

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

No Senate Little and But Very of the House.

The Day in the Latter Being Spent in Discussing the Tariff Commission Bill.

No Changes to be Made in the Interior Department by the New Secretary.

Miscellaneous Notes of a National Character.

CONGRESS.

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PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE. The house went into committee of the whole on the tariff commission bill, having first agreed on a session to-morrow for discussion of the tariff commission bill only.

Mr. Haskell took the floor in support of the bill and republican principles of the recent growth and prosperity of the south. On the ocean where trade occurs every successful line of vessels is supported by government aid. We will never have a merchant marine unless we adopt a similar system. He showed that during the free trade of 1850 to 1860 the growth of our interests was very slight as compared with the protection decade of 1860 to 1870. Mr. Muldrow spoke against the bill and in favor of a tariff for revenue.

Recess was taken until 7:30 for consideration of pension bill.

The house spent the evening on pension bills, passing nineteen bills, and adjourned at 9:37 p. m.

CAPITAL NOTES.

National Associated Press. MISCELLANEOUS. WASHINGTON, April 7.—The 108th call of bonds matures to-morrow; \$1,715,400 have been presented and checks will be mailed to-night, interest included.

The comptroller of the currency has, with the approval of the secretary, decided to issue \$5 national bank notes upon a new plate. The principal features will be an engraved head of the late President Garfield, with new charter numbers in various positions of the note, and particularly in the border, so that its identity may be easily ascertained from any fragment. Other denominations of bank notes of the series of 1882 will be changed so that they can be easily distinguished from former issues.

At the close of business to-day continued bonds had been redeemed of the 105th call, \$19,687,950; of the 106th call, \$18,430,550; of the 107th call, \$15,635,500; of the 108th call, \$5,539,950.

A member of the Chinese legation writes, in answer to a letter: "Accept our thanks for congratulations and kind sentiments towards us. The president's veto is a just and reasonable one. We admire his conduct very much. His sound judgment cannot be swayed by ill feeling politicians, etc., etc."

The Italian minister here informs the state department, that under the existing laws of Italy tobacco is liable for duty when carried into that kingdom; that the custom has been to inform people verbally of that fact at the custom houses, but many foreigners not understanding the language, resisted and in some cases injured people in the present crisis be cautious in utterances, live their religion and trust God to fight their battles for them. Edmunds declared them unconstitutional, but the Lord will punish congress for its passage. Statistical reports were read showing the church membership in Utah and Idaho, including children, is over 120,000.

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DESTROYING ELEMENTS.

Beginning of the Annual Season of Devastation.

Full Details of a Destructive Cyclone that Passed Over Michigan.

Killing a Number of People and Doing Immense Damage to Property.

A Section of Kansas Laid Low by a Hurricane.

National Associated Press. GREAT BEND, Kas., April 7.—A cyclone which started near Raymond, in Rice county, last night, moving in a northerly direction near town. Mr. John Wilson's house was blown down and Mrs. Wilson killed; Mrs. Parker, a visitor, was fatally injured. Five other large and substantial houses were prostrated in the town of Chase. Twenty buildings were demolished, leaving but six standing. Mr. Read, a hotel keeper, was killed and his wife fatally injured. A woman and child, names unknown, were killed at the farm of E. B. Tawversee. All water was sucked out of wells. A water spout apparently accompanied the cyclone, as the heaviest rain in the town of Chase are Eckerts Bros., whose store room is entirely destroyed; Ed Shatter, store and residence; Swisher & Dupree, lumber yard, blown entirely away; Geo. F. Miller's new residence, entirely demolished; Congregational church, in process of erection; J. J. Reid's hotel, entirely destroyed; Methodist Episcopal church, twisted quarter round on its foundation; Mr. Grover's residence, destroyed; Mr. Hartshorn's drug store was leveled to the ground. All the inhabitants of Chase were more or less injured. The people are living in box cars, and many families are in a destitute condition.

Fatal Steamboat Explosion. National Associated Press. ST. PAUL, Minn., April 7.—The steamer Belle Mac blew up at 3 o'clock this morning between Brownsville and La Crosse. Five of the crew of seven were missing and are supposed to have been killed, and two others were fatally injured. Nearly all the crew in La Crosse. The missing are J. McIntyre, Chas. R. Martin, William McCallish, George McCallish and John Nolan. The body of the adopted son of Capt. Gordon was found on the boat. The crew were in berth when the explosion occurred, and were held there by the settling of the upper works, and were taken out with difficulty. Capt. Gordon was scalded in the face. Morris had a leg broken, and his face and body badly scalded; C. M. Moushan and C. F. Wolfson were scalded also. The sufferers were taken to La Crosse, where they are being carefully attended.

The boat was owned by McDonald Bros., and is a total wreck. Loss, \$8,000. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Murdered and Robbed. National Associated Press. ST. PAUL, MINN., April 7.—An inquest was held on the body of the unknown man ten days dead, found near Ashby, Grand county, referred to in these dispatches a few days ago. The jury found that deceased had been murdered and robbed by some person unknown. Bodies a railroad track from Newburg, N. Y., to Grand Forks, Dak. There was found on the person a slip of paper on which was written with a pencil "George W. Dusenbury, Millbrook, Dutchess county, N. Y." This is the only clue to identity discovered.

Marine Intelligence. National Associated Press. HAMBURG, April 7.—Arrived—The Suevia, from New York. QUEENSTOWN, April 7.—Sailed—The City of Rome, from New York. LIVERPOOL, April 7.—Arrived—The Gallia and the Nevada, from New York.

SOUTHAMPTON, April 7.—Passed—The Elbe, from New York, and the Kronprince, Fr. Wilhelm, from Baltimore, both for Bremen.

Catholic Church Burned. National Associated Press. CINCINNATI, April 7.—St. Xavier's Catholic church, one of the finest in the country, burned this morning at 1 o'clock. The fire is supposed to have originated from a fire in the altar. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Insurance, not to exceed \$20,000. The gold and silver ornaments were saved.

Fires. National Associated Press. SALEM, Mass., April 7.—The Eastern railroad station was set on fire this morning by the falling of a patent signal tower into the oil waste and baggage room. Property was destroyed to the value of \$90,000, including all baggage in the depot.

Another Ford Arrested. National Associated Press. ST. LOUIS, April 7.—A St. Joseph special says that Capt. Ford, brother of the boys who shot Jesse James, was arrested in that city at 4 o'clock this morning, for the murder of Wood Hite, and taken to Richmond, Ray county, his home.

Injured by a Falling Floor. National Associated Press. NEW ORLEANS, April 7.—In tearing down an old building to-day the third floor gave way, precipitating seven workmen below. Wm. Nolan and Henry Fields were seriously injured; the others escaped with slight bruises.

Struck With a Brick Meuld. National Associated Press. HARRISBURG, Pa., April 7.—Adam Houser was struck on the head to-day with a brick maul in the hands of a young man named Edward Gummo, from the effects of which he died shortly afterwards.

Suicide. National Associated Press. NEW ORLEANS, April 7.—Felix Gouff, Frenchman, to-day shot himself in the right temple and will probably die. Family trouble was the cause.

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The End of Cornelius Vanderbilt. National Associated Press. NEW YORK, April 6.—The coroner's jury in the case of Cornelius J. Vanderbilt rendered a verdict of suicide while under aberration of mind.

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Prize Fight. National Associated Press. CHICAGO, April 7.—A prize fight took place in this city this morning, between Owen McManus, of Syracuse, N. Y., and Jno. Files, of New York City. The match was for \$200 aside. It was fought with hard gloves. McManus was seconded by Dick English and Williams, and Files by Ed. Dorsey and Jack Norton, all local sports. McManus scored three knock downs in the first three rounds, but lost the fight in the fourth round by striking a foul blow after Files was down. The decision is disputed.

Gnats in Arkansas. National Associated Press. LITTLE ROCK, April 7.—Recent storms have scattered myriads of buffalo gnats from the overflowing districts to all surrounding places. The people are greatly annoyed, and horses and cattle in adjacent plantations are tortured by them. A species known as turkey gnat is also numerous, and is killing fowls of every description. It is more than forty years since this city was last plagued with them. The buffalo gnat lives only about three days.

Horse Thieves Captured. National Associated Press. ST. PAUL, MINN., 7.—A band of five horse thieves who have been making life unpleasant to people in the vicinity of Springfield, Dakota, has just been hunted down and captured. They had taken refuge in a large cave where they had kept most of their plunder until it would be disposed of.

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