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THE ACTS OF CONGRESS.

SUCINCT SUMMARY OF A WEEK'S LEGISLATIVE WORK.

Bills and Resolutions Introduced and Topics Discussed by the National Body of Law Makers. In the senate on the 28th in connection with a resolution in relation to the Mississippi river a discussion sprung up and was participated in by many senators, the point turning on the question whether the levee system or outlet system was a correct one or whether there should not be a combination of the two. Senator Vest said congress should adopt one system or the other. Senator Keegan said his investigation had convinced him that the levee system was a failure, as it had been proved in the Yellow river of China, where the river raised and devastating overflows caused the loss of millions of lives. The outlet system was the true relief for the overflows of the Mississippi. After further discussion the business of the morning hour was proceeded with. Senator Blackburn introduced a bill for the admission of Arizona. It provided for land forfeiture bill was taken up and after some discussion, went over without action. The senate bill incorporating the society of the Sons of the American Revolution was read. Senator Plumb made some critical remarks about the efforts to encourage patriotism by awarding medals to the country, and moved to amend the bill by providing that its privileges be extended to all persons who served in the army and without action on the bill the senate adjourned.

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THE DAY AND THE MEN.

MAY FIRST AND WHAT IT WILL STAND FOR IN HISTORY.

A Great Demonstration, With Many Societies in Parade—Very Little Disturbance Anywhere in This Country—Not Quite so Peaceful Over the Water—Other News and Notes. President Gompers and the Workmen. May 1, was a proud day, not unmitigated with anxiety, for Samuel J. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. It was the day for the great May day parade, a demonstration agreed upon long ago, and in the preparations for which months have been spent, with the purpose of emphasizing the strength of the labor organizations of America, and of illustrating their demand for an eight-hour day. Mr. Gompers is a cigarmaker by trade, and has been shown by his rapid rise in position and influence, a man of great executive ability. As president of the federated organizations of labor, he is one of the most prominent figures in the American book of current biography. Largely under his control are 7,000,000 of workers. For the main part his utterance and actions in the great struggle now going on for shorter hours, have been temperate and judicious. It has been his constant advice that other trades do not engage in sympathetic strikes at this time, but wait for the result of the carpenters' strike.

Says a Chicago dispatch of the 1st: In view of the fact that the working people of the city are turning out very generally to-day, either to take part or witness the eight-hour work day parade, it is impossible to accurately measure the extent of the promised strikes. As, however, the carpenters have arranged to arbitrate their differences with the masters; as the stock yard men last night decided not to make any strike; as the men of the streetcar representatives of the federation of labor have been at work for the past week, among all classes, endeavoring to ally the strike fever, with a view to preventing the adoption of the city ordinance, consequent upon the carpenters' strike. Up to noon the talked-of strike at the stock yards was a failure. There was no concerted action toward stopping work.

Satisfied in Milwaukee. In Milwaukee the demand of the union carpenters for the adoption of an eight-hour day was not coupled with a demand for increased wages, and as the men are willing to accept eight hours' pay for eight hours' work, the movement has met with the approval of the employers, although the Contracting Carpenters' association declined as a body to formally declare in favor of eight hours. Many individual members of the association have announced their willingness to conform to the wishes of the men. The indications are that if any striking is done it will be in cases where individual contractors insist on retaining the ten-hour stopping work.

Strike in Boston. A strike of carpenters in this city for an eight-hour day was inaugurated this morning and about 2,000 men are out. It is estimated there are about 3,000 men in the city who have been granted eight hours of labor for 100 cents. A number of the members said the strike is of much smaller dimensions than they expected.

Two Thousand Carpenters Out in Detroit. A Detroit dispatch says: Fully 2,000 carpenters are out in this city today. The strike is expected to be short-lived, as the principal contractors are conceding the men's demands and it is thought work will be pretty generally resumed tomorrow. No other trade except the carpenters have been affected by the movement.

Many Wounded at Feast. The Feast dispatch is less specific. It says: The labor demonstration here was marked by a scene of bloodshed. Early this morning a large number of workmen gathered in front of the rolling mill. Large numbers of the agitators were engaged in a riotous demonstration which the police were powerless to quell. The mob was ordered to disperse and upon the refusal to obey the troops charged with fixed bayonets, wounding many of the men.

Strike for Nine Hours. The report from Philadelphia says: Journeying carpenters, roughly estimated at 1,000, went on strike this morning for a nine-hour day and 30 cents per hour. Deaths of the Great Chief Crowfoot. Crowfoot, the great chief of the Blackfeet, died on the 25th of inflammation of the lungs, after a few days' illness. He is believed to have been the last of his race. He was named Three Bulls as his successor. Crowfoot, or Spomaxibo, was one of the leading characters in the Canadian Northwest. The history of this region for the past half century has been largely determined by him. His influence over the Indians was supreme. He was the closest embodiment possible of the mythical noble red man. He died in battle, imbued with all the instincts of the Indian, he at the same time possessed many traits of character which commanded the admiration of all whom he was brought in contact. In early pioneer days he was the arbitrator between the Indian and the white man.

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His diplomacy extracted the Canadian Pacific Railroad company from a serious difficulty with the Blackfeet. He was over the friend of the missionary. His refusal to join the rebels in the last north-west rebellion prevented what would otherwise have been a long and bloody conflict. He married a Four Girl. The Shoemaker family is one of the oldest and wealthiest families in the anthracite region. Their annual income from coal royalties alone reaches \$250,000. One member of the family is McDonald D. Shoemaker, whose income is \$200,000 a year. He is about 40 years of age. Until very recently he had been understood to be a wealthy man, but it was discovered that he was a poor man. He was determined, however, and one day last week he took a train for Elmira, in company with Annie Lawrence, a young woman who had been formerly employed by him as a housekeeper. They were married. On Saturday Shoemaker returned with his bride to Wilkes-Barre, intending to install his wife in his mother's home. His uncle, John Harrower, who is a prominent citizen, and the bride couple put in an appearance. Harrower threw their luggage into the street, and when Shoemaker attempted to enter the house his uncle knocked him down, bleeding him and striking him with a gutter. Shoemaker has since had his uncle arrested. There is great excitement over the matter in aristocratic circles.

Escaped Justice for Many Years. Seven years ago Omeri Thompson and Ovid White followed Jacob Johnson home from the Salem, Ind., fair, killed and robbed him, and fled to the north. Thompson returned to Kansas. Thompson was arrested at Wyandotte, returned to Salem, tried and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. White, who was apprehended in Douglas county, was held in the county jail. He has been believed dead since. His arrest at Mineola is now announced. Omeri Thompson attempted to escape recently. He was caught by the police and taken to the jail. He was found to have a large sum of money hidden in his shoes. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

Mysterious Disease in Indiana. A special from Muncie, Ind., says: A deadly and unusual pestilence in this city was suddenly spread by the arrival of a party of Cheyennes. The Cheyennes, who had arrived from the north, were found to be suffering from a mysterious disease. The disease was highly contagious and spread rapidly among the Cheyennes. The Cheyennes were taken to a reservation and the disease was kept under control.

French Anarchists. Twelve anarchists have been arrested in Paris. Among those taken into custody were the well-known anarchist, Louis Lingg, and a number of other prominent anarchists. The anarchists were arrested on suspicion of plotting the assassination of the president of the French republic.

SHORT BITS OF NEWS. One of the New York and Brooklyn ferry boats will carry 5,000 passengers at a trip. CHINAMEN use the skin taken from the belly of the sturgeon by tanning it into leather. WILLIAM NIXON was killed in Cincinnati by Joseph Smith, a laundryman, by a blow of the latter's fist. EMIN PASHA has started into the interior of New Guinea with a large body of British soldiers and 600 porters.

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THIS AND THAT IN NEBRASKA.

County Resolves War.

A county seat fight is now on in Red Willow county. For the past few days McCook has made a still hunt for a special election for the purpose of relocating the county seat at Red Willow county, which is now located at Indianola, a small town eleven miles east of McCook. McCook's committee having the matter in charge has presented to the county commissioners a petition signed by 1,700 electors of the county, asking that a special election be called to relocate the county seat. Last year was an off year in politics. Only 1,707 votes were cast at the November election, and as only three-fifths of the number of votes cast at the last election are necessary to procure a special election, it is safe to predict that an election will be called. Indianola's friends are endeavoring to get up a remonstrance to defeat the call. The county commissioners gave them until Saturday night to file remonstrances, and will give their decision on Wednesday next. McCook feels confident that the election will be called and that they will win.

Fire at Fremont. The second Sunday fire alarm at Fremont was sounded at 5 o'clock. The fire was located in Congressman Dorsey's fine brick block, corner of Sixth and Main streets. Its origin was in the room in the rear of the Farmers' Merchants bank, owned by Mr. Dorsey as his private office. The prompt response of the fire department saved the building. The banking rooms, Mr. Dorsey's office and the apartments occupied by the Farmers' Merchants and Investment company were considerably damaged by smoke and water, while the Herald office, in the basement, was flooded. The loss is fully covered by insurance. It is supposed that the fire was caused by a lighted cigarette which had been thrown under a wastebasket in a corner of the room, there being no fire in any of the stoves or furnaces in the building.

Novel Way of Fencing Land. A correspondent writes the Genoa Republican: "They have a novel way of fencing land in the west. I noticed one of these novelties in Furnas county, where a farmer wished to turn the travel from a public road to a private one. He did this by plowing the land and placing a cross in the road with the following notice: 'This road is fenced.' There was not a sign of a fence anywhere near the land."

Items Briefly Noted. GRANT was visited by heavy snowstorms last week. ANTELOPE are occasionally seen in McCPherson county. THE printers of Columbus will hold their annual spring picnic May 1. HUMPHREY boasts of an athletic club, the only one in the county, which owns an outdoor track. It is asserted that there is yet in the hands of the farmers of Dodge county one-half of the corn crop of last year. MISS FLORA BOTTENFIELD, a prominent teacher in the Nelson public school, has a highly respected young lady of that place, died Monday of nervous prostration caused from overwork. HARRY ANDREWS, of Lamar, was seriously injured about the face and head by an auto on Tuesday. He is now suffering from concussion of the brain, and his recovery is doubtful. A DRUGGIST at Lamar advertises that "positively no person can buy liquor of him for any purpose but strictly medicinal, and a highly respected young lady of that town and vicinity say that she adheres strictly to his rule. FOUR lodges of the farmers' alliance have organized a joint stock company with a capital stock of \$12,000 and propose to establish a grain stock, implement and general merchandise business at Pleasanton, in Buffalo county. WHILE Adam Kloos, of Nebraska City, was in the county he shot at a rabbit, and he was outting the revolver back to his pocket it continued to go off, after the manner of a repeating rifle, the ball taking effect in his leg, making a painful though not dangerous wound. C. W. WALLINGFORD, who resides near the town of Beatrice, recently discovered a rabbit about 3 weeks old enjoying the companionship of a nest of kittens, says the Fremont Herald. The little fellow was made welcome and takes nourishment from the mother cat the same as the rest of the family. A TYPEWRITER factory is being built at Ord. It is reported that North Bend oil well has bubbled out. It proved to have been instigated by a dog. It is now off. GEORGE MILLER, a farmer living ten miles north of Bloomington, fell from a wagon while driving home and broke his neck. A THREE-YEAR-OLD child of John Hodge, living near Takamah, was fatally injured by his clothes catching fire from a train fire. SEVERAL pigs and calves belonging to John H. Nicholson, of Springfield, which were bitten by a dog last week, have gone mad. LITTLE Susie Keeler, of Wahoo, was frightened the other night by a party of boys who played the role of ghosts. She was found in an unconscious condition by her parents and since that time has had a number of sinking spells, some of which have been severe. A CHEESE FACTORY plant will be put in at Rushville by a stock company. A BIG jackrabbit hunt is being organized at Shickley in which many ladies will take part. The Webster County Alliance is the name of a new alliance paper started at Red Cloud. J. H. HALDEMAN and E. H. Woolley, two Heping Water attorneys, indulged in a little disagreement in court the other day, during which law books flew through the air, faces were scratched and blood flowed freely. The jury urged the combatants on and when the scrap was over the judge kindly scooped the apologetic offenders. BEATRICE was visited up by the trainwreck in the same hour. No great damage resulted. A CHRISTIAN church has been organized at Grant. A LEBANON public elevator is to be built at Wiscella.

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