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A Disastrous Deluge.

[Copyright 1888 by James Gordon Bennett.] LONDON, March 27.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to the Bee.]—Two sensational dispatches about formidable disasters from natural causes met in London this morning—one from Berlin, the other from St. Louis. The details of the Kansas deluge were not specific, but the details from Germany were. These latter were appalling in description. The Elbe, Nogat, Vistula and Oder rivers cover one hundred square miles; forty villages and hamlets have disappeared; miles of railway are practically at the bottom of new lakes; 8,000 persons are homeless and ruined in circumstances; much area can never be drained again, and even much summer land is submerged. Along the Elbe icebergs formed, dashing over bridges, dykes, embankments, even over-leaping these and crushing houses as if eggshells, drowning cattle. Even the inhabitants were unable to escape the suddenness and velocity of the flood. Doubtless Dore's pictures of Noah and the deluge would suggest an apt scene. Not only the rivers, but the sea, has been in sympathy with New York on account of its snow calamity, but are now wholly absorbed contemplating the devastations at home. The floods extended farther south. A whole district, called Brodarg, in northern Hungary, is also inundated, the rivers having destroyed all dykes and swept away twenty villages. The flood in the Szamos river has completely surrounded the town of Szeged, which is now a floating island. Fifty villages in that district are converted into heaps of ruins and thousands of inhabitants left without shelter or food. The high waters of the Theiss and Szamos rivers, which have caused enormous destruction of property on their way, have now reached Szeged. The flat district between Szeged and Temesvar is threatened with inundation every Saturday. As the inundation particulars reach Berlin it is feared the magnitude of the new deluge may become yet more appalling.

Subscriptions Opened.

[Copyright 1888 by James Gordon Bennett.] BERLIN, March 27.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to the Bee.]—The loss of property and lives is at present impossible to estimate, but it will require large proportions. Battalions of engineers have been dispatched to rescue the inhabitants of towns and villages which are still in danger. On the Elbe fourteen soldiers were killed while endeavoring to remove an ice block by blasting. The distress is so great, and promises to be more severe that subscriptions to aid the sufferers were this evening opened by several newspapers. These suggest that a bill be laid before parliament immediately on its reassembling after Easter granting state assistance to the sufferers who have been ruined by the unprecedented floods.

Floods in Alabama.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 27.—The total rainfall since Monday night has been 7.17, the largest on record for some length of time. The Alabama river has been rising at the rate of four feet a day, and is now about 100 feet above the headwaters of the Coosa, the greatest rise here is not expected till the day after to-morrow. A flood higher than that of 1886 is anticipated.

In Ohio.

CLEVELAND, March 27.—Specials from Findlay and Tiffin, O., report higher water in the Blanchard and Sandusky rivers. In both towns many families have been driven from their homes by the great damage to property is apprehended.

An American Posses Arrested.

TUCSON, Ariz., March 27.—United States Marshal Meade has forwarded to Secretary of State Hay an account of the arrest of himself and deputies by Mexican officials while pursuing the Southern Pacific train robbers on Mexican soil. He received information February 23 that a train on the Southern Pacific had been stopped by robbers near Santa Rita. The train was stopped and the robbers fired at and the express robbed. He summoned a posse consisting of ten men, among whom were four Indian rangers, and they proceeded to return to Tucson and then followed the robbers to Mexican territory. Meade went to meet the robbers and to the Mexican authorities there, and to ask their assistance in catching the robbers, when himself and party were arrested and their arms and horses taken. At the expiration of fourteen days they were released, and for the first time were informed that their arrest was on account of their being an armed posse. The marshal's request for return of their horses and arms was refused because he would not sign a statement which contained a statement that the posse was party was compelled to return without horses, transportation or arms as best they could.

An Old Controversy Settled.

CHICAGO, March 27.—The noted Webster-Blanchard controversy in the Congressional domain, which originated in 1875 at Webster college, was finally settled to-day. The testimonial of College church at Wheaton, Ill., organized by friends of Jonathan Blanchard, embodying his well known principle condemning secret societies and requiring all members to abandon them, was approved with the proviso that this action did not bind any other church. On the other hand it was agreed that Jonathan Blanchard should sign a statement retracting any remarks that had been interpreted to reflect upon the moral character of Prof. Webster.

Tate's Temporary Successor.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 27.—Judge Sharp, chairman of the democratic state executive committee, was to-day confirmed treasurer pro tem of the state of Kentucky by the senate at Frankfort.

MISS FELLOWS' MATCH.

A Big Sensation Built Out of Slight Material.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Mr. Homer Fellows, the department clerk who is the father of the Miss Fellows of whom so much has been telegraphed from Pierre, Dak., in connection with her alleged marriage to an Indian named Chaska, makes an elaborate explanation to-day of his daughter's conduct. He explains that Miss Fellows, who, it is reported by wire from Pierre was married at Fort Bennett, Dak., on Sunday evening, did not marry Chaska, the Indian, but Samuel Campbell, who owns a farm in Nebraska, where he has relatives and many friends, and who is now in the employ of the Indian bureau on the reservation where Miss Fellows is teaching school. But the announcement of the marriage to Campbell is as much of a surprise to the Fellows family here as would have been her marriage to Chaska. They say that the girl has never, excepting some anxiety about securing her dresses, given the family the slightest warning of the sensational news which has been flashed over the wires for a month about the Indian. Mr. Fellows says that his family and he have never had the subject of an important public notice through the malicious dispatches sent out from Pierre regarding his daughter's wedding, a happy event, which he has with perfect confidence to hear from her. Letters have finally arrived, one from her daughter and one from her intended husband, Samuel Campbell. The letters are dated March 11, and announce that the marriage would be solemnized at the Episcopal church on the reservation, March 12, at 10 o'clock. The bridegroom, Mr. Campbell, is an Indian, but as a tall, fair and intelligent man, the nephew of Gov. D. D. Mitchell, he is well known in the Indian community in Nebraska, and is now in the employ of the bureau of Indian affairs, and is stationed at Fort Bennett. My daughter, Mrs. Campbell, was the only one teaching at Fort Bennett, and became engaged to him on the 24th of August. Mr. Campbell, in his letter, says he has a slight trace of the yellow fever, but that his health foundation has been built, the tissue of life that has gone out over the country and the sympathy of the people for the Indian, and that he is a full-blooded Sioux Indian, pretending to be a picture of Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Campbell's letter to his father-in-law is a straight story, and is full of interest. He tells of his first meeting with her, and of his love for her, and of his determination to marry her, and of his journey to the reservation, and of his marriage to her, and of his life with her, and of his determination to make the expensive journey to the east, hence she finally consented to be married at the Episcopal church on the reservation. Mr. Campbell says that he has not acted wisely in being married away from home. After much thought she says she had acted as she thought best. She says that she has not regretted her decision, and that she presses the hope of being able to visit them in June, when she has her vacation. She says that she has not regretted her decision, and that she presses the hope of being able to visit them in June, when she has her vacation. She says that she has not regretted her decision, and that she presses the hope of being able to visit them in June, when she has her vacation.

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Richard Moore Knocked Out By St. Paul Youth.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Chicago boxer Richard Moore, who has been fighting for some time, was knocked out by a St. Paul youth, named John J. Moran, in a fight which took place at the Casino, on Saturday night. Moore was knocked out in the eighth round, and was taken to the hospital, where he is now lying. Moran is a young man of about 25 years of age, and is a native of St. Paul. He is a very strong and powerful man, and is a very good boxer. He is now a member of the St. Paul Athletic Club, and is a very popular member of the club. He is a very good boxer, and is a very strong and powerful man. He is a very good boxer, and is a very strong and powerful man.

BAD TO HAVE A PORTER.

Absconders Go to Canada With More Gold Than They Could Carry.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 27.—The board of directors of the State National bank give out the statement this morning of the closing of the bank for the reason that they believe the absconders have absconded with a large amount of assets. The amount of the delinquency is variously estimated at from \$250,000 to \$340,000. The cash carried off is supposed to be about \$45,000, including \$30,000 in gold. The absconders are believed to be in Canada, having left the city Saturday.

OHIO REPUBLICANS.

They Nominate a Congressman and Endorse John Sherman.

SPRINGFIELD, O., March 27.—In the Eighth district congressional and national candidate convention to-day there was a warm competition between J. Warren Keifer and John Foss, but the former withdrew in the interests of harmony. John Foss and Festus Walters were elected national delegates, and W. J. Means and John M. Boyer alternates. Toland Jones was elected for presidential elector, and J. H. Keifer was nominated for congressman. Resolutions were adopted denouncing the Mills tariff measure Senator Sherman was heartily endorsed for the presidency.

The War in Abyssinia.

LONDON, March 27.—A dispatch from Massawa says: The Abyssinian forces advanced upon Saata last night. The Italian troops formed in order of battle, but the expected attack was not made. The Abyssinians are steadily surrounding the Italian forces. They are destroying the roads and telegraph lines.

Anxiety at Rome.

ROME, March 27.—No news from Massawa has been made public by the government since 9 o'clock a. m., and great anxiety prevails. There are 15,000 troops at Naples ready to embark for Massawa.

LAIRD DEFENDS HOG PRODUCTS

A Lively Time Before the House Committee on Agriculture.

CHIEF JUSTICE WAITE'S FUNERAL.

Business Will Be Entirely Suspended in Washington During the Obsequies—Both Houses of Congress Adjourn.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Secretary Vilas sent to the senate to-day a letter from Acting Commissioner Slocock in response to Mr. Paddock's resolution of the 14th instant, with tabular statements, showing the number of acres embraced in the appraisal and sale of the remainder of the reservation of the confederate Otee and Missouri tribes of Indians in Nebraska and Kansas, under provisions of the act of March 3, 1881, the appraised valuation of each subdivision and the price at which it was sold, together with the name of the purchaser in each case. The number of acres appraised in Nebraska and Kansas was 42,981. Of this amount there was deducted for right of way of railroads as follows: In Nebraska, 214 acres; in Kansas, 28 acres. The tabular statements are very voluminous, and will not be available till printed. Mr. Stockinger gives as his opinion that the disposition of the lands will conform to the law, but Senator Paddock will make an examination of the returns made to-day when they are printed, and will determine for himself what action is necessary in the way of legislation.

The Otee Indian Reservation Lands.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.

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Patents to Western Inventors.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—[Special to the Bee.]—The following patents were issued to-day: A new invention in the way of a Bagley, assigned to himself and T. M. Culla, Cherokee, Ia., feed gage for plate printing machine; Arthur W. Bennett and J. M. Miller, Fontanelle, Ia., railway signal; Calvin E. Hageman, Ainsworth, Neb., hay rack; John E. Lovassour, Monticello, Ia., assignor to G. W. Simpson, Somerville, Mass., butter can; John H. Morris and J. D. Lewis, Redding, Neb., strike; J. H. Rice and S. Graham, Des Moines, Ia., automatic valve for steam radiator; William H. Smith, Tama City, Ia., signal lantern; Frank S. Smith, Pleasant, Ia., road grader; Robert H. Williams, Newton, Ia., crank and connecting rod for steam engine; Burlington, Ia., receptacle for file cases.

Laird Defends Hog Products Again.

There was another lively time before the house committee on agriculture this morning in connection with the investigation of the Carl Drier, of Chicago, who is opposing the bill to the tax refined or compounded lard, has been before the committee for three days making statements intended to show that the compound lard is purer, cleaner, and healthier than prime steam or all hog lard. He was cross-examined to-day. Among his direct statements was one to the effect that the pork packing establishments where filthy portions of hogs were thrown into vats and rendered into prime steam lard. To-day Mr. Funston, of Kansas, a member of the committee, insisted that Mr. Drier should state at whose establishments he had witnessed these scenes of filthy lard manufacture. Mr. Laird, also a member of the committee, objected to such questions and to deliver a very short but vigorous speech to the committee. He said that already irreparable damage had been done to the American hog and meat traffic, and that our export trade of manufactures from the hog was threatened with destruction. The committee had permitted gentlemen before it to take the bit in their mouths and make statements which were contradicted by the facts only to pork packers and prime steam lard makers, but the hog raisers of the country had not been consulted, and the manufacturers for rebutting the statements against their article of trade, and in making the statements showing that refined lard was a better article than the compound lard, and that it was a legitimate defense. It was the only defense they could make to show there was no more necessity for the refined lard than for the compound lard, and that the refined lard was a better article than the compound lard, and that it was a legitimate defense.

Army Orders.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Captain William Omalze, Twentieth infantry, having been found incapacitated for active service, is granted leave until further orders. Captain Joseph T. Haskell, Twenty-third infantry, is ordered to Fort Wayne, Detroit, Mich., for temporary duty.

The Women's Alliance.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—In the international council of women this morning several papers were read: Tabella Hogel, director of the prison reform work of St. Lazare, Paris, spoke on the work of the society in which she presides. Miss Clara Barton, of the Red Cross society, also read a paper on the work of her society. Captain Francis E. Willard, president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, spoke on "Woman and the Mission of the Church." Mrs. Hannah Whitall Smith, Bessie Starr Keifer, Anna Gordon, Matilda B. Corne, Mary H. Hunt, Frances E. W. Harter (colored), and Weeks Burdett and Susan H. Barney.

River and Harbor Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The river and harbor bill was completed in committee to-day. The larger appropriations for western water ways and harbors are as follows: Chicago, \$200,000; Duluth, \$80,000; Milwaukee, \$80,000; Superior and St. Louis bays, Wis., \$50,000; Ashland, \$60,000. The larger appropriations for rivers are: Mississippi, from the mouth of the Minnesota to the Gulf, \$3,885,000; St. Mary's river at the falls and Hay Lake channel, \$1,000,000; Fox river, \$100,000; the Illinois river, \$200,000. The total amount appropriated by this bill is \$19,433,000. It is the largest bill of its kind ever brought in.

Postal Changes.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—A postoffice was established at Cordova, Seward county, to-day, and Clarence W. Hunkins appointed postmaster, and at Millerton, Butler county, and J. H. Fair appointed postmaster.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 27.—Two white men and one negro were killed and several wounded by the explosion of a boiler at Cookeville to-day.

The Bell Telephone.

BOSTON, March 27.—The report of the directors of the American Bell Telephone company to the stockholders, the total number of miles of wire owned by the company to be 145,732, and the total number of subscribers 159,000. The long line service which has been extended from New York to Albany and to Boston, and the extension of the line towards Buffalo and from Chicago to Milwaukee, at an estimated cost of \$1,000,000.

Bennet Republicans.

BENNETT, Neb., March 27.—[Special to the Bee.]—The republican village caucus met here last night and selected the following ticket for the fall village election: Trustees—Charles A. Pierce, J. H. Harris, J. H. Dickson, D. F. Tabb and Ed F. Lane. The prohibitionists also held a caucus last night, and selected the following ticket: Whether they will do so or not is not decided. As they hold the "balance of power" in the village, considerable interest is taken in their action.

Cheyenne County Republicans.

SINCE, Neb., March 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The republican club of Cheyenne county organized to-night with sixty-five members and elected the following officers: Henry S. Raynor, president; Leonard B. Cary, vice president; W. Patrick Miles, secretary; Adan J. Ickes, treasurer; executive committee, Judge Robert Shuman, Julius Neubauser and Alderman Charles Trognitz.

The Death Record.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Ex-Lieutenant Governor William Dorsheimer, publisher of the New York Star, died last night at Savannah, Ga. LONDON, March 27.—Edmund Dwyer Gray, a distinguished member of the Irish parliamentary party, died to-night of heart disease.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA TOWNS.

Growing Activity in Political Circles Throughout the State.

THE TEACHERS' CONVENTION.

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Two Tickets Nominated.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The republican city convention to-day nominated a ticket in full sympathy with the present council, with Hon. Paul Semmler for mayor. The coming election promises to be the most hotly contested of any ever held in the city. The democratic primaries to-day instructed delegates for the citizens' ticket, which is headed by Hon. P. Kolfe, T. B. Stevenson, having declined.

Lincoln Politics.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The democratic city committee has called the democracy of Lincoln to meet in city convention at Fitzgerald hall on Friday evening, March 30, to place in nomination a police judge, members of the school board and ward councilmen. The convention will consist of 41 delegates, 18 from the First ward, 12 from the Second, 7 from the Third, 7 from the Fourth, 5 from the Fifth and 3 from the Sixth. The ward primaries are called for the evening prior to the convention.

The State Teachers' Association.

FREMONT, Neb., March 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The twenty-second annual meeting of the Nebraska state teachers' association was held here to-day. They came by scores on all trains, and were received by the local committee and assigned to lodging places. The headquarters of the reception committee are at the Eno hotel. Active work has been done all day by those having charge of the school exhibits. These are made at the congregational hall, and are of a high order of excellence. The exhibits are here from over thirty towns and cities of the state. These will not be fully arranged until to-morrow. The first session of the twenty-second annual meeting of the Nebraska State Teachers' association was called to order at 8 o'clock this evening in the auditorium of the Congregational church, which was completely filled. Prof. James T. Hill, of Lincoln, presided, and offered prayer. Prof. Bessey, of Lincoln, made the report of the executive committee, and read the report of the treasurer, reported on audit \$118.

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A Concert at Franklin.

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The Chautauqua at Crete.

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