AN HOUR WITH THE OLD YEAR

The Sable Curtains of Eighty-Seven Rolled Back for a Brief Review.

WAVES OF SUNLIGHT AND SHADOW

The Crimson Trail of Death on Land and Sea—Local and General Events Recalled From the Dreary Vales of the Past.

The record of the past year is a succession of disasters. The surging waves of violence and devastation dashed on every shore and crimsoned its path with human life. Appalling wrecks on land and sea darken every page of its history. Death seemed in harmony with the elements. Seismic upheavals in France and Italy and Turkestan brought death to 2,100; hurricane swept 1,300 lives in India and Australia, wrecks on foreign seas swallow 1,845 more, and fires and explosions 740. The list is a mere fragment of the deadly record of the old world.

In the United States the bloody iron trail, stretching from White river's plunge to the partially suppressed calamity at Koutz, from Boston's rotten bridge to Havelock, was capped and completed by Chatsworth's infernal ditch, into which hundreds of people, on a joyful summer journey to Niagara, were precipitated at midnight. Flames enveloped the ghastly pyre, eighty souls ascended from the ruins, and 130 maimed and crippled of both sexes were taken to their homes to suffer, some for life, as a sacrifice to the penury of a plug road. The wrecks of the rail here gleaned show a total of 282 deaths and 543 injured. The lakes and coast storms sent 164 persons to watery graves. The summer roast in the central states cities—Chicago, Cincinnati, Pittsburg and other inland communities—numbered 327 victims, while miscellaneous methods of violence swelled the total by 300.

Locally there is a total of 54 fatal accidents, 21 suicides and six murders.

The list is far from being complete and records, beyond the city, only such events in which the death rate ranged from three upward. Woven in the warp and woof of violence are the dates of events that have thrilled communities and nations, stirred monarchies to joy as well as arms, and thrilled republics to the foundation. Death moved peacefully in high as well as humble places and bore to eternity's shores men and women distinguished in letters and the arts and prominent in the progress of their states and cities.

Omaha and Vicinity.

January struck the city on the crest of a cold wave, sending the thermometer 20 deg. below zero. The B. & M. headquarters was damaged by fire and the building, with Sloan, Johnson & Co.'s stock of groceries damaged $100,000. The B. & M. short line, Ashland to Omaha, inaugurated. 2. Milton Tootle, of Tootle, Maul & Co., died in St. Joseph, Mo., aged sixty-three. L. Roe, a Sixteenth street jeweler, skipped to Canada with his stock, leaving a long list of creditors. 4. The committee of fifteen complete the charter and forwarded the document to the legislature. 5. The second cold wave comes on the track of a brief spell of moderate weather, sending the mercury down to 21 deg. below. The county commissioners reject all hospital plans. The Nebraska millers, 200 in number, meet and organize a state organization. 8. Death of General George M. O'Brien, aged sixty. 10. The Salvation army camps in Omaha and begin operations. 13. The executive committee of the Y. M. C. A. decided to limit the cost of the proposed hall to $75,000. The Withnell block touched by fire and damaged $1,000. 14. Third annual charity ball in the exposition building. 16. Fire at 915 South Thirteenth street, causing a loss of $6,000. 17. Swan Johnson killed by a switch engine in South Omaha yards. 28. Organization of the Nebraska Live Stock Shippers' association in Omaha. J. M. Zeigle, a drummer from St. Louis, closes life's sample case with morphine.

The opening event in February was on the 3d, when the "coal find" was "verified" by the test drill and a four foot vein found at a depth of 540 feet. Time toned down the announcement. 4. C. Tietz, a saloonkeeper near the city, kills Hans Puls with an "unloaded revolver." Capture of Charles Wilson, a noted burglar. The Sixteenth viaduct completed and opened to traffic. 5. Great charter meeting in the exposition annex, in which the railroad and contractors' clique, after three hours' struggle, were defeated and the work of the legislative delegation endorsed. 12. Jacob Jacobson, in a fit of despondency, kills his baby boy and hangs himself at 810 South Nineteenth street. 15. Suicide of Charles Allen at 1330 South Eighteenth street. 17. James Lewis, a workman, falls from the Eleventh street viaduct and is killed. Louis Rhinehart accidentally killed in a chute in Benson's ice house. 18. J. Levi knocked off a car by a swinging door and killed in South Omaha yards. 20. John Richardson shot and killed by Officer William White while resisting arrest on Sixteenth street. 22. Jennie B. Aldrich, a fallen woman, suicides. 23. Madame Patti arrives in the city and on the following evening entertains a vast audience in the exposition building. 28. Sale of the Omaha Herald to Hon. John A. McShane. Suicide of the noted local character, Edward Kuehl, oracle and shoemaker, with morphine, aged seventy. George Symonds, a carpenter, suicides by hanging at Walnut Hill.

March came in like the traditional lamb, thermometer 60 deg, bringing the news of the passage by congress of the charter for the Omaha and Council Bluffs wagon bridge. 3. Death of Dwight G. Hull, a lawyer, aged forty-four, of an overdose of opium. 8. Bernard Doran crushed and fatally injured by the elevator in Oberfelder's store on Harney street. Mrs. Daniel Kinney burned to death by the explosion of kerosene while starting a fire. J. J. Frederick crushed to death by a handcar in the B. & M. yards. R. G. Fleming, a freight conductor, caught by the cars on the Tenth street crossing of the Union Pacific and his leg cut off. The second trial of John W. Lauer for the murder of his wife opens in the district court. 10. The ice on the Missouri river breaks and moves out. 15. The Omaha & South Omaha cable company and the Omaha & Council Bluffs bridge and cable company incorporated. 16. The Omaha Herald Publishing company, capital $150,000, file articles of incorporation. James Gaskill, hostler in the government barn, dies of an overdose of alcohol. 17. St. Patrick's day a fine one. Street parade of the A. O. H. Close of the Grand Army encampment. 18. Charles Hearst, aged 14, accidentally and fatally shot while hunting near the city. 19. Close of the Lauer trial with a verdict of acquittal. 21. Demolition of the pioneer brick building of the city, on corner of Twelfth and Farnam. 22. Ed. Burns, Union Pacific switchman, killed by lumber loaded car in the yards. 23. George F. Swift, the Chicago packer, agrees to build and operate a packing house in South Omaha. 24. Passage of the Omaha charter bill by the legislature. The Omaha Medical college turns loose nine graduates at the sixth annual commencement. 25. The spring rise of the Missouri commences, reaching the flood height of twenty feet on the 27th. 30. Hon. C. V. Gallagher appointed postmaster of Omaha. 31. March goes out in a mellow haze.

April came in on the wings of fine weather, with a tender of the Wabash receivership to S. R. Callaway, general manager of the Union Pacific, which was declined. 2. Incorporation of the Nebraska Central (Milwaukee) road, and proceedings began for condemnation of property north of Davenport and east of Fourteenth streets. 4. Completion of the school census, showing a population of 90,995. Patrick Grady, locomotive fireman, crushed to death under his engine at Valley station. 5. Omaha divided into nine wards and the limits extended. 6. Arrest of the Salvation army as a street nuisance. Stockyards barn destroyed by fire, causing a loss of $15,000. 20. The board of trade hold first meeting in the new building. 21. Meeting of Omaha lumber merchants and railroad representatives and satisfactory adjustment of rates secured. 22. O. H. Rothacker, editor of the Republican, attacks E. Rosewater with a slungshot, on the corner of Eleventh and Farnam streets. 22. T. J. Potter of the Burlington, elected first vice-president and general manager of the Union Pacific. 24. The ball season opened in Omaha. Charles Fleck killed by a runaway team. 25. Johnny Travers, a boy, killed by elevator in Withnell building. Edwin Booth opens a three nights' engagement in Boyd's opera house. 26. O. H. Rothacker, charged with assault on E. Rosewater, discharged by Judge Stenberg.

A warm, stormy and dusty May day was followed on the 3d with clear warm weather, a victory for the republicans in the municipal election, and the nineteenth annual meeting of the Nebraska Medical association. The 6th was fruitful of great events. The announcement was made of the discovery of a fifteen foot vein of coal at a depth of 250 feet in South Omaha. Charles Francis Adams and Sara Bernhardt arrived in town simultaneously. Sale of the Boyd packing house to J. D. Ier for $75,000, and ground broken for the Omaha and South Omaha Motor street railway. 7. Master Workman Powderly addresses the Knights of Labor. 8. Appointment of the police and fire commissioners by Governor Thayer. 9. Suicide of William Holtschneider with a razor. 10. The child of Mr. Hageman killed by a dose of carbolic acid. 11. Four labor strikes in progress—painters and paper hangers, brick moulders, cable line diggers and foundrymen. 12. Sale of the Patrick farm of 615 acres to Kansas City syndicate for $615,000. 13. Thomas J. Potter takes charge of the Union Pacific railroad. 14. All labor strikes settled. 15. Dennis Quinlan shot and killed by William Volmar in a beer hall on Vinton street. 16. Omaha made a United States reserve city. The third vein of coal discovered near the southern city limits. Failure of A. H. Swan & Co. at Cheyenne, Wyo. 18. Meeting of the State Episcopal council. 19. The National Presbyterian convention opens in Exposition hall. W. F. Seavey elected chief of police. 22. August Young, aged twenty-three, suffering from love and drink, suicides with a revolver. 24. Great railroad meeting in the interest of the Omaha, Wayne & Yankton. Delegates from towns interested and Omaha board of trade accept a proposition to build the road for a bonus of $500,000. The builders failed to materialize. 25. A. E. Powell swindles the Merchant's National bank out of $4,500 by forged drafts. 27. John Maloney, aged twenty-six, killed on the Union Pacific bridge. 28. S. B. Finch, laborer, crushed to death by the ditching of a car loaded with water pipe, near the pump house. 13. The Presbyterian general assembly adjourns.

The Lutheran general synod came with the 1st day of June, and also Soloman Blanks, a Colorado miner, who was confidenced out of $500 by a sharper. 2. Police Chief Seavey charged with desertion and elopement during his California career. 4. Death of O. F. Davis at Waukesha, Wis., aged sixty. 5. Suicide of John Goodwin, a Sixteenth street butcher. 6. Election of a republican school board. 8. The police capture six crooks while planning to rob a Missouri Pacific passenger train near the city. 9. An unknown man killed by the cars in the Union Pacific yard. 10. Close of the biennial session of the Lutheran synod. 12. capture of Frank Gorney for forgery of $30,000 committed in Streator, Ill. 13. Meeting of the Omaha freight bureau and the state board of transportation. 13. Death of John G. Chapman, aged 60. 10. Opening of the State sportmen's tournament. Leopold Greber, aged 38, suicided by hanging. 18. Resignation of Chief of Police Seavey, followed by reinstatement two days later. Unknown man killed by the cars on Chicago street. 22. Six year old daughter of Mr. Stepanek drowned in the Missouri near Boyd's packing house. 23. High school commencement with thirty graduates. Conviction of William Volmer of murder in the second degree in killing Dennis Quinlan. 26. The corner stone of St. John's collegiate church laid by Bishop O'Connor, surrounded by a large throng of clergy and laity and state and city officials.

The first three days of July were barren of events. Amid the rejoicings on the 4th Barney Donahue, locomotive engineer, was killed by the cars at the transfer. On the 6th Armour completed the purchase of the Lipton packery in South Omaha. Pomy & Segelke's soda water factory on South Tenth street was burned on the 10th, causing a loss of $40,000. The 11th is scheduled as the hottest day of the year, 105° in the shade at 3 p. m. 12. Death of Bill Nugent, shot by Jack Kiley on the evening of the 5th. 16. Ignace Lahroba, butcher, dies of sunstroke in South Omaha. 19. Isaac Brown sues the Herald for libel, damages $25,000, and Dago Farlin stabs Jacob Darr for stealing a peanut. 20. Death of John D. Campbell, aged 66, a pioneer of the city. 22. Alonzo Lick, aged 57, suicides with a revolver. 29. John Johnson killed by a runaway team and an unknown man killed by the cars in the B. & M. yards.

August came howling in red hot in temperature and in police circles. Thirteen of the finest were fired and an equal number of new men uniformed and put on the road. The 4th sent sorrow and anxiety to scores of families in Omaha and Council Bluffs. A storm in the evening sank a small steamer in Lake Manawa, throwing about twenty men into the water. Joseph Newman of Omaha and H. Ferson and Charles Cartwright of Council Bluffs were drowned. On the 10th an unknown man was killed in the Union Pacific yards, and Georgiana Clark, a colored woman of the town, died in the city jail of bodily bruises. 11. A sleeping tramp killed by the fall of a brick kiln on Twenty-fourth street. 13. Mrs. Dysinger suicided near Council Bluffs because her husband spurned a present of white shirts. 18. O. B. Selden assassinated near Manville, Wyo. Jessie Green, aged fifteen, killed in the St. Paul & Omaha yards. 19. Edith Grahl burned to death by a gasoline stove in Council Bluffs. 20. William G. Wallace, a love-sick simpleton, suicides in Hanscom park. 22. An Omaha package of $10,000 stolen from the Pacific express on the way to Butte, M. T. The thief was soon after captured, tried and sent to prison, and most of the money recovered. 25. Meeting of the National association of charities and corrections in Exposition hall. 26. Cora Basset, cyprian, dies of morphine self-administered, and Cora White of the same soiled gender, suicides in Dago alley.

September came in warm and showery with the stale announcement that coal had been found again, this time at Sulphur Springs, but it got away. On the 4th Walt C. Cutting, a laborer out of a job, suicided. Fair and reunion week with its round of festivities, began on the 5th. The parade of the Grand Army veterans and regulars, the illuminated turn-out of the wheelmen, the arrival, reception and review of the New York veteran firemen and Omaha firemen, the sham battles and naval engagements at Camp Logan, were the stirring and enjoyable features of fair week. It was marred by two fatal events. Jacob Albice, a north Omaha stonemason, in a fit of jealousy, shot his wife and killed himself, and Herman Gorman, a boy of thirteen, fell into a well and was drowned. 11. Lizzie Dastal, aged nineteen, blew out the gas in her room in the Goos house, and died. 15. The corner-stone of the Y. M. C. A. building laid. 16. The Esmond hotel on Sixteenth street scorched by fire. 17. Frank Irwin, switchman, killed in the Wabash yards at the transfer. 24. William Cooley, a laborer, aged forty, killed by stone flagging in Drexel's yard.

October was initiated by two important events—the completion of the Union Pacific double-track bridge and laying of the corner-stone of the Goodrich Odd Fellows' hall. The board of trade rooms were formally opened on the 3d, and John Montgomery was killed by the cars in the Missouri Pacific on the same day. On the 4th the cold wave flag was hoisted as a signal of winter, but it was fanned to rest by mellow southern breezes. 6. James Delaney and Dennis O'Shea, brothers-in-law, returning from the funeral of a relative, were instantly killed by a passenger train in South Omaha. 7. Douglas street selected for the western approach of the wagon bridge. 8. Failure of A. Polack, clothier, and Mergell & Rosenzweig, painters. Peter Lutz, a German farmer from Monona county, Ia., kills W. W. Lynch on South Thirteenth street for alienating the affections of his wife. 11. First frost of the season. 10. Meeting of the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Charles Hochsteiner, engineer of Rosenmund's restaurant, scalded to death by the bursting of steam pipes. 11. Mrs. Mary Hotz rescues her child from death by the cars in the B. & M. yards and meets death in its stead. Meeting of the state democratic convention. 12. President Cleveland, wife and party visits the city. 13. Suicide of Chris Olesen, aged sixty-five. Mrs. Jaffie burned to death by a gasoline stove at Sixteenth and Webster streets. 14. H. W. Rice and William Wickemeyer killed by a train at Savage crossing, South Omaha. 16. Charles Crablee, grocer's clerk, suicides with morphine. N. T. Kundson, aged fifty-six, killed by falling earth at Missouri Pacific depot. 17. Open board sessions started by the board of trade. A. H. Haight, printer, suicides with morphine. 24. First cold wave of the season. 28. George Francis Train arrives. Fire destroys the buildings on the fair grounds. 30. Dietz's lumber yard partially destroyed by fire.

November—3. A. J. Ravenaugh, aged nineteen, falls from St. John's chapel building, receiving fatal injuries. 4. Moritz Stegemann, aged thirty, killed on South Sixteenth street by Henry Brune while examining a revolver. 5. Joe Lawn burned to death in a stage coach, Nineteenth and Nicholas streets. 6. Twenty-nine horses cremated in Reese's barn, Blondo and Saunders streets. 9. Opening of Armour's packing house. 12. Explosion at the gas works, loss $20,000. 13. The first overland flyer on the Union Pacific starts from Omaha. 14. Fast freight trains between Chicago and Omaha inaugurated by the Chicago & Northwestern. 17. Unknown man killed by the overland train at Millard. 19. J. F. Kuhn, prominent painter, suicides. 23. Decision of the state supreme court sustaining the police commission. 24. Sudden death of Edgar M. Sellen, of Denver, who wrote his "own graveyard benediction—"No prayers, no preachers." 26. First blizzard of the season; temperature falls from frost line to 10° below. Dr. Rutherford suicides with morphine. 30. S. A. Anderson killed by a switch engine in the Northwestern yards at the transfer.

December's record equals a majority of the preceeding months. The Edward Creighton guards, state militia, was mustered in on the 2d, and fast trains started on the Burlington on the 4th. Chas. Gardner was killed by the street cars on St. Mary's avenue on the 5th, and Mrs. Lucinda Christianson, aged 62, suicided by jumping into a well. 7. Clarence Wright of this city killed in a train wreck at Percival, Ia. 8. Contest for the location of the national republican convention and defeat of Omaha. 9. Capture and return of Herman Mittman, murderer of Walter Dunlap. 12. James Holland, switchman, killed in the St. Paul & Omaha yards. Murray, an inebriate passenger, killed by falling from the train near Millard. 13. Annual meetings of the state fish commission and the Nebraska Dairymen's association in Omaha. 14. The Willow Springs distillery joins the "Distillers' and Cattle Feeders' trust." 17. Death of Hon. S. P. Rounds, proprietor of the Omaha Republican. Frank Novatny, a plumber, jumps from an engine on the Union Pacific bridge, falls to the ground, and crushed to death. 19. First meeting of citizens to consider the proposed million dollar hotel. Martin Hare scalded to death in a Council Bluffs packery. 21. Old Bohemian hall and six adjoining buildings destroyed by fire during a furious cold wave; loss, $20,000. M. C. Haggerty, fireman, killed in a collision of trains in South Omaha. 22. Annual banquet of the New England society in exposition building. 24. Sam Stevenson, assailant of Lulu Epsey, sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary. 25. Christman day a model one—bright, cool and bracing. 26. Rev. John Williams of St. Barnabas church loses three children by diphtheria.

State.

The first event in January was the meeting of the legislature on the 4th, followed by the inauguration of Governor Thayer on the 6th. On the 12th occurred the wreck of the Missouri Pacific passenger train at Dunbar, Otoe county, resulting in the death of Engineer Dewitt. The rails were displaced by D. W. Hoffman and a companion who were arrested. Meeting of the state historical society in Lincoln. The senatorial contest opened with the first ballot on the 18th, and closed with the election of Hon. A. S. Paddock as successor to Senator Van Wyck on the 21st. Weather cool politically. 26. Dr. Knapp, of New York appointed superintendent of the state insane asylum. 27. Slight earthquake at Fremont and North Bend.

February presented little of consequence until the 10th, when the house of representatives passed a bill abolishing the state railroad commission, which was rejected by the senate the 23d. On the 14th, the senate passed the Omaha charter bill, and on the following day rejected the bill granting municipal suffrage to women. 24. Destructive fire at NebraskaCity, causing a loss of $100,000.

The varying fortunes of the Omaha charter bill in the house, culminated on the 2d of March, by its reference back to the Douglas county delegation. On the 3d, the State land league convention met in Lincoln. 19. Dr. Randall, a rapist, shot dead in the court room in Hastings, by young Hart, brother of the injured girl. 25. Jack Marion hanged at Beatrice for the murder of John Cameron in 1872. 30. Defeat of the Saline land grab bill in the legislature. 31. Adjournment of the legislature.

The malcious libel bill was strangled by the governor on the 5th of April. On the 7th, the governor appointed judges for the 3d, 4th, 7th, 9th and 12th judicial districts. 11. Hoffman, the Missouri Pacific train wrecker, tried and sentenced to death. 12. Six prisoners escape from jail at Beatrice. 30. Two negro soldiers arrested at Valentine for ravishing a woman, tried, convicted and sentenced to twenty years each in the penitentiary. Only thirty-six hours elapsed between the crime and the sentence.

The Chadron and Sidney land offices opened on the 7th of May, and Mayor Sawyer, of Lincoln, was attacked with a spasm of reform and Sunday closing on the 8th. On the 13th a lively cyclone dusted Blue Springs, killing two persons. 16. Convict Gleason killed in the foundry of the penitentiary by Convict Jackson, colored. 24. State railroad commission decline a tender of a special train for a tour of the Elkhorn Valley road. 25. Thomas Appleget, of Tecumseh, appointed associate judge of the First district. 28. O. B. Willard, editor of the Sherman County Times, killed in a row at Loup City by B. T. Richardson, editor of the Northwestern.

June was uncommonly quiet and peaceful. William Phillips was jailed at Dakota City on the 3d for outraging a three-year-old; Quinn Bohanon bid farewell to jail life in Nebraska City on the 23d, and the Chatauqua assembly at Crete opened on the 29th.

July opened up hot and eventful. On the 13th Ed Carr, for the murder of Warren Long at St. Edward, was convicted and sentenced to death. 15. Collision of freight trains on the B. & M. east of Lincoln; Dr. Randall, of Elkhorn, killed; 205 hogs, 22 head of cattle, and 4 horses cremated; loss, $100,000. 17. Coonrad lynched at Nelson for the murder of Henry Salien. 18. Walter H. Ninty suicides in Lincoln with a revolver. 21. David Hoffman hanged at Nebraska City for wrecking the Missouri Pacific train. 22. Ole Anderson sentenced to death in Brown county for wife murder. 23. Lee Shellenberger, convicted of murdering his child, taken from jail in Nebraska City by a mob and lynched. Collapse of a new brick building in Beatrice; Richard McCann killed; six persons injured. 26. The Humphrey block in Lincoln burned; loss, $70,000. 29. Cyclone partially wrecks David City; damages, $200,000.

August covered itself with a crimson tint. On the 7th, near Brownville, Henry Schoonover met his mother-in-law in a cornfield, and mistaking her for a skunk, shot her dead. 10. Death of Thomas Morton, editor of the News and postmaster at Nebraska City. 17. Capture of Parker, the robber of Paymaster Bash, at Gaudy. Opening of the Richardson trial at Loup City. 18. Meeting of the state prohibition convention in Lincoln. 21. A colored rapist lynched by a mob at Valentine. 22. John and Frank Newer murdered by railroaders at a dance near Friend. 24. Wreck of a train on the Elkhorn Valley road near Chadron; Fireman Akin killed. 26. Richardson acquitted of the murder of O. B. Willard at Loup City. 31. Harry Rockafellow burned to death in a barn at Fremont.

September, the fair month, was mainly distinguished for state, district and county exhibitions. On the 9th, Mrs. Overton, for the murder of her husband at Broken Bow, was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty-five years. 21. Lineman Smith mutilated by electric wires in Lincoln. 30. The Burlington bridge at Rulo completed.

The opening event of October was the meeting of the republican state convention in Lincoln on the 5th. On the 9th the post-office at Minden was blasted with dynamite and $150 stolen. 15. Parker, the robber of Paymaster Bash, convicted at Cheyenne, and sent up for five years. 19. Wreck of freight trains on the B. & M. near Lincoln; Brakeman Davenport, of Kearney, killed. Hon. W. A. Stowe, of Omaha, dies of paralysis in Lincoln. 20. Laying of the corner-stone of the state soldiers' home in Grand Island. 21. One man killed and three injured by explosion of a boiler in Lincoln. 31. Mandamus case against the Elkhorn Valley railroad called up in the supreme court.

Nebraska City gave color to the opening days of November by celebrating on the 3rd the completion of the waterworks and laying the corner stone of the Burlington railroad bridge over the Missouri river. On the 4th, Humphrey retired from the republican judicial ticket in the First district and dragged his companion Stull down with the wreck. 19. Close in Lincoln of the second trial of Mrs. Shellenberger, charged with participating in the murder of her daughter near Nebraska City; prisoner acquitted. 22. The mayor and city council of Lincoln appear before Judge Brewer of the United States court in Omaha charged with contempt in disobeying the order of the court in the case of Police Judge Parsons. On the 23d they were fined from $50 to $600 each, and on refusal to pay were confined in the Douglas county jail on the 28th. Six days later they were released by order of Attorney General Garland, pending an appeal to the United States supreme court.

December was comparatively barren of state events. Nebraska City came to the front on the 10th with an announcement of natural gas and on the 20 with a $2,000,000 stock yards scheme. On the same day Rev. Bishop Bonacum, of the new Catholic diocese of Lincoln, was welcomed to the capital city, fire swept $27,000 worth of property in Weeping Water, and Governor Thayer protested against the confirmation of L. Q. C. Lamar as justice of the United States supreme court. 22. Sudden death of Mayor Larsh, of Nebraska City, and Postmaster Watson of Kearney. 23. Lincoln votes $150,000 in bonds to aid the building of the Lincoln, Red Oak & Des Moines railroad. Destructive fire in Schuyler; loss $22,000. 25. George Botts, confirmed tough, shot and killed by a policeman in Lincoln.

Domestic.

January—1. Burning of the Laclede hotel in Chicago. Collision of trains at Devil's Run, Tex; fifteen persons killed. 4. Wreck of the Baltimore & Ohio express at Tiffin, O.; sixteen killed and twelve injured. Withrock, Weaver and Haight, Adams express robbers, plead guilty in Kansas City and sent to the penitentiary. 7. Natural gas explosion at Youngston, O.; property loss, $100,000. 8. Twenty lives lost by the wreck of the ship Elizabeth on the Virginia coast. 10. Death of John Roach, the great ship builder. 11. Slight earthquake shock in San Francisco. Dynamite factory in Plattsburg, N. Y., blown up. 14. Passage of the inter-state commerce bill by the senate—43 to 15. 16. Dr. McGlynn, pastor of St. Stephen's Catholic church, New York, suspended and ordered to Rome by Archbishop Corrigan. Death of General Hazen, of the signal service bureau, aged fifty seven. Ship Parallel blown up with giant powder on the rocks at Golden Gate, and the Cliff house wrecked. 18. Death of Prof. Youmans in New York. 21. Passage of the inter-state commerce bill by the house of representatives. 24. Passage of the fisheries' retaliation bill by the senate—46 to 1. 24. Farewell reception of Michael Davitt and his bride in New York city. 27. Fifty thousand men thrown out of work by the strike of longshoremen in New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City, and ocean, coast and river traffic stopped.

February—1. Congressman Regan elected to the United States senate by the Texas legislature. 2. Judge Turpie elected to the United States senate from Indiana. 5. Frightful disaster on the Vermont Central railroad; passenger train plunges into White river, killing and cremating thirty-two and injuring thirty-six. 9. Failure of the Longshoremen's strike in New York. 11. President Cleveland vetoes the dependant parents' pension bill. 22. Senator Sherman resigns the presidency of the senate. 23. House of representatives passes the amended fisheries retaliation bill. 24. House of representatives (174 to 125) fails to pass the dependant parents' pension bill over the president's veto.

March—2. Rufus Blodgett, dem., elected United States senator in New Jersey. 4. Adjournment of the Forty-ninth congress. 5. Rev. Henry Ward Beecher stricken with paralysis. He died on the 8th, aged seventy-four. 10. Death of James B. Eads, the famous engineer and builder of the St. Louis bridge. 14. A rotten bridge wrecks a loaded passenger train on the Boston & Providence railroad; thirty-one killed and 114 injured. 17. Eight cardinals receive their hats from Pope Leo; among them Gibbons, of Baltimore, and Taschereau, of Quebec. Fatal collision on the Burlington at Red Oak, Ia., two men killed. 18. Burning of the Richmond hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.; thirty guests perish in the flames. 24. Destructive overflow of the Missouri and other rivers in Dakota. 22. Appointment of members of the interstate commission. 23. Beginning of trial of the men charged with the murder of Rev. Haddock in Sioux City. 25. Steamer Scotia wrecked off Long Island; no lives lost. A broken bridge on the Norfolk & Western railroad wrecks a train; eight lives lost. 27. The Coronet wins the ocean yacht race. 28. Injunction proceedings commenced against the saloons of Council Bluffs. A voodoo doctor poisons a family of nine persons in Georgia. 31. First meeting of the interstate commerce commission; Judge Cooley elected chairman.

April—1. Death of John G. Saxe, a noted writer of humorous and sentimental poetry. 5. Five murderers lynched in Yorkville, S. C. 6. The barb wire trust decide to limit production and raise price. 6. Death of General Thomas Conway, temperance leader, in New York. 11. Wholesale arrest of Pennsylvania Central train crews at Pittsburg for robbing freight cars. 12. Governor Hill, of New York vetoes the high license bill. Destructive prairie fire in Kansas; a number of lives lost. 14. Sarah E. Howe, Boston's woman banker, skips with $50,000 deposits. 15. Six men killed, and seven wounded by an explosion of giant powder in Buena Vista, Cal. 16. General Wilcox placed on the army retired list. George Werrman, a Milwaukee school teacher, breaks the neck of a boy while chastising him. 17. The jury in the case of Arensdorf for the murder of Rev. Haddock in Sioux City, disagrees. Six persons killed by the collapse of a railroad water tank at Palatine, Ill. 19. Death of Alexander Mitchell, aged seventy-two, at Milwaukee, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road. 20. Suicide in Washington of Lieutenant Danenhower of Jeanette expedition fame. 21. Death of Paymaster Blaine, U. S. A., brother of Hon. James G. Blaine, at Hot Springs, Ark. 22. Furious cyclone in southern Kansas, northern Missouri, and Arkansas; forty lives lost. 24. Six persons killed and eighteen injured by a collision of trains on the Northern Pacific, near Spokane Fall, W. T. 26. Unveiling of the Calhoun monument at Charleston, S. C. 27. Five men suffocated in a mine at Ashland, Pa. 28. Two persons killed by a wind storm in Chicago. Schooner Flying Scud, with eighteen persons, lost a sea. Dr. Northrup, temperance advocate, assassinated by a saloonkeeper in Sciota county, O. Natural gas tapped at Ottawa, Kas. 29. Mob of frenzied men attack the Louisville jail to lynch two colored rapists, but fail to reach them.

May—2 Fire in Louisville destroys $250,000 worth of property. Albert Keep resigns the presidency of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad. 3. Largest natural gas well in the world struck at Muncie, Ind. 4. Disastrous earthquake in Southern Arizona and Northern Mexico; lakes disappear and mountains crumble. Express Messenger Fotheringham, charged with robbery, discharged by the St. Louis courts. Eighteen persons killed by an explosion in a tunnel in Alabama. 5. Destructive hurricane in Somerset county, Pa. The Iowa railroad commissioners decide against the Burlington in the Glenwood freight rate case. 8. Eleven persons drowned in New Orleans while witnessing baptismal services. 9 Arrival of William O'Brien, Irish home ruler, in New York, on his way to Canada. 10. Five men killed by an explosion of molten metal in the Thomson steel works, Pittsburg. 12. Unveiling of the Garfield monument in Washington and Sedgwick monument at Spotsylvania, C. H. 13. The pope orders Dr. McGlynn to Rome within forty days on pain of excommunication. 14. Madame Patti sails from New York for Europe. Death of Judge Woods of the United States supreme court. 17. William O'Brien lectures in Toronto on Irish landlordism, amid the hooting of orange hoodlums. On the 19th he was assaulted with sticks and stones on the streets and on the two following days was assaulted and maltreated in Kingston and Hamilton. 26. Thirteen hundred horses cremated by the burning of street car stables in New York. 27. Editor O'Brien closes his mission to Canada in Montreal and reviews a procession of 10,000 persons. Eight persons killed by a wreck at Horseshoe Bend, Pennsylvania railroad. 28. Ten persons killed by a boiler explosion in a cotton factory in Natchez, Miss. 30. Gaudaur beats Hanlan on Lake Calumet, Ill.; four miles, time 19:30. Twenty houses valued at $50,000, destroyed by fire at Oakland, Ia.

June—1. Three rapists lynched by a mob at Eckarty, Ind. 2. Episcopalians start a movement for a mammoth cathedral in New York, to cost $6,000,000. Rubber manufacturers perfect a "trust" in New York. 4. Death of ex-Vice President W. A. Wheeler, at Malone, N. Y. 8. Destructive floods by waterspout in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. 13. Collapse of the coffee corner in New York. 14. Collapse of the wheat corner in Chicago; June wheat falls 20 cents. W. E. Chandler elected United States senator from New Hampshire. 15. Publication of President Cleveland's order surrendering the captured rebel flags; order suspended on the 16th. 16. Hon. James G. Blaine lands in England. 17. Twenty persons drowned by the burning of the steamer Champlain on Lake Michigan. Five persons killed, seventeen injured and twenty-seven houses wrecked by cyclone at Grand Forks, Dak. 18. Robbery of a train in Texas; $15,000 taken. 22. Craig Tolliver, Kentucky desperado, killed in a faction fight in Rowan county. First conviction secured in the Chicago boodle cases. Furious storm in Delaware and Virginia; six persons killed. 27. Eight men killed in a race fight at Oak Ridge, La. 27. Town of Marshfield, Wis., destroyed by fire; loss, $3,000,000. 30. Death of Chief Engineer Henry Lee Snyder United States Navy, aged fifty-five.

July—2. Beginning of three days' reunion of Picketts brigade and Philadelphia corps on Gettysburg battlefield. 6. Death of ex-Governor Morrill, of Maine. 7. Eight miners killed by a blast in Marquette, Mich. President Cleveland abandons proposed visit to St. Louis during the Grand Army encampment. 8. Dr. McGlynn excommunicated. 10. Seventeen persons burned to death in a theater fire at Hurley, Wis. Death of Ben Halliday, the famous stage coachman of the west. 11. Yacht Mystery capsized in New York harbor and twenty-three persons drowned. 15. Collision of trains on the Michigan Central near Port Stanley, Can., nineteen persons killed, forty injured. Two fatal cases of sunstroke in Pittsburg, five in Cincinnati. 18. Terrible hot weather; 130 death from sunstroke in Chicago in three days; 23 in Pittsburg, 14 in Dubuque, 21 in Cincinnati, 5 in Washington, 3 in Indianapolis, 2 in Rockford, Ill., 17 elsewhere. 19. Standard oil refinery in New York harbor destroyed by fire. Big elevator in Minneapolis destroyed by fire; loss $1,750,000. 21. Charles Sanders rescued alive after 110 hours imprisonment in a mine near Des Moines. Twelve Italian railroad graders slaughtered by an express train on the Eria road near Hohokus, N. Y. 24. Boodler McGarigle escapes from the custody of the sheriff in Chicago. Destructive flood at Great Barrington, Mass.; property worth $1,000,000, lost. 26. Death in Salt Lake City of John Taylor, president of the Mormon church. 27. Eighteen men killed by wreck of a construction train at Hopedale, Ill. 29. Four persons suffocated in a tenement fire in Chicago. A fire in Poverty Flats, Cincinnati, destroys 150 homes. 31. McGarigle, the flying Chicago boodler, lands in Canada.

August—4. Prohibition amendment defeated by the voters of Texas. 5. Millbrook, Mo., a village of 500, wiped out by wind; one man killed, twenty-five injured. Five fatal sudstrokes in Pittsburg. 6. Four persons killed, nine injured by breaking of a coal dock at the launch of a steamer in Milwaukee. Shocking slaughter of a family near Macon, Ga. Thomas Woolfolk assaults his stepsister at night and, to prevent detection, kills her and his father, stepmother, four children, brother and aunt; arrest, trial and conviction followed; sentenced to hang February 10. 9. Death of General Doniphan at Richmond, Mo., aged 79. 10. Four men killed by falling walls of a burning building in St. Louis. 11. Frightful wreck on the Toledo, Peoria & Western road at Chatsworth, Ill. Niagara Falls excursion train plunges through a burnt culvert; ten cars wrecked, 80 passengers killed and 129 wounded. Six men killed by the fall of a water tank at Norway, Mich. 12. Opening gun of the Ute "war" in Colorado. Death of ex-United States Senator Sargent in San Francisco. 15. James Reynolds lynched at Leon, Ia., for assaulting Miss Noble. 28. Bloody battle between the Utes und Colorado militia, thirteen reported killed and wounded. 31. Frank McNeil, aged fifteen, bank cashier at Saco, Me., skips with $220,000.

September—2. Death of Prof. John Avery, Greek professor at Boudoin college. 7. Ten lives lost by a gale on Lake Superior. 10. Iowa supreme court affirms the injunction closing the international distillery. 12. Death of Governor Bartlett, of California, aged sixty-three, and Luke P. Blackburn, ex-governor of Kentucky. 14. Illinois supreme court refuse new trial to the Chicago anarchists; execution set for November 11. Captain Creegan, noted New York politician, dies. 15. Celebration of the centennial of the constitution in Philadelphia. 17. One man killed, fifty injured by wreck on the Atlantic & Pacific road near Pueblo, Col. Colonel Cilley, oldest ex-United States senator, and first anti-slavery senator, dies at Nottingham, Conn., aged ninety-six. 18. Munchrath convicted of manslaughter as accessory to the murder of Rev. Haddock in Sioux City. 19. Five persons killed by wreck of train on Milwaukee road near Dubuque, Ia., and five more by wreck on Fort Wayne road near Springfield, O. 20. Four train robbers take $30,000 from a train on Texas Pacific near Fort Worth. 21. Death of General Preston, a distinguished Kentuckian, aged seventy-one. 23. Arrival at New York of steamer Alesia from Naples with four cholera victims on board. Death in France of Archbishop Le Roy, of New Orleans, and General J. B. Ricketts, commander of the famous Ricketts' battery during the war, at Washington, aged seventy. 27. The Volunteer defeats the Thistle in the first race for the America cup. Passenger train thrown from trestle near Jackson, Tenn.; five killed, thirty injured. 29. Prohibition defeated in Tennessee. 30. President Cleveland and wife start on their western trip. The Volunteer wins the second race with the Thistle.