

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The Usual Calm Following the Death of Congress Permeates the City.

Important Clerical Errors Discovered in the New Tariff Bill.

The Government Closes Its Case in the Star Route Trial.

The Redemption of Check Stamps Provided For Personal and General News.

CAPITOL NOTES.

Special Dispatches to The Bee.

THE REDEMPTION OF STAMPS.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The comptroller of currency has many letters in reference to the redemption of the two cent check stamps not required by law to be used after July 1st next.

THE JAPANESE ENVOYS

to Hawaii, now on a short visit to this city, were formally presented to the president to-day by the secretary of state.

CARLETT INDIAN SCHOOL.

Secretary Teller, commissioner of Indian affairs, Price, Logan and several other members of congress, went to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, this morning to inspect the Indian school at that place.

FULLILLAN'S SUCCESSOR.

The President accepted the resignation of James Gillilan treasurer of the United States. It is not likely a successor will be appointed for some time.

THE CABINET MEETING

was short and unimportant, there were three absentees, Teller, who is out of the city, and Chandler and Brewster, who are indisposed.

SUIT COMPROMISED.

The treasury department has accepted the offer of a compromise in the Aniline dye case, which involved a settlement for \$10,000 of the suit brought by the government for under valuation on dye importations to the amount of \$75,000.

THE MALAGASY AMBASSADORS

arrived from New York this afternoon and proceeded at once to the hotel, accompanied by Colonel Wickham Hoffman, minister from Denmark, and Mr. Robinson, consul at Tomatave, Madagascar. While in the city, they will be the guests of the government.

HENRY A. F. CARTER.

the newly appointed Hawaiian minister to France, was succeeded in this country as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary soon after the death of Allen, former minister, who died in the executive mansion during the president's reception on the first of January last.

A COMMISSIONER FROM PRUSSIA.

Dr. Max Spring, of Berlin, who has been commissioned by the government of Prussia to investigate and report upon the agricultural and transportation interests and methods of the United States, has arrived. He will visit the principal cities of the United States in his official capacity.

THE CHIEF EXAMINER.

The president decides not to appoint the chief examiner of the civil service commission, but to let the commission appoint one at its convenience.

QUITMAN'S COUNSEL.

Charles Reed does not get \$3,000 for defending Quitman. The senate inserted the provision in the sundry bill but it was stricken out in the conference committee.

ERRORS IN THE TARIFF BILL.

Mr. McPherson, clerk of the house, says there are many typographical and clerical errors in the tariff bill as it appeared in the Congressional Record. The tax on tobacco is printed 80 cents instead of 8 cents, and in the iron schedule is a clause which was not printed in The Record at all. He is of the opinion that when the bill shall be accurately printed in full it will be found satisfactory than it now seems to be to representatives of the iron interest.

THE STAR ROUTE TRIAL.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Witness Boone was recalled in the star route trial to-day.

The defense having objected that the evidence of productivity did not come down to a recent date, the court replied that if they thought they could show that Brady was so far sighted as to perceive that the expedited routes would be productive within a few years, he ought certainly have credit for that course. Ingersoll declared that, as a matter of fact, there was not a star route west of the Mississippi that was not operated at a loss. He referred to the early days of the overland routes, when the government carried at the rate of \$5 a letter, for which they now received three cents. He inquired how they were to draw a line! The court quoted the limitation imposed by law upon expedition allowances. If the defense could show there had been no abuse of power that the orders had been issued because the government had not done that far. By mutual agree-

ment counsel waived reading a number of official papers.

Merrick then said, "that is the government's case, your honor."

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

The clerk of the court of commissioners of the Alabama claims has made a partial estimate of the amount involved in the claims now pending; 2,200 cases out of 5,700 are filed, aggregating nearly \$14,000,000 without interest. If the judgment were awarded for the amount claimed in these cases the interest would aggregate \$20,000,000. It will thus be seen the court has no difficulty disposing of the remainder of the Geneva award, about \$9,500,000. The court has now under consideration two millions of interest, first whether in certain cases the awards shall be made upon a gold or currency basis, (having reference to the war premiums on gold); second, what within the meaning of the act creating the court is "confederate cruiser," and does a privateer without letters of marque come within the intent of the act.

A Lobbyist's Views.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—A noted member of the lobby, who has been haunting the halls of the capital for many years, was asked to-day what he thought of congress, and at last he answered in a melancholy manner: "The present session of congress has been the most deplorable one to the lobby and to varied interests, public and private, through the country. The defeat of the Southern Pacific bill gave black eyes in all directions. It destroyed all bargains and combinations which had been formed for its passage and many schemes fell through with it. An unfortunate thing for all is that this tariff legislation was delayed so long. It has crowded everything out at the close of congress, and is not a very creditable bill after all."

THURMAN ACCEPTS.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Judge Thurman, of the civil service commission, called upon the president to-day in company with Senator Pendleton, and formally notified the president of his acceptance of the office.

INVESTIGATING A BRIBED LAWYER.

HARRISBURG, March 6.—The judicial committee of the house, to which was referred Governor Pettison's message in reference to the charge of bribery by the Standard Oil company, made a report embodying resolutions that a joint committee of the house and senate be appointed to investigate the charge of bribery and all the circumstances connected therewith mentioned in the governor's message to the general assembly, against E. G. Patterson, employed by the commonwealth in its suit against the Standard Oil company, with power to send for persons and papers. The resolution was adopted.

FOUNDING THE KENTUCKIANS.

CHICAGO, March 6.—The second game in the Brunswick & Balke preliminary Billiard tournament was played this afternoon between Lou Morris, of Chicago, and Randolph Hester, of New York. Morris won in 59 innings. Score—Morris, 530; Hester, 408. Averages—Winner, 8 28 50; loser, 6 54 59. Best Runs—Morris, 59, 44 and 41; Hester, 38, 34 and 33. The contestants at the evening game were Eugene Carter, of Chicago, and Frank Maggioni, of New Orleans. Score—Carter, 500; Maggioni, 342; 61 innings. Averages—Winner, 8 12 61; loser, 5 2 3. Best Runs—Carter, 42 and 43; Maggioni, 43 and 34.

NORMAL SCHOOL BURNED.

RALPHIGH, N. C., March 6.—Five of the buildings of the St. Augustine normal school for colored students, under the auspices of the Episcopal church, burned to-day. Loss, \$30,000; insurance, \$8,825. The students in attendance have made arrangements to carry on the school. No person injured. The work of rebuilding the school has begun.

A Victim of the Yazoo Wreck.

CINCINNATI, March 6.—Miss Clinton D Gray, a wealthy young lady of this city, is reported dying in New Orleans from injuries received in escaping from the sinking steamer Yazoo Sunday morning. She and her brother each recently gave \$2,000 both to the Cincinnati and Louisville flood sufferers.

New Orleans to Havre.

St. Louis, March 6.—Agent Francy of the American steamship company has arrived. He states the company propose establishing a regular line of steamships between New Orleans and Havre. New steamers of novel design are now building on the Clyde and will be completed September next and immediately commence weekly trips.

A Rife of the Flood.

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 6.—In the United States circuit court the case of John F. Knox, of California, against the Wabash railway, for the destruction of a cargo of wool by the floods of 1881, the jury returned a verdict for Knox for \$5,000.

Playing with Fire.

LAWRENCE, O., March 6.—The son and daughter of Azariah Williams, aged 4 and 2 respectively, went into a hay mow with matches. The boy set the mow on fire. The girl was burned and the boy escaped, but died of his injuries.

A Long Lease.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The ninety-nine year lease by which the New York, Lake Erie & Western assume control of the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio was signed to-day.

A BLOODY FIGHT.

The Battle of Brutes Under the Nose of New York Police.

The Light Weight Championship Settled in Fourteen Rounds.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

New York, March 6.—The most desperate prize fight the city ever witnessed took place to-night in the basement of Matt Gracia's Bowery sporting house. The principals were Geo. Fulljames, light weight champion, and Patrick Gallagher, a noted pugilist of Philadelphia. The men were apologetic for gloves to escape the law. The battle was for \$500 and light weight championship. Fourteen rounds were fought in 24 minutes. The championship and money was awarded Fulljames at the end of the fourteenth round. Gallagher failed to come to his feet. The men were terribly punished. In the middle of the fight the cry of the police was raised, but it proved a false alarm, and the men returned to the ring and finished the mill. Steve Taylor seconded Fulljames and 'Fiddler' Neary handled Gallagher. Over 500 people were present. Philadelphia sent a strong delegation, and this city was largely represented. The fight was within a stone's throw of the police headquarters. No arrests.

SCHOOL PANIC.

A Remedy Suggested by a New York Jury.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

New York, March 6.—The coroner's jury find that 14 children were suffocated and four crushed to death during the panic recently in the German Catholic school. The jury find the building insufficient to accommodate seven hundred children, the average attendance; that the stairway should be provided with hand rails on both sides. They recommend frequent systematic alarm exercises be had in all schools; and in order to enable pupils of different schools to avail themselves of all exits in this matter, the attention of the board of education is called to the expediency of appointing a suitable person to superintend false alarm drills.

A Two Edged Decision.

CHICAGO, March 6.—Judge Drummond, in the United States circuit court, in the case of the application of the Mutual Union telegraph company for an injunction, decided that Mayor Harrison had no right to cut the wires without an order from the court, but also held that the rights of the company had expired under the ordinance.

The Motion of the Mutual Union

to enforce its rights against the city, and allowing recognition of the wire cut by order of the mayor. The injunction was refused, but the court would restrain the city from further summary interference with the company's property. Mayor Harrison says the decision leaves him nothing to do but station a force of police where the wires were cut to prevent the company from reconnecting them. The Mutual Union says that under the ruling of the court, the company could sue the city for damages.

Tennessee Roadmasters.

NARVILLE, March 6.—The house to-day passed the state debt bill exactly as it came from the democratic caucus, to pay 50 cents on the dollar and three per cent interest on all but the state debt proper and bonds of cities, towns and counties within the state, for which it proposes to pay par with contract rate of interest. The bill will probably pass the senate.

The Resolution censuring United States Marshal Goeling, of Texas,

for seeking the reward for the arrest of Polk was defeated.

A Full House.

OTAWA, February 6.—Borstadt, the artist, is the guest of the governor general at the government house, and yesterday he sketched two large twin moose, which his excellency recently purchased from an Indian. Sackville West and daughter, who have been guests at the government house for the week past, left this afternoon for Montreal, on route for Washington. Miss Nilsson will be a guest at the government house during her visit to the capital.

They Want a Road.

BISMARCK, D. T., February 6.—At a mass meeting here this evening it was resolved to give \$10,000 to a railroad not under the control of the Northern Pacific, to be first in reaching this city, and giving a direct connection with Chicago.

Rolling Mill Strike.

CHICAGO, March 6.—A Springfield (Ill.) special says that between 500 and 600 men employed in the Springfield rolling mills are on a strike because of the employment of non-union men in some of the departments. Some of the non-union men have joined the strike. All the departments except the plow and plate mill have shut down.

Burned to Death.

WINNEPEG, Man., March 6.—Saturday midnight the residence of Annie Bremer took fire from an unknown cause. She was burned to a crisp.

A Fool and His Money.

PROVIDENCE, March 6.—James R. Keene, who passes every Sunday in Newport, checked a large checkbook Sunday night and was his solitary passenger for Providence and taking here the midnight train for New York. He arrived in Newport early Sunday morning via the Fall River line hiring the steamer at a large expense to put into Newport for his benefit. He will continue to make this circuitous and costly trip every Sunday unless the New York, Boston & Providence railroad company reverse their decision and make a stop at Wickford Junction for Keene's benefit. His Sunday vacation cost Keene at least \$200 each week.

TELEGRAPH NOTES.

Special Dispatches to The Bee.

Miss Mary Blake, deceased of Boston, left Tuft's college \$10,000. A committee was appointed to consider the expediency of opening the college to women.

The Massachusetts legislative committee

voted, 6 to 5, in favor of repearing the charter for the Maine elevated railroad in Boston.

The state officers of Vermont will be

chosen at the annual meeting to be held on the day of the funeral of Governor Stephens, of Georgia.

A Strike Caused by a Chinese

St. Louis, March 6.—One hundred ornamental painters employed in the Pullman car works struck this morning. It appears a Chinese youth who was brought to this country six years ago by R. M. Johnson, of this city, then consul to Hankow, was placed in the shop by the superintendent to work preparatory to a course of study at the school of mines, to which he will send a year hence. This was fully explained to the men, but they objected and this morning quit work. The superintendent of the works says the matter has now become one of principle and that he intends to conduct the business in his own way and that he will not yield to the men.

Electric Lighting.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

New York, March 6.—The Western Union decided to light the main building, Broadway and Dey streets, with the Edison electric light. The intention is to illuminate the centre of electric activity in such a manner as to illustrate that for interior illumination, electricity has achieved as great success as for the purpose of transmission of light. The office of the associated press will be lighted by the same means.

The Rebellion Quelled.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

St. Louis, March 6.—The late advices from the Indian territory officer of the Creek nation, recently captured Sleeping Rabbit, the rebel leader, headed by Sprague and some half a dozen other leaders of the same party, and now has them in confinement. This will probably break the backbone of the rebellion.

The Rebel Case.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

New York, March 6.—The Kings county supreme court has done up the regulation of 'hoobler' cars, requiring the passengers to deposit fares in a box, is a reasonable one, and dismissed the damage suit brought by a member of the Anti-Hoobler Car Association, ejected for refusing to comply with the regulation.

Convention of Cattle Men.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

FORT WORTH, Texas, March 6.—The Northwest Texas stockmen's association met this morning. There was a large attendance, not only of stockmen but of capitalists and tourists. At the meeting to-day nearly \$30,000, 000 capital was represented by Texas cattle raisers alone. The city is overflowing. No business of importance was transacted to-day.

Baltimore Stocks.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

BALTIMORE, March 6.—At the stock exchange yesterday Virginia consols opened at 54 and sold down to 51 to-day and declined to 41 and 10 40's to 38. A large amount of the issue is said to be held here and those who brought at higher figures will lose heavily. The fall is consequent to a decision of the United States Supreme Court yesterday.

A Shoot All Round.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

CINCINNATI, March 6.—Peter Goff, Henry Thompson and James Spiny, at Somerset, Ky., last night, quarreled over Goff's wife. Thompson made a remark which incensed Goff, who shot Thompson and was threatened by Spiny, when the latter shot Goff, killing him instantly.

Of the Bee Skeinists.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

St. Louis, March 6.—Bogardus and Carver have arranged to shoot the third match in this city, Friday next the match to be under the Illinois state rules, except the distance, which will be 21 yards, at 100 birds, 50 double rises, for \$250 a side. Dr. Carver says he has never shot at double birds but thinks he will not be far behind at the finish.

A Warning to Women.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

CLEVELAND, March 6.—Lucinda Balcom, aged 58 years, was rushed to-day at Wilmet village. She was in the habit of smoking after breakfast. Sparks from the pipe fell on her clothes, and she died in terrible agony.

An Official Thief Sentenced.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

MEMPHIS, March 6.—Noah D. Smith, deputy surveyor of customs of this port, charged with embezzlement and was sentenced to five years in the Chester, (Ill.) penitentiary.

Didn't Stand in with Rebecca.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

BALTIMORE, March 6.—The firm of Alet & Reany, shipbuilders and proprietors of the dry docks at Mount Point, assigned. Liabilities estimated at \$200,000.

THE MISSISSIPPI FLOOD.

The Father of Waters Floundering Over an Immense Amount of Territory.

The Levees Levelled at Numerous Points and the Country Flooded.

Rain and Wind Increases the Destruction.

The Lower River Flood.

St. Louis, March 6.—Say: The breaking of the Pitt High levee five miles below here will probably not effect Helena, but should the back water threaten the place, the culvert in the Midland railroad embankment will be closed, which will insure safety. About one hundred thousand acres of land will probably be overflowed by the breaking of the Pitt High levee; and when it is considered that this section was flooded last year, and that no crops of consequence were made on it after the water subsided, and that the owners were generally in debt prior to that time, some idea may be formed of the condition of the people there and what straits they will be in.

The Country Flooded.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

HELENA, Ark., March 6.—The rise here during the past twelve hours was two inches. The levees gave way last night below Friar's Point on the Mississippi side and at three places on the Arkansas side, which is no doubt checked rapidly. Rain is falling and fear a wind storm to-night, which, if violent, will break the levees at Iron Mountain depot. The railroad authorities are working a large force day and night. The St. Francis river rose a half point to Helena, 50 miles, the Arkansas is completely inundated.

STATE JOINTINGS.

There is a queer case of self-imposed

suffering in Nevada, precinct, Webster county. A man named Delancy was divorced from his wife some time ago, and after that has lived alone in a miserable barn. Separated by a legal act, he became a mule while, during a recent storm, became restless and kicked down the partition. The man was badly frozen next morning, but he refused the offer of people to help him for five days. It was only by threatening to send him to the insane asylum that he was finally prevailed upon to receive help and medical attention.

A horse jockey recently beat up a

Schuyler young blood, and being afraid of prosecution went to the young fellow and told him that he would give him \$20, the probable amount of the fine, if he was arrested. The young fellow took the money with pleasure and said he would give another beating at the same price.

After a quarrel between William Owsen and

his brother-in-law Elisha Kearns, at Driftwood, Hitchcock county, last week, resulted in the murder of the former by the latter. The deed was done in a relative through the stomach. The affray grew out of an old feud and the murderer escaped.

The prospects are good for a

crematory being started in Weeping Water this year. A citizen has gone to Iowa to investigate the workings of like institutions in that state, with a view of building a similar one in this vicinity.

Two burglars attempted to rob

the house of George Winslow, who lives on the Blue river near Hardy. He had expected to receive \$1,500, but had failed to do so, but the burglars thought he had the amount. They were frightened away by two shots fired from a gun.

Bill Fritz, the defaulting

treasurer of Madison county, is supposed to have actually raised the money. The county commissioners have commenced suit against his bondsmen, and have also attached his lumber yard.

There is talk about investigating a

piece of land near Madison for coal. It was recently dug on the place, and upon a chemical analysis being made of the water, the experts stated that there was coal in the near vicinity.

The Saline county farmer's

alliance has made a proposition to a journalist to start a paper in the interests of the alliance. It guarantees a circulation of 500 on the start, the paper will probably be forthcoming.

Up to the first of last week

two hundred and twenty cars of stock and 100,000 bushels of grain had been shipped from Weeping Water over the Missouri Pacific railroad since its advent into the town.

The second floor of the school house

at West Point, which consists of four rooms, all being finished off. This move is made in order to accommodate the largely increased number of school children.

The people of Guste county

have determined to build a bridge across the Loup at some available point in the Middle Loup valley. A committee has been appointed to locate a proper site.

Thompson, a resident of

Sanders county recently sold a 1,600 acre tract of land along the Platte river, in that county, to an Iowa man, who will go into the stock raising business on a large scale.

Grand Island wants a

creamery, a packing and a canning establishments. The papers of the town point to the fact that the vegetable grown in Hall county are the best in the state.

There was a fire at Hamilton,

Hamilton county last week which totally destroyed the dwelling house of M. E. Gardis, which was valued at \$300. The family barely escaped with their lives.

The prospects are very good for

the building of a \$25,000 brick hotel in Kearney this year. Besides this a large number of brick and substantial frame buildings are under contract.

At a recent meeting of the

village trustees of Schuyler, it was decided that new sidewalks would only be ordered built upon the petition of the property holders desiring the improvement.

Nebraska has about 500,000

people in 83,000 square miles, while Iowa has 1,900,000 people in 58,000 square miles. Nebraska has two-thirds less people in one-third more space.

The village of Weeping Water

has past the ordinance requiring dentists to have a permanent residence there to practice dentistry there.

The country papers are

advising their subscribers that the time of prairie fire is near at hand, and are recommending all farmers to use the utmost caution for their own protection.

A refrigerator car was

loaded with potatoes last week at Crest and shipped to the mountains below of Colorado. This pro-

duce trade is becoming a factor in Crest's growth.

Persons living in O'Neill have already subscribed \$2,000 towards building a creamery in that town. The amount necessary to start the enterprise will be \$3,000.

Nearly six hundred names

of York county citizens are attached to a petition to the governor for the pardon of Jacob Schindler, sent to the penitentiary from that county.

Wood River has good prospects

of making one of the best towns on the Union Pacific. The land around the place is well adapted for farming and stock raising.

It is said that a young

married man of Fairview, whose name is not given, recently deeded all his property to his wife, and then eloped with a woman of loose morals.

The fine weather at such

an early period in the spring has given an impetus to building in Wilbur. Several brick buildings are contemplated in the season's work.

It is likely that the Commercial

Hotel at Hastings will be raised another story this spring. It will be done to meet increasing travel and the G. A. R. encampment this year.

A number of farmers in the

vicinity of Superior have already commenced tilling their land for spring planting, and some have been sowing wheat for a few