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CURRENT COMMENT.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESSIONAL.

AFTER routine business the Senate on the 31st proceeded with the consideration of the bill to increase the efficiency of the army, which was continued until adjournment. The House in Committee of the Whole considered at length the Post-office Appropriation bill. When the committee rose the House adjourned.

The Army bill was again placed before the Senate on the 31st, when the details of the bill were discussed, considerable time being occupied. Mr. Vance addressed the Senate in support of the bill to repeal the civil service law. Mr. Dyer addressed the Senate in support of the admission of Washington Territory. No action was taken on these measures, when the Senate went into recess, which will adjourn on the 1st of May.

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NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

A large meeting of Belgian workmen was held at Ghent recently. Resolutions were adopted advising moderation on the part of the employers and calling for social reforms. The total number of arrests made in Belgium in connection with the labor riots was 250.

LEADING French papers take a gloomy view of the situation in the East. Two French iron clads have been ordered to be placed in readiness for immediate dispatch to the Mediterranean.

The mercantile agency of R. G. Dun & Co. reports business failures in the United States for the first quarter of 1896, number 3,333, with liabilities a little over \$30,000,000; failures for the first three months of 1895 numbered 3,554, with liabilities of \$40,000,000.

A STRONG Government force, under General Tejeda and Arboles, was attacked recently near the river Rio Grande by the irregulars of Valencia, Arredondo and Castro. The Government troops were defeated with a loss of 400 men.

The schooner J. H. Condon was wrecked off Point Key, forty miles north of San Francisco, recently and her crew lost. The supposition was that the vessel struck a hidden rock.

An examination of the wreck showed that the schooner had been struck by a steamer or some other craft going at a high rate of speed. The Aquena was supposed to have been the vessel in collision and fears for her safety were felt.

CLEARING houses returns for week ended April 30 showed an average increase of 4.9 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York the increase was 5.5.

The United States grand jury at San Francisco has found indictments against eight prominent citizens of California for subornation of perjury, in the case of fraudulent entries of redwood lumber land in Humboldt County. The names of three are Joseph Ross, David Evans and Charles H. King, who collectively represent \$5,000,000 capital. The names of the other five were not yet known, but they were all said to be wealthy men.

All the freight brakemen on the St. Louis division of the Louisville & Nashville railway struck work recently for 2 cents per mile each way, instead of 400 per month.

AMERICAN securities were fairly steady in the European bourses during the week ended April 30.

A SERIOUS riot over the railroad strike took place at Fort Worth, Tex., on the morning of the 31st. In a fight for the possession of a freight train, three officers were fatally shot and one of the mob was killed. For a time the aspect of affairs was alarming, but the citizens gradually restored quiet.

GEORGE SCOTTIE, the lawyer, has been locked up by his divorced wife (Galtoun's sister) for neglecting to pay alimony.

Mrs. MURIEL P. EVANS, who figured conspicuously before the courts as legatee of the estate of Myra Clark Gaines, under an alleged will of Mrs. Gaines, was arrested recently in New Orleans charged with uttering a forged will.

It is reported that a priest, N. P. Storch, Bishop of Hradec, in Phoenicia, it is decided that the Bishops could not be sued for neglecting to sign the protest to a charge.

The English University boat race was won by the Cambridge crew by half a length on the 31st. The course was from Putney to Mortlake, on the Thames.

THREE children were burned to death in a fire on A. B. Hill's farm, near Plano, Tex., the other night. The parents were away attending meeting at the time.

A COMPLAINT has been made to the Treasury officials at Washington against a chief of a division in the internal revenue building, who was alleged to have invited some ladies in the department elevator, while in toxi-cated.

The steamship Gulf of Mexico, from Spain for New York, with crew and cargo, carrying a crew of thirty-five men, has been given up as lost. Vessel and cargo valued at \$250,000.

All the differences between the officers of the Brooklyn (N. Y.) City Railroad Company and its 1,800 employees have been settled.

WILLIAM McCULLY & Co., glass manufacturers of Philadelphia, Pa., have consented to the boycott against their goods and have signed the union's code of prices.

Early the other morning a fire was discovered in the laundry of the Planters' House. The guests were immediately awakened and all reached places of safety. It was not so, however, with the female help, four of whom—Kate Cassidy, Mary Cooney, Mary Gorman and Maggie Ryan—were suffocated before the fire was subdued. Loss, \$5,000.

THE President has nominated Victor Vignani, of Lincoln, for Consul at Barranquilla, in the United States of Colombia.

The Commissioners of Dixon, Conn., have brought the Wakefield Bank to pass on the tax question. The bank refused to furnish a schedule of personal property for taxation, but the Commissioners secured a copy of the report filed with the State Auditor and assessed the bank to the full limit.

The Supreme Court recently decided that where the County Board upon complaint and a hearing thereon, removes a county officer from office, renders judgment of ouster and appoints a successor, who is qualified in accordance with the provisions of law and demands possession of the office, books, records, etc., and such demand is refused, mandamus is the proper remedy to compel the removal of the officer and the surrender of office. County Boards have authority to fill vacancies in all county offices. Where an officer of court is merely suspended, it is the duty of the court of which he is an officer to supply his place by appointment for the term of such court.

The Mayflower Farmers' Alliance, of York, Pa., recently advised that it will not patronize merchants who will not order for the first day of May, 1896, have their goods so marked that the purchaser may at all times know how much money he pays as tariff on said goods.

CENTRAL City has a new opera house. Upon opening a freight car at Ellis the other day a tramp was found sitting comfortably and unconcerned, and upon examination it was found that he carried a strap around his neck, and other traps and belongings were packed in his trunk without regard to expense. He was arrested and as the seal on the car was broken, he together with other charges was to be apt to give him free rail-fares for some time.

The school houses in district No. 13, Columbus, were burned to the ground the other night for the second time in six months.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

The Executive Committee Meets at St. Louis. The Committee Meets at St. Louis. The Committee Meets at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, April 30.—Mr. Hayes, the third member of the general executive committee, Knights of Labor, arrived here last night giving the committee a report.

Shortly afterward the committee went into secret session with the local committee and gave the situation a very full and exhaustive discussion, weighing all the facts and giving all careful consideration. The meeting lasted until midnight when the following was given out in the form of a statement to the public: "At the conference held in New York with Mr. J. J. Gould and associates and the executive board, the following was mutually agreed upon: that the officials were willing to meet a committee of our employees without discrimination, who are actually in the employ of the road at the time such committee is appointed to adjust with them any grievances they may have. The executive board on arriving in St. Louis, having been informed that Mr. Hoxie had refused to confer with the committee, it is proposed to the conference understood it, waited on him to ascertain his intentions of carrying out the same, and received the following reply: 'that only fifty per cent of the former force would be re-employed, and that he would consider personal applications only, and use his own private judgment upon them without the detention of any society, this being in direct violation of the agreement. The general board think that the refusal to confer is the purpose of a lock-jumping, using the organization of a very few first class men. We therefore feel the order given the men to return to work, the road having made it impossible to fulfill the same. The matter now stands as it did before the order to return to work, except in the hands of the districts interested, and the general board will render all assistance to carry out the demand of the men for justice.' "We anticipate an unusual demonstration today," said Mr. Turner, "and no particular result is expected from the affair. Things are simply as they were before."

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