

FROM THE COUNTRY'S CAPITAL.

Measures Introduced in the House By Members From the Hawkeye State.

BILL TO ALLOT INDIAN LANDS.

The Work Done By Nebraska and Iowa Senators - An Examining Board of Surgeons Appointed for Council Bluffs.

House Measures By Iowa Members.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram.]—Iowa members introduced bills in the house today as follows:

By Mr. Frederick—Providing that all persons manufacturing, selling, or offering for sale, any substitute or imitation of butter or cheese other than that manufactured wholly out of pure milk or cream, shall pay an internal revenue tax thereon of not less than five cents a pound, and all packages containing such substitute or imitation shall be stamped as provided for by the internal revenue laws of the United States.

By Mr. Conger—Donating condemned ordnance for memorial purposes to the G. A. R. posts of Dallas county (Iowa).

By Mr. Struble—Pension Joshua L. Morris.

By Mr. Weaver—To pension Mrs. A. J. Pope, Whipple, Iowa; Rebecca E. Bushy, Mrs. Catharine McArthur, Natick, Iowa; Chaybourn Colburn and Henry Barton.

By Mr. Murphy introduced a memorial to the governor from the bar of Muscatine county, (Iowa), asking for an increase of the salaries of United States district judges.

AN INDIAN LAND ALLOTMENT MEASURE.

President Cleveland today sent to the senate today a communication from the secretary of the interior, submitting a bill prepared by the commissioner of Indian affairs to amend the third section of the act of March 3, 1853, providing for the sale of the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian reservations in Nebraska and Kansas. The bill provides that any member of the Sac and Fox or Iowa tribes of Indians properly enrolled at Fort Totten, Fort Union, and Great Nemaha agencies, who shall elect to remain upon the reservation of his respective tribe, shall be allowed to select 100 acres if he be the head of a family. If a single person over 18 years of age, or an orphan child under 18, eighty acres, if a minor child under 18, forty acres. The head of families shall include themselves and minor children, and the United States Indian agent for orphan children. The lands so selected shall be accepted in full satisfaction of his interest in and said reservation, but his right to share in the other funds and credits of the tribe shall not be impaired. The lands selected will be held by the government in trust for twenty-five years, at the expiration of which time patents will issue.

WHAT WILSON OF IOWA DID.

Senator Wilson today introduced in the senate various matters from Iowa, among them petitions from H. B. Wood and fifty-seven other leading citizens of Spencer, asking that Congress vote to the people the question of woman suffrage. He also introduced twenty-three other petitions for absolute forfeiture of the unearned lands within the grant of the Sioux City & St. Paul railroad company, and from the Knights of Labor of Des Moines on Chinese immigration.

EVAN LEWIS DISPLAYS HIS INHUMANITY IN A CONTEST WITH THE JAP.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram.]—Fully 3,500 people, representing largely the respectable element, assembled at Central Music hall to-night to witness the second catch-as-catch-can wrestling match between Matsuda, champion of the noted Japanese wrestler, and Evan Lewis, appropriately named "The Strangler." In this match Lewis' favorite hold, the strangling lock, was barred. Harry Palmer was chosen referee and at 8:57 the men shook hands for the first bout. After a couple of unsuccessful maneuvers on both sides, Matsuda, in a desperate effort to carry his playing his knee on the calf of the Jap's legs, seized his foot with both hands and began bending the foot in such a manner as to wrench the ankle out of the socket. A shout of indignation went up from the crowd at this inhuman treatment, and cries of "Hang the scoundrel," "Kick him in the back," "Kill the big coward," etc., arose from the audience. The Jap, compelled by pain to give in, was turned over on his back and lay there unable to rise to his feet, and was carried of the stage in the arms of his trainer, Edwin Bibby. Lewis stood apparently taken aback by the result. He had expected while loud cries of "Shame!" and "Foul!" rose on every hand. The referee announced that he could do nothing but award the match to "The Strangler," but it is safe to say Evan Lewis will never draw another crowd in Chicago. He appears to have no science, and relied solely upon his superior weight and brute force to carry his match. The Jap's ankle was found to be dislocated, and he was carried to a carriage after the doctors had attended him.

A DISPATCH SAYS A COUNCIL BLUFFS MAN IS THE VICTIM.

ET. PASO, Tex., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram.]—A dispatch from Et. Paso, Texas, says that a man from Council Bluffs, Iowa, was killed by a band of Mexican bandits near Parol (Mex.). Hawser was killed and Preston wounded in the arm. Both men were from Council Bluffs (Iowa). They were heavily interested in mines in Mexico. The defense made by Preston caused the bandits to flee.

MURDERED IN MEXICO.

ET. PASO, Tex., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram.]—The above dispatch was received at a late hour this morning. An inquiry of the Et. Paso dispatch office failed to elicit any information as to the parties named. Their being residents of Council Bluffs is doubted, as no one who could be reached at the hour of publication had any recollection of any persons of the above names.

SHE SAYS SHE WON'T TELL.

SALT LAKE, Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram.]—The wife of George Q. Cannon, Martha Sully, before the grand jury this afternoon refused to answer the question whether she was a pregnant woman when she was killed by George Q. Cannon. She reported the matter to the court which instructed her were proper questions and she should answer. She refused, whereupon, in view of her delicate condition, she was given till to-morrow afternoon to consider, her bonds being made \$2,500 additional, or \$3,000 in all.

KILLED BY THE CARS.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram.]—A groceryman doing business at 40 Wabasha, and an unknown man, while crossing the track of the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio railroad, at Wrecked Hill, were struck by the eastern express, killing both men and horse and wrecking the wagon.

GERONIMO WANTS MORE TIME.

ET. PASO, Tex., Feb. 15.—One of Crook's scouts here says Geronimo has asked until the 15th inst. to meet Crook.

DAY'S NEWS OF TWO STATES.

The Business Transacted Yesterday in Iowa's General Assembly.

GAGE COUNTY'S COURT WORK.

Sending Up Criminals—A Batch of Breezy Items from Tecumseh—Baptist Church Destroyed by Fire.

The Iowa Legislature.

Drs. Moyses, Iowa, Feb. 15.—In the senate today several petitions were introduced asking for a soldier's home; also, for a severance system for cities of the second class; also, asking for the passage of a law putting mutual benefit societies under a strict control of the state.

Among the bills introduced were one to extend the jurisdiction of circuit courts in probate matters; also, for levying a tax on all patented articles produced in the state; also, to prevent fraud in sales of cattle by misrepresenting their pedigree or condition; also, to increase the salaries of the deputy state officers and the governor's private secretary to \$1,800.

A resolution was introduced by Glass, asking Congress to appoint a board of inspection to examine and license railway conductors and engineers.

The bills introduced were one establishing a uniform gauge for cream at two quarts to an inch.

Dodge's bill forbidding the transportation of the bodies of persons who have died from smallpox, Asiatic cholera, typhus and yellow fever, and requiring all other bodies to be shipped in antiseptic sacks, heretofore sealed, was put on its passage and discussed at length, but without being acted upon was made the special order for Wednesday.

In the house a large number of petitions were introduced, asking for a soldier's home; also, for the prevention of adulteration of dairy products.

The principal debate was on Berryhill's bill to exempt from taxation the team, harness and wagon of a laborer, farmer, physician or public officer. The bill was indefinitely postponed.

The Brown investigating committee has commenced work and is now collecting reports from the banks and insurance companies as to the fees that have been paid to the auditor's office, which are regarded as exorbitant and which under protest of the committee expect to make a report in about two weeks.

DISPOSING OF GAGE COUNTY CROOKS.

REYNOLDS, Feb. 15.—[Special.]—Judge Broady is slowly grinding away at the district court docket for the February term, and will hold court until some time next month. A few criminal cases have been disposed of. The case of the state vs. A. B. Morse goes over to Judge Walsh, the most important witness for the state has skinned. A short review of the case is that in the summer of 1884 Mrs. A. B. Morse, aged about 30, died suddenly from the effect of strychnine. The post mortem examination and subsequent trial showed that the poison was probably administered by her husband, A. B. Morse, a man nearly 75 years old. It was generally known that they did not live happily together. At the last term of court Morse was found guilty of murder in the first degree, but owing to an informality in the verdict, a new trial was granted to hold this term. Walsh was the officer before whom the inquest was held and is the only witness who can identify the stomach of the deceased. It is thought that he has been paid for leaving.

A BIRMINGHAM MOB SUPPRESSED.

BIRMINGHAM, Feb. 15.—A meeting of unemployed workmen was held here today, attended by eight thousand persons. The address delivered was to the effect that the government was the cause of their distress, and the assembly degenerated into a mob, which attempted to break into the streets and pillage the shops. The police were called out and succeeded in suppressing the rioting and preventing any act of pillage.

A CHICAGO PRIEST SPEAKS.

DUBLIN, Feb. 15.—A number of the nationalists assembled at Ballyduff today and built a house for an evicted tenant, Mr. Hyne, member of parliament, and Rev. Father Hooper, of the diocese of Dublin. The speaker said the landlords had obtained possession of Ireland by murder, rapine and plunder, and the result of the recent election was merely a change of masters. He also assailed the justice of the Irish national cause.

THE WATER RECEEDING IN NEW ENGLAND—MORE DAMAGE EXPECTED.

PORT JARVIS, N. Y., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram.]—The water in Orange county, and extending on to Sussex county, New Jersey, are inundated by the overflow of the Walkkill. The roads are impassable. Thousands of ties, to be used for the construction of the North Mountain railroad, have been washed away. Several mill dams have been destroyed by the flood.

THE EASTERN FRESHET.

PORT JARVIS, N. Y., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram.]—The water has receded twelve inches since 1 p. m. yesterday in flooded districts. The damage to property here is estimated at \$1,000,000. At Newton Upper Falls, \$38,000 worth of machinery and finished work were flooded with great loss. At Malden the flood did \$1,000,000 worth of damage. At Lowell \$50,000. At Brookline the floods are subsiding. No further damage is feared. Farmers are trying to get their crops in. At Milton the railroad bridge is down, and Campbell's railroad is reported washed away. Several other bridges were washed away. The condition here is very bad. The water is still high in some places a mile wide. Losses to factories and dwellings approximate \$100,000. It is reported that the Atlantic & Georgia is to be built from New York to the Gulf of Mexico for \$20,000,000. At Little Falls \$120,000. Boston, Feb. 15.—At noon today the level of the Charles river was at its highest point reached. It is now thought that the regular outlet of Stony Brook will carry the water in many places.

THE POSTMASTERS' MEETING.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The third and fourth class postmasters of the United States met here this morning to consider various matters to be brought to the attention of Congress for the betterment of their condition. About 400 delegates all responded. Thirty-three states and three territories were represented. Among the delegates were twenty-two postmistresses. J. L. Sacroite of Illinois was named temporary chairman, and after the roll had been called, the meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE.

DENNING, Iowa, Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram.]—The First Baptist church of this place was fully destroyed by fire Sunday night. The fire was discovered about 10 o'clock, shortly after the church service. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. There has been some bad blood growing out of the settlement of the McKin estate which gave the church several thousands and dollars which was claimed by the heirs. Some attribute the fire to the negligence of the janitor. The church cost originally \$6,000, and \$1,400 were added for improvements last year. The insurance was \$3,000. It also destroyed three altars, the Sunday school library valued at \$200, and the pastor's private library valued at \$1,000. Rev. W. W. Avery, the pastor, lost all his private property, including his commission as captain in the army, his marriage certificate, and other papers.

ADMITTED ITS PATERNITY.

BLOOMINGTON, Neb., Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram.]—A Miss Reynolds, stepdaughter of M. Duerr, living here this place, last week gave birth to a child. At first she refused to say who was its father, and it is said was severely treated by her family. At last she

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Railroad Lands and Nebraska Land Districts the Senate Discussion.

HAWLEY HAS A SORE SUBJECT. Secretary Lamar Transmits Called for Papers—Hanback's Suing for Resolution of Inquiry in the Telephone Case.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The following letter was sent to the president pro tem of the senate:

Department of the Interior, Washington—President Pro Tempore of the Senate—Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the senate resolution of the 31st inst. in words as follows: "Resolved, That the secretary of the interior be requested to communicate to the senate all copies and all papers which have been filed in the interior department, and all papers which have been presented to any officer of the department, touching the official and personal conduct of Henry Ward, Indian inspector, during his continuance in office as chief clerk of the Indian inspector, and as the clerical force of this office is limited and otherwise fully employed, I have the honor to transmit to the original reports. As they are frequently consulted in the transaction of the business of this department, I have the honor to request they be returned to its files when they are no longer required by the senators. I am directed by the president to say that if the original reports are not returned to the original reports, they are to be considered as constituting all the evidence submitted in relation thereto. I am also directed by the president to say that he does not consider it consistent with public policy to transmit to the senators copies of papers from private citizens held in my custody for him, which relate exclusively to the suspension of incumbents. I have the honor to be, very respectfully, Sir, your obedient servant, L. Q. C. LAMAR, Secretary.

There are 282 enclosures. The letter and accompanying papers were referred to the committee on Indian affairs.

Senator Van Wank submitted an amendment to the house bill to increase the pension of widows and dependent relatives of deceased soldiers and sailors, providing that minor children shall receive \$5 per month when the parent is deceased and \$10 when both parents are deceased; that the pensionable age be extended to 18 years, and that fathers and mothers only be required to reside in the United States at the time of application.

Mr. Van Wank, from the committee on pensions, reported favorably the bill to establish two additional land districts in the state of Nebraska, and authorizing the president to appoint registers and receivers therefor.

Mr. Hawley presented a bill, which was referred to the committee on public lands, relating to the sale of railroad lands, and for other purposes. Mr. Hawley said the bill related to a very sore subject. An exceedingly large quantity of land, perhaps 100,000 acres, has been granted to the Northern Pacific Railway company, but it was provided by an amendatory act of Congress that the lands were to be sold for the land, and the company conveyed by a warranty deed had been settled and improved, and in many cases thriving villages had been built thereon. The bill provided that by the recent decision of the supreme court of the United States none of these millions of acres were to be taxable. The reason given by that court was irretrievable, but Congress should immediately provide by law a remedy for the difficulty involved. The railroads are to be taxed on the value of the land, and the communities interested therefore found themselves without the power of taxation.

Mr. Van Wank added that but one-half the enormity of the outrage had been stated. All the land grant railroads in the west were to be taxed on the value of the land, and he was glad to see Hawley's bill introduced.

Mr. Teller said the fault lay with Congress. The railroads had been granted the land for years for years been reported to Congress the full measure of the evil referred to, and requested legislation to enable the executive to take any steps which might be deemed made to Congress by himself, as secretary of the interior, had called attention to these abuses.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Mr. Hanback introduced a bill for the most sweeping inquiry concerning the charges made reflecting on the integrity and official action of certain officers of the government in connection with the Pan Electric telephones.

Under the call of the states the following bills, etc., were introduced and referred:

By Mr. Morrison—To reduce certain taxes.

By Mr. Hanback—A resolution calling for the appointment of a special committee, consisting of members of the house, to inquire into any expenditure on the part of the government incurred relative to the rights of the Pan Electric telegraph and telephone companies to priority of patents, said inquiry to include all the organizations or companies that have sprung out of the Pan Electric telegraph and telephone companies, and also to make full inquiry into the issuance of the stock known as the Pan Electric stock, or any stock of any other company, company or organization springing out of the Pan Electric telegraph and telephone company, to any person or persons connected with either the legislative, judicial or executive departments of the government of the United States, to whom, either directly or indirectly, any money, whether consideration in money or influence said stock was delivered. Also, as to what opinions, decisions and orders have been made by any officers connected with the government, and by whom, and all circumstances connected therewith, and arising herefrom, and what suits or suits, if any, have been brought in the name of the United States to test the validity of the patents issued, or any other right or interest therein, and what contracts have been made, what money has been paid to the attorney general or solicitor general of the United States, the reason or authority for constituting the United States marshal, and what orders have been issued by the committee on rules.

By Mr. Pulitzer—The following resolution: That the resolution creating a select committee, submitted by Mr. Hanback, be so amended as to authorize the said committee to inquire whether any of the telegraph and telephone companies, or any person or persons, have in any way influenced or attempted to influence officials or official action through newspaper acting from interest or improper motives, and whether any corporations, or their managers or representatives, have contributed large sums of money for political campaign purposes.

It was also agreed that a certain person acceptable to them should be appointed a judge of one of the courts of the United States who may have to decide an litigation concerning the telephone patents.

Also, a bill giving a pension of \$5,000 a year to the widow of the late General Hancock.

The house then went into committee on the whole. Springer in the chair, on the 10th of February, Mr. W. H. Woodford read his speech in favor of the bill.

Negley spoke against the bill, as did Felt.

The committee then rose and the house adjourned.

Weather for Today.

MISSOURI VALLEY.—Fair weather, winds generally shifting to southerly; slight, preceded in southern part by a very stationary temperature falling to a minimum.

THE COUNTRY'S CLEARINGS.

All the Leading Cities Show a Percentage of Increase.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 15.—The following statement of the leading clearing houses in the United States, shows the gross bank exchanges at each point for the week ending February 13, in comparison with the corresponding week in 1885:

Table with columns: CITIES, CLEARINGS, Increase, Decrease. Lists cities like Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Baltimore, San Francisco, New Orleans, Cincinnati, Louisville, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Providence, Denver, Detroit, Milwaukee, Omaha, Cleveland, Galveston, Memphis, Hartford, New Haven, Portland, Worcester, St. Joseph, Springfield, St. Paul, Lowell, and Total.

Review of English Trade.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Mark Lane Express, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: It is too early to make a forecast of crops. In the meantime English wheat can be supplied. Sales of English wheat during the week past were 6,252 quarters at 29s 6d, against 58,314 at 32s 10d during the same week last year. Flour is freely supplied, and underbids foreign flour. Foreign wheat is not so freely supplied as the market is firm. The American option is the cause of the world and paralyzes business in London and Liverpool. Flares in cargoes has been very restricted, there were 3,000 in rivals and one sale; two cargoes were withdrawn and two remained, both American. All today's market was very quiet, with inquiry for wheat. Corn and barley were 3d dearer. Beans and peas were 3d dearer.

Grain in Sight and Store.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The number of bushels of grain in store in the United States and Canada, February 12, and the increase or decrease compared with the previous week, will be posted on "Change to-morrow as follows:

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley. Shows quantities and changes.

Eight Days' Market.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Inter Ocean's Eight Days' Market, Feb. 15.—The market for wool, 15,720 bales at 33c. Shows more firmness; regular sales, 250 boxes at 5c for hard skins and 10c for one pound skins. Private sales of 32,810 pounds of butter and 60 and not exceeding 80 cents, 21,000 lbs. The amount in Chicago elevators on the date named was:

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley. Shows quantities in elevators.

Senatorial Homes Provided with Costly Edifices.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—[Special Telegram.]—The Tribune's special correspondent last week the senate passed twenty-nine bills appropriating \$1,415,000 for the construction of public buildings in various parts of the country. Altogether there have been 148 such bills introduced in this congress calling for an aggregate appropriation of about \$30,000,000, and there are many counties yet to hear from.

DAMAGED BY ICE.

THE GREAT GORGE BREAK AT ST. LOUIS INJURES RIVER BOATS.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—In addition to the damages sustained yesterday morning and evening by shipping interests at that point from the break up of the ice gorge, it has just been learned that the government fleet anchored behind Carroll Island, consisting of three tugboats, one steamer, and about twenty pilot drivers, valued at about \$200,000. The ice caused the boats to break away from their moorings and float down the river. Major Ernest, of the corps of civil engineers, states that he received dispatches from Chief Engineer H. C. Smith, that seven barges had been recovered at that point in good condition. No estimate of the damage done to the boats, and only a few of the whereabouts of persons rescued have been heard from. No serious damage in this harbor has yet resulted in addition to that inflicted yesterday.

BOYCOTTING A BANQUET.

DUBLIN, Feb. 15.—The lord mayor has invited a deputation of tradesmen to attend a banquet to be given on Tuesday to John Morley, the new chief secretary for Ireland. Since the invitation was issued anonymous placards have been posted, urging tradesmen to boycott the banquet on the ground that this banquet was still floating down the river in having joined the attempt at Galway to hamper Mr. Parnell.

DEATH OF BISHOP PATZ.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—A special to the Post Dispatch from Alton, Ill., says: Bishop P. J. Patz, bishop of the diocese of Alton, died this morning at 8:50 o'clock, after an illness of some length. He was 77 years of age. His funeral will be held on Tuesday.

LOUISIANA DEMOCRAT FERTILITY II.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 15.—Hon. Henry Watterson is resting easy this morning and his physicians are more hopeful. At a consultation at 11 o'clock it was decided that his symptoms were more favorable. His present treatment is for a few meetings.

RAN AWAY FROM OMAHA.

A letter from the chief of police of Atchinson, Kansas, was received by Capt. Conkock today, which stated that a boy named William Dawson, from Omaha, was now in jail there. The boy claims to have run away from his home in this city, and says that his father, John Dawson, works in the Union Pacific shops. The police do not know of any such person, but will investigate the matter.

WE WILL TAKE A FEW MORE OMAHA CITY GOATS AT LOW RATE.

J. W. & E. L. SOYBES, Council Bluffs, Iowa.