

A BUCKEYE STATE TORNADO.

Portions of Eastern Ohio Swept by a Very Destructive Wind Storm.

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PREPARING TO ADVANCE RATES. CHICAGO, April 9. - [Special Telegram to THE BEE.] - The Missouri Pacific has sent word that it will not be represented at tomorrow's meeting of western lines held for the reorganization of the Western States Passenger Association. This determination was known at yesterday's meeting of the Trans-Missouri association, held in Kansas City, and the members with lines east of the Missouri river, including the Missouri Pacific, and an advance of rates, whether or not the Missouri Pacific is represented, is expected to be formed to fight the Missouri Pacific in all its territory and as far as possible keep up rates at other points. All the lines except the Missouri Pacific and its immediate competitors have already agreed to advance the rates at tomorrow's meeting.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC OFFERS ELECTED. SAN FRANCISCO, April 9. - At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Pacific today directors were elected, who in turn elected the following officers: President, J. H. Crocker; vice president, A. H. Towne; third vice president, J. C. Stubbs. In his address accepting the office of president, Mr. Crocker said that the interests of the stockholders of the Southern Pacific should be protected, and that the interests of the stockholders should be protected, and that the interests of the stockholders should be protected.

THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE ACT. WASHINGTON, April 9. - Senator Wilson today, in a committee on commerce and industry, reported with amendments the bill to amend section 3 of the interstate commerce act. The bill as amended provides "that any article of commerce manufactured for sale which is prohibited within any state shall not be transported or conveyed into such state, and that no person shall be permitted to transport or convey into such state any article of commerce which is prohibited within any state, and that no person shall be permitted to transport or convey into such state any article of commerce which is prohibited within any state."

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES. WASHINGTON, April 9. - Mrs. Moore, third assistant secretary of the state, was married this morning to Miss Helen Francis Toland, niece of Mrs. General Ricketts. Acting Judge Advocate General Lieber made a report to General Schofield today in regard to the St. Louis court martial, and it is likely that he will be acted upon and made a general tour.

THE PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED THE ACT PROVIDING FOR A RAILWAY BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSOURI RIVER IN THE COUNTY OF MONROE, IOWA. WASHINGTON, April 9. - The interstate commerce commission has decided the case of D. S. Alford against the Rock Island railway. The Rock Island railway is authorized to run through trains over the Union Pacific road between Kansas City and Topeka under the condition that no intermediate business be done. Alford, a resident of Lawrence, complained that the Rock Island road, by Lawrence, one of the intermediate towns. The commission held that the Rock Island was not bound to do local business prohibited by a contract with the Union Pacific road.

THE PAN-AMERICANS. WASHINGTON, April 9. - The final adjournment of the Pan-American congress probably occur next Wednesday. The report of the committee on general welfare was taken up today. It recommends a treaty between all the nations of this continent, to be signed by the president, which will avoid the numerous petty wars which have so retarded the progress of some of the South and Central American nations.

TOUCHING UP THE TARIFF BILL. WASHINGTON, April 9. - The republican members of the ways and means committee were in conference this afternoon adding the finishing touches to the tariff bill. The most important change made was in the schedule for the duties on iron and steel. The committee reconsidered all former action, and the provisions that increased duty be collected in 1894 and fixed rates as they stand in the existing law.

THE ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL. WASHINGTON, April 9. - The secretary of war today transmitted to the house the report of Captain Marshall upon a location of a Illinois and Michigan canal, in accordance with the river and harbor act of August 1, 1887. Captain Marshall reports that the detailed estimates for the construction of the canal are \$10,000,000, and that the estimated cost of \$10,000,000 is already made.

DISCUSSED THE WORLD'S FAIR. WASHINGTON, April 9. - The senate world's fair sub-committee discussed the world's fair project for an hour or two this morning. No conclusion was reached. The sub-committee has received from Chicago letters and other documents bearing upon the amount and value of the Chicago exhibition, and will report the facts to the full committee Friday morning.

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THE WEATHER FORECAST. For Omaha and vicinity: Fair, warmer. For Nebraska - Fair, warmer, variable winds, becoming southerly. For Iowa - Fair, clearing in eastern, warmer, northerly winds, becoming variable. For South Dakota - Fair, warmer, variable winds, becoming southerly.

TWENTY KNITS AN HOUR. HAMBURG, April 9. - [Special Telegram to THE BEE.] - The American inventor screw steamer Augusta Victoria having been fitted with new three blade screws, instead of the screws with four blades hitherto used, averaged a speed of twenty knots (equal to twenty miles) an hour during her eight hours' trial. This change to three blade screws will bring her speed, it is expected, up to that of the Columbia.

MEXICAN TON INDICTED. ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 9. - [Special Telegram to THE BEE.] - The United States grand jury has returned an indictment against Mexican Tom, a St. Louis Italian, for the attempted murder of a St. Louis Italian, another member of the tribe.

HOME SEEKERS' EXCURSIONS.

Commissioner Morrison Declares Rates Cannot Be Reduced for a Special Class.

EVERYBODY CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE.

The Missouri Pacific Will Have no Representative at the Western Passenger Association - Action of the Alton.

CHICAGO, April 9. - [Special Telegram to THE BEE.] - Interstate Commerce Commissioner Morrison today further complicated the rate question by practically declaring illegal the so-called "home seekers' excursions." In a letter to Secretary Thompson he says: "Please call the attention of the roads in your association to what is claimed to be an illegal discrimination. The Western passenger notices of the tickets the roads propose to issue read as if they were reduced rate tickets - such reduced rate tickets as under the provision for excursions without regard to the place to which they travel or the place of destination." Under this construction of the law no reduction of rates for excursions is possible, and the public can consequently demand participation in any reduced rate anywhere or for any purpose.

PREPARING TO ADVANCE RATES. CHICAGO, April 9. - [Special Telegram to THE BEE.] - The Missouri Pacific has sent word that it will not be represented at tomorrow's meeting of western lines held for the reorganization of the Western States Passenger Association. This determination was known at yesterday's meeting of the Trans-Missouri association, held in Kansas City, and the members with lines east of the Missouri river, including the Missouri Pacific, and an advance of rates, whether or not the Missouri Pacific is represented, is expected to be formed to fight the Missouri Pacific in all its territory and as far as possible keep up rates at other points. All the lines except the Missouri Pacific and its immediate competitors have already agreed to advance the rates at tomorrow's meeting.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC OFFERS ELECTED. SAN FRANCISCO, April 9. - At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Pacific today directors were elected, who in turn elected the following officers: President, J. H. Crocker; vice president, A. H. Towne; third vice president, J. C. Stubbs. In his address accepting the office of president, Mr. Crocker said that the interests of the stockholders of the Southern Pacific should be protected, and that the interests of the stockholders should be protected, and that the interests of the stockholders should be protected.

THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE ACT. WASHINGTON, April 9. - Senator Wilson today, in a committee on commerce and industry, reported with amendments the bill to amend section 3 of the interstate commerce act. The bill as amended provides "that any article of commerce manufactured for sale which is prohibited within any state shall not be transported or conveyed into such state, and that no person shall be permitted to transport or convey into such state any article of commerce which is prohibited within any state, and that no person shall be permitted to transport or convey into such state any article of commerce which is prohibited within any state."

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES. WASHINGTON, April 9. - Mrs. Moore, third assistant secretary of the state, was married this morning to Miss Helen Francis Toland, niece of Mrs. General Ricketts. Acting Judge Advocate General Lieber made a report to General Schofield today in regard to the St. Louis court martial, and it is likely that he will be acted upon and made a general tour.

THE PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED THE ACT PROVIDING FOR A RAILWAY BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSOURI RIVER IN THE COUNTY OF MONROE, IOWA. WASHINGTON, April 9. - The interstate commerce commission has decided the case of D. S. Alford against the Rock Island railway. The Rock Island railway is authorized to run through trains over the Union Pacific road between Kansas City and Topeka under the condition that no intermediate business be done. Alford, a resident of Lawrence, complained that the Rock Island road, by Lawrence, one of the intermediate towns. The commission held that the Rock Island was not bound to do local business prohibited by a contract with the Union Pacific road.

THE PAN-AMERICANS. WASHINGTON, April 9. - The final adjournment of the Pan-American congress probably occur next Wednesday. The report of the committee on general welfare was taken up today. It recommends a treaty between all the nations of this continent, to be signed by the president, which will avoid the numerous petty wars which have so retarded the progress of some of the South and Central American nations.

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