

THIRTEENTH YEAR.

SUFFERING PEOPLE.

The Reports of Relief Committees In the Flooded Districts.

Several Towns Still Under Forty Feet of Water.

Feed, Clothing and Shelter Needed By Thousands.

The Homeless People Sickening From Exposure.

Light and Shade of the Scenes In the Districts Visited.

RELIEF WORK

AT POMEROY BEND, OHIO, AND OTHER PLACES.

POMEROY, O., February 17.—The United States relief committee will probably remain within twelve miles of Pomero Bend, and distribute her food...

MADEIRA, Ind., February 17.—The steamer Little Sandy, a relief boat, arrived this morning from a trip up the river.

VICKSBURG, February 17.—General Ferguson, of the Mississippi river commission, arrived to-day, and reports that the water is going through rapidly.

COLUMBUS, O., February 17.—The state commissioner estimates 7,000 people and 626 entire families destitute in twelve up river towns of Ohio and West Virginia.

LOUISVILLE, February 17.—The river fell 15 inches in the last 24 hours. Weather cloudy and raining.

NEWS PIRACY.

Mr. Waterson Explains His Newspaper Copyright Bill.

No Stealing News Before It Is Twenty-four Hours Old.

The Extent and Novelty of the Question Involved.

The Design of the Bill and Its Merits.

Pertinent Questions Regarding Proprietorship of News.

NEWS AS PROPERTY.

THE NEWSPAPER COPYRIGHT EXPLAINED.

WASHINGTON, February 17.—The following interview has been had with Henry Waterson, touching the proposed measure of newspaper copyright, which Mr. Waterson has in charge and is about to lay before congress.

Q.—Do you mean the news exclusively of the Associated Press?

A.—I mean all news, and news of every description and every association. As matters are now not recognized as property at all.

Q.—How will it act upon the custom of copying from one paper by another paper?

Q.—What are the prospects of passing such a bill?

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FROM WASHINGTON.

THE ILLITERATE VOTE.

WASHINGTON, February 17.—Representative Willis has prepared a most interesting bill concerning the illiterate vote for federal aid to education, which shows that illiteracy holds the balance of power in 14 northern and all the southern states.

In the 38 states there are 1,871,217 illiterate voters, and only one voter in five can write his name in the southern states.

POSTMASTER'S SALARIES.

The attorney general has rendered an opinion in favor of the construction of the act of March 31, 1883, relative to the readjustment of postmaster salaries.

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TREATED WITH CONTEMPT.

The Manitoba Farmers Openly Advocating Rebellion.

The Dominion Government Heedless of Their Wrongs.

An Appeal For Justice Scornfully Ignored.

Secession From the Confederation Probable.

The Revolutionary Spirit Rapidly Spreading.

FARMERS' RIGHTS.

OPENLY ADVOCATING REBELLION.

WINNEPEG, February 17.—The delegates to the farmers' union returned from Ottawa last night. Their memorial to the government requesting a redress of grievances under which the people are suffering received no attention.

"We have now arrived at a grave crisis in the history of our province, where every interest is vitally concerned and laying aside all party and political feeling let us as Manitobans unite to obtain our just rights and unite as one man to secure them."

Feeling is intense and indignation at the dominion government's action is expressed on all sides and should Norway's mission to Ottawa prove fruitless, as the farmers' delegate, it is impossible to say to what extreme measures our people will be driven to enforce justice from a tyrannical government.

The revolutionary spirit is spreading among the people and probably will not stop short of secession from the confederation.

FENCE CUTTERS CAUGHT.

CALVERTON, Tex., February 17.—The News' Mayson special says: Three fence cutters have been captured in Garza county. One confessed. He says there were six in the band. The rangers who made the arrest are after the other three.

A DESPERATE CRIMINAL ESCAPES.

NEW YORK, February 17.—Charles N. Lugg, the negro awaiting trial for the murder of Mrs. Lusk, escaped from Queens county jail to-night. New York and Brooklyn detectives are looking for the murderer.

A FAMOUS GUIDE DROWNED.

WRENTHAM, Vt., February 17.—Benjamin Hanwick, known as "Trigger" Hanwick, was drowned in Elk river. Hanwick guided Blaine through central and southern Virginia last year. He was the most famous and successful guide and hunter east of the Rocky mountains.

Refused Admission.

WILKESBARR, Pa., January 17.—The Grand Army of the Republic post of this city while conducting the funeral of a comrade to-day were refused admission to a Catholic church wearing badges. All but six abandoned the corpse at the door.

Expensive Sulphur Water.

CHICAGO, February 17.—The Interior's Wheeling special says the famous White Sulphur springs, Green River county, have been leased for one year for \$265,000.

A Furious Storm.

TRUCKEE, Cal., February 17.—A furious storm is raging in the Sierras to-night. Trains are blocked and none will reach here under thirty-six hours.

TELEGRAPH NOTES.

The governor of Mississippi has vetoed the railroad commission bill. The decision causes considerable commotion.

George William Curtis will deliver a public lecture on Wendell Phillips. The date has not yet been decided upon.

The Montreal oil manufacturing firm of Mays & Co. has failed for \$80,000. They have obtained an extension.

The committee appointed to investigate the Boynton-Kiefer cases has adjourned until Wednesday next. Mr. Kiefer not being present.

A fire at Bellefontaine, O., which destroyed several oil can houses, was caused by the fire starting on the ground which had leaked out.

James B. Currie, a prominent citizen of the Cherokee nation, and an extensive cattle owner, accidentally shot and killed himself Saturday while handling his revolver.

A committee of Chicago citizens have been appointed to proceed to New York to welcome the United States fleet. They will bring home the bodies of the Jennette crew. Chicago is Harbor's home.

Clarence Shepard & Co., the oldest hardware house in Milwaukee, established in 1840, made an assignment Saturday to Geo. Tracy. Liabilities \$100,000; assets \$70,000. No preferred creditors except employees.

Mrs. Stripling, of Montgomery, Ala., the lady who recently received a negro, has had a great many more or less of the same kind of negroes in her home during the last few weeks. The negro was hanged by a mob a day or two after the outrage.

The mystery surrounding the murder of James R. Wilson and his wife at Wyanoke, Illinois, last Wednesday, remains as dark as ever. The victims of the tragedy were buried Saturday. A great concourse being present at the funeral. The governor has offered \$20 for the apprehension of the assassins.

Otto Dierberger was found guilty of murder in the first degree at St. Louis, Saturday, for the killing of John Horne in a street car last May. A row occurred in the street. Dierberger interfered, and in the fight drew his revolver, firing and killing Horne. A motion for a new trial was immediately filed, but has been refused.

George R. Kendall, who has acted as manager of the Springfield, O., Western Union telegraph office since last Monday, has been camped for parts unknown, taking with him from \$300 to \$500 of the company's funds. He is the telegraph clerk who has been lingering in the office at this place within the last few months, the cause of which has been either unfaithfulness on the part of the operator or the small salary paid when so large an amount of work is required.

San Francisco, February 17.—Police Officer Nicholson, a native of Canada, was mysteriously murdered on his beat yesterday morning. When found blood was flowing from three wounds in his head made by a pointed or dull-edged instrument. Detectives are actively engaged hunting for the murderer.

Closed the Week by Falling.

CHICAGO, February 17.—The Interior's special says John Irving, a clothing merchant, failed last evening, the sheriff levying on the stock, valued at \$30,000. Liabilities \$28,000. He assigned the stock to Joseph N. Baker.

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HELD AS A HOSTAGE.

BALTIMORE, February 17.—Several weeks ago Alexander Harrison, a subcontractor on the Philadelphia branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, absconded, leaving some sixty Italian laborers unpaid. Yesterday afternoon the Italians caught Parliament, the head contractor, and refused to release him until they were paid. Several unsuccessful attempts were made to rescue Parliament. The Italians becoming riotous, a force of 20 men was sent against them and they were all captured.

THE CADETS' DEFENSE.

ANAPOLIS, Md., February 17.—In the court martial case of the cadets, the defense in all cases except that of Cadet Parker, who pleaded guilty, claims that there is no evidence to show that the accused participated in compelling the fourth class cadets to stand on their heads, and that the second specification, urging a fight, is not having, but a long existing way of settling disputes among the cadets.

REVENUE INSPECTION DISTRICTS.

ST. PAUL, February 17.—Directions have been received from the treasury department at Washington dividing the old Twelfth revenue inspection district into two districts. Inspector Douglas goes to St. Paul. His district will include Minnesota, Idaho, Montana and part of LaCrosse. Inspector G. B. Swift will have charge of the other half of the Twelfth, with headquarters in Chicago. His district will include Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Denver, Omaha and other points west.

WARING AMONG THEMSELVES.

NEW YORK, February 17.—An injunction order was issued out of the New York supreme court today and served on the National and Baltimore & Ohio telegraph companies, and New York, West Shore & Buffalo railroad company in a suit brought against them by the Western Union company. The injunction among other things restrains the defendant companies from interfering in any manner with the rights or property of the Western Union company on the line of the railroad, such rights have been acquired by the telegraph company under its contract of January, 1878, with the Jersey City & Albany Railway company, one of the successors of the West Shore company. The defendants are further restrained from operating, constructing or in any way enlarging the line of telegraph now existing upon the railroad company's right of way.

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BILLS INTRODUCED.

BILLS WERE INTRODUCED FOR THE STUDY OF PHYLOGENY AND HYGIENE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE