



A Ballad of the Property Owner.

In old days the robbers lived out in the woods
Or dwelt in a hole in the ground,
And cheerfully froze to the traveler's goods
Whenever he happened around.
Oh, the robber of old
Was simple and bold,
And rarely put on any frills;
But the robber to-day
Has quite a different way,
And the tax-payers foot up the bills—
Bills—bills—the taxpayers settle the bills.
The old-fashioned robber was soft with his dirk
The robber to-day wears a smile;
With a murderous grin he looks at his work,
No, no "graces" from his "pile."
The old-time gang
Often festively sang
While doling its death-dealing pills;
Its latter-day friend
Blindly moves to amend—
And the tax-payers look at the bills—
Bills—bills—the tax-payers settle the bills.
The Queen Anne highwayman was meek as a lamb
Who the law called on him to atone;
The paving contractor does not care—
Anything handsly.
But rig up a law of his own.
Oh, the brave Robin Hood,
Who was moderately good,
Never lugged off the eternal hills;
But his hair-at-law trots
Off with farms and with lots,
And the tax-payers sigh at the bills—
Bills—bills—the tax-payers settle the bills.
—Kansas City Journal.

NEBRASKA NOTES

An extensive revival is in progress at Exeter.
The postoffice at Mascot, Harlan county, has been discontinued.
Jefferson county's court house will be ready for occupancy May 1.
A camp of Sons of Veterans has been mustered in at Genoa with sixteen members.
The wheat acreage of Lincoln county will be 50 per cent. larger this year than last.
Broken Bow citizens have formed a Business Men's association with sixty members.
Fire in C. C. Dawson's grocery store at Harvard did damage to the amount of \$2,000.
Niobrara has joined hands with Butte City in an earnest effort to secure daily service between the two points.
Red Willow county will have five delegates to the Democratic congressional convention at Holdrege, May 10.
The eleventh annual session of the Nebraska Chautauque assembly will be held at Crete on July 6 to 10 inclusive.
Hon. George B. Everett, a prominent lawyer of Beatrice, died at Excelsior Springs, Mo., of Bright's disease.
A board of trade has been organized at Genoa and \$500 have been raised to advertise the city and surrounding country.
O. Robinson of Decatur, a prominent Mason, starved to death last week. He could not eat on account of a cancer of the throat.
The citizens of Nuckolls county held a meeting for the purpose of perfecting plans to represent their county at the world's fair.
A district convention of the Baptist Young People's union will be held at Grand Island April 13, 14 and 15. Ninety delegates will be in attendance.
H. C. Worthan, now serving his second term as treasurer of Pawnee county, will be a candidate for the nomination of state treasurer on the Republican ticket.
An extensive fire destroyed considerable hay east of Broken Bow. It burned two days, but about twenty-five men and boys finally succeeded in getting it under control.
While Rev. S. Pearson was attending a funeral at West Point he was thrown from a carriage and injured so badly that for a time it was believed he would die. He is now recovering.
For the third time Axtel Carahan, a forger has broken from jail at Tekamah, and has made good his escape. The sheriff was attending the opera when the prisoner gained his freedom.
The Tecumseh Mining company has abandoned drilling at a depth of 417 feet. Several small veins of coal, one fourteen inches thick, were found, but not enough to warrant mining.
Omaha, April 13, is the place and date of the Democratic state convention to select delegates to Chicago, and on the same date the Republican convention of the Fourth congressional district will be held at York.
A sharper succeeded in working off a few counterfeit silver dollars on some business men. The fraud was not discovered until evening, then the swindler had slipped away. They bear date of 1883. The work is very poor.
Albert Kelley and A. H. Boyes engaged in a fist fight at Gering, which went against Kelley. Kelley then drew a knife and slashed Boyes in several places before the combatants could be separated. The wounded man will recover.
Louisville had a very narrow escape from being burned up. By great exertions the fire was confined to narrow limits. Mr. Manker's residence and furniture, the Bank of Commerce and Marion Ward's furniture store were entirely destroyed.
Two tramps who applied for lodging at the Eureka hotel, Dakota City, burglarized the wardrobe of the boarders early Thursday morning. They secured several suits of clothes and other personal property. They were traced to Evington by the sheriff, but there they were lost.
A frightful cutting affray occurred at Lake City. William Burns made an attack on Harry English, and cut three ugly gashes in his stomach. English will undoubtedly die. Burns was arrested and so great is the feeling over the affair that a lynching is probable should English die.
The Nye & Schneider company of Fremont have just bought of J. S. Baker that gentleman's elevator and lumber yards at Crowell and West Point. This gives the Nye & Schneider company twenty-four elevators along the line of the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley road in Nebraska.
A firm going a general merchandise business at Kearney under the name of the Golden Gate Auction company, was closed out on a chattel mortgage. The business will be continued, however, the former proprietors acting as agents for the Buffalo County National bank and the Farmers' bank.
The committee appointed by the Elkhorn Valley Association of Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodge has decided to hold the next anniversary celebration of that order, which occurs on Tuesday, April 20, at Madison. The lodges forming the association are those at Madison, Burnett, Stanton and Norfolk.

INDICTED THE ALDERMEN

Grand Jury Returns True Bills Against Chicago Boodlers.

WHAT A VOTE WAS WORTH

Alderman Roth Gives the Names of the Men Who Bribed Him and the Amount He Received—Progress of the Case.

CHICAGO, March 23.—Late in the afternoon indictments were served by the grand jury against the following aldermen: W. J. O'Brien, D. R. O'Brien, Nicholas A. Cremer, Patrick J. Gorman, Phillip Jackson, Stephen M. Gosselin, John F. Durman. The charge against W. J. O'Brien and Powers is bribery and the specification in the other indictments allege conspiracy to do an unlawful act. The conspiracy indictments will include the names of many other persons as accomplices.
Alderman R. W. Roth was examined. His story ran something like this: On July 13th the alderman from the Thirteenth ward was approached by Alderman Dan O'Brien, who suggested to him that there would be big money in it for the members of the council who would vote for the economic gas ordinance. Roth consented, but demanded time to consider the proposition. This was granted and the alderman sought the counsel of a friend, to whom he confided the facts, saying: "I think I have a good chance now to get the boddie aldermen, and ask for advice as to what course to pursue. This friend advised Roth to continue along as if in accord with the propositions made to him and to accept any bribe offered and keep a careful record of all incidents connected with the transaction. Roth followed this advice to the letter. He was coy, however, and declined to listen further to Dan O'Brien. Then he was approached by Billy O'Brien, to whom questions Roth appeared to yield. The economic gas ordinance was to come up for passage and Roth pledged himself to vote for it in return for this promise. O'Brien gave him \$750, which he deposited with the men who are now conducting the investigation. Roth was now considered one of the initiated so far as boddie was concerned, and Roth pledged himself to vote for it when he was approached openly, and for his vote he was paid \$1,000, the money being given him by Alderman John Powers. The three other aldermen named above, also, as stated, approached Roth at different times and offered him money, to vote for the ordinance, in which they were interested. On this testimony the indictments for conspiracy will be based.
The other witnesses examined were President J. S. Zimmerman, of the People's Gas company, who told the grand jury that the aldermen had any stock in his concern, and President Ed Hosmer, of the Chicago and Jefferson Urban Transit company, who related his unsuccessful attempt to secure a right of way and of the efforts of certain aldermen to blackmail him.
Boodlers Arrested.
Capitulations are at once issued for the indicted aldermen and deputy sheriffs were sent out to hunt them up before court adjourned. All had been brought in except Aldermen Gosselin and Gorman. The former was arrested in the council chamber in the evening. Alderman Gorman, it is believed, has fled, as all efforts to find him have proved unavailing. He was around the criminal court building while the grand jury was in session and displayed extreme nervousness, leaving the building hurriedly when the jury reported. The prisoners were each released in \$10,000 bail.
All the indicted men except Alderman Gorman were in attendance at the regular meeting of the council last evening but took no part in the proceedings. Alderman Roth made a statement to the public which disclosed the fact that the leading newspapers of the city are behind the prosecution and that it was to assist them in exposing the corruption among the city fathers that he accepted the money for his votes for "boodler ordinances."

TO IMPROVE JUDGE SCOTT

OMAHA, March 23.—Ex-Councilman Morearty was acquitted on the charge of boodling. Immediately after the trial his attorneys, Cobb and Clair, were sent to jail for contempt by Judge Scott. In the meantime a special engine bore Judge Offutt, their attorney, to Lincoln, where he secured a stay of proceedings from the supreme court. He arrived on his return trip at 9:20 with the mandate of the supreme court and the sheriff at once released the men. Impeachment proceedings will be begun against Judge Scott by the two lawyers, backed by the entire bar of Douglas county.

BRIEBRY AND PERJURY CHARGED

GREENSBURG, Pa., March 23.—Ex-Councilman Detective Richard Alcorn made information against District Attorney J. A. McCurdy, charging him with the crime of bribery and perjury, also alleging that during his canvass for election last fall he had used means and paid money to certain parties to be used to purchase votes, and that McCurdy swore falsely when the oath of office was administered.

DIVORCE SUITS WILL FOLLOW

LUVENE, Minn., March 23.—County Commissioner Jacob Merckle sued C. R. Henton, ex-sheriff of the county, for \$10,000 for the alienation of his wife's affections. All the parties concerned are among the wealthiest and most prominent people in the county. The jury returned a compromise verdict of \$2,187.50 for Merckle. One, and probably two divorce suits will follow this verdict.

IVES AND SLOSSON

CHICAGO, March 23.—"Of course I will accept Slosson's challenge," said Frank Ives, "but he must come to Chicago to play. I have the naming of the date and place. I have not decided yet when I will play him. The game will probably be scheduled for about the 15th of May, and the match may be played in the Auditorium."

URGING INCREASED DUTIES

CARACAS, Venezuela, March 23.—President Palacios is urging congress to increase the duties on imports from the United States.

POLYGAMY IN 1841.

Early History of the Mormons Laid Bare in a Suit for a Church.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 23.—A United States commissioner has been taking evidence here which has given the public an insight into the early history of the Mormon church and its teachings of polygamy. The evidence demonstrates beyond a doubt that polygamy was practiced by the prophet Joseph Smith, and the leaders of his church at Nauvoo, Ill. As to whether it was openly preached, the testimony is conflicting.

The object of the taking of these depositions is to prove the title to the Temple block at Independence, Mo., the suit for which will come up before the United States court at Kansas City in September.

The rival claimants to this property are the Church of Christ and the recognized Church of Latter-day Saints having headquarters at Salt Lake City, both claiming to be the successors of the original Mormon church, but the real motive of the suit is probably more to secure a legal vindication as to which is the legitimate successor rather than the possession of the property, which is not worth more than \$10,000.

A number of women have testified to having a knowledge that polygamy was practiced by the church at Nauvoo as early as 1841. One woman swears that she was the polygamous wife of Joseph Smith, the prophet. Another swears that she was the polygamous wife of his brother, Hyram.

JUDGES SENT TO JAIL

Cass County, Missouri, Judges Would Not Obey the Orders of a Higher Court and Are Imprisoned.

KANSAS CITY, March 23.—Judge Phillips of the United States circuit court, called W. A. Ray, E. F. Lane and E. F. George, the three judges of Cass county, to the bar of the court and sentenced them to jail until they could make some arrangement for payment of the bonds voted by Cass county twenty years ago in aid of the Tebo and Neosho railroad. He also imposed a fine of \$500 on each. The judges received their sentence in silence, although they were surprised at its severity.

Judge Phillips announced that the sentence of the St. Clair county judges had been postponed until next Monday. The sentence of the Cass county judges was imposed by Judge Phillips in his decision in the case of the Tebo and Neosho railroad, which has been pending for over twenty years.

In 1870 St. Clair and Cass counties voted \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 respectively to aid in the construction of the Tebo and Neosho railroad. The road was never built, but the bonds fell into the hands of innocent purchasers, who have obtained judgment repeatedly against the counties, but have never been able to collect. Judge Phillips, a year ago, ordered the county judges to issue a special tax levy to provide for the payment of their indebtedness. The judges declined to make the levy and Judge Phillips declared them to be in contempt. The popular prejudice in Cass and St. Clair counties against the payment of these bonds is so great that none of the officials dare arrange a settlement.

CONFESSES A CRIME

Minnie Johnson Set the Indianapolis Reform School on Fire.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 23.—Addie Topp, a 6-year-old inmate of the state reform school, died at the workhouse as the result of exposure when the building burned. She told Assistant Superintendent Elmira Johnson a story of the fire which caused Mrs. Johnson to tell the girls in the assembly that she knew one of them had not only set the reform school on fire, but had caused the death of Addie Topp.

Minnie Johnson was summoned to the cell of Minnie Johnson, sent up from Richmond for theft, and heard a remarkable confession. Minnie said she had lighted an ironing blanket at a gas jet and had thrown it under the stair way. Her motive was not to fire the building, she said, but only to get even for being deprived of her lover—a colored girl.

AN ENGINEER'S HOODOO

DURANGO, Colo., March 23.—A strange fatality seems to follow Engineer Whistler in after death. Whistler was killed in a wreck Friday night near Glencoe. He had just recovered from injuries received in a railroad wreck, and this was his first run since his illness. His remains were started to his home in California. The train had proceeded to a point called the "Hook" on the Adams hill, where a sudden stoppage occurred which contained the remains broke loose from the rest of the train, jumped the track and turned completely over. The coffin containing Whistler's body was badly damaged and a man named Mack, who was escorting the remains, had his leg badly bruised.

THE FIRE RECORD

BOSTON, March 23.—Fire destroyed Henderson Bros.' carriage warehouse on Orchard street, North Cambridge, together with several houses adjoining. A thousand or more vehicles were burned. Total loss about \$50,000.

SEDALIA, Mo., March 23.—A fire engine has been dispatched to Knobnoster, twenty miles west of here. That village is in flames and reported likely to be entirely destroyed.

ROBBED A CHURCH

LOUISIANA, Mo., March 23.—During the absence of Father Hughes the past week thieves entered St. Joseph Catholic church, stole the silver chalice, drank the sacramental wine and broke open the poor box, containing the contributions of a fortnight. The discovery was not made until Sunday morning, when early mass was about to be celebrated.

JOHN CONSIDINE SHOT

DETROIT, Mich., March 23.—John Considine, well known in sporting circles of this city and Chicago, who gained so much notoriety recently in connection with the abduction of Joseph Perrier, a prominent citizen of this city, was shot and probably fatally wounded by Robert McCarty, a real estate dealer.

ITALIAN EX-CONVICTS BARRED

NEW YORK, March 23.—Colonel Weber barred twenty Italians at Ellis island. They were passengers from Italy and were all ex-convicts.

THE CANADIAN STRIKE.

Militia Requested to Quell Disturbances at Portage.

RIOTING HAS COMMENCED.

Strikers Interfere with the Running of Trains—Express Messengers Discharged—Peoria Cigar Makers Strike—Almost a Riot.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 23.—The Canadian Pacific strike has assumed a serious aspect. The conductors and trainmen on the Pacific division, from Donald to Vancouver, were called out, and dispatches from Portage tell of serious disturbances there. Several trains were set out sections by strikers, and officials engaged in trying to move trains experienced much trouble. Drawheads were stove in and couplings thrown away, some of the new trainmen shot and one of the brakemen struck with a rock. Officials at Portage telegraphed that the situation was serious, and several crews of new men were so scared that they would not come out of the cabs.

Upon receipt of this information, General Superintendent White waited upon the lieutenant governor and asked that sufficient militia be sent to prevent further violence; that the special force of police workers in by the company was inadequate. A detachment of mounted men was brought from Regina to Brandon, and quartered near the Canadian property.

Chief Conductor Clark said the Pacific division men struck out of sympathy for the strikers of this division. The engineers and firemen are at their posts. It is believed that the latter are considering appeals of the strikers to join the strike.

ALMOST A RIOT

INDIANAPOLIS, March 23.—The long-drawn-out struggle between the Pennsylvania Railroad company and its striking machinists at this point came near developing a riot. Charles Bigelow was thrown from the platform of an evening train which was bringing some new men. He retaliated by throwing a lump of coal at the car. The detectives hurried to the scene and the strike was broken up. As it emerged from the yards the strikers swarmed about it and it looked for a while like a determined effort to rescue Bigelow would be made, but the police drew their revolvers and this drove through the crowd.

EXPRESS MESSAGERS DISCHARGED

CINCINNATI, March 23.—Seven more messengers in the United States Express service have been discharged, presumably because they were members of the Messengers' Brotherhood.

CIGAR MAKERS STRIKE

PEORIA, Ill., March 23.—The union cigar makers are on a strike. They demand an advance ranging from \$1 to \$3 per 1,000.

RAILROAD CONDUCTORS ORGANIZE

GALESBURG, Ill., March 23.—The general committee of the Order of Railroad conductors, representing seventeen divisions of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway system, met here and organized by electing E. O. Williams of Galesburg, chairman, W. E. Crano of Creston, Ia., vice-chairman, and T. J. Murphy of Aurora, secretary. The committee claims that the meeting was simply for the purpose of organization and not for considering grievances or organizing a strike.

THE YOCUM CASE

HASTINGS, Neb., March 23.—The Yocum murder trial was resumed. Eight or ten witnesses testified that they had known Captain Yocum for sixteen years. Both sides then rested and arguments were begun. Ten attorneys will speak.

WOMEN DISPERSED BY FARMERS

VIENNA, March 23.—Bread riots have occurred in a town in Orcho. The peasants finally set fire to the burgomaster's house and would have burned the family alive but for the interposition of an armed body of farmers, who dispersed the rioters and rescued the inmates from the burning building.

PRINCE AND KALER BETTER

BERLIN, March 23.—Reports from Friedrichshagen are that Prince Bismarck's condition is much improved. It is semi-officially stated that the emperor's car malady is much relieved and that his physicians have decided that no operation will be necessary.

WRECK AND FIRE

WHEELING, W. Va., March 23.—A freight train on the Monongahela road ran into a passenger car near Fairmount, killing W. S. Strothers, one of the passengers. The car took fire and Strothers was burned to death. Four others were seriously burned.

TRYING TO SAVE SHULTZ

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., March 23.—The attorneys for the defense in the Cuyler Shultz case will file an order for a new trial. Should the motion be overruled the case will in all probability be taken to the supreme court. Shultz remains careless of his fate.

FATAL TO THE FIREMAN

FINDLAY, O., March 23.—A passenger train was wrecked near West Park, resulting in the fatal injury of Fireman Alex. Shannon and the demolishing of an engine, baggage car and smoker. No passengers were injured. An obstruction on the track caused the accident.

MORRISON SUCCEEDS COOLEY

WASHINGTON, March 23.—At a meeting of the full board of the interstate commerce commission held at its office in Washington, Saturday, March 19, 1892, Hon. William R. Morrison was elected chairman, to fill the vacancy caused by Judge Cooley's resignation.

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QUIET AT THE NAVY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, March 23.—It is said at the navy department that no orders have been issued looking to the dispatch of a fleet to the Bering sea, but it is known that a number of vessels are being fitted out on the Pacific coast for use in case of an emergency.

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MITCHELL AND CORBETT.

The English Pugilist Drunk and Abusive—A Race Up the Bowery.

NEW YORK, March 23.—A sensational scene occurred in the lobby of Miner's Bowery theatre last evening. Mitchell and Slavin, who had reached the city went to the theatre. They were armed for a row. On the entrance of Corbett, Mitchell rushed up to the American and greeted the vilest epithets and causing Corbett to finally say, "Go away, I don't want a row with a drunken man." Mitchell returned hearty curses and snarled off. Corbett tried to go away, but Mitchell followed him up and accused him of taking away his match with Sullivan and other engagements.

A big crowd gathered about and great excitement prevailed. Finally Corbett lost his temper and said to his manager: "I can't stand this any longer," at the same time starting for the cursing Englishman. He made one powerful swing at Mitchell, which fell short. The shouts of the crowd and Corbett's anger seemed to sober the Englishman. He made up his mind that it was about time to get away. He dashed out of the theatre and ran up the Bowery. Corbett ran after him for a short distance, but returned to the theatre, where he put the crowd in a good humor and to great excitement prevailed. Finally Corbett lost his temper and said to his manager: "I can't stand this any longer," at the same time starting for the cursing Englishman. He made one powerful swing at Mitchell, which fell short. The shouts of the crowd and Corbett's anger seemed to sober the Englishman. He made up his mind that it was about time to get away. He dashed out of the theatre and ran up the Bowery. Corbett ran after him for a short distance, but returned to the theatre, where he put the crowd in a good humor and to great excitement prevailed.

THE STRANGER BEATS THE CORNISHMAN.

CHICAGO, March 23.—Evan Lewis won three out of five bouts at Battery D, defeating John King the champion Cornish wrestler.

FATAL TO SIX

Awful Result of a Boiler Explosion in St. Louis—Five Persons Perish in a Burning Building.

ST. LOUIS, March 23.—Four men were killed, two fatally and three slightly injured by the explosion of a boiler at the LaClede Fire Brick works, Cheltenham. The killed are Joseph Beckley, bricklayer's apprentice; John Dubuchy, machinist; Reynold Deideke, pan feeder; Larry Husay, moulder. Frank Seizer, fireman and Morgan Inman, laborer were fatally, and John Cellar, laborer and one James Hummerfeld, laborer, slightly injured.

The explosion occurred in the main room of the works. The two boilers were located at the south side of the building and covered by a shed. But one of the boilers exploded. Seven men were at work on the roof when the explosion broke the whistle at the time. The boiler divided in half and one half was carried over the main building and landed on the road on the opposite side of the street. The other half of the boiler was carried ten or twelve feet. Frank Seizer, the machinist, was blown into a creek thirty feet distant, from which he was fished out a few moments later; he was badly burned and scalded, but yet alive. The four men who were killed were all terribly mangled. Seizer was taken to the city hospital, and other injured were also brought to St. Louis.

The noise of the explosion attracted the people for miles and so many gathered at the works that the police had difficulty to keep the crowds back, and the works had to be shut down for the day.

The shock was felt for blocks away, while the report could be heard for miles. For a minute or two after the accident a mass of escaping steam, smoke and dust covering obscured everything from view. When it cleared away it was seen what awful ruin the explosion had wrought. The workmen in the building rushed over to the spot where the boiler had stood as soon as they were recovered from their fright, which for a few minutes completely unnerved them.

As soon as the officers of the company learned of it they despatched two ambulances and physicians to the scene to do what they could toward relieving the sufferings of the injured.

SENATE

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Pending final action upon the bill the senate, at 6:50, went into executive session and immediately adjourned.

SILVER DEBATE IN THE HOUSE

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LORD SALISBURY'S REPLY

Discussed by the Cabinet, but Nothing Definite Learned of Its Contents.

MAY RENEW HOSTILITIES

Quay Returns from Florida Improved in Health and is Likely to Enter the Arena—Thinks Simpson Will be Beaten.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Lord Salisbury's reply to Acting Secretary of State Wharton's note of March 8, was before the cabinet and was the sole subject of discussion from 11:30 until 1 o'clock, when an adjournment was had. Of course, it is impossible to say what direction the discussion took, but it is known that the treasury department has delayed orders to the revenue cutters, pending negotiations. The visit of Sir George Baden Powell to the president this morning has given rise to a good deal of conjecture. It is reported that Sir George bore a communication to President Harrison from the Canadian premier. In some quarters it is believed Salisbury has made a counter proposition to the effect that the United States shall guarantee to pay damages to Canadian sealers in case the decision of the arbitrators is against the United States. This proposition has been once before rejected by President Harrison.

RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The house committee on rivers and harbors completed consideration of the regular rivers and harbors appropriation bill. It appropriates \$30,700,000, which is about \$300,000 less than the amount carried by the bill reported by the committee in the last congress.

The greatest feature of the bill is the extent to which the committee enlarges the policy adopted by the last congress of placing some of the important projects under contract system, the continuance of which work can be undertaken with the amount appropriated for the year covered by the bill and contracts entered into for the completion of the work and of its continuance without serious interruption, as has sometimes happened when the continuance of the work was entirely dependent upon the river and harbor appropriations by each congress before the work could again be pushed ahead. This year the committee authorizes additional contracts to be entered into aggregating \$23,151,700. The distribution is as follows: Charleston, S. C., \$2,178,000; Savannah, Ga., \$3,317,000; Mobile, Ala., \$1,448,800; Hudson river, \$2,447,900; Columbia river, Oregon, \$1,700,000; the great lakes, \$9,940,000; Point Judith, R. I., \$1,175,000; Beaver Dam, Ohio, \$650,000; the Mississippi river, \$10,000,000.

QUAY MAY RENEW HOSTILITIES

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Senator Quay returned from Florida somewhat improved in health, but still by no means well. He has been unable to throw off a cold he contracted early this winter. His lungs have always been weak, and as several of his ancestors died of consumption, every cold he contracts oppresses him. A hacking cough still hangs on and he is obliged to be careful. The belief here is that Quay will renew hostilities against the administration. While he was away the president made two appointments in Pennsylvania contrary to the senator's known wishes. Neither has been confirmed, but both, it is understood, have been held up at Quay's request.

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