

NEBRASKA INTERESTS.

A call has been issued by Chairman Pace of the national greenback party of Nebraska, for a state convention, to be held at Lincoln on Wednesday, May 14th, to elect delegates to the national convention, to be held at Indianapolis.

The Nebraska Sunday-school assembly will be held at Crete, August 18 to 23. Permanent grounds for the assembly, consisting of 109 acres on the banks of the Blue river, have been purchased. These grounds have a river front of nearly a mile and afford ample opportunity for boating, fishing, for picnics and abundant room for all the purposes of the assembly.

The sheriff of Otoe county appeared in Ashland a few days ago, and, going into the country a short distance, took into custody a young man wanted at Nebraska City on the charge of seduction.

A good deal of thieving is going on in Alnsworth, for the cure of which the News recommends occasional doses of buckshot.

The village board of Elk Creek are talking of raising the saloon license to \$1,000 a year.

The funeral of Daniel Allen, a noted gambler, who died in Omaha a few days ago, was largely attended.

The postal officials in Omaha have been semi-officially notified that the Burlington road's fast mail train will at an early day extend its run into Omaha via Plattsmouth.

M. S. Schublin, of Olin, Jones county, Iowa, formerly of Alexandria, Neb., where he was engaged in the real estate business, has recently inherited \$1,000,000 from some departed relative in France.

The U. S. land office at Beatrice is now located in new quarters, more convenient and more commodious than the old place.

The Orleans Press says the grain never looked better in the Republican Valley at this time of the year than it does at present. One of the oldest farmers said that in all his wheat raising he never had so good a stand of wheat before as this spring.

The Elk Creek Echo mentions a new epidemic breaking out among horses in that neighborhood. In one day not less than ten horses were attacked by a sort of stiffness and trembling, and a few were unable to travel after they were first attacked. Some of the farmers got their way to town were compelled to unhitch their horses and lead them home, while others made their way with difficulty.

J. A. Seagren, living near Wakefield, lost his barn, a valuable horse, 100 bushels of corn, hay and all his farming implements by prairie fire a few days ago.

At Omaha, Christopher Lawn, a switchman in the employ of the Union Pacific company, lost a leg by being run over by a train. He was engaged in coupling a car when his foot got wedged between two rails. While thus held a car bore down upon him with the above result.

Alex. Eagin was examined at Lincoln recently by the board of insanity, and sent to the asylum. One of his symptoms was an utter indifference as to paying any of his bills—a symptom, by the way, not unknown to many patients not under treatment.

The Fillmore county bank has been incorporated under the title of the First National Bank of Fairmont, with a capital of \$50,000.

In pursuance of an order of the directors of the Union Pacific company, wages of all its employees was reduced on the 1st of May, as follows: On salaries of \$3,000 and upwards, per year, fifteen (15) per cent.; \$1,000 and upwards, ten (10) per cent.; and all below one thousand, ten (10) per cent. The reduction does not apply to locomotive engineers and firemen.

There is a strong probability that the Masons of Crete will build a fine Masonic building during the summer.

J. W. Strickland, proprietor of the Orlando mills, at Raymond, Lancaster county, has turned up missing, and it is the general belief that he has been drowned. On account of high water he sat up at night to watch his dam, and, when he awoke, he found that he had been drowned. Search resulted in finding his hat and cane on the bank of the creek.

Advices have been received from Adjutant General L. C. Drum, of the army, announcing that Secretary Lincoln has decided to give a detail of a lieutenant from the army to the University of Nebraska, and that the detail of Lieutenant Drum was ordered on the 23d of last month, to take effect from the first of July.

Sam F. Donnelly, for several years prominent in newspaper circles at Omaha, having been connected with the Herald, Bee and Telegram of that city, died in New York a few days ago from injuries received at a fire. He was on the repertorial staff of the New York Sun.

An Austrian, name not learned, who was in employ of a railroad company, was killed by lightning in Saline county a few days ago.

The Nebraska City plow works recently turned out one of the largest plows ever made in Nebraska, weighing over 200 pounds. The purchaser was David O'Brien, who will use it in his excavating contracts.

Nebraska wool growers and others interested are admonished that the date for the National Woolgrowers' convention has been changed to the 19th day of May and will be held at the Grand Pacific hotel, Chicago.

The State bank of Red Cloud has been organized into a national bank, and will soon open for business under the new organization.

A young man went into the savings bank at Beatrice and called for a drink, naming beer as the beverage with which he desired to quench his thirst.

A thirteen year old girl in Omaha has been turned over to the authorities by her father, as a kleptomaniac whom vigorous punishment has utterly failed to reform. She will be given a place in the state reform institution.

A large number of men employed in the Union Pacific shops at Omaha quit work on the 1st on account of reduction in wages.

B. J. McMahon, who had been the telegraph operator at Emerson station, on the Minneapolis and Omaha railway, for some months past, is under arrest for stealing \$500 from the company's office. It is probable also that the charge of arson will be preferred against him.

Two men called at a hardware store in Omaha. One of them claimed to be a good singer, and while he entertained the merchant with vocal selections in the back part of the store his partner was busy about in front, and when he left six boxes of scissors went with him.

F. McMillan, an attorney of Hubbell, was drowned in Rose creek, near that place, while attempting to cross in a wagon. The horses were drowned and found about half a mile below. McMillan's body was recovered. He leaves a wife and two children.

Things are getting "hot" in the struggle for Uncle Sam's land. A young gentleman in a northern county, by the name of Brady, took a claim and built a

house on it. The following week he found that another chap had taken advantage of his absence and put up a house within a few feet of it.

Harness thieves have been operating in Central City, taking from one gentleman a set valued at \$30.

Jefferson county, says the Beatrice Express, furnishes an eloquent illustration in the shade anything before heard of. Last week a young man, a son of a farmer, ran away with his aunt and three children, and also took with him a mule team belonging to his uncle. So far nothing has been heard of them.

An unknown man was struck by a locomotive on the B. & M. near Newton a few days ago, receiving injuries which soon after resulted in his death. He was lying on the track, and on the engineer sounding the whistle made an effort to get out but was too late.

Mrs. H. C. Patterson, of Dorchester, while assisting in preparing the noon meal, went into the cellar. She was heard to fall down the stairs, and members of the family went to the rescue. She was found at the bottom of the cellar steps in an unconscious condition, having fallen on her head. A physician was summoned, but she was beyond the reach of human skill. The neck had been broken and she lived but a short time. She was 65 years of age, and leaves a husband and several children.

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NEBRASKA POLITICS.

Platform Adopted by the Republican State Convention.

The republican party of Nebraska, in convention, represented, renews its allegiance to the principles and policy that have commended republicanism to the popular intelligence of the country, and secured its success in six successive national elections, and declares its confidence that they will command at the polls under the standard bearers to be named at the Chicago convention a victory as signal as any that have been gained in the past.

"We declare for the collection of the national revenues by the taxation of products at home that are but luxuries, the enjoyment or consumption of which is not essential to the welfare of the masses; and by the levy of a tariff so adjusted as to encourage and protect home industry without being burdensome to the people, and we denounce the attempt of the democratic majority in the house of representatives to make an indiscriminate reduction of duties to the injury of skilled labor and invested capital at home for the benefit of labor and capital that pay tribute to foreign powers. It favors the encouragement of debt and interest charges, and the appropriation of a portion of the surplus revenue to judicial and internal improvements, the improvement of the service of the government in all departments by regulating the mode of appointments and promoting it to the highest possible state of efficiency; the maintenance of equal rights to all citizens, irrespective of race or color, under the guarantees of the constitution; a liberal provision for disabled and invalid veterans of the war for the Union and the establishment of our navy upon a footing commensurate with the necessities of the times and the dignity of a nation ready to defend its rights and protect its citizens at home and abroad.

Resolved, That this convention requests the coming republican national convention to provide that in all future national conventions representation shall be proportionate to the republican votes cast for the electors at the last preceding presidential election. We heartily endorse the administration of President Chester A. Arthur, begun under circumstances of peculiar embarrassment and difficulty, which has by its prudence, sagacity and statesmanship commended itself to the esteem and respect of the country.

FOREST FIRES.

Great Destruction of Property Being Wrought Thereby.

A Williamsport (Pa.) dispatch says: Latest reports show that the forest fires in various places are extensive and very destructive. At one place in Philadelphia and Erie railroad, from Driftwood west to Kane, heavy fires have been in progress. Many cattle are reported surrounded by the flames, and a number of fishermen had great difficulty in getting out of the burning territory. A large territory in the western part of Lycoming county is burned over, but the loss is not very heavy. In Tioga county the fire was general. Large quantities of valuable timber were destroyed along the line of the Tioga railroad, as well as many houses, barns and other buildings. The town of Thompson was wholly destroyed, including the saw mill. Loss, over \$100,000. Seventeen houses were burned in Bonot, entailing a loss of \$15,000. Two million feet of lumber was also burned. The fire is fierce about Morris and Antrim. Considerable pine timber is among the property burned in different parts of Tioga county. The saw mill of Andrew Kaul at Spring Run, Elk county, was destroyed, with six million feet of lumber; uninsured. Reports from the fire districts of Lycoming county say that the loss is not heavy as at first reported.

A severe wind storm and fierce forest fires visited North Cumberland county. The mountains for many miles are burning and smoking terribly. Farm fences, cord wood, railroad sills and other valuable property were destroyed. The loss will foot up thousands of dollars.

Texas has a cattle queen besides her numerous cattle kings. She is the wife of an ex-Methodist preacher named Rogers, and lives in Neveles county, where she owns and manages a rancho of 40,000 head of cattle, while her husband attends to his duties as a member of the state legislature.

Viscountess Heberton is incensed because the International Health Association would not permit the exhibition of reform styles of underclothing.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS.

Senator Van Wyck Presents a Resolution Asking for Certain Information.

The Lower Branch of Congress Now Dealing Principally With Tariff Matters.

Acquisition of Public Lands by Foreign Corporations--Miscellaneous Washington Matters.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

MONDAY, April 28.—The bill was passed to consolidate the bureau of military justice and corps of judge advocates of the army.

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The house went into committee of the whole and proceeded to consideration of the District of Columbia free bridge bill, which was laid aside with favorable recommendations.

The next bill was appropriating \$500,000 for the extension of the water system for the district, but without action the committee rose.

The free bridge bill was recommitted and the house took a recess till 8 o'clock, the evening session to be for debate of the tariff bill.

At the evening session the tariff bill was discussed by Messrs. Wolford, Storm and others for and against the measure.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, April 29.—Mr. Morrill, from the committee on finance, reported favorably the joint resolution appropriating \$25,000 to defray the expenses of the ceremonies connected with the approaching completion and dedication of the Washington monument.

The senate passed the house bill authorizing the Marsh National bank of Lincoln, Neb., to change its name.

The bill to provide for the sale of the Iowa Indian reservation in Nebraska and Kansas, was read the third time and, after some debate, passed.

The chair laid before the senate the unfinished business of yesterday, being the pleuro-pneumonia bill. After debate the bill passed—31 to 14.

HOUSE.

Mr. Lamb called up the joint resolution directing the president to bring to the attention of the governor of Venezuela the claim of J. E. Wheelock, a citizen of the United States, for indemnity for gross outrages and tortures inflicted upon him by officers of that government, and to demand, and enforce, in such manner as he may deem best, the immediate settlement of the claim.

Mr. Washburn asked leave to report from the committee on appropriations a joint resolution appropriating \$10,000 to defray the expenses attending the visit of the special embassy from Siam to the United States, but Mr. Weller objected.

The tariff bill was then taken up, but without final action the house adjourned.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, April 30.—The joint resolution relating to the Washington monument was passed, and the bill was read the third time and approved by the yeas.

Several unimportant bills were passed, and the chair laid before the senate the bill to remove certain burdens on the American foreign carrying trade, and Mr. Beck addressed the senate in favor of the bill, and Mr. Davis, from the committee on appropriations, reported the Indian appropriation bill, and gave notice that at an early opportunity he would call it up.

The morning hour was dispensed with and the house went into committee of the whole (Cox, of New York, in the chair) on the tariff bill.

Mr. Dingley controverted the propositions laid down by Messrs. Cox, Hurd and others, that the decline in American commerce was the result of the protective tariff.

After speeches by Culbertson in favor and Milliken and Cutcheon opposing, the committee rose.

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At the evening session Messrs. Waite and Ray (N. Y.) spoke against the tariff bill.

SENATE.

THURSDAY, May 1.—The senate occupied the day in a debate on the shipping bill.

HOUSE.

The house again considered the tariff bill.

Mr. McKinley gave notice that at the conclusion of the general debate a motion would be made to strike out the enacting clause.

Mr. Findley hoped the debate was not going to be choked off.

"There is no occasion for talking about choking off," replied Morrison.

In reply to a question of Mr. Deuster, the speaker stated that up to the present time forty-three gentlemen had addressed the committee.

It was agreed that private business be suspended to-morrow, and the day devoted to tariff debate.

SENATE.

FRIDAY, April 2.—Mr. Van Wyck offered a resolution, which was agreed to, calling on the secretary of the interior for information as to what action, if any, had been taken in regard to entries of public land by the Estes Park company, organized under the laws of Great Britain and doing business in Colorado, and made in the interest of the Earl of Dunraven; the Valley Land and Cattle company, an English corporation; Sykes and Hughes, an English firm doing business in Northern Dakota, and Falkner, Bell and company, another English firm doing business in California, or for the benefit of said corporations and companies all of which entries, by reports in the general land office, are alleged to be fraudulent. Mr. Van Wyck said the public domain should be protected and these foreign syndicates promptly told just what their rights are in this country.

HOUSE.

The tariff bill was again under consideration to-day. At the evening session the house passed thirteen pension bills. The bill granting \$50,000 to the widow of General Francis P. Blair, as compensation for moneys expended by her husband in

organizing forces at the beginning of the war, and in the pension to \$50 per month, gave rise to a good deal of debate, but there was no opposition.

Mr. Matson, chairman of the committee on invalid pensions, said the \$50,000 was in no way intended as arrears, while Mr. Holmes (Iowa) in opposition to the committee, took the opposite view and supported the bill because it did not provide for arrears.

Mr. Dunn offered an amendment providing that the \$50,000 shall discharge the government from all future liability.

HOUSE.

SATURDAY, May 3.—The house went into committee of the whole (Cox, of New York, in the chair) on the bill amending the Chinese immigration act.

Mr. Sumner (Cal.) said the purpose of the bill was to perfect the law enacted two years ago and remedy the defects that were found to exist in it, defended the propriety of the legislation on moral and religious grounds, and, referring to Rice's quotation from the Argonaut, said Frank Pixley was a hiring of the Central Pacific railroad and fluky to any other corporation which would employ him, and that the paper was a disorganizer of the bill.

Mr. Brumm offered an amendment applying the provisions of the bill, as far as practicable, to persons from whatever nation imported to this country under any system of contract. Ruled out on a point of order.

An additional section was agreed to, providing nothing be construed to affect any prosecutions or other proceedings, civil or criminal, begun under the act of which this is amendatory.

The committee then rose and the bill was passed, yeas, 184; nays, 13.

CAPITAL TOPICS.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

The sub-committee of the house committee on postoffices and postroads, having under consideration a postal telegraph, met to consider the bill providing for contract system. Some of the committee contended that a uniform rate should be fixed at 20 cents for twenty words and others held 20 cents too low to induce competent corporations to compete for contracts. It was maintained that the maximum rate should be at least 25 cents. The opinion was expressed that the full committee will adopt the latter figure.

MONEY ORDER OFFICERS.

The postoffice department estimate the number of money order offices established the present fiscal year at about 900, or nearly twice the number of any preceding year.

THE UTAH COMMISSION.

The report of the Utah commission, made to the secretary of the interior, recommends the passage of a law giving the first or legal wife the right of dower or some other equivalent interest in the real estate of the husband; advocates the removal of cases of civil and criminal jurisdiction upon a United States commission, and suggest the advisability of a law for appointment, by the governor or district judges, of certain territorial and county officers, now elective.

THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH BILL.

The house committee on postoffices and post-roads have unanimously agreed upon the bill "to secure cheaper telegraph communication, and directed Representative Rogers to report it at the first opportunity. The bill is based on the senate bill and consists of a number of the provisions of that measure, with amendments to others. The provisions creating the office of fourth assistant postmaster general is eliminated, as are all sections of the senate bill providing for the construction of a government postal-telegraph system, in case no contract is made with a company. The bill provides that charges for the transmission of telegrams, by night, shall be at the rate of 25 cents for every 250 miles or fraction thereof in excess of 1,500 miles an additional rate of five cents may be charged, and between the cities of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore and Washington, and such other points as may be designated by the postmaster-general, the rate shall not be over 16 cents for day or night, provided no rate exceed 50 cents for telegrams to be transmitted by night, except as above stated, when the charges shall be one-half the day rates.

THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

Some correspondence recently passed between the department of the interior and Senator Plumb, chairman of the committee on public lands, with reference to information called for by the resolution of March 17th last, regarding the acquisition of public lands by foreign corporations or syndicates, reports from special agents appointed by the department. Special Agent J. M. Jones reports in relation to thirty-eight claims in Estes Park, Colorado, owned by the Estes Park company, "organized under the laws of England and doing business in Colorado." The company, the name of Dunraven, appears to be one of the chief functionalities of the company. Thirty claims, the agent found, were secured for people who were never in the park at all, and the remaining eight were secured by people who made occasional visits and show no interest in the land. In no case was the law complied with.

RIVER AND HARBOR.

The house committee on rivers and harbors has finished the river and harbor appropriation bill with the understanding that it may be changed at the final meeting. If any change is made, the members say it will be a reduction of the more important appropriations. The total of the bill, as completed, is \$12,441,000 for the Mississippi from its mouth to St. Paul; \$3,300,000, \$300,000, and \$190,000 for that portion above St. Paul; and for moving obstructions; \$900,000, one-third being for the improvement of the canal at Louisville. No appropriations are made for creeks, and of the appropriations asked 105 were rejected.

MURDERERS CAPTURED.

One of Whom Makes Full Confession of the Murder of Stoney.

The Des Moines State Register's Audubon (Iowa) special says: The murderers of old man Jefferson, at this place, on Saturday morning, have been captured and are John A. Smyth and Joel J. Wilson, sons-in-law, and Cicero Jellerson, son of the murdered man. They are now all three in jail at Audubon. At 1 o'clock this morning they were brought up for examination and Wilson and Smyth waived examination and were remanded until Wednesday next, but Cicero became conscience stricken and asked to make a statement under oath. He then proceeded to confess the murder, dragging him on his hands over the ground and weeds and there hung him from his bed, tore off his shirt, put a rope around his neck, dragged him to the window and pulled on the rope, then wrapped the end around the body, mounted their horses and left. They were arrested at the residence of the murdered man, and brought to Des Moines, and justice will be meted out not so technically of the law will go down with the citizens.

THE MOST EXPENSIVE BOOK EVER PUBLISHED BY A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL IS LORD KINGSBOROUGH'S "MEXICO." IT HAS SEVEN VOLUMES, WITH 1,000 COLORED ILLUSTRATIONS, AND COST \$50,000.

NEWS CONDENSATIONS.

A Nebraska Man Deliberately Steps on the Track and Meets Death.

A Compromise Between Friends of the Morrison Tariff Bill and Its Opponents.

Fourteen Paupers Burned to Death in Michigan--Criminal, Foreign, Political and Other News.

NEWS NOTES.

A Madrid dispatch says: While Aguiro's expedition was in course of preparation certain Spanish republicans of extreme views sent an agent to America for the purpose of helping out the movement. Their hope was that the movement could be made to assume such proportions that its realization would be felt in Madrid.

The New York bank statement shows deposits decrease, \$1,978,000; reserve decrease, \$148,000. The banks now hold \$2,419,000 in excess of legal requirements.

The butchers of New York are trying to boycott Chicago dressed beef. It is proposed to canvass the city and furnish the different trades unions with the names of those who refuse to aid in the movement and have boycotted all tradesmen who persist in purchasing shipped dressed beef.

Harry Deakin, manager of the Milwaukee Academy of Music, has sued George B. Brown, the ex-prefect, for \$10,000 for breach of contract in failing to play at the academy in October, 1883.

Two colored politicians, Isaac Liggin and James Porter Spiers, were arrested in North Carolina when about to engage in a duel. Liggin had on two overcoats and a sheet-iron plate eighteen inches square as a chest protector to keep out the cold. He explained that he had blood on one of a difference as to presidential candidates.

Sadie Reigh, the young woman who pleaded guilty to having shot and killed Patrick Kingley, the head waiter at the Briggs house, Chicago, for defaming her character, was sentenced to one year and a half in the penitentiary.

Near Hermansville a freight train running out of time on the West Pennsylvania railroad collided with a passenger train. The engines were demolished, a number of cars damaged and Engineer Hicks and Fireman Bissell fatally injured. Fireman Gallagher and Engineer Gallagher were dangerously hurt. The passengers were badly shaken up.

John B. Tolman, a veteran printer of Lynn, Mass., has given the Young Men's Christian Association of that city an estate valued at \$30,000, stipulating that the income shall be used in promoting the cause of temperance.

A water spout burst over Hutchinson station, on the Central railroad, in Texas. The water was ten feet deep on a level. Farm implements, fences and crops were destroyed and not a bridge remains. No lives were lost.

Sheriff Adkins, of Boone county, Virginia, was waylaid and murdered and his body horribly mutilated. There is little doubt but that the deed was committed by an organized band of outlaws, known as the "James gang."

Samuel Phillips has been appointed assistant general freight agent of the Missouri Pacific railroad, vice J. J. Rogers, resigned. Mr. Phillips has been chief clerk for Third Vice President Hoxie for several years.

In the United States circuit court at Boston Judge Lowell rendered a decision in the suit of the United States against the Union Pacific railroad company to recover \$1,181,619, being 5 per cent. of the net earnings for the five years preceding 1875, as provided by contract. The court held the defendant to plead judgment in its own favor.

Whisky for foreign export is pouring into Baltimore. As the time is approaching when the distillers must either pay taxes and take out bond, or sell it out in the market, they are rushing it to sea-board. There is too much whisky in the country for the demand.

The public debt statement shows the decrease of the public debt during April to be \$5,232,075; decrease since June 30, 1883, \$87,060,474; cash in treasury, \$399,753,206; gold certificates, 101,116,200; silver certificates, \$110,374,231; certificates on deposit, \$5,000,000; refunding certificates, \$20,000,000; legal tenders, \$346,681,018; fractional currency, \$6,983,107.

The Western Union telegraph company has ordered a reduction of from 20 to 30 per cent. in rates to prominent points south and west.

"Parson" Davis has accepted Sullivan's challenge offering to any man \$1,000 and the receipts of the exhibition who will stand before him four rounds, and will put Jim Good against the champion.

The Greeley expedition flagship "Thetis," sailed from New York on the 14th. Secretaries Chandler and Lincoln, General Hancock and other celebrities accompanied the vessel to Sandy Hook on the gunboat "Tallapoosa." Harbor salutes were given the departing craft.

Mayor Stephens of Cincinnati telegraphed from Vincennes, Ind., to his associates in the city to permit no sparring or slugging matches on the Sabbath. This is intended to prohibit the proposed exhibition of John L. Sullivan.

Thos. Brown (colored) was executed at Halifax court house, North Carolina, for wife murder.

The United States revenue steamer "Corwin" sailed from San Francisco for Alaska with Lieutenant Loty and party, who have been specially detained by the treasury department to explore the new river discovered last year in Alaska by Lieutenant Stoney.

The ship "Atlantique," of Drammen, Norway, was wrecked off the Magdalen islands during a sleet storm. She broke up immediately. Nineteen lives were lost. The second mate is the only survivor.

The new pool contract of the St. Louis lines was signed in New York by representatives of all the roads on the 24. It provides for a distribution of east bound business at a fixed percentage and regular settlement of balances. The percentages and terms of settlement have not yet been agreed upon.

A gentleman just returned to Ottawa, Ont., from the Rocky mountains, states that on his way east he visited Battleford, where the Indians have congregated to demand food. The recent trouble at that point, he says, was entirely due to their hungry condition.

Gertrude Ash, the accomplice of Jesse Williams, the negro who committed the robbery and assault upon Miss Magie Harvey, at Sloan Flats, Broadway and Twenty-second street, New York, on the 8th of March last, has been found guilty and sentenced to eighteen and a half years in the penitentiary.

A Georgia postmaster has sent a letter to Washington inclosing a circular requesting a contribution of \$24 for campaign purposes. The circular was shown to Postmaster General Gresham, who says he will protect any postmaster who refuses the contribution called for by the circular.

Hon. Jno. M. Langston, United States