

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Yesterday's Proceedings in the Senate and House.

The Franking Privilege Under Fire in the Lower Body.

Preparations for the National Land League Convention To-day.

Miscellaneous Notes of a National Character.

CONGRESS.

National Associated Press.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—

Mr. Morrill, from the committee on finance, reported favorably the bill to establish an assay office at Deadwood, Dak.

Consideration of the bill granting right of way to the St. Louis & San Francisco railway through the reservation of the Choctaw nation was resumed, and discussion continued until 4:45, when without coming to a vote on the bill the senate adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.

In the consideration of senate amendments to the postoffice bill, some discussion arose on the amendment restoring the franking privilege to members of congress.

Mr. Cannon (Ill.) said from figures furnished by the postoffice department he found that of 174,000,000 pounds of mails were carried per year, 73 per cent. being printed matter, and is carried practically free of cost.

Eighty-five per cent. is received for the carrying of letters. The proposition to carry the mails of congressmen free would probably allow transportation free of about one per cent. of the mails carried. He did not make these statements as being in favor of the amendment but for the information of the house. He, however, stated that the franking privilege having been already restored on all printed matter in any way part of the records, he might favor extending it to letters if it could be granted.

Mr. Townsend opposed the amendment.

Mr. Robinson (N. Y.) thought it a small affair to refuse transportation of a half-ounce letter to a soldier when books weighing four or five pounds were carried free to wealthy farmers and college professors. He favored a general reduction of letter postage.

Mr. Hill (N. J.) favored a general reduction of letter postage to all.

Mr. Robinson opposed the return of the franking privilege.

Mr. Springer offered an amendment, that the official envelope, such as used by postmasters and department officials be granted members for use for official business; this not, however, to apply to members of the present congress. Voted down.

The senate amendment was then rejected by a unanimous vote. At 4 o'clock the bill was sent to the committee of conference and the house went into a committee of the whole again upon the tariff commission.

Mr. Cox (New York) spoke in opposition to the bill, urging there should be immediate action, while this plan would cause long delay. He also opposed the internal revenue system, holding especially that it gives revenue officials privileges of oppressing the people. He also spoke against the present tariff system as oppressive upon the farming community and others.

Without action the committee rose.

The committee on railways and canals reported favorably the bill for the construction of the Illinois and Mississippi river canal popularly known as the Honnell canal.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

CAPITAL NOTES.

National Associated Press.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Among the nominations sent in to-day were Saml' M. Jackson to be collector of internal revenue for the Twenty-third district of Pennsylvania.

The following nominations were confirmed: Sterling P. Rounds, public printer; Robert S. Chilton, United States consul at Port Erie. Postmaster—Thomas Carlin, at Pierce City, Mo.; Harry C. Taylor, at Lyons, Ky.; E. W. Willard, at Wilmington, Ill.

The president, Secretary Lincoln and other members of the Soldiers' Home board, go on the revenue steamer Chester A. Arthur to Hampton, Va., to-morrow to investigate the home there. General McClellan will meet the board at Hampton.

Teller will take charge on Monday. Brady's counsel filed pleas in abatement on the ground that illegal and unsworn witnesses were received in the grand jury room during its sitting.

Abatement in the pleas of the star route cases filed to-day sets forth that P. H. Woodward and Z. L. Tibball appeared before the grand jury without legal authority, with printed statements and arguments in relation to the indictment under consideration which were read to the jury and left with them, and that Woodward and Tibball made arguments before the grand jury to convince them that indictments should be found; that they also took before the grand jury affidavits of parties not witnesses; that the grand jury found, endorsed, signed and returned the indictment without having heard it read and without having considered its allegations; and further, that the defendants were not bound over by any court or committing magistrate or other competent officers. Tibball is charged with placing before the jury a pamphlet report of star route investigations before the committee of the house of representatives. The ground of the judge's overruling

of the places is that investigation of the grand jury must be done any way. It is expected there will be no delay beyond May 4th, the day now set for trial to commence.

The house committee on commerce have completed the outline of their bill and harbor bill. They heard the New England delegation to-day and to-morrow will hear New York, New Jersey Delaware and Indiana. After all have been heard the house committee will revise the bill and report.

The house committee on naval affairs agreed to the sale of the Charleston navy yard and to the bill dismissing naval officers for drunkenness.

Pitkin's name will be sent in as successor to Wharton as marshal.

Governor Crittenden, of Missouri, arrived here to-night. He denied the report that he left the state because of needing personal security. He came to adjust some land claims.

It is learned to-night that the cabinet came to conclusion in the Fitz John Porter case. The president said he was willing to do what was legal in the matter.

Delegates are arriving on every train to attend the convention of the national land league which meets here to-morrow. Five hundred delegates are expected, among them one hundred Catholic priests, and Congressmen Murch, Ladd and Robinson. Arrangements for the meeting were completed to-night. Gen. P. A. Collins, of Boston, will call the convention to order at Lincoln hall. Two sessions a day will be held.

Among subjects that will be considered will be the demand for the recall of Minister Lowell, to invite cooperation of organizations favorable to Irish freedom, and to encourage moral and financial support for Ireland. The treasurer's report will show \$261,000 have been forwarded to Ireland within a year. It is expected the convention will adjourn on Thursday with a monster mass meeting at which prominent congressmen will be invited to speak.

The cabinet meeting to-day is understood to have been unimportant and confined to transaction of routine business. J. R. G. Pitkin was agreed upon as marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana, vice Wharton.

The national board of managers of soldier's home was in session here to-day. The president and secretary of war were in attendance.

The president's reception to army and navy officers and their families was largely attended and was very brilliant. Officers appeared in full uniform. They were received in the Blue room, which was lavishly decorated with flowers and evergreens. The Marine band was stationed in the vestibule, and discoursed sweet music during the evening.

Fruit Prospects.

National Associated Press.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 11.—There is considerable apprehension in this portion of the state for the fruit crop. This morning the mud in the streets and highways was frozen solid, and the water was covered with ice. Nothing has probably suffered but fruit. A prominent fruit grower of this county says: He thinks that only a small portion of the crop is so far advanced here as to be hurt, but that in the southern part of the state great damage must be done.

CINCINNATI, April 11.—Fruit reports show the cold weather very disastrous to peaches, cherries and small fruits. All are badly damaged. The best judges say less than a fourth crop is possible.

Attempted to Influence Jurors.

National Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, April 11.—While empanelling a jury in the quarter sessions this afternoon for the trial of William Kenney, charged with embezzlement of \$40,000 from Jonathan Posoy, a wholesale dry goods merchant for whom he was confidential book-keeper, it was discovered that James Clifford, a young lawyer and distant relative of the defendant, had been visiting members of the panel urging them to give him the benefit of the doubt. The judge issued a warrant for his arrest, but the officer found his office and residence closed.

Criminal Label.

National Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, April 11.—In consequence of a series of violent assaults in the Press, covering nearly two months, charging collusion with thieves, receivers of stolen goods, etc., Henry Well, member of the city detective department under Mayor Stokely and new special detective to the district attorney, this afternoon instituted criminal proceedings for libel against Charles Emery Smith, editor-in-chief. Magistrate Ladner fixed Thursday afternoon for the hearing.

The Female Broker Again.

National Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, April 11.—The supreme court this afternoon granted a writ of habeas corpus, returnable Saturday, in the case of Mrs. Dow, the female broker of Boston and New York, in Moynessing prison upon charges of fraud and embezzlement from female speculators. Application is based on the old allegation that the defendant is a married woman.

Assigned.

National Associated Press.

KANSAS CITY, April 11.—Charles McKinnon, wholesale liquor dealer, made an assignment to-day. Assets, \$2,000; liabilities about equal to assets. He claims that the Kansas City prohibitory law has destroyed his business and is the cause of his failure.

The Drummers' Convention.

National Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 11.—The annual reunion of the Northwestern Commercial Travelers' association will be held at Lake Minnetonka on July 2, 3 and 4.

"WINE OF CARDUI" for Ladies only.

GUITEAU DISOWNS THEM.

He Wants Nothing to Do with the Scoville Odtft,

And Indignantly Repudiates the Assertion that He is Insane.

His New Book, "The Truth," Issued to the World Yesterday.

Summons Served on Him at Scoville's Home.

National Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Guiteau sends the following to the press:

Mrs. Frances M. Scoville, according to newspaper reports, has imprudently filed a petition in Chicago for a conservator of my estate. The only estate I have is the copyright of my books, "The Truth" and "The Removal," now in press. The absurdity of her pretenses is apparent from the fact that I don't live in Illinois and have not for nearly a year; besides this, I am not a lunatic. This was officially decided in my trial. I have lived in Washington over a year and this is my legal residence. The court had better dismiss the petition peremptorily. The Scovilles are a nuisance and I want nothing to do with them.

(Signed) CHARLES J. GUITEAU, U. S. Jail, Washington, April 11.

Guiteau's book, "The Truth," is out. It contains 240 pages of preface. He says: "The Truth" is my contribution to the civilization of the race, and I ask for its careful attention, to the end that many souls may find a savior. A new line of thought runs through it, and of the exigencies of heaven and hell. I submit their existence cannot be proved.

CHICAGO, April 11.—Mrs. Scoville's petition to be appointed conservator of Guiteau will not be filed until this afternoon. The sheriff took a summons to Mrs. Scoville's residence and was informed by the people there that it was the usual residence of Guiteau. Thus service was legally had on Guiteau by leaving the summons at his place of residence. The case will no doubt get in court.

Foreign News.

LONDON, April 11.—Dante Gabriel Rossetti, the poet, is dead.

LONDON, April 11.—A dispatch from Cairo says that a large number of Circassian officers have been arrested in that city on the charge of plotting to assassinate Arab Bey.

LONDON, April 12.—The Austrian and German press greet the appointment of M. De Giers, Russian minister of foreign affairs, as symptoms of the peace policy of Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 11.—A mob attempted to instigate an anti-Jewish riot at Warsaw, but the patrol succeeded in oppressing the rioters.

Marine Intelligence.

National Associated Press.

NEW YORK, April 11.—Sailed—The Abyssinia for Liverpool.

Arrived—The Caledonia from Marselles, the Furnessia from Glasgow, the Elysia from Genoa, the Hecla from Copenhagen, the Cimbrina from Hamburg, the State of Alabama from Glasgow, the Wisconsin and the Scotia from Liverpool.

BREMEN, April 11.—Arrived—The Kronprinz Fr. Wilhelm from Baltimore.

ANTWERP, April 11.—Sailed—On the 8th, the Rhineland for New York.

QUEENSTOWN, April 11.—Sailed—The Batavia for New York.

Postal Clerk Arrested.

National Associated Press.

KANSAS CITY, April 11.—Harry Park, mail agent on the Missouri Pacific road, running between this city and St. Louis, was arrested in St. Louis to-day, charged with having robbed the mails. He pleaded guilty and was placed under a bond of \$1,000. It is supposed the stealing has been the drafts that have been sent from Toledo to New York within three months. About \$50,000 have been lost in this way. Other arrests will be probably made.

Resignation of a Judge.

National Associated Press.

CINCINNATI, April 11.—Judge Foreaker, of the common pleas court, resigned on his health's account. He goes to Colorado.

Three Children Cremated.

National Associated Press.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 11.—Three children of Augustus Burger, of Madison county, were cremated in a dwelling while their parents were away from home. They arrived just in time to see the building fall.

Heavy Snow Storm.

National Associated Press.

ST. JOHN, N. B., April 11.—Heavy snow storm is raging throughout the province. Four inches have already fallen here.

A Very Careless or Malignant Doctor.

National Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 11.—A remarkable case, in some particulars resembling Dr. Lamson's, is under investigation here by the coroner. Dr. F. H. Griffin, a young man of good family, was in a saloon a few days ago, when he heard a poor woman was sick near by. He went to her house without invitation and according to testimony given to-day, administered enough atropia and digitalis to kill a regiment. He also gave her an eighth of a grain of morphia. The woman died before Griffin had time to get out of the house. He is under \$5,000 bail to answer to the charge of malpractice.

The inquest has been adjourned in order to await the result of a chemical

analysis of the woman's stomach. Griffin's parents say that he is accustomed to use morphia and is mentally unsound.

Destructive Hall Storm.

National Associated Press.

DALLAS, TEXAS, April 11.—This city was visited by a terrific hail storm, accompanied by strong gusts of wind. Threatening clouds in the north and west portended danger, but it was not until the frightened citizens could trace the ruthless track of a terrible cyclone but a short distance west that they learned what danger they had escaped. It was bad enough, however. Lightning such as never was seen before leaped from the clouds and the descending hail stones of unheard of size, sounded like the fusillade of a mighty army of riflemen. For full an hour this reign of terror lasted and the streets were deserted save by the runaway teams goaded to fury by the cruelty. One thousand dollars' worth of glass was destroyed. Numerous injuries were inflicted upon man and beast, but none of a fatal character. Grapevine, a small town to the northwest, was almost totally annihilated. A woody house, the pride of the neighborhood, was burned entirely over and the inmates injured, but none fatally. Rumor prevail that the flourishing town of Danton was also visited, and that the loss to life and property was severe.

New Orleans Races.

National Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 11.—The spring races of the new Louisiana Jockey Club opened to-day. The attendance was good. In the first race, hurdle, Glasgow cleared the first hurdle, knocking it down; Strachine, close behind, fell in the debris, on his rider, Alfred Lakeland; Boston on the Table next fell over Strachine, throwing his rider, Tom Redmond. Both jockeys were badly hurt, and it is feared, received fatal internal injuries. Time, 2:32; Glasgow first. After Strachine recovered, a stable boy mounted him and won second money.

The second race, three year olds, Pickwick stakes, one-quarter mile, Angela first, Apollo second, Babcock (the favorite), third. Time, 2:14.

Third race, one and a half miles, Fair Court first, Saunterer second. No time. The conclusion of the race was run during a heavy rain and wind storm, doing much damage to club property.

Fires.

National Associated Press.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 11.—The small pox hospital was burned by an incendiary last night. Loss light and no lives lost.

DETROIT, Mich., April 11.—Last evening the ladies' hall at Olivet college was entirely destroyed. Most of the students saved their effects. They will live in private houses until the hall is rebuilt. The burned structure was insured.

NEW ORLEANS, April 11.—A fire in Algiers this morning destroyed A. J. Diamond's residence and contents. Loss, \$4,000; also the McDonough school house. Loss, \$5,000; insured.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 11.—A fire at Albert Lea to-day, originating in Wallack's cigar factory, destroyed the same; also the Standard office, two barber shops, a millinery store, Frank Abolo's boot and shoe store, J. P. Colby's restaurant, Knalvold Bros' hardware, Strauss & Schlessinger's clothing store and the judge of probate office, besides damaging other establishments. The stocks were nearly all saved except the Standard office and cigar factory. Loss, \$20,000; partly insured.

Texas Legislation.

National Associated Press.

AUSTIN, April 11.—Another bill was introduced in the legislature to-day providing for the survey and setting aside out of state reservations of three million acres of land for the state university. These bills indicate that the legislature has no disposition to provide for unlocated land certificates issued heretofore.

A bill passed to-day reducing passenger fare on all railroads in the state to 3 cents per mile. A similar bill passed to engrossment in the house and the fare will be reduced.

Illinois Pharmacy.

National Associated Press.

SPRINGFIELD, April 11.—The state board of pharmacy met to-day. There were present George Beech, of Chicago, president; Frank Floury, Springfield, secretary, and H. C. Schrader and C. W. Day attendant. The only business before the board was the examination of applicants, of whom there were forty-one present. The examination was continued at the evening session. The names of the successful candidates will be announced to-morrow.

Arkansas Cussedness.

National Associated Press.

LITTLE ROCK, April 11.—Perry county, to which the governor last summer sent from here militia to prevent a vendetta war, has again commenced to make itself prominent in lawlessness. Last night J. A. Butler, a prominent citizen, was assassinated there by unknown parties. It is believed the murder is the result of political jealousy kept alive since the war.

The Mississippi Booming.

National Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 11.—The Red river is booming and the rise continues. At Grand Forks, Dak., the pontoon bridge was carried away, and a large quantity of lumber from the broken boom. Two hundred families have been driven off the flats by the submerging of their houses. The rise in the Mississippi west of St. Paul has been checked by the frost.

CATAKOH OF THE BLADDER.

National Associated Press.

Stinging irritation, inflammation, all kidney and urinary complaints, cured by "Buchupapin." \$1. Depot at C. J. Goodman's.

BRICK ON THE BRAIN.

The Cry of the Bluffs is for More Brick.

There Not Being Anywhere Near Enough to Fill the Demand.

A New Hotel and An Opera House to be Erected this Season.

And Broadway to Be Paved with Brick.

[Communicated.]

COUNCIL BLUFFS, April 11.—Great interest is manifested in the manufacturing of bricks in this city this season, as no less than thirteen brick yards will soon be in operation, with combined capacity of 175,000 bricks a day.

Among the largest manufacturers are Winchester and Wickam. The former's yard is driven by steam, and has for some time past been turning out bricks with this beater machine, and will soon have a kiln ready to burn.

The immense deposits of clay will yet prove to be a great source of revenue to this city and vicinity. The clay differs in quality, but will all be utilized in time. Brick-making is not in its infancy, but the methods of to-day are nearly as primitive as those of the Jews under the Pharaohs, with one exception, the modern brick-maker rejecting the straw. The future calls for more wealth, machinery and skill in the manufacture of brick. They must be made faster, better, cheaper and in greater quantities, for lumber is advancing as our forests disappear.

More building will be done here this season than last as the prospect now stands. The contractors hands are now full, and you will find that the bluffs is not going to play tail to the Omaha kite building boom of last year. We propose to hold the kite this season, in order that we may keep pace with the spirit of progress.

This season we are to have another first class hotel, one that your Grand Paxton and Millard will not be able to look down upon, an opera house which some say will be a decided improvement on the Boyd. I have my doubts about that, still we should improve the older we grow.

We are to have the water works, that is decided, and we know by Rosewater's report of the O. W. W., that we will beat you there.

The plans are out for a number of business blocks which will be under way as soon as we get bricks. The great cry here now is bricks. Owing to the prospect of cheaper bricks this season quite a number of our business and professional men propose to build residences of brick.

Rents are high with scarcely a whole house to be had at any price and income tax do as is done in a full omnibus or hotel, double up and murmur not. Tents and dugouts will not be at a discount over here this summer but a necessity.

There is talk of paving Broadway from the Ogden house to the depot with beaten bricks several courses deep, laid in cement and covered with asphalt. The question is can they get the bricks. E. B. HUNT.

He Still Lives.

National Associated Press.

PITTSBURGH, April 11.—James McHugh, who was shot by Elizabeth McCue last night, is still alive, and the doctors think he may recover. The woman was removed to the jail this morning. She refuses to give any reason, except that McHugh wronged her. It is believed jealousy was the cause. He was once attentive to her, but has lately kept out of her company. She is 10 years older than McHugh.

Disappearance of a Forger.

National Associated Press.

LYNN, Mass., April 11.—Charles Morris, after raising about \$70,000 for forgeries, borrowing and raising money for sufferers of all kinds, has disappeared, leaving his wife and children behind. The names principally used in the forgeries were James W. Pike, R. C. Judging, and George H. Harwood. He raised twelve thousand for Judkins, the principal victim of the recent boiler explosion, pocketing the entire sum.

Death of Ida Greeley.

National Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Mrs. Nicholas Smith, nee Ida Greeley, died this morning of diphtheria at her father's homestead at Chhattaquas, N. Y. She leaves three children, the youngest 4 weeks old. She was ill only one week.

Made His Last Run.

National Associated Press.

CHICAGO, April 11.—Wm. A. Hulbert, president of both of the National league and the Chicago base ball club, died suddenly of heart disease last night at his residence in this city. He was born in Burlington, Vt., N. Y., in 1832. He has been a resident of this city since 1834.

All Quiet at Fort Reno.

National Associated Press.

CHICAGO, March 11.—A special from Fort Reno says that the fears of the threatened outbreak of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians has entirely subsided. A full allowance of rations has been restored and peace reigns.

Big Strike of Laborers.

National Associated Press.

CHICAGO, April 11.—One thousand laborers in the stone quarries at La-

mont, this county, are on a strike, for an advance of wages from \$1.50 to \$2 per day. Three hundred strikers organized themselves into a lodge of the Knights of Labor, and made the demand. As active operations were about commencing for the season, it is thought a compromise will be made on \$1.75 per day.

The Rugby Colony.

National Associated Press.

GLENMARY, Tenn., April 11.—John Boyle, manager of Rugby, is succeeded by Robert Walton. This ends the English engagement.

FESTIVITIES RENEWED.

Concordia, Maennerchor and E. M. A. Balls Monday Night.

The subscription Easter ball of the Concordia Society, took place at Turner's hall Monday, the Musical Union orchestra furnishing the music. About sixty couples were present, and as these Easter balls are always full dress affairs, the scene was a brilliant one.

MAENNERCHOR.

The Omaha Maennerchor society having just completed the arrangement of their new hall in the third story of Poppleton's block for occupancy, Monday gave an inaugural ball there, about thirty couples being present. The hall was elegantly decorated and the supper set up was very fine, indeed. The Musical Union orchestra also supplied them with music.

EMMETT BALL.

The thirteenth annual ball of the Emmet Monument Association at Kutny's hall was a grand success. The hall was brilliantly lighted, and the floor in excellent condition, and Irvine's orchestra never did better. In short, the ball was in every particular, financial and social, a tremendous success. The hall was decorated with festoons of evergreens and emblematical banners bearing the mottoes and insignia of this association, hung upon cords extending across the room from corner to corner. Much of the success of the evening is due to the efficient direction of the floor managers, Messrs. John Sheehan, Thomas Brennan, P. J. Barroll and J. S. Price. The committee of arrangements consisted of the following gentlemen: Michael Whelan, Jas. Douglas, Daniel Collins and Pat Healy. The reception committee: Ed. Quinn, Patrick Duffey, William White and Patrick Hukes.

The programme consisted of twenty-eight numbers, the completion of which necessitated a long run into the hours of morning.

Going for Godfrey.

At a meeting of Engine Company No. 3 held Monday, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of Engine Company No. 3, believing that our candidate, Mr. Charles H. Godfrey, by his practical experience as an engineer, by his long and faithful services in the department, and his honorable record as a fireman, is justly entitled to the confidence of his fellow-firemen; and believing further that his election as chief of the Omaha fire department will tend to restore better discipline and a more harmonious feeling in the department, hereby pledge him our support and urge