

OPENED TO SETTLEMENT.

Unearned Railroad Land Grants are Returned to the People.

IOWA SETTLERS VICTORIOUS.

Secretary Lamar Decides Adversely to the Claims of the Milwaukee and Sioux City Roads—Other Washington News.

Washington, July 27.—The secretary of the Interior today, in the matter of the application of settlers in O'Brien county, Iowa, asking that suit be instituted in the name of the United States to assert title to 55,277 acres of land in that county, claimed by the Sioux City & Pacific railroad company and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway company respectively, under a grant to the state of Iowa May 1, 1854, decides that the application should be granted as to 17,600 acres claimed by the Sioux City & St. Paul company, and directs the commissioner of the general land office to inform the former demand on the company and state for a reconveyance of the same in accordance with the act of congress of March 3, 1857. As to the lands claimed by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul company, the secretary has no sufficient reason for the institution of a suit. The lands in question are embraced within the common grant made by the two roads. The companies claim they are each entitled to indemnity for most of the lands granted under the common grant, and that the lands in the county should be divided into lands for the entire 55,277 acres constructed by it. The secretary denies both these claims and grants the lands in question to the Sioux City & St. Paul railway company. The secretary has also rendered a decision relative to 20,000 acres of land located in Plymouth, Woodbury and Sioux counties in the state of Iowa, which has been patented to the state for the benefit of the Sioux City & St. Paul railway company. The land in question was held from the railroad company because of the non-completion of the road which had been constructed on it. The secretary has also granted the land to the Sioux City & St. Paul railway company. He thereupon accepts the reconveyance and directs that the lands be thrown open to settlement and entry as public lands.

THE PACIFIC INVESTING.

Attorney Cohen Gives His Views of Central Pacific Finances. SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—The chief witness examined by the Pacific commission today was A. A. Cohen, one of the attorneys for the Southern Pacific, regarding the contracts between the Central and Southern Pacific. Witness went over much the same ground as Mr. Miller. When asked it is known a reason why the Central Pacific should not be able to liquidate its government debt, witness said after the government had aided the Central Pacific it subsidized the other roads which had detracted from the value of the former company. These competitors have forced it to reduce its indebtedness. The United States bonds realized the company very little, not more than 60 percent of the face value, and the about 12 percent for the aid it received then. It cost three times as much to build the road than it did for the government to issue the bonds. Witness thought nobody could take hold of the Central Pacific and make it pay the principal and interest it owes the government and its mortgages. By reason of completion the company had lost \$30,000,000 net revenue in the last year. In witness' opinion the Thurman act had been the most disadvantageous of all the congressional legislation. William H. Mills, a general land agent of the Southern Pacific, was examined regarding the amount of lands on the bonds of the two companies and the amount sold.

BOUND TO BE AVENGED.

Threats of Summary Vengeance on the Cheyenne Shootists. CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Wallace Link and Edithon Baker, the deputy sheriffs who shot the Cheyenne band at Cheyenne, surrendered last evening and were brought to this city this morning and lodged in the county jail. Forty to fifty riders, fellow workmen of Pilling and Cooley, arrived in the city tonight on the Cheyenne & Northern, and while no overt act of violence has been made there it is known that they determined that the men guilty of the shooting shall be punished or they will take the matter into their own hands. This has been intensified by the death of Pilling, who died at the county hospital yesterday. It is reported that the Cheyenne band will make a raid on this city in the near future. At the coroner's inquest today the verdict was rendered that Daniel Pilling came to his death from the effects of a gunshot wound inflicted by the hands of Wallace Link or E. Baker and through criminal carelessness on the part of the same persons.

THE WRONG CORPSE.

A Peculiar Sighting of St. Thomas Week. HASTINGS, Ia., July 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Sunday last the body of Hunch McConlay, who had been killed in the railway accident at St. Thomas, Ont., was recognized by his surviving father and duly buried. The old gentleman has been prostrated with grief since, but this afternoon he was dumfounded by his supposed dead son looking into his house, having just arrived from Canada. The elder McConlay had not seen his only boy since an infant, and of course could not recognize him now. That which the boy has said is that Hunch McConlay is, and what to do about it is the question agitating the now overjoyed father. It was reported that the boy was the one who fell from the wreck upon orders from Mr. McConlay here, who supposed his son on the fatal train.

The New Navy.

NEWPORT, July 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The board appointed by Secretary Whitney on Friday last to inspect the Atlanta and take command of her, went on to sea today. The result of the inspection of the board summarized are as follows: The ship is at present practically useless. Her structure appears to be strong and free from weakness, but her armament is horsed combat. The injury to the eight-inch gun carriages is such that they cannot be used until completely repaired. The uncertain behavior of the eight-inch guns makes it inexpedient to again subject the vessel to firing tests. The Atlanta, as a vessel of war, as her armament is now arranged, is absolutely worthless. The discharge of the six-inch batteries is likely to be followed by injury to the vessel. Three batteries which ought to be so arranged as to be fired in a single salvo, are so arranged as to require a single fire. The board will further report that until the repairs are made which the present condition of the ship really demands, it is of no use, and the expense of making any thorough tests of any part of her battery. What is true of the Atlanta is also true of the Boston.

Setting a Board Bill.

CHICAGO, July 27.—A special to the evening Journal from Grand Rapids, Mich., says a double tragedy occurred here this morning. The fire which broke out in the building of the insurance company, and living at Peterson, N. J., had a dispute with his landlady over an unpaid board bill. The fire drew a revolver and shot her through the head. His landlady's brain, killing her instantly. He then shot himself dead. The murdered man was James H. Wilson, a well-to-do man and family at Peterson, where he was about to return.

Weather Indications.

For Nebraska: Fair weather, winds generally easterly, nearly stationary temperature. For Iowa: Fair weather, variable winds generally northerly, nearly stationary temperature. For Central and Eastern Dakota: Fair weather, winds generally northerly, nearly stationary temperature.

A Minneapolis Blaze.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 27.—The seven story brick building at Washington and Second avenues, south, occupied by a clothing house and furnishing bazaar, burned last night, causing a loss to them and adjoining buildings of \$185,000, insured \$141,000. During the fire the fire engine was overturned, which was seriously injured by falling glass.

The Boodler in Canada.

CHICAGO, July 27.—The Journal special from St. Ignace, Mich., says: Mayor Reed, of St. Louis, and Captain D. P. Guthrie, of St. Louis, committee on arrangements for an ex-federate reunion, which meets here September 14, are in the city making arrangements for that event.

Reported the Seizure.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The secretary of the treasury has received mail advices from Captain Sheppard, commanding the revenue steamer Rush in regard to his cruise in the Indian waters. Among other things he details the seizure of the schooner Challenge and Anna Heck, which were mentioned in these dispatches last week.

The Land Bill.

LONDON, July 27.—To-day O'Doherty, home rule member for North Donegal, moved on behalf of Parnell to limit to three years the period for which the provisions of the evictions of the clause would only be required until the land purchase bill was passed. After protracted debate the motion was lost.

The Confederate Reunion.

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A Criminal Run Down.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 27.—A special from Baker City to the Oregonian says: Sheriff Smith yesterday arrested Andrew Hamilton, alias Dick Harrison, for murder committed in Pike county, Illinois, in 1866. The arrest was made on requisition from Governor Oglesby.

Steamship Arrivals.

NEW YORK, July 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Arrived—The State of Pennsylvania, from Glasgow.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SPRING!

How Milton Crosser Heard an Awful Rumbling Sound.

ALL THE CATTLE STAMPEDED.

Six Inches of Water Suddenly Bursts Into the South Fork of the Iowa River—Other Iowa Items.

A Country Curiosity. DES MOINES, Ia., July 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—A special from Hubbard, Hardin county, relates the following remarkable phenomenon: Milton Crosser heard an awful rumbling sound, and at first he was not a little alarmed at it, but presently he saw the water rushing down the bed of the Iowa river at a great speed, the depth of six inches. His cows were lying in the bed of the river, and when the water came rushing against them they stampered. Now the question is, how can the water break forth from the hills. It must have been a large spring of water, for we understand that the country along the river is dry, and now it is running with water about six inches deep. This is a true story, and it is very curious. It is a good thing that the water is running, for it is a good thing that the water is running with water about six inches deep. It is a true story, and it is very curious. It is a good thing that the water is running, for it is a good thing that the water is running with water about six inches deep.

Wanted to Go to Des Moines.

DAVENPORT, Ia., July 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—A good looking woman about thirty years of age and well dressed, arrived here yesterday from Chicago. She stated that she was the mother of eight children and that she wanted to go to Des Moines. She was a sorrowful looking spectacle. She called at the aid society rooms and pleaded for money enough to take her to Des Moines. Her speech showed that she was very distressed and that she had no other resources. She was a good looking woman, but she was very poor. She had no money and she was very hungry. She had no other resources and she was very distressed. She was a good looking woman, but she was very poor. She had no money and she was very hungry. She had no other resources and she was very distressed.

Poisoned Corn Meal.

ALTONA, Ia., July 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—John Stuart, of Four Mile township brought home some corn meal. It was a little late his wife concluded she would not bake bread out of it for supper and told him to give the chickens a feed out of it. He did so and the following morning he gathered up forty-three dead chickens. It is not known what is in the meal but the matter will be looked into.

Hurt in a Mine.

SWAN, Ia., July 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—John Kozers, a young man about seventeen years of age, was hurt in the mines here yesterday. He had set fire to his squib and ran and the shot not touched for just as it should, he returned to it, and getting near the face of his room the blast went off and he had two or three ribs fractured and a serious laceration between his ears. His hurt is serious but not dangerous.

A Young Girl Takes Strychnine.

MR. PLACATE, Ia., July 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Cora Miner, aged eighteen, daughter of H. C. Miner, residing at Ora Del near this city, died last night from the effect of a dose of strychnine taken with suicidal intent. She had been sick for some time and it is supposed she had taken the poison which she was given for her ailment. It is not known what the doctor had said or what she had done with the poison. She had taken the poison which she was given for her ailment. It is not known what the doctor had said or what she had done with the poison.

Protected Her Father.

MUSCATINE, Ia., July 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Thomas J. Johnson, of township 7, will appear before Justice Cummings tomorrow to answer to the charge of assaulting his neighbor, John Dean, with intent to kill. Dean and Joseph Gleason were at Dean's house conversing and Horton came up and asked Dean about his cattle getting into his orchard and resulting in a fight. It happened several times the last month. Dean denied this and rejoined that Horton's cattle had been in his field but he had not noticed it so heinous as to say anything about it. The conversation waxed warm and Horton called Dean a thief and Dean called Horton a thief and a liar. Horton cocked his revolver and was about to fire when Dean called out to him to stop. Horton then fired and shot Dean in the chest. Dean was badly wounded and died.

Personal Paragraphs.

W. A. Paxton and wife are at North Platte. Dr. Charles Dennison, chief surgeon of the Denver & Rio Grande, is in the city. George A. Gillette, of Lincoln, and W. R. Lumry, of Fullerton, are at the Windsor. Judge J. P. Usher of Leavenworth, Kan., is in the city looking after his Omaha interests. George Stebbins, superintendent of the Pacific Express company, left last evening for Grand Island. Mayor W. J. Bronck and family leave for St. Louis this evening for a six weeks sojourn, two weeks from to-day. J. J. Galligan, chief of the fire department, leaves for Baltimore and a round of the eastern cities, this afternoon. W. D. Dickinson, wife of the general superintendent of the Union Pacific railway, left in a special car for Cheyenne last night. James Grace, of Plattsmouth, was in the city today in attendance upon the Baptist church. In his absence, James Greene to Miss Della Heelan. John Snodgrass, of Springfield; J. E. Williams, of Scribner; Miss C. Ort, of Wahoo; A. H. Murray, of De Witt; J. A. Frowley and Walter Scott, both of St. Joseph, are in the city. E. F. Vonberg and Walter Scott, capitalists of Stromsburg, Neb., are in the city on a brief visit. The former gentleman is on his way to Washington, being an applicant for a Chinese consularship. This would mean that he is in China and is thoroughly acquainted with the language and customs of the orientals. J. D. Rool and E. F. Hempstead, of Pawnee City; M. M. Essors, Ogallala; George H. Thummler, of Grand Island; E. E. Whaley, of Loup City; Orlando Teffe, of Avoca; J. G. Pollock, of Beatrice; Eugene Moore and wife, of West Point; and J. Devine, of Irvington are at the Millard.

Knights of Pythias.

Yesterday afternoon at 8 o'clock all the officers of the Uniformed divisions of the Knights of Pythias met at the drill hall in the city for the purpose of electing the officers of the fifth regiment of Knights of Pythias in this state. The following officers were elected: Colonel, George H. Thompson; Lieutenant Colonel, J. T. McManus. Major, F. A. Borden. Surgeon, Dr. C. M. Dinsmore. Adjutant, James Donnelly. Quartermaster, James P. Garrison. Sergeant-major, S. F. Trossler. Quartermaster sergeant, Charles Teasing. Commissary sergeant, J. S. Wood.

Small Blaze.

About 9 o'clock last night an alarm of fire brought the department to the corner of Ninth and Leavenworth streets. The cause was the burning of a bed in a neighboring boarding house. The flames were speedily extinguished, and the fire laddies had their run for nothing.

Marriage Licenses.

Anton Olson, Omaha, to Maria Johnson, Omaha. Mrs. B. Sheldon, Omaha, to Mary A. Wilson, Omaha.

A CHAT WITH PADDOCK.

His Acquaintance With Taylor, the Mormon Leader.

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A Relic That Attracted a Prominent Nebraskan's Attention. In a window of the Omaha National Loan office on Douglas street is a costly saddle. The stirrups are hand-made and of engraved silver. The horn and other portions of this rare "horse clothing," Sonnenberg, the proprietor of the office, says the saddle has a history. It was originally the property of General Marchmont, an officer in the Mexican army. Subsequently the notorious Ben Thompson and his crowd made a raid in Mexico from Austin, Tex., and among other things captured this saddle. Thompson escaped by the skin of his teeth. The senator then bought it for \$500 in Fort Worth. Afterwards Sonnenberg secured it by the payment of \$250. It is a rare horse apparel and has attracted a great deal of attention. The senator is not a horse man, and he does not ride. He is gathered up forty-three dead chickens. It is not known what is in the meal but the matter will be looked into.

DEADWOODS DISGRACE.

Last night the friends of the two actresses, Misses Fenton and Saunders, had reason to believe the young women would arrive in this city and had hoped they would reach here on the 7:30 St. Paul train. Instead of the ladies being of the party to arrive there were three other members of the profession who had come direct from Deadwood and had been invited to the party by the friends of the actresses. They were three women who had reached this city some days ago, beseeching them to do everything in their power to rescue them from the custody of Proprietor A. S. Swain, who had taken them to his hotel and was holding them there. They were three women who had reached this city some days ago, beseeching them to do everything in their power to rescue them from the custody of Proprietor A. S. Swain, who had taken them to his hotel and was holding them there.

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