

## FOREST RESERVES.

The President Issues Proclamations Setting Aside Timber Lands.

## THE INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Clause Directing Temporary Contracts for Sectarian Schools Agreed To—The General Deficiency Bill Passed—The Perrine Grant.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—President Cleveland celebrated the 165th anniversary of the birth of George Washington by signing and promulgating 13 proclamations, establishing as many additional forestry reservations containing an aggregate area of 21,379,400 acres, two-fifths the area of the state of Kansas. Secretary Francis' report to the president on the subject shows that a commission visited most or all of the forest reservations and other public forests of the United States, devoting three months of hard travel and careful study, without compensation, to the work assigned them. The amount of land in each reservation already entered under the general land law is, the secretary points out, insignificant, and the portions of the area described are exempted from the proclamations. Some of the sections are within the limits of the railroad grants, and in such cases an executive proclamation only reserves the alternate sections. The secretary will submit to congress a bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to identify the beneficiaries in any of these railroad land grants included within the limits of the forest reservations established by proclamation of the president, by patenting to them an equal quantity of other portions of the public domain within specified limits. The reservations are situated in South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, California and Utah.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The senate spent its first hour yesterday in listening to Washington's farewell address, read by Mr. Daniel, of Virginia, and then turned its attention to the Indian appropriation bill. It involved a contest over sectarian Indian schools. The clause directing temporary contracts with these schools, when no government schools were available, was agreed to—51 to 8. A provision was added declaring it to be the settled policy of the government hereafter to make no appropriations whatever for the support of sectarian schools.

A veto from President Cleveland on a private pension bill brought out sharp criticism from Mr. Gallinger against the president's course. Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, endeavored to pass the bill relating to judicial proceedings in the territories, stating that the lives of four men, under sentence of execution, in the Indian territory, were dependent largely on this bill. Mr. Vest, of Missouri, said the bill could not pass without debate, whereupon Mr. Platt did not press the measure. A resolution by Mr. Allison was agreed to, fixing the hour for assembling at 11 o'clock a. m. on and after next Wednesday.

The house yesterday passed the general deficiency appropriation bill and began the consideration of the last of the money bills, that providing for the naval establishment. A long debate occurred over the propriety of the appropriation of \$1,300,000 for the Southern Pacific railroad under the judgment of the court of claims, but the house, by a vote of 103 to 138, refused to strike it out. The members who favored the appropriation for the repayment to members of the last congress of salaries withheld from them on account of absence carried their fight into the house, but they were beaten, 96 to 122. Sixteen of the 48 pages of the naval bill were completed. The attempt of Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, to secure an amendment to retain session employees on the roll after March 4 to March 15, when the extra session would begin, drew from him, when pressed as to whether he was "authorized" to proclaim an "extra session," the good-natured admission that he was authorized to assume that there would be an extra session.

THE PERRINE GRANT. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The senate committee on public lands yesterday began its investigation of the action of Secretary Francis and his associates, who gave 23,000 acres of Florida lands to President Cleveland's father-in-law.

## TO PRISON AT SEVENTY-SIX.

Pennsylvania Banker Gets a Light Sentence for Committing a Big Wrong. LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 23.—E. K. Smith, the ex-banker of Columbia, Pa., who made a long and hard fight to keep out of jail, was surrendered to the sheriff yesterday and taken to the eastern penitentiary at Philadelphia. Smith ran a private bank at Columbia and attracted savings by paying interest on deposits. When the institution closed the deposits amounted to about \$200,000, while the cash on hand was practically nothing, and what real estate he owned was more than covered by judgments. The depositors lost everything, and Smith was prosecuted for receiving deposits when he knew the bank was insolvent. Upon conviction he was given 2½ years in prison, but he fought the case to the last court of resort and lost. He is 76 years old.

## WORK OF CONGRESS.

What Our Senators and Representatives Are Doing at the National Capitol.

SENATOR CHANDLER (N. H.) made a speech in the senate on the 16th against the single standard of either gold or silver and advocated bimetalism. He also arraigned the silver republicans who bolted the St. Louis convention and arraigned Senator Palmer (Ill.) and the Indianapolis convention. The bankruptcy bill was then taken up, Senator Hoar (Mass.) speaking in favor of the measure. The house, after routine business had been disposed of, devoted the day to the consideration of private pension bills and 39 were passed. The president's veto of the bill to pension the widow of Peter H. Allabach, of the One Hundred and Thirty-First Pennsylvania volunteers, was sustained by a vote of 118 to 79. A bill was also passed to define the jurisdiction of the United States courts in cases for infringement of letters patent.

THE senate on the 17th agreed to the conference report on the immigration bill. Senator Allen (Neb.) spoke on his resolution asking the civil service commission for information relating to the dismissal of employes at South Omaha, Neb. The resolution was agreed to. A remonstrance was presented, signed by representatives of the five civilized tribes of Indians, against the passage of legislation for reforms in the Indian territory as proposed in the Indian appropriation bill. The house passed the bill for the use and occupation under the right-of-way act of March 3, 1891, of all the reservoir sites reserved by the geological survey. The measure is of considerable importance to the arid regions of the west.

THE senate on the 18th spent six hours in executive session, the greater part of the time being given to the consideration of the nomination of Hon. C. F. Amidon to be district judge of North Dakota, who was finally confirmed. It was so late when that matter was settled that Senator Sherman (O.) asked for the postponement of the debate on the arbitration treaty until the following day, which was agreed to. Only minor business was transacted at the open session. The house, by a vote of 197 to 91, reversed the finding of a majority of the elections committee and decided the contested election case of N. T. Hopkins vs. J. M. Kendall, from the Tenth Kentucky district, in favor of the republican contestant.

THE senate on the 19th agreed to the conference report fixing the pension of Gen. Stone-man's widow at \$50 per month. Senator Hoar (Mass.) introduced a resolution, which was agreed to, that Senator Daniel (Va.) should read to the senate Washington's farewell address on the 23d. A bill was passed settling aside a plot of ground in Washington for memorial purposes under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The senate then went into executive session and spent eight hours on the arbitration treaty without accomplishing any definite result. The house considered the general deficiency appropriation bill, a spirited debate occurring over the general subject of paying claims against the United States. Mr. Grow (Pa.) branched off and spoke for an hour on the free homes bill, deprecating its fate by being smothered in committee. The house refused to concur in a conference report raising the pension of the widow of Gen. Carr from \$50 to \$75.

IN the senate on the 20th the Indian appropriation bill was taken up. The provision enabling Kansas merchants to go upon any reservation or agency to collect accounts against Indians to whom allotments had been made had previously been stricken out by the committee and the senate sustained the committee. The sectarian schools provision caused considerable discussion but no final action was taken on it. A resolution was passed expressing sympathy with the Greeks and Cretans in their struggle against the Turks. The senate also took up the bill passed by the house last session authorizing the appointment of a non-partisan committee to collate information and recommend legislation to meet problems presented by labor, agriculture and capital. The house discussed the general deficiency bill. Mr. Hopkins (Ill.) moving to strike out the item of \$12,000 to pay members of the Fifty-third congress the amount withheld from them on account of absence. After a lively debate the item was stricken out by a vote of 118 to 53.

## WILL DEFY CHURCH RULES.

A Roman Catholic Girl to Be Married by a Protestant Minister.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 22.—Another Roman Catholic girl is to wed outside her faith, and the affair is likely to grieve Archbishop Kain. It will be remembered that only the other day this prelate ex-communicated Miss Josephine Rowley, who married Dr. Whipple, and also her bridegroom. The present case is that of Miss Frances Homes, who is to wed on Wednesday Max J. Orthwein. Friends of the bride to be, feeling that an appeal to Archbishop Kain to have the marriage take place at the Homes residence would be futile, presented the matter to Archbishop Martinelli, the apostolic delegate, who recommended to the archbishop here that a dispensation be granted. Of course, Archbishop Kain at once made the necessary concession, but for some reason the father of Miss Homes is not satisfied with the arrangement. The result will be that the wedding will take place in the Homes parlor; that a Protestant minister will officiate, and that the Roman Catholic church will likely lose another communicant.

## WHOLE FAMILY DROWNED.

Loss of Life and Property from Floods in and Near Middlesboro, Ky.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Feb. 22.—A most disastrous flood visited this valley yesterday, flooding two-thirds of the town. Sixty families were forced from their homes. Cumberland avenue, the principal street, is under water. Most of the stores are flooded. Several hundred people have to be fed by citizens. At West Pineville the Cumberland river broke over its banks, doing immense damage. Fifty families were forced from their homes. James Chadwell, wife and children were drowned in Powell's river. The flood burst over the bank and caught them in their homes, which was swept away.

## WATOVA, I. T., Train Robbers.

MUSCOGEE, I. T., Feb. 22.—Saturday night while the northbound local on the Valley road had taken the siding at Watova for the passenger, two masked men entered the caboose and compelled Conductor Matt Wallace and Brake-man Cotton to hand over \$9.50 and a revolver. The passenger train pulled in at this moment, and the men would have attempted to rob it had not the citizens of the town been aroused and they were compelled to flee.

## IT WILL BE HANNA.

The National Chairman to Succeed Sherman in the Senate.

Gov. Bushnell Sets at Rest All Gossip Regarding the Affairs—McCook Will Be Secretary of the Interior—Merriam for Minister to Austria.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 22.—Marcus A. Hanna will be the next senator from Ohio. He will be appointed by Gov. Bushnell to succeed John Sherman when he shall resign to take his position in the cabinet as secretary of state, when William McKinley becomes president by inauguration on March 4. The announcement was made last evening by Gov. Bushnell himself and



MARCUS A. HANNA.

was thoroughly formal. It was given to the public over the governor's signature and was as follows:

It had been my intention to make no announcement in relation to the action I would take in the matter of an appointment to fill the prospective vacancy in the Ohio representation in the United States senate until the vacancy actually existed, but, on account of the manifest interest of the people and their desire to know what will be done, I deem it best to make the following statement:

When Senator Sherman resigns to enter the cabinet of President McKinley, I will appoint to succeed him Hon. Marcus A. Hanna, of Cuyahoga county, to serve until his successor is chosen by the Seventy-third general assembly of the state. I trust this action will meet with the approval of the people.

ASA S. BUSHNELL. The appointment of Mr. Hanna by Gov. Bushnell is a victory for McKinley and McKinley's friends over the Foraker-Bushnell faction of the party.

## THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Col. John J. McCook, of New York, will be secretary of the interior. As recently planned, he was to be attorney-general, and Judge McKenna, of California, was to be secretary of the interior. Judge McKenna being a Catholic, and as the secretary of the interior handles the sectarian school questions, the judge concluded that he would encounter unusual embarrassments in that position. For this reason a recasting of the cabinet to this extent has resulted. Col. McCook is a member of the law firm of Alexander & Green, New York city, and is a director and the general counsel of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Co. The great economic questions of the day have received his closest attention. In national politics he has ever taken a great interest, and has been prominent in discussions of national issues.

## McKINLEY'S AUSTRIAN MINISTER.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 22.—It seemed to partially verify the report that ex-Gov. William R. Merriam, of this city, is to be minister to Austria when Saturday he resigned the presidency of the Merchants' national bank, which position he has held many years. Mr. Merriam is one of five who went to Mr. McKinley's rescue when he was threatened with financial ruin.

## UNION PACIFIC LAND TITLES.

They Will Be Issued Shortly on Radically Different Evidence.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The secretary of the interior has been furnished with a clear list of all the bona fide entries on Union Pacific lands, and titles will be issued in short order on evidence very much modified from that required by the orders issued by Secretary Francis in December and January. Pacific road and the owner of the land. Under the rule to be followed hereafter, the testimony of the railway company's land agents and the present owner of the land will be held sufficient to prove the bona fides of a sale. This annuls, without further formality, all the entries recently accepted by the Topeka land office under an erroneous idea of the law. The new order extends to lands in Wyoming and other states, as well as to lands in Kansas.

## RURAL DELIVERY INDORSED.

The Sentiment for Its Adoption Is Unanimous Everywhere.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The postmasters and the patrons at every one of the 44 post offices where rural free delivery has been in operation declare in favor of the plan. The test has been going on only for a limited period, but the offices were so distributed as to make the experiment complete and it was developed at points in 33 or 34 states. The reports are all in and the data gathered will be transmitted by Postmaster-General Wilson in a special report to congress probably this week. The sentiment favorable to the adoption of the comprehensive scheme is unanimous, representing opinions given both by the head of each post office and the patrons.

## GARY IN THE CABINET.

The Maryland Man Slated for Postmaster-General—A Place for McCook.

CANTON, O., Feb. 20.—At 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon Hon. James A. Gary, of Baltimore, left the private room at the McKinley house, where he had been in consultation with the president-elect for several hours, and gave the following statement to the Associated press: "Gov. McKinley has tendered me a portfolio in his cabinet. While it is not definitely settled which one, I am assured that it will be one which I can accept."

Published reports that Col. J. J. McCook, of New York, had been tendered the portfolio of attorney-general cannot be verified. His name is believed to have been presented by friends in connection with a cabinet position for several weeks. It is thought, however, that Judge McKenna may be attorney-general and that McCook's name in that event may be under consideration for secretary of the interior, which, with Long, of Massachusetts, for the navy and Gary for postmaster-general, would complete the cabinet. There is reason for the growing belief that McCook may be tendered a portfolio.

## AN ENORMOUS DEFICIT.

Nebraska's Last Treasurer Tied Up Much Money in Aiding Banks.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 20.—A statement of the financial condition of the state treasury of Nebraska shows that ex-State Treasurer J. S. Bartley has a deficit staring him in the face of over \$500,000. Coupled with this is a little item of \$27,000, which ex-State Auditor Eugene V. Moore, also republican, needs to account for in order to balance his books. Mr. Bartley is unquestionably the victim of a too lenient policy in assisting his friends in a financial way. When the panic of 1893 struck Nebraska he deposited large sums in various state banks to help them through the crisis. Several of these subsequently failed and others were so closely pressed that it was impossible to discharge their obligations. Bartley says that in the course of time every cent will be paid.

## WOLCOTT IS ENCOURAGED.

He Says the Purpose of His European Tour Has Been Misstated.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Senator E. O. Wolcott, of Colorado, who has been visiting London, Paris and Berlin in the interest of bimetalism, returned yesterday from the latter city. In an interview, he said:

I wish you to say to those interested in the United States that I return entirely encouraged with the result of my mission. I have good reason to believe that it will have some of the results hoped for. The exact objects for which I came over here have been largely misstated by the press of all countries and their very nature made impossible any premature discussion, which could only have thwarted the whole object of the trip. I am, therefore, unable to contradict them or issue a statement on the subject. I am satisfied to abide by the result when all will be known.

## BIG ELEVATOR BURNED.

Toledo, O., Visited by a Conflagration—Loss Nearly Half a Million.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 20.—One of the most expensive fires that has visited Toledo in the past two years was the burning of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway elevator "A." The fire broke out at 10:30 o'clock last night, and as the building was located on the river front, the fire department could do nothing but let it burn and endeavor to save surrounding property. According to the best figures obtainable, there was 289,000 bushels of wheat stored in the elevator, and about 60 carloads which were unloaded, making 325,000 bushels. The loss on elevator and grain will aggregate \$355,000.

## LOST IN A MINE.

Pennsylvania Lad Rescued After Wandering Around Four Days.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Feb. 20.—After wandering around in the dark underground chambers of the Reliance mine since last Monday, Willie Majorisk, aged 11 years, was rescued yesterday, in an exhausted condition, by a party of miners. The boy had been without food, drink or light. He entered the mine with two companions by way of an old drift, but he got separated from them while stopping to light his lamp. He failed to get a light and wandered about seeking an exit until he dropped in exhaustion.

## Got Hold of the Wrong Can.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 20.—The family of Jacob Cielelez, of 633 Canal street, was almost completely wiped out of existence yesterday morning by a horrible holocaust of flames. Eight people were burned in the flames. Of these it is believed five will die. The injured are at the Cleveland hospital. Jacob Cielelez, his wife and his three children were in bed. John Cielelez, a brother of Jacob, arose about five o'clock to light the fire. He took what he thought was the kerosene can. Instead he got hold of the gasoline can.

## A Nebraska Mayor Found Guilty.

NEBRASKA CITY, Feb. 20.—After six hours of deliberation the city council, by a vote of 7 to 1, found Mayor Charles W. Stahlhut guilty of official misconduct and of obstructing the business of the city and of the council. The verdict, signed by seven members, says in part: "That C. W. Stahlhut be, and is hereby excluded from, ousted and removed and put out of his said office as mayor of Nebraska City, Neb., and from all the privileges, franchises and emoluments thereof."

## FEAR HYDROPHOBIA.

Nine Persons Bitten by a Rabid Dog at a Lumber Camp.

## WOMAN LEADS A BAND OF ROBBERS.

A Montana Gambler Shoots His Mistress, Cuts His Throat and Then Jumps into the River—Mrs. Beecher Dying—Circus Seats Collapse.

MUSCOGEE, I. T., Feb. 23.—Nine persons were bitten by a rabid dog at Valley Dale, a lumber camp, 50 miles northwest of Muscogee, Sunday, and as the day approaches for the symptoms of hydrophobia to appear the alarm and anxiety of the victims and their friends increases. Dr. Appleton, of Tulsa, who owns two madstones, is treating the patients. The stones, it is said, adhere to the wounds from four to five hours, when they are placed in a bowl of fresh milk, which cleanses them of the virus. A citizen from Tulsa states that a great many questions of the wisdom of Dr. Appleton in relying wholly upon this antiquated method of preventing hydrophobia. "The dog was known to have had a bad case of the rabies," said the Tulsa gentleman, "and the delusion of a madstone will not save the victims."

## WOMAN LEADS A BAND OF ROBBERS.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 23.—A band of robbers, under the leadership of a woman, was revealed here yesterday when Mrs. Mattie Carter, Patrick O'Brien, a junkshop dealer; "Dad" Hagerty, a teamster; John and Joel Bloom and John Danver, were locked in jail on warrants sworn out by Detective D. F. Harbaugh, of St. Louis, in the employ of the Southern railway. The detective has been working on the case, and he has collected evidence to show that during that time the gang has stolen goods from the railroad cars to the value of at least \$13,000. It is alleged that a railroad clerk is implicated in the plot, and more arrests are expected to follow. The gang has confined itself mostly to breaking seals and robbing wheat cars.

## DOUBLE MONTANA TRAGEDY.

MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 23.—Soon after midnight Sunday morning William Morley, a gambler, shot and killed Blanch Renaud, with whom he had been living; shot but only slightly wounded her friend, Bess McCunlen, and after failing to shoot himself, jumped into the river, where his frozen body was found with his throat cut from ear to ear. Morley had lived in Colorado, and claimed to have escaped from the penitentiary of either North or South Carolina, coming from there to this state last year. He was an intimate friend of Frank Dresser, who murdered his wife at Butte last week.

## MRS. HENRY WARD BEECHER DYING.

STAMFORD, Conn., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher had another relapse late yesterday afternoon and at no time since she was confined to her room, about the middle of December, has her condition been considered so hopeless by members of her family. There is a general weakness of all the vital organs, which presages a speedy dissolution, and it is thought the end will come within 24 hours.

## CIRCUS SEATS COLLAPSE.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Feb. 23.—At a circus here last night a section of the elevated seats collapsed, precipitating 300 persons to the ground. Six may die. Many were more or less bruised. The seats were of heavy six-inch beams tied to upright beams with ropes. It is claimed by the circus managers that one of the ropes was cut.

## OHIO VALLEY FLOODS.

River at Cincinnati Dangerously High—Streams at High Flood Tide.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 23.—For 72 hours a steady rain has fallen over the entire area of the immense watershed of the Ohio valley, with the exception of the mountainous portions of western New York and western Pennsylvania, where the telegraph reports rain. Here it is still drizzling from a black sky that threatens heavy rainfall, in which case conditions for a great flood would be present. On both sides of the Ohio from the Big Sandy, the boundary between West Virginia and Kentucky, the tributaries are at high flood tide. Mountain streams at the headwaters of the Kentucky, Cumberland and Tennessee rivers are delivering into these great tributaries with great rapidity floods of melted snow and rain and filling the lower Ohio. All the tributaries of the left bank of the Ohio in Pennsylvania rise in the mountains, and there, too, the delivery of rainfall and melted snow is very rapid. Should the rain now falling cease before night the flood at this point will probably stop within the 55-foot mark, which would cause no great inconvenience. Should heavy rainfall occur over a considerable area of the Ohio valley, however, there is no predicting what stage the water would reach at Cincinnati.

## CAUSED BY A ROCK.

Bad Wreck on the Santa Fe Near Neosho Rapids, Kan.

EMPORIA, Kan., Feb. 23.—Westbound freight train No. 38 on the Santa Fe ran into a rock, which had fallen on the track, near Neosho Rapids early yesterday morning and was badly wrecked. The engine and six cars were piled in a heap. An unknown tramp was crushed almost out of resemblance to humanity. A brakeman named Bankhead was badly injured.