result shows that McKinley will be nominated on the second ballot. Estimated vote on the first and second ballots stands: McKinley, 415, 419; Reed, 175, 169; Allison, 140, 195; Quay, 62, 62; Cullom, 48, 0; Morton, 76, 76; Bradley, 26, 26; Manderson, 16, 0.

OKLAHOMA'S ANNIVERSARY.

Now Seven Years Since the First Run for Land Was Made.

GUTHRIE, Ok., April 23.—Wednesday was the seventh anniversary of the opening of Oklahoma to settlement and was observed as a holiday generally throughout the territory. In this city all business was suspended and athletic games, baseball and races were held at the state fair grounds. At the territorial agricultural college at Stillwater, normal school at Edmond and university at Norman appropriate public exercises were held and largely attended.

LOUISIANA ELECTION.

Reform Ticket Carries New Orleans—Trouble Promised Over the Governorship.

NEW ORLEANS, April 23.—The election in this state yesterday passed off very quietly, especially in Opelousas, where the "regulators" did not offer the slightest opposition to any votes. In this city, despite the existence of one of the strongest rings in the country, the citizens' league won by an average majority of 10,000. Foster, democrat, probably carried the state by 10,000, although Pharr, his opponent, claims election and says he will be inaugurated.

A German Baron Disgraced.

BERLIN, April 23.—Baron von Hammerstein, formerly editor of the Krueze Zeitung, and a leader of the conservative party, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude, to be deprived of his civil rights for five years and to pay a fine of 1,500 marks. The charges against him were forgery, fraud and breach of trust.

A. P. A. AGAINST BLAND.

His Wife Is a Devout Member of the Roman Catholic Church.

ST. LOUIS, April 24.—The Republic says: Every indication points to a bitter fight on "Silver Dick" Bland in the event of an effort being made in the Chicago convention to nominate him for the presidency of the United States. It has leaked out that Mrs. Bland is a devout member of the Catholic church, and has raised her children in that faith. The opposition to the nomination of the great sixteen to one free silver apostle will come from the members of the A. P. A. As far as could be learned here, Bland is not a member of the church, and is inclined to be liberal in his views of religion, but the members of the secret religio-political organization that will oppose his nomination, and his election if he succeeds in being nominated in spite of their opposition, will not spare him for that. It is sufficient for them to know that a member of the family is allied with the Catholic church to lead them to make a fight on any man who seeks political preferment. An authoritative announcement that the A. P. A. would fight Bland's nomination and election was given to a reporter by Judge Stevens, state president of the order for Missouri, and member of the national executive board.

PEACE CONFERENCE CLOSED.

President Eliot Attacks Cleveland's Foreign Policy—Resolution's Adopted.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The conference for international arbitration, which has been a very harmonious one, closed last night with a mass meeting at Allen's opera house, in the course of which President Eliot, of Harvard, severely arraigned the policy of President Cleveland and Secretary Olney, following resolutions were adopted:

That in the judgment of this conference religion, humanity and justice as well as the material interests of civilized society, demand the immediate establishment between the United States and Great Britain of a permanent system of arbitration.

That it is earnestly recommended to our government so soon as it is assured of a corresponding disposition on the part of the British government to negotiate a treaty providing for the widest practicable application of the method of arbitration to international controversies.

That a committee of this conference be appointed to prepare and present to the president of the United States a memorial respectfully urging the taking of such steps on the part of the United States as will best conduce to the end in view.

FINEST IN THE WORLD.

New Santa Fe Hospital at Topeka Now Completed—It Cost \$100,000.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 24.—The final inspection has been made of the new Santa Fe hospital building by the trustees of the association and its acceptance from the contractors will follow within a day or so. The erection of this magnificent hospital building was commenced in the summer of 1903. Its cost, exclusive of the site, has been \$100,000. This fund was raised entirely through a system of monthly assessments upon every employe of the great Santa Fe railroad from the general manager down.

It is claimed by the Santa Fe people that the new hospital at Topeka is the finest railroad hospital in the world. It is being furnished with the most modern surgical appliances and the best approved equipment for treating disease. Some time during the month of May a great public reception will be held at the new building, after which it will be opened for its intended uses to the Santa Fe employes.

A FAVORITE SON.

Pennsylvania Presents the Name of Senator Matt Quay for President.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 24.—Representatives of the republicans of Pennsylvania assembled here in convention yesterday and formally launched the boom of United States Senator M. S. Quay for the presidential nomination. This feat was accomplished among scenes of much turbulence. Men ordinarily sedate lost their tempers and said harsh things to each other, and at least one distinguished gentleman made demonstrations of violence. The violent scenes were the result of the efforts of the anti-Quay delegates to secure the adoption of a resolution naming McKinley as the second choice of the convention. After an exciting debate the proposition was defeated by a vote of 178 to 65. The Quay delegates-at-large, headed by Gov. Hastings, were elected practically without opposition.

Two Congressmen Fight with Inkstands.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Representatives Hall, of Missouri, and Money, of Mississippi, got into an altercation in the room of the house committee on naval affairs this morning, which quickly resulted in the use of force. Both men threw inkstands at each other. Money was hit on the back of the head, sustaining an ugly gash, from which the blood flowed copiously. He was removed to the barbershop and his wound dressed.

Collision on a Railway.

ST. LOUIS, April 24.—A special to the Scripps-McRae league from Mount Vernon, Ill., says a westbound freight on the Louisville & Nashville road ran into the rear end of a passenger train on the Evansville & Terre Haute railroad last night, killing Brakeman W. E. Driscoll and F. R. Thompson and seriously injuring Charles Finney, Jacob Laib, William Turner and Pat Maroney, all roadworkers. No passengers were injured.