

## A STARCH FACTORY BURNED.

Complete Destruction of the Extensive  
Works at Chesterfield, Ia.

LOSS THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND.

The Iowa Representative Districts  
Bill Passed by Both Houses of the  
Legislature—The State  
Appropriations.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Gilbert's five-story starch factory at Chesterfield, southeast of the city, was destroyed by fire at noon today. The fire started in some barrels in the boiler

blew and gave all of the men and women who were in the factory ample time to get out. The loss on the building, machinery and contents is probably \$800,000, and the insurance was \$200,000. The property was, it is re-

ported, turned over to the starch trust a few days ago and permission was given by the insurance people, so that the insurance holds good as against the companies. The factory was in full blast and employed 112 men and about as many more women and children.

gan Fire and Marine, \$5,000; Queen, \$5,000; Etna, \$5,000; North British and Mercantile, \$5,000; Northern, \$5,000; Merchants, New Jersey, \$5,000; Springfield, \$3,000; Connecticut Fire, \$3,000; California, \$3,000; Syndicate, \$1,500; Denver, \$1,500; American, New Jersey, \$2,500; Anglo-Nevada, \$2,500;

California, \$2,500; Western, Toronto, \$2,500; Guardian, \$2,500; State, \$2,500; Buffalo German, \$2,500; Freeman's Fund, \$2,500; Union, California, \$2,500; Continental, \$2,500; Citizens, \$2,500; Orient, \$2,500; United States, \$2,500; Sun, California, \$2,000; Milwaukee Mechanics, \$2,000; Hawkeye, \$2,000; Royal, \$2,000; Pennsylvania Plover, \$2,000; Amazon,

\$2,000; Pennsylvania Fire, \$2,000; Hartford, \$2,000; Northwestern National, \$2,000; Jersey City, \$2,000; New Hampshire Fire, \$1,500; Insurance Company State of Pennsylvania, \$1,500; Westchester, \$1,500; Mercantile Fire Marine, \$1,500; American, Massachusetts, \$1,500; total, \$260,000.

**The Legislature.**  
DES MOINES, Ia., April 14.—The senate this morning passed the house school book bill by a vote of 34 to 14. The plan outlined

papists to aid from the institution, to regulate the manner of drawing money from the state treasury; to appropriate \$1,000 to assist discharged convicts to lead honest lives; to abolish the Iowa weather service and reorganize the same; to protect an employer in obtaining a new servant; to

claims for wages. The following appropriation bills were passed: Boys' reform school, Eldora, \$20,850; hospital for the insane, Mount Pleasant, \$75,100; hospital for the insane, Clarinda, \$180,400; improvement of capitol grounds, \$100,000; Benedict home, \$0,000.

The senate this afternoon passed the following senate bills: To increase the salaries of chaplains in the penitentiaries to \$1,000 a year; to amend the code in relation to the issuance of bonds by counties; also the house bill to extend to cities of second class additional power in the construction of sewers.

House appropriation bills were passed as follows: Agricultural college, \$50,000; college for the blind, \$8,000; hospital for the insane, Independence, \$2,000; feeble minded children, \$41,000; soldiers' home, \$28,250; state university, \$125,000; state nor-

mal school, \$52,600; orphans' home, \$46,000; girls' industrial school, \$18,125; Anamosa penitentiary, \$18,850; institution for the deaf and dumb, \$20,050; Fort Madison penitentiary, \$9,700; industrial home for adult blind, \$50,000; senate bill for fish commission.

\$8,000. The house bill apportioning the state into representative districts was taken up under suspension of the rules and passed. A joint resolution calling for the submission of an amendment to the constitution to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating

This evening the senate passed house bills as follows: To legalize the establishment of an electric light plant at What Cheer, Ia.; to legalize the establishment of an electric light plant at Keokuk, Ia.; to legalize the acts of

Diaby, Ia.; to legalize the acts of the council of Casey, also of Dyerville, Ia.; to legalize the acts of the independent school district of Red Oak, Marion county; also senate bills to legalize the acts of the town council of Sioux Rapids and What Cheer.

ia. A great deal of time was spent discussing the Gatch bill to prevent outside constables from enforcing the prohibitory law in cities and it was lost on engrossment. The house anti-trust bill was taken up. It prohibits all combinations for

keeping up prices in any commodity, any firm, corporation or individual entering into such combination to be prosecuted either by the attorney general, county attorney or other attorney, and such prosecutor gets a per cent of all the fines

revised. Persons buying goods from any person belonging to a trust or combination are not liable for the payment for such goods. The penalties prescribed are very severe. The discussion of this was carried on till 12:25, when the bill passed and

The house this morning passed the senate bill to extend the power of cities of second class and to extend the power of boards of supervisors. An attempt was made to bring up the normal school bill, but it was defeated.

Both the democrats and the republicans of the house held caucuses this noon on representative district bills. In addition, representatives of the pharmacy bill.

The representative districts bill came up again in the house on reconsideration and was passed by a vote of 80 to 17. It is a noncontroversial measure.

measured by a vote of 40 to 19, it is a republican measure, and though some of the opposition were against it, they said it must be passed or an extra session would be necessary. The remainder of the afternoon was spent on the general appropriation bill. It was passed without amendment, though several attempts

This evening the house passed the following senate bills: To provide for the calling of a constitutional convention; to appropriate \$144,904 to pay the general expenses of the next biennial period.

**Alleged Murderers Caught.**  
MARSHALTON, April 14.—[Special to THE

HEE]—A dispatch from Visalia, California, Saturday last announced the arrest of Charles Marx and James Rice, charged with being implicated in the murder of Henry Johns six years ago in Hardin county, Ia., in revenge

for his having broken up a counterfeiting gang of which they were members. The prisoners arrived here this morning and were lodged in jail. They were taken to Eldora tonight for trial and there is renewed interest in the mysterious murder of John, the boy.

The criminal career of the notorious Hains-barger gang, and the thrilling events of that dark period in Hardin county's history will no doubt be revived.

LONDON, April 14.—Matthew Harris, member of parliament for East Galway, is dead.

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