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FROM WASHINGTON.

DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, February 27.—The democratic members of the senate and house, Senator Pendleton presiding, met in joint caucus after adjournment to-day, to appoint a democratic congressional campaign committee. It was decided that the caucus should name as members of such committee one person for every state and territory having democratic representation in congress, and that the committee should select one person as member from every state and territory having no democratic representation and from the District of Columbia. An executive committee of three senators and five representatives, the executive committee to choose its own chairman, who shall be ex-officio chairman of the campaign committee, is to be chosen by the campaign committee. Representatives of states that did not name a member of the committee are expected to appoint some person within two days. The committee so agreed upon at the caucus is as follows: Arkansas, A. H. Garland; Connecticut, W. W. Eaton; Delaware, C. B. Lore; Illinois, R. W. Townshend; Indiana, S. M. Stockslager; Iowa, J. H. Murphy; Louisiana, N. C. Blanchard; Maryland, A. P. Gorman; Massachusetts H. B. Lovering; Michigan, N. B. Eldredge; Mississippi, H. L. Muldrow; Missouri, A. M. Dockery; New York, R. S. Stevens; North Carolina, C. Dowd; Pennsylvania, Wm. Mutchler; South Carolina, S. Dibble; Tennessee, I. G. Harris; Texas, R. Q. Mills; Virginia, J. S. Barbour; West Virginia, J. E. Kenna; Florida, R. H. M. Davidson; Georgia, A. H. Colquit; Oregon, J. H. Slater; Wisconsin, P. V. Deuster; Arizona, G. H. Ourey; Montana, Martin Maginnis; Wyoming, M. E. Post; Utah, J. T. Caine.

The states which will name members of the committee within two days are Alabama, California, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey and Ohio. The states and territories from which members will be selected by the committee are Colorado, Kansas, Maine, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont and Washington, Idaho, New Mexico and Dakota territories. The committee will organize Tuesday evening next.

LAND GRANT FORFEITS.

The committee on public lands to-day, considered the forfeiture of the Northern Pacific land grants. Scales offered an amendment to Anderson's proposition providing for forfeiture of lands along side that portion of the road not finished to date. A vote on the various propositions was postponed until to-morrow. the committee express the opinion that the proposition of Scales will be passed. Before adjourning, the committee agreed to report the bill for forfeiture of the land grant to the "Backbone" roads. Mr. Anderson was not present when the subject was voted upon Saturday. He was present to-day and cast the deciding vote in the affirmative.

It has been discovered that the act of July 9, 1882, ratifying the agreement between the Northern Pacific company and the Crow Indians for the sale of a portion of the latter's reservation for the use of the company may be construed as a recognition by congress of the right of the Northern Pacific company to proceed with the construction of its line after the expiration of the time fixed by congress in the act creating the company, and so may be used as an argument against the forfeiture of lands granted the company.

LONGSTREET'S DEFENSE.

General Longstreet, United States marshal in Georgia testified before the Springer committee and denied that he was a defaulter to the government. He said on the contrary the proper footing of his accounts show the government indebted to him $1,200. The report that he was in default grew out of the fact that he was charged with $10,000 which he never received and which had been all along in the United States treasury. The circulation of the report was the result of a conspiracy by Bryant and others. Bryant wanted to succeed him.

THE CZAR'S CONDOLENCE.

De Struve, Russian minister, to-day presented to the president a telegram, from St. Petersburg, from De Giero, minister for foreign affairs, expressing regrets at the death of Minister Hunt. The president replied, expressing his appreciation of the czar's kind and feeling message, and of his own sorrow at Mr Hunt's death, and his sympathy with Mrs. Hunt and the afflicted family. The secretary of the navy, in view of the fact that Minister Hunt was at one time secretary of the navy, issued orders to the officers of the navy department that it be draped in mourning as a mark of respect.

CANAL BILLS.

The house committee on railways and canals ordered favorable reports on Hoblitzell's bill appropriating $1,000,000 for construction of the Maryland and Delaware ship canal, Wemple's bill providing for an appropriation of $1,000,000 annually for ten years for permanent improvement of the Erie canal and to aid in maintaining the same free to the commerce of the United States, and Bent's bill providing for an appropriation for construction of a ship canal from Union lake, Washington territory, to Puget Sound.

NOTES.

In the contested election case of O'Farrell vs. Paul, of the Seventh district of Virginia, the sub-committee has decided to report to the full committee that the former is entitled to the seat.

The house committee on Indian affairs agreed to report favorably Morrill's bill for the sale, with the consent of the Kickapoo Indians, of the diminished reservation in Kansas and the removal of the Indians to Indian territory.

The secretary of the interior has decided that Perryman should be recognized as principal chief of the Creek nation, of Indian territory, instead of Ispahiche.

The postoffice appropriation bill as prepared by the sub-committee which was considered to-day by the full committee, appropriates $45,071,900. The appropriation for the current fiscal year is $44,489,520.

FORTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, February 27.—In the senate Mr. Van Wyck (rep. Neb.) asked consideration of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on postoffices and post roads be directed to inquire whether at any time the Western Union and Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph companies, or any officers or employes of said companies, entered into contract or negotiation for the purpose of consolidating said companies or making a combination for any purpose.

After debate the resolution was referred to the committee on postoffices and post roads.

Mr. Blair (rep. N. H.) introduced a bill to extend the time for completion of railroads west of the Mississippi river to which land grants had been made, and which in good faith were prosecuting the work of construction, without forfeiture of said lands.

Mr. Lapham (rep. N. Y.) introduced a bill to incorporate the Yellowstone Park railway and aid in its construction.

Mr. West (dem. Mo.) offered a resolution, which was agreed to, calling on the secretary of the interior for information as to whether any part of the Crow reservation in Montana had been leased, and if so by what authority.

The senate resumed consideration of the bill to provide new cruisers for the navy.

The debate was participated in by Messrs. Jones (dem, Fla.), McPherson (dem. N. J.), Hale (rep. Me.), Cockrell (dem. Mo.) and Beck (dem Ky.) The latter criticised the management of the navy yards, and referred to the statement of Admiral Porter that on one occasion $80,000 had been charged to the wrong ship. Mr. Beck suggested that the money might have been given Dorsey to take to Indiana. He charged vice in the administration, dishonesty in the management and connivance and collusion between the contractors and officers of the government.

Mr. Vest (dem. Mo.) had just been importuned by an officer of the navy to vote for the bill for God's sake. He thought the Almighty had nothing to do with it. It was for John Roach's sake. When steel vessels were put up to competition only Roach and Cramp could bid for them under the terms of the bill.

Mr. Hale said the committee on naval affairs were sponsors for the bill. Roach had nothing to do with it. There never had been so clean and incorruptible an administration of the navy department as now.

Mr. Butler (dem. S. C.) accused Mr. Vest of opposing the measure because its passage might give some political advantage to the other political party.

After some personal interchanges between Messrs. Butler, McPherson and Vest the senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Mr. Morrison (dem. Ill.) chairman of the ways and means committee reported a resolution directing the secretary of the treasury to inform the house how much money is now in the treasury of the United States, under what provisions of the law it is there retained and how much in view of current receipts, expenditures and legal liabilities the treasury can apply at this time in liquidation of that part of the public debt now payable without embarassing his department. Adopted.

Mr. Valentine (rep. Neb.) introduced a bill authorizing a bridge across the Missouri near Decatur. Referred.

Mr. LeFevre (dem. O.) offered a resolution reciting that speculation and gambling in American farm products obtained control of the market value of those products, and directing the committee on the judiciary to prepare a bill prohibiting the purchase or sale of wheat, corn, cotton, provisions and other articles of prime necessity unless actual transfer of such articles, or warehouse receipts accompany such action; also a bill authorizing such governmental interference as will give stability to the price of those commodities.

Mr. Cox (dem. N. Y.) and others objected.

Mr. Bingham (rep. Pa.) from the committee on postoffices and post-roads reported adversely the bill to prevent the use of the United States mails to advertise noxious medicines, food and compounds. Laid on the table.

The house went into committee of the whole on the pleuro pneumonia bill.

A motion to strike out the question which provides that states shall pay half the expense of the valuation of animals slaughtered as diseased, was lost.

Mr. Hatch, (rep. Mich.) moved to amend section four by adding the words; "Into any other state or territory or foreign country," to the clause authorizing the president to prohibit the transportation of cattle out of a quarantined state or territory or district. Agreed to.

Mr. Everhart, (rep. Pa.) offered an amendment providing that no state or territory, or part thereof shall be declared in quarantine if the governor of the same shall officially certify to the president that he is satisfied from a thorough investigation that no disease dangerous to the animal industry of the nation exists therein. Adopted, 115 to 64.

Mr. Muldrow, (dem. Miss) offered an amendment confining the operations of the bill to pleuro pneumonia only Adopted, 100 to 73

Mr. Hatch (dem. Mo.) said the adoption of these two amendments would utterly destroy the efficiency of the bill He therefore moved to strike out the fourth section as amended. Agreed to.

This section authorizes the president to quarantine states in which contagious diseases exist when such states fail to make provision for its extirpation.

Mr. Throckmorton (dem. Tex.) moved to strike out the enacting clause of the bill. Lost—114 to 118. The debate continued all the afternoon, but finally the committee rose and reported the bill to the house, but pending action on an amendment striking our section four, adjourned.

FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

Preparing For the Carnage and Din of Battle.

Grave Fears of the Result of Fighting Osman Digma.

The Camp at Trinkitat Well Protected.

The Rebels Threatening to Attack Suakim.

A Battle Between the French and Anamites—Various Matters.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

AFFAIRS IN EGYPT.

LONDON, February 27.—According to the mail accounts of Baker Pasha's defeat fifteen Austrian, four Germans and four Swiss officers were killed.

A man who left El Obeid ten days ago arrived at Khartoum this morning. He reports the garrisons of El Fasher, Darra, Masteri and Foga still surrounded, while the garrisons of Om Shanga and Thasi have surrendered. He says there has been no fighting at Bahrgazelle. He saw three Englishmen at El Obeid who were captured at Kashgil. They were well treated. Missionaries were not molested. El Mahdi has only one garrison at El Obeld. The Arabs have gone to their villages, but are under promise to assemble in case of war. Merchants are passing freely between there and Dongola.

The beach at Trinkitat presents a lively appearance. The Blue Jackets, up to their necks in water, are landing stores and carrying soldiers ashore through the surf. The Gordon highlanders and Irish fusiliers are advancing to occupy the fort erected by Baker Pasha. They waded bare-legged through the morasses which lie between the harbor and main land. The distance to the fort is about four miles. It was built February 2nd to protect the guns while crossing the morasses. The rebels regard with exultation the landing of the forces. They are convinced that Allah has sent all as a prey for them.

THE ENGLISH ADVANCE.

CAIRO, February 27.—The advance of the English troops on Teb commenced before daybreak to-day, when 250 men left the garrison at Trinkat and a force of 3,500 advanced to the attack. It was expected that a battle would be fought about nine in the morning. The naval brigade joined General Graham with two nine-pounders. There is growing anxiety in Cairo about the result of the expedition, and less confidence that the English will be victorious. The black troops at Suakim were found in communication with Ahmed Baroudi, second in command under Osman Digma. Admiral Hewitt has forbidden them to leave camp and stationed the gunboats Decoy and Sphinx so that their guns command the camp, with orders to open fire if any symptoms of mutiny appear.

THE CAMP AT TRINKITAT.

TRINKITAT, February 27.—The British camp is well protected with earthworks. Spies report Osman Digma threatening Suakim. Admiral Hewitt has returned to Suakim. The rebels are massing one mile from Ft. Baker and firing at the British videttes. A Krupp gun has just been mounted at the fort.

THE REBEL PLAN.

TRINKITAT, February 27.—An Arab boy, with a letter to Tokar, returned bearing marks of ill-usage. He says he was taken prisoner at Tokar, that the town surrendered Friday last, and that the rebels intend to fight in three lines, closing on the rear of the British as the troops advance.

A FENIAN ARRESTED.

WINNIPEG, February 27.—R. Ryan, supposed to be connected with fenian organizations in Minnesota and Dakota, was arrested for having signed the name of the adjutant general of the district to a call for 500 men to do frontier service along the international boundary.

SKIRMISHING ON THE BERBER ROAD.

SUAKIM, February 27.—A fight occurred to-day on the Berber road, nine miles from Suakim, between the rebels and friendly tribes. Some of the latter cut their way through the rebels. The friendly tribes desire to fight.

LOADED WITH DISHONOR.

CHRISTIANA, February 27.—Christian August Selmer, minister of state, has been impeached, adjudged guilty and sentenced to forfeit his place as minister and his membership of the Royal Council and pay the costs, about $5,000.

BISMARCK'S INSOLENCE.

PARIS, February 27.—Le Paris says: "Bismarck has not only outraged the American republic but has defied the world. But the democracy has more serious things to think about than to mind this insolent challenge."

A SMALL REBELLION.

SUAKIM, February 27.—The captain of the Egyptian steamer, Damanhour, refused to obey orders to proceeded with his vessel to Trinkitat, and Admiral Hewitt arrested the captain and placed his lieutenant in charge of the Damanhour.

CALL HIM HOME.

BERLIN, February 28.—The Deutsche Tageblott says: "Minister Sargent has so compromised his government that if the latter does not wish farther embarrassment it must dispense with his services."

IT WAS NITRO GLYCERINE.

LONDON, February 27.—The chief inspector of explosives asserts that there is no doubt that the explosion at Victoria station was caused by nitro glycerine.

FIGHTING NEAR HANOI.

PARIS, February 27.—It is reported that the Anamites recently made an attack upon the French near Hanoi. The result of the engagement is unknown. The Chinese legation has no information.

REBEL LOSSES.

SUAKIM, February 27.—The rebels lost 1,300 in the recent fight with Baker Pasha. It is stated that there are desertions everywhere in the rebel ranks.

MINISTER HUNT DEAD.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 27.—W. H. Hunt, United States minister, died this morning at 7:30.

The ball at the British embassy to-day was abandoned in consequence of the death of Minister Hunt.

GORDON'S REPORT.

CAIRO, February 27.—General Gordon reports Sondan tranquil and is sending 300 invalids down the river.

THE ICE BREAK-UP

IN THE TONGUE RIVER.

ST. PAUL, Minn., February 25.—A Pioneer-Press Miles City special says: Our town was surprised last night by the sudden breaking-up of the Tongue river. It was totally unlooked for, as there had been but thirty-six hours of thawing weather, preceded by at least twenty days of the severest cold of the winter, and the break-up was not looked for for a week. The water commenced running on the ice about six o'clock, and in half an hour it has risen five or six feet and loosened the main ice, and in a moment all was on the move. The scene, lit up by bonfires on the bank, was indescribably grand. Considerable apprehension was felt for the safety of those living on the lowlands, but by the united efforts of the citizens they were all reached and removed to safe places. The ice continued to run all night, and during the forenoon of to-day gorged twice, producing a slight overflow in the town, but without damage to any one. The Tongue is still running ice, but from the mail carrier from Tongue river it is learned that the river is clear above and the last ice will soon pass. It is believed that the dam of the Tongue River Dutch company withstood the brunt of the battle bravely, although nothing is known, but as planks and timbers have passed here to-day it is feared that some portion of it may have succumbed. The experience of the oldest inhabitant furnishes no precedent for the suddenness of the breakup. The ice was fully thirty inches thick and as clear and solid as at any time this winter.

THE YELLOWSTONE.

Shortly after 11 o'clock this morning the Yellowstone started and is now running bank full. It is reported here that the bridge across the Yellowstone at Huntley was carried away, but the report is not confirmed.

FAMILIES DRIVEN FROM HOME.

ST. PAUL, February 27.—The Minneapolis Journal's Glendive, Mont., special says the river is quiet at this point with little ice. The town is so situated that a gorge would do little or no damage The water is flowing off through the low lands opposite. The river is gorged at Iron Bluffs, nine miles above. Five or six families have been driven out of the valley. There are three washouts above here, two this side of Miles City and the most formidable about eighty miles below Billings, near Pompey's Pillar. This morning's train was the first from the west since Friday and the first through from Portland for a week. The others made up at Helena and Missoula.

The Iowa Legislature.

DES MOINES, February 27.—In the house the day was consumed in consideration of the prohibition bill At the opening session McCall offered an amendment, which was adopted, making the bill correspond with the Donnan bill as it passed the senate. The democrats, led by Bolter, offered various amendments to load it down and delay progress. The democrats took the ground that the bill was not radically prohibitory, contending that was what the people wanted. Two of these were voted down, and another was offered by Bolter when the house adjourned till 10 to-morrow, when it is likely the same tactics will be resorted to.

In the senate a bill passed amending chapter 202 of the acts of the Eighteenth general assembly, prescribing the duties of the state mine inspector and regulating the operation of mines. The bill increases the salary of the inspector to $1,700, and traveling expenses not exceeding $500 per year. It makes his term commence April 1st each even numbered year, adds a number of provisions for protecting life and the safety of the miners, requires the agent or owners to make written reports of accidents to miners within ten days, giving the cause, and provides that reports of the inspector shall be annual instead of bi-ennial. The bill passed without a vote in the negative. It is generally regarded as the most satisfactory to operators and miners of any that could be devised. A concurrent resolution favoring the pardon of E. J. Bruce, serving a life sentence for murder in Lee county, on condition of total abstinence from intoxicants, was adopted —36 to 16. Adjourned.

The Copiah County Outrages.

NEW ORLEANS, February 27.—In the Copiah county inquiry to-day by the United States senate committee James Sexton testified that Bufkin told him a few nights after the election that himself and J. Bondurant, just to have some fun, had gone to Orman's house and fired off pistols, that Orman ran away, but returned the next day and told Bufkin that 150 armed men had visited his house and riddled it with buckshot. Soon after this Orman left the country. Bufkin, Bondurant and Orman are all republicans. Testimony was also given to show that the whites and colored people have equal school facilities and there was not a conspiracy to kill Matthews.

A. W. Burnett, recalled, said he had seen in the armed mob five of the witnesses summoned here, but not called by the democrats. The committee adjourned to meet in Washington.

The Northwest Blizzard.

MINNEAPOLIS, February 27.—The Tribune's specials from points in this state and Dakota report the roads generally blockaded. All out going trains on the Canadian Pacific from St. Vincent were cancelled yesterday.

ST. PAUL, February 27.—Storm news from all over the northwest indicate the worst of the season. Branches of the Manitoba road are not open for business owing to the high wind, all trains are late and the thermometer is 10° to 20° below. Northern Pacific trains were delayed by washouts near Forsythe, which are now repaired. The temperature was 10° below in Dakota, and 35° above in Montana. The storm raged nearly all night last night west of Dakota, the temperature being from zero to 20° below. All trains on the Canada Pacific were cancelled owing to the force of the storm. The Fargo Southwestern is blockaded by snow.

HOT SPRINGS TERRORIZED.

A Ruffianly Committee of Fourteen Running the Town.

Witnesses Againt Their Butcher Pals Driven Out.

The Leader an Outlaw and a Murderer.

An Editor Who Has the Courage of His Convictions.

The Bitterness Felt Toward the Emma Bond Defendants.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

HOT SPRINGS' ROUGHS.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., February 27.—The condition of affairs in this city are most deplorable. Doran, Smith, Landing and Allison, four of the assassins committed without bail for the recent murder, were taken to the Little Rock penitentiary and were tendered an ovation by a number of citizens before their departure. The committee of fourteen, some of whom are and some of whom are not citizens, virtually control the city. They are controlled by a man known here as Charles Watson but whose true name is Charles Fraulk and who is under indictment at Carlisle, Pa., for murder, arson and burglary. Fraulk furnishes names to the committee of objectionable persons, who invariably consist of men who are witnesses against Doran and his accomplices. It is rumored this afternoon that W. C. Harris, editor of The Horse Shoe, who has denounced the murderers and the action of the committee, would be notified to leave the city to-morrow. Harris expresses contempt for the whole party, and continues to publish the true facts in regard to the assassination. About twenty additional men were forced to leave the city to-day by order of the committtee, and at the point of the bayonet, everyone of whom was a witness against Doran and accomplices. The assertion is openly made that the members of the committee themselves will be implicated in the butchery and are thus endeavoring to hide all evidence by driving off all witnesses. Drunken rowdies parade the streets and saloons armed to the teeth, and openly make threats that they will run the town.

A QUEER DOCTOR NABBED.

DES MOINES, February 27.—United States Secret Service Detective E. M. Stedman, together with A. J. Allen, deputy United States marshal, of Leon, made a raid on Kellerton, Ia., last night and captured one Dr. R. Tripp, a counterfeiter or that place. A quantity of counterfeit money, tools and metal was captured with him. He was brought to Des Moines to-night and will have his preliminary examination before United States Commissioner Jordan to-morrow.

THE BOND TRIAL DEFENDANTS.

CHICAGO, February 27.—An Inter Ocean special from Hillsboro, Ill., says: The bitter feeling among the people toward the late defendants in the Emma Bond trial is in no way abated. The defendants are practically ostracized in their homes. A few nights since a desperate attempt was made by some unknown parties to wreck a passenger train on which were a large number of Miss Bond's friends, coming from Para, where an entertainment for her benefit was given. The Wabash road offers a reward for the apprehension of the wreckers.

A KENTUCKY TRAGEDY.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., February 27.—The Courier-Journal's special tells of a tragedy in Marion county, Kentucky, in which Green Clayton and Wash Burke were killed, Lawrence Clayton fatally wounded and Floyd Burke shot in the arm. The tragedy originated in Lawrence Clayton making some improper remark to Miss Burke, daughter of the man killed. The parties killed were among the most respected citizens of the county and heads of families. The tragedy was participated in by four of the Burke family and two of the Claytons. The shooting was general, and it is not known who did the killing.

BOTH KILLED.

VICKSBURG, February 27.—Harry Slith, a colored policeman, arrested Harry Johnson, a well-known steamboat engineer, this afternoon for some trivial offense. Johnson resisted arrest and stabbed the officer. Slith shot Johnson twice, and both died in a few minutes.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

CHICAGO, February 27.—The Daily News' Minneapolis special says: A report has been received from Ridgeway, a neighboring village, that J. O. Beach today shot and killed his wife, from whom he was recently divorced, and then killed himself. The trouble arose over the possession of their child, which the court delivered into the custody of the woman.

SUMMARY VENGEANCE.

DEADWOOD, Dak., February 27.—Harry Tuttle, wounded in the Stoneville fight, was taken from the hospital at Spearfish last night by masked men and hanged.

The Death of Minister Hunt.

WASHINGTON, February 27.—A cablegram was received by the secretary of state from St. Petersburg, announcing the death of Minister Hunt, and saying he died from dropsy, superinduced by chronic inflammation of the liver.

"De Squiah Took Watah."

WASHINGTON, February 27.—Before the Danville committee to-day, "Squire" Taliofero (colored) testified: "Heard shooting the day of the riot; hastened home, where I staid until the Monday following; a white man came to my house and said he had a telegram for me; but I didn't want any news; it was bad enough to open the door." Witness boasted of his great feight the day of the riot, saying, "Mattaha was gittin' very bilious for the squire and he took watah." Senator Vance asked witness, "Are you really proud of your cowardice?" Witness (with swagger) "Yes, sir, I am proud and ashamed too, in another sense. I'm ashamed dat I'm bliged to play de coward for men who is seeking to take my life." Witness said a notice was put under his door which read, "Taliofero, you are considered as one of the leaders and instigators of the late riot at Danville. You are responsible for the blood spilled therein. We have determined your stay in Danville is injurious to public peace. You must go. If, after three days, you are found in Danville you must take the consequences."

The committee adjourned subject to the call of the chairman with the understanding that no further proceedings will take place until the house acts on the joint resolution appropriating money for further expenses.

RAILROAD RATES.

Commissioner Vining Orders a Reduction on Freights.

CHICAGO, February 27.—Commissioner Vining, of the Western Trunk Line association, this evening issued an order reducing freight rates both ways from Chicago and St. Louis to all Colorado points common to the Burlington & Missouri River, Union Pacific and Denver & Rio Grande roads. Following are the reductions to take effect immediately: On first-class, 87c; second-class, 70c; third-class, 53c; fourth-class, 37c; fifth-class, 30c; class "A," 32c; "B," 28c; "C," 23c; "D," 23c. The above sums are to be deducted from the rates quoted in the printed through freight tariff issued February 20. This reduction is made to meet the cutting of rates by the St. Louis & San Francisco line to Colorado points during the past two weeks. Officials of the Burlington & Quincy, Chicago & Alton, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe stated this afternoon that if the above reduction was ordered by the Western Trunk Line association they would at once meet the same.

Whipped By Women.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 27.—Two women this morning horsewhipped D. L. Reyensberger, a prominent attorney. Reyensberger was walking on Kearney street when the pair sprang out of a carriage, performed the deed, re-entered and drove away. The cause is said to be expressions of the attorney resenting the intrusion of women to his society at the Mardi Gras ball last night.

Collision of Boats.

NEW YORK, February 26.—The steamboat Glen Island of the Stearin Transportation company, was run into and sunk early this morning off Robbins' Reef, by the Cunard steamer Caphalonia. The engineer, Charles Feltz, and Henry Green, a deck hand, were drowned. The rest of the crew were picked up by a tug. The body of Feltz was recovered. The Caphalonia was not damaged.

Later investigation discloses the fact that the sunken vessel was a tug named Glendale, owned by Capt. Foote, and valued at $12,000.

The Illinois A. O. U. W.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., February 27.—The Grand lodge of the A. O. U. W. to-day elected the following officers: W. I. Beck, of Olney, grand master; A. Orendorff, of Springfield, grand foreman; S. S. Troy, of Chicago, grand overseer; Alex McLeod, of Macomb, grand receiver. Peoria was chosen as the place of meeting. The remaining officers will be elected to-morrow.

The Indiana Democracy.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., February 27.—The democratic state central committee fixed June 25 as the date for the state convention. Ex-Senator McDonald tendered his resignation as chairman, but the committee declined to accept and the ex senator will continue to act as chairman, temporarily at least.

The Nail Trade.

PITTSBURG, Pa., February 27.—The Western Nail association held a special meeting to-day. Reports from all sections indicate an improved condition of trade. Stocks have not accumulated and the new card rates have been maintained. Inquiries are more numerous than usual at this season.

Down With Wages.

READING, Pa., February 27.—Notices were posted in nine hat factories, employing 800 hands, announcing a reduction of wages of 12 per cent. The reasons given are competition and the exorbitant duty wool. The Wermer machine works at Lebanon, employing several hundred hands, reduced wages from 8 to 12½ per cent.

The Coming Knock-Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 27.—An agreement was signed last night between John L. Sullivan and G. M. Robinson for a four-round knock out. Robinson is the champion heavy weight of the Olympia club.

For the Flood Sufferers.

CEDAR RAPIDS, February 27.—The proceeds of the charity ball last night, $270, were to-day sent to Portsmouth, Ohio, for distribution among the flood sufferers.

Died of Rabies.

CHICAGO, February 27.—Alma Lyons and Alfred Stender, two boys, died to-day of hydrophobia, after most dreadful agony. The former was bitten January 12 and the latter January 31.

Yellow Fever in Mexico.

GUAYMAS, Mexico, February 27.—Passengers from northern Mexico confirm the existence of so-called yellow fever at Mazatlan and Manzanillo. They say it is worse than last year.

Printing House Closed.

CHICAGO, February 27.—The printing house of J. J. Spalding & Co., one of the oldest in the city, has been closed by the sheriff. Liabilities $25,000; assets $16,000.

A Bankrupt City.

LITTLE ROCK, February 27.—The debt of Helena, Ark., $280,000, was compromised at 50 4-5ths cents, the creditors agreeing.

ARE YOU GOING TO EUROPE?

In another column will be found the announcement of Messrs. THOS. COOK & SON, tourist Agents, 261 Broadway, New York, relative to the very complete arrangements they have made for tours in Europe the coming Spring and Summer. "Cook's Excursionist," containing maps and full particulars, will be mailed to any address on receipt of 10 cents.

A DISASTROUS FIRE.

The Capital City of Nebraska Narrowly Escapes Destruction.

Osborne's Butter and Egg House Burned to the Ground.

Mrs. Osborne and Child Barely Rescued Alive.

The St. Charles Hotel and Other Property Destroyed.

A Gale of Wind and an Inefficient Fire Department.

LINCOLN ABLAZE.

A DISASTROUS FIRE LAST NIGHT.

Special Dispatch to THE BEE.

LINCOLN, Neb., February 27.—This city received to-night another costly hint on the immediate necessity of having a system of water works and an efficient fire department. About 7 o'clock the extensive butter and egg establishment of J. L. Osborne, on O street, corner of Eighth, was discovered entirely wrapped in flames. There was no visible progress of the fire whatever, but those who saw it witnessed the elegant building a mass of flames and smoke. It was the handsomest commercial structure here, being gothic in design, three stories over a basement, and 50x100 feet long. Mr. Osborne, wife and child occupied apartments in the second story, and the latter two were driven to a verandah on the Eighth street side by the flames, all interior means of escape being cut off. They were rescued from their perilous position by ladders. Mr. Osborne arriving on the scene from up town was utterly prostrated and had to be conveyed away by friends. The St. Charles hotel, owned and conducted by Mrs. Kate Coakley, next west of the Osborne building, also was totally destroyed. Her loss is $7,000, insurance $4,000. A small frame residence owned by Leighton & Brown, valued at $300, was also burned. The Osborne loss is $35,000 on building, $1,500 on private property and $12,000 on stock, on all of which there was an insurance of $45,000. This was the largest establishment of the kind west of Chicago, doing a business of about $250,000 a year, and there is a general feeling of sorrow in the city over its destruction. Mr. Osborne expresses his determination to build immediately. A strong north wind was blowing at the time, and the Chicago lumber yard was in danger. Had the wind been from the west the best business portion of the city would have burned. The fire occurring just as the people were going to entertainments, several of which were being held last evening, caused the gathering of an immense crowd. The single steamer in Lincoln did its duty just well enough to show how ineffective it is in case of fires of moment The ruins are still blazing, and firemen are on duty to prevent further disaster should the wind change. The cause of the fire is a mystery as yet.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Regular Press dispatch.

LINCOLN, Neb., February.—A fire broke out this evening in J. L. Osborne's butter and egg packing house, a four-story building 50x140 feet, which was consumed with a large amount of stock. The St. Charles hotel adjoining was also burned, with several small residences, the total loss being $75,000. Three adjoining blocks are occupied as lumber yards and there were grave fears of an immense disaster, but at 8:25 p. m. the fire is under control. A stiff gale from the north endangers a large portion of the city, but all is now thought to be safe.

An Ex-Governor Dies.

HARTFORD, Ct., February 27.—Ex-Governor Hubbard died to-night.

The Skeleton's Letter Bag.

Philadelphia Press.

J. B. Garrison, the skeleton bridegroom, has applied for an injunction through his counsel, James H. Leverin, to restrain Bunn's Sunday Transcript from publishing in the next issue of that journal certain tender missives from gushing but indiscreet maidens. Mr. Garrison claims that a number of letters written by the daughters of well known citizens "just for fun," were surreptitiously obtained, and he has reason to believe will appear in print on Sunday next. This he desires to prevent and asks that the proprietor be restrained from turning private correspondence into public property. The document will be filed in court to-morrow.

DYSPEPSIA

Does not get well of itself; it requires careful, persistent attention and a remedy that will assist nature to throw off the causes and tone up the digestive organs till they perform their duties willingly. Mrs. Bosworth, of Amherst, N. H., after trying many "sure cures" without benefit, found that

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