

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The P. M. G. Persimmons Fall at the Feet of a Judicial Hoosier.

Judge Gresham, of Indiana, Accepts the Vacant Seat in the Cabinet.

An Unconspicuous Indian Follows in the Ways of the White Man.

And Plaintively Appeals to the Great Father for an Eye and a Cane.

The Growing Importance of India as a Wheat Raising Country.

A Large Assortment of General News.

CAPITOL NOTES.

Special Dispatches to This Day. THE JEANETTE COURT.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The Jeanette court of inquiry adjourned until tomorrow to await the arrival of questions furnished by Dr. Collins.

WANTS A MINT. The application of the king of the Sandwich Islands, is that he be permitted to use one of the United States mints to coin money for his kingdom.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR will leave for Jacksonville at noon tomorrow. The report that the president will visit Yellowstone Park soon after his return from Florida is said at the White House to be without foundation.

JUDGE GRESHAM has accepted the appointment of postmaster general.

THE SOLDIERS HOME. The president appointed Lieut. Col. Anderson D. Nelson, U. S. A. (retiree) deputy governor of the Soldiers Home, Vice Major Milton Cogswell deceased.

AN APPEAL FOR AN EYE.

The following letter from the Sioux Indian agency was received at the Indian office to-day:

Sir,—I am a friend of the Great Father, and am going in the white man's ways. I am getting old and wish my father would send me a cane. When you send the eye, please send a brown one as that is the color of my other eye. I hope the great father will do as I ask. I shake hands with a good heart. Your friend.

FROM BENCH TO BAGS.

The New Postmaster General—He Takes His Honors Easy.

Special Dispatch to This Day. EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 4.—Judge Walter Q. Gresham, who was appointed postmaster general to-day, is in this city holding court. A reporter visited him this afternoon. In answer to the question whether he intended to accept the appointment he replied that he had just notified the president and secretary of state that he would accept, but that his duties here would detain him until Saturday of this week.

A CALIFORNIA CASE.

Secretary Tilton rendered a decision denying the motion for re-hearing in the famous "El Sobrante" case of California. In this decision the secretary says: "The decision in this case upon the merits was rendered by my predecessor on the appeal February 23, 1882. On the 7th of March, 1883, an oral argument was made before me in behalf of the petitioner for re-hearing. The case presented does bring it within the rules upon which rehearings are generally granted, nor do I think any ground is disclosed that, under the rules and well established principles relating to new trials would justify me in opening the case and directing a rehearing. I have taken occasion to examine the briefs and papers used before my predecessor at the time of his decision and see no reason to dissent from the general conclusion and result reached by him. The motion for rehearing is therefore denied."

THE CREEK WAR.

A telegram was received at the war department and forwarded to the Indian office to-day, which reports that Chief Spioche and the Creek Indians who recently left the reservation, have gone into camp with the Comanches, thirty miles west of the Sac and Fox reservation. The peaceable Creeks will hold council with the Seedeers tomorrow and if the latter refuse to return to their reservation and are supported by other tribes, all available military forces at Fort Reno and Still

will be... ch further... acted Major... of the 20th... y, to call on the commanding officers at forts Reno and Sills for troops if necessary.

THE STAR ROUTE TRIAL.

In the star route trial to-day Vall was on the stand. He testified to the partnership existing between himself, Miner, Peck and John Dorsey. Vall was treasurer and Miner secretary of the combination. Witness denied positively the whole conversation at the National hotel as described by Reader. Witness said the partners quarreled, the routes were divided up, valuation was made of the routes and straws drawn for their possession, witness taking 40 per cent. Miner 30 and H. K. Dorsey 30 per cent. Nothing on earth would have made him go on with Dorsey. Witness never disliked a man so much in his life as he did Dorsey at that time. Common prosecution had made them again friendly. Nothing of importance elicited in the cross-examination, and the court adjourned.

COLLECTING SPECIAL TAXES.

The commissioner of internal revenue will issue to-morrow a new circular of instructions with regard to the collection of what are known as "special taxes," that is taxes imposed upon manufacturers of and dealers in malt and distilled liquors and tobacco. The circular provides that where special taxes shall have become due and not paid by the first of May next such special taxes shall be assessed and collected as other taxes are, the collector, however, receiving therefor on a form of warrant instead of punching special tax stamps as heretofore provided in circular No. 251.

A WHEAT RIVAL.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—As India is a growing rival of the United States in the supply of wheat for the British market, American shippers will be interested in the report on Indian wheat productions by H. Matson, consul general at Calcutta, in the February issue of consular reports, which is just out. Matson's conclusions are as follows: That India can produce an average quality of wheat at a low cost to produce as the most favorable locality in the United States; that she can now supply the European market with about 40,000,000 bushels annually, and possesses facilities for increasing the supply to an almost unlimited extent, owing to the great elasticity of home consumption and to the vast amount of land awaiting cultivation; that in quality, cheapness, transportation facilities for handling, safety against damage during transit, and the stability of money exchange, American wheat is especially that from the new northwest, has such advantages that there need be no serious apprehension an account of Indian competition at legitimate prices, but that in order to maintain this advantage it is absolutely necessary that America should keep pace with India in her efforts to reduce and maintain freights at the lowest possible minimum. In the other hand it is an indisputable fact that India has already become and will continue to be a very important factor in the grain markets of Europe, and a check against high prices brought about either by speculation or any other unnecessary or artificial means; finally, that on this basis of fair average crop throughout the world the American farmer will have to prepare himself to reduce the cost of production to the lowest minimum and be content with small profits or else wheat growing in India will be stimulated to such an extent that subsequent competition may become extremely formidable.

A Preacher's Play.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 4.—The town is greatly excited over the flight of the Rev. "Admiral" Murray, who has been getting deeply in debt for some time. His creditors, after having been long put off, at last demanded a settlement, and Murray agreed to meet them and make some proposition. A young woman with whom Murray is reported to have been intimate left town, after Murray wrote his creditors, and the ex-clergyman having packed his goods set out on a day later. He has been traced as far as New Orleans only. His indebtedness amounts to about \$12,000.

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THE GREAT AND GOOD.

Death of the Venerable Philanthropist, Peter Cooper, in New York.

One of the Noblest Americans Passes Away Peacefully.

Preparations for the Funeral—The Pallbearers.

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NEW YORK, April 4.—Peter Cooper died of pneumonia at 3:30 this morning, aged 94.

THE PARTICULARS.

Peter Cooper celebrated his ninety second birthday on February 12. He had been ailing some time with a slight cold, and last Sunday was compelled to remain in bed. The family physician was summoned and he at once discovered that the patient was suffering a severe attack of pneumonia. Cooper's advanced years was a great drawback to his recovery. About 2 o'clock this morning he called his son, ex-Mayor Cooper, and Mrs. Abram S. Hewitt, his daughter, and her family to the bedside, saying to them that he knew he had not long to live, and they must become reconciled to the fact of his death, which occurred exactly 3 a. m. He remained conscious up to the time of his demise, and made several remarks in regard to family affairs. Many friends of the family and prominent citizens called at the house this morning to express their sympathy with the bereaved family.

THE FUNERAL.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The funeral of Peter Cooper will take place from All Souls church Saturday. Rev. Dr. Collyer, assisted by Rev. Howard Crosby, will conduct the services. The following are the pall bearers: Hamilton Fish, Wilson G. Hunt, Chief Justice Daly, John T. Agnew, Gen. Alex. S. Webb, Postmaster Pierson, Jackson S. Schultz, W. H. Appleton, A. A. Low, Cyrus W. Field, John E. Parsons and H. M. Sheffield.

The funeral will be as private as possible under the circumstances. Many learned and charitable societies and the various exchanges have signified their intention of sending delegations. The interment will be in Greenwood cemetery, where the remains of the philanthropist's wife rest. Many callers expressed sympathy and many telegrams of condolence were received, one from England.

Dr. Hall has issued a corrected statement of Cooper's illness. He says Cooper has been troubled with sore throat some weeks, but otherwise was in fair health. Sunday revealed pneumonia and yesterday the symptoms became worse, leaving no hope of recovery.

TELEGRAPH NOTES.

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The Princess Louise will leave Bermuda the 10th inst. and arrive about the 17th. David Torcheimer & Co., haters, New York, have assigned; liabilities \$100,000.

Geo. W. Davis, of the firm of Thaddeus Davis & Co., ink manufacturers New York killed a woman yesterday. At the fire at 104 Greene street, Jersey City, an unknown man was burned to death and John Cully fatally injured in leaping from a window.

A cable message announces the discovery of Darrest's coin by Dr. E. Hartmann of Strasbourg observatory. He predicted the discovery about April 23.

The official gazette of Havana publishes a decree ordering the examination by the board of health of all American land packed in kegs or other wooden packages.

The Westbury air hose investigation continued yesterday. Butler said he expected to prove that the bodies had been delivered to be skinned, and the skins taken from the cabinet.

A. J. Crawford, deputy United States marshal under Longstreet, was arrested in Atlanta, Ga., on the charge of making false and fraudulent returns, but escaped from the officer.

Edward Everett Hale presided last night at a largely attended meeting, in Boston, of persons interested in the elevation and education of American Indians, under the auspices of the New England Woman's association and National Indians Rights association.

A boy threw a lighted match into the man hole of a sewer in Baltimore, and an explosion followed, damaging the street and house \$30,000 worth. The moving debris the bodies of Chas. McCarty and Andrew Hintenschach, children, were found in the sewer.

In an altercation between W. T. Sanders, broker, and E. A. Looney, publisher of The Capitalian Advocate, at Baton Rouge, La., the latter was shot