

CALAMITY'S CLOUDS

A Couple of Them Meet with Disastrous Effect Over Oakville, Ind.

Of 30 Houses in the Place, 27 Are Torn to Pieces.

Four Persons Killed Outright, and Others Fatally Injured.

Homes Snatched Up Bodily and Carried Miles.

A Warehouse and Mill at Oakville Share the Common Fate.

The Track of the Cyclone a Quarter of a Mile in Width.

Fences, Barns, Bridges, Trees and Telegraph Lines Swept Away.

Pennsylvania Also Visited, with Similar Disastrous Effect.

Various Localities on the Ohio State Line Also Suffer from the Hurricane.

ANGRY ELEMMENTS.

ANOTHER CYCLONE IN INDIANA.

MUNCIE, Ind., April 2.—A destructive cyclone struck this county about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, completely wiping Oakville, seven miles south of here, on the Ft. W. C. & L. railroad, entirely out of existence and doing inestimable damage to life and property.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., APRIL 2.—A cyclone 100 yards wide passed thirty miles below the city last night.

At the time of the storm, a heavy rain fell, and the wind was blowing from the north. The clouds met at the house of Tevis Cochran, two miles west of Oakville, lifted it bodily from its floor and foundations, and tearing it into kindling wood deposited it for two miles and a half.

THE DAMAGE AT REYNOLDSBURG.

COLUMBUS, April 2.—Word was received this morning that a destructive wind storm had passed over Reynoldsburg, twelve miles east of Columbus, and in a southeasterly direction, last night. Several houses, barns and bridges were blown down and a still greater number unroofed.

IN PENNSYLVANIA.

PITTSBURGH, April 2.—A terrific wind storm accompanied by thunder, lightning and hail, passed over the city at ten o'clock this morning, doing considerable damage to property and injuring a number of persons.

ON THE STATE LINE.

CINCINNATI, April 2.—Reports from Eastern Indiana and Western Ohio says the storm last night was very severe. The wind blew a hurricane, prostrating fences and telegraph lines, and communication is badly interrupted.

HAVOC AT HOMESTEAD.

PITTSBURGH, April 2.—At Homestead, eight miles from this city, on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston railroad, a frame house in course of erection was demolished by the storm and six men at work were injured, one seriously. Other houses in the neighborhood were wrecked. The damage will amount to several thousand dollars.

OAKLAND'S KILLED AND WOUNDED.

MUNCIE, Ind., April 2.—In the Oakville cyclone the following were killed: MRS. ANNA DEARMOND, widow, aged 50.

THE BABY OF CHAS. BROWN.

TURNER JOHNSON, 12 years old, son of C. C. Johnson, blown 20 rods; skull crushed; will probably die.

NANCY MYERS, 60 years old; arm broken.

JEFF HOOVER, engineer at the saw mill; leg broken in two places, and injured internally.

MRS. JEFF MILLER, badly bruised.

FRED COLDESTOCK, of Shelbyville, two ribs broken.

WIDOW HIMER, a bad cut in the shoulder.

FIFTEEN OTHERS, more or less injured, none seriously.

AMONG THE HOUSES SMASHED

was that of John Sullivan, in which were himself, wife and six children, all of whom were miraculously saved from debris uninjured.

FURTHER OF THE DAMAGE IN OHIO.

COLUMBUS, March 2.—Dispatches from various points northward here give further accounts of the destruction by the cyclone last night.

At Dublin, O., a church and several barns were unroofed. Considerable stock is reported killed.

At Arcunec, near the Indiana line, twelve barns and four houses were destroyed, and three persons hurt.

At Mechanicsburg, many trees were blown down and several buildings unroofed.

At Bowlerville and Mutual, the storm did considerable damage to timber and barns.

The track of the tornado was about a third of a mile wide. Fortunately there were no large towns in the track of the storm.

FURTHER OF OAKVILLE'S DESTRUCTION. CHICAGO, April 2.—The Daily News

Muncie, Ind., special gives the following additional details of the Oakville cyclone: In the path of the storm for five miles east and west of the village the damage is equally great. Every farm passed over was made a perfect wreck, barns, houses, orchards and forests being blown down and fences leveled to the ground. Every present

A SCENE OF DESOLATION.

On the farm of James Saunders, four miles east of Middletown, the barn and house was completely destroyed. Saunders, who is a merchant in Middletown, but who was out of the place at the time, and had taken refuge in the barn, was instantly killed.

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NEWS OF THE NATION.

Bliss' Charges for Star Route Services Over Half a Million.

He Charged \$100 a Day for Sundays and \$150 for Trial Days.

Maxey Makes a New Solution of the Silver Question.

Providing for Recoinage into Half Dollars After January, 1885.

Preparations for a Readjustment of 2,405 Postmasters' Salaries.

Bondholders of the N. P. Petitioning as to Their Forfeited Lands.

BLISS' BIG BILL.

OVER A HUNDRED DOLLARS A DAY. WASHINGTON, April 2.—Before the Springer committee to-day George Bliss testified that his entire charge for services in the star route cases was \$500,832, of which \$43,442 was for expenses. He denied that he received \$150 a day, as his services covered a greater period than has been reckoned.

FORAN ASKED, "HOW MANY MEN DID YOU CONVINCE?"

"Only two," replied Bliss. "Were they punished?" "No, sir." "Did you collect any money from the government?" "No, sir; I've not gone into the insurance business."

SPRINGER ASKED: "WOULD YOU CHARGE FOR SUNDAY?"

Bliss: "I think my bill will show I charged for Sunday. I know I worked on Sunday."

SPRINGER: "THAT'S PROBABLY WHY YOU DID NOT SUCCEED."

Bliss said he did not charge over \$100 a day, except when the case was on trial. He thought it a poor day in New York when he didn't make \$100. The examination will be continued to-morrow.

THE SILVER QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Senator Maxey has prepared an amendment to the house bill for the retirement of the trade dollar, providing that after January 1, 1885, trade dollars, together with all halves, quarters and dimes, now coined and in the treasury, or that shall come into the treasury, and all silver purchased for coinage, shall be coined into full legal tender half dollars, containing 500 grains of standard silver.

MAIL MAN FRENCH EXONERATED.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The board appointed by the postmaster-general to investigate the charges of favoritism and injustice to subordinates, discrimination against Union soldiers, and inefficiency, untrustworthiness, and dishonesty in connection with the weighing of the mails, made against C. J. French, superintendent of the registered mail service of the fifth division, headquarters at Cincinnati, made a report that they find the charges not sustained by the evidence, and say that from the testimony they believe him to be a just, competent and honest official, entitled to the support of his superior officers, and the respect of his subordinates.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The republican senators will meet in caucus to-morrow evening, to further consider the order of business.

RESERVATION LANDS RESTORED.

The president has made a proclamation restoring to the public domain, all in the Turtle mountain Indian reservation in Dakota, except townships Nos. 162 and 163, north of range 7, west, which are reserved for the benefit of the Indians.

POSTMASTERS' SALARIES.

The annual readjustment of salaries of postmasters for the next fiscal year has begun at the postoffice department. The salaries of 2,405 presidential postmasters will be adjusted on the returns for the quarter ended March 31st. The adjustment will take effect July 1st. The department is about to begin the examination and review of the claims of postmasters for the readjustment of their salaries for the period between the years 1864 and 1874, in accordance with the provision of the act of March 3, 1883. Circular letters are being sent to all persons who were postmasters during that period, or their heirs, calling for information concerning their claims. There are many thousands of these claims, covering periods from one to ten years. The postal officials say the enormous sum of \$50,000,000 will be required to pay them.

FORTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The chair laid before the senate the credentials of Henry B. Payne, senator-elect from Ohio. These credentials were transmitted, owing to an informality in the credentials first presented.

The senate passed the bill to increase the efficiency of the general land office; also Merrill's bill for the improvement of coinage.

The education bill was taken up and discussed by Messrs. George (dem. Miss.), Blair (rep., N. H.), Van Wyck (rep., Neb.) After executive session the session adjourned.

HOUSE.

Mr. DeGraheiser (dem., N. Y.) presented a memorial from the bondholders of the Northern Pacific railway company, praying to be heard before the committee on public lands on the bill declaring forfeiture the lands granted, and asking congress to protect their interests. Referred.

THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

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FATAL RAILWAY WRECK.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 2.—The passenger train on the Alabama & Great Southern was wrecked thirty miles from this city last night. Brown, the fireman, was killed. The engine and two cars were demolished.

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of the whole on the Indian appropriation bill. Mr. Ellis (dem., La.) explained the provisions of the bill, including the provision for the punishment of surreptitious whisky sellers, and the annual census of tribes, and the provision for school houses. He expressed the hope that they would be given a standing in the courts, and eventually citizenship.

FLORIDA FILIBUSTERS.

A Revolutionary Expedition Against Cuba Said to Have Left Key West—Revenue Cutters in Pursuit.

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 2.—A special to The Morning News from Key West says reliable reports say the schooner Shoters left last night with Gen. Aquero and 20 men, well armed, for Cuba. The revenue cutter Dix left this morning in pursuit. The Spanish consul is aboard the Dix. Great excitement here.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Information originating with the Spanish consul at Key West was received by Secretary Folger through state department channels last Saturday evening, to the effect that a Cuban revolutionary expedition was being organized at Key West by Agnor; that he had collected one hundred well-armed men and stores of explosives, and that the expedition might be expected to depart from our shores at an early day. Orders were thereupon telegraphed to the commanders of the revenue cutters Governor Dix, supposed to be at Key West, and the George S. Boutwell at Savannah, to take steps immediately to prevent any such violations of law, and instructions were also telegraphed to two special agents of the treasury department, one in Florida, the other in Georgia, to proceed to Key West to assist in any needed investigation.

Dix, however, had left Key West Saturday for Cedar Keys, 30 miles distant, and the message to the commodore reached him only Monday, when he arrived at Cedar Keys. The Dix then started back immediately. Nothing has since been heard from her at the department, but no doubt is entertained that she started in pursuit of the filibustering schooner, as stated in the press dispatches from Key West early this morning. It is alleged that the delay in starting is accounted for by the necessity of coal- ing after the cruise to Cedar Keys. As the Dix is under steam capable of making ten or twelve knots an hour, it is believed she will easily overhaul a small sailing schooner, unless the latter diverts from her named course to Cuba, and evades direct pursuit by temporary concealment along the shores. The Boutwell, which was put in order at Savannah last Sunday, and left that port Sunday evening, has probably by this time reached a position to aid in the work of search or capture, but nothing has been heard from her since the departure.

ON THOROUGHLY ANTICATHOLIC LINES.

The council, or bundersath, as it is officially termed, is now composed of fifty-two members appointed by the diets or other representative bodies of the four kingdoms, six grand duchies, five duchies, and seven principalities composing the German empire. It is consequently a strictly representative body because its members derive their powers from deputies elected directly by the people, while it is purely federal in as much as they represent their respective states, and not individual constituencies.

THE NEW PROJECT.

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BAKER PASHA AND THE WOMEN.

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FOREIGN FRAGMENTS.

The Emperor of the Germans III and Conferred to His Room.

Bismarck's New Scheme for Cementing the German Empire.

A Great Banquet Tendered Parnell for Easter Monday.

On Which Occasion He will Deliver a Political Address.

The Project of Expending £40,000 as Salaries for Home-Rulers.

The Social Topic in England. Baker Pasha's Reinstatement.

OVER THE OCEAN.

BERLIN, April 2.—Emperor William is confined to his room.

HERWITT FOR AUSTRIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 2.—Admiral Hewitt has started for Massowah, en route to Assabia.

HONOR TO PARNELL.

Mr. Parnell has been invited to become the guest of the incorporation of Drogheda, Ireland, on Easter Monday, when a great public banquet will be tendered him and he will be presented with the freedom of the city. It has been arranged that on this occasion the Irish leader will deliver a great political address. He will, it is understood, take advantage of the opportunity to nullify the projected alliance of the Ulster Tories and Liberals against the home-rulers by explaining in detail the uses to which he intends to put the projected campaign fund of £40,000, and by unfolding his new plan for securing salaries for Irish members of parliament.

At present it is difficult to induce strong men in the home-rule ranks to become parliamentary candidates because most of the greater home-rulers are too poor to accept unsalaried political positions.

CEMENTING THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Bismarck has just announced at Berlin a proposal for more completely imperializing Germany. He calls it a project for a more complete cementing of the German empire. The chancellor has prepared a bill which is to be submitted to the reichstag immediately after the Easter recess, and which contemplates the entire reconstituting of the federal council, or upper house of the German parliament.

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