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WATER FILLS STREETS AT WESTPORT

All Rivers Are Over Their Banks and Flooding the Fields.

RAILROAD TRAFFIC AT A STANDSTILL

High Water Mark of 1881 is Already Eclipsed and Rain Still Fails -Much Property is Damaged.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., April 1 .- (Special Telegram.)-The greatest flood since 1881 now prevails over this state. Reports from Aberdeen state that the entire north half of the state is practically inundated. All streams are over their banks, while the James and Sloux rivers, in places, have risen a score of feet and stretch out for a mile or more. During the past two days nearly two inches of rain has fallen throughout the state and the surface of the earth is covered with streams. The two feet of damp snow which rested on the ground three days ago in the north part has all dissolved and the resulting water is flowing in huge floods. All trains throughout that section are abandoned and in many parts long stretches of embankment and sceres of bridges have gone out. Basements in Aberdeen are filled with water putting out all fires, and in several instances the water stands a foot or two deep on the

first floor. At Westport the water stands from two to six feet deep in the streets and the merchants are carrying on their business from the second story.

At Faulkton a house was washed away during the night and George Peck, who inhabited it, was drowned.

At Huron it is still raining and the flood has reached a higher point than in the great flood of 1881. So far ice gorges have been blasted out as fast as formed and the bridge: are safe, but the James is full of wreckage from the bridges which have washed out

At Mitchell the river has risen three feet, and 1,200 feet of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway track has been washed out near the bridge. The same condition prevails along the Big Sioux.

LAKE KAMPESKA RISES. Lake Kampeska, at its head, has risen five

feet and is still rising. At Castlewood, the water is the highest ever known and the valley and low lands

are flooded. At Brookings the floods were somewhat of the rain to snow, but the bottom lands are reach Memphis till today. covered and damage is threatened

At Egan the water is rising and is now within fifteen inches of the highest ever

At Sloux Falls the water has risen two feet and has driven some warehousemen out. It is now within a foot of putting out the fires in the Electric Light and Power works, and is rising. The big, broad flat above the city is an open sea and some trouble is feared. No more bridges have gone, but the water is even with the tops of the abutments and is gaining. Every preparation is being made for a big washout when the heavy snow water from the north reaches here, which will be about Sunday. So far about \$50,000 worth of bridges have been lost in this county.

YANKTON, S. D., April 1 .- (Special Tele gram.)-The weather station here was notified this afternoon that the James river in the neighborhood of Huron was still rising and that the water was now above the high water-mark of 1881. The James at this point is rising, but no great amount has yet ar rived, although it is expected hourly. Trainmen here are watening the railroad bridges closely, as traffic will probably be cut short when the flood comes. A great deal of rain has fallen in this section in the last twenty four hours, and the probabilities are that it extended far up the James river valley.

VERY HIGH AT HURON. HURON, S. D., April 1 .- (Special Tele gram.)-An ice gorge north has kept the James river here stationary. Since 3 o'clock the Great Northern embankment near the bridge is reported washing out, but the bridge is in no danger. The Chicago & Northwestern tracks are under water and the roadbed badly washed out at many points west and north. No trains were sent out in those directions yesterday or today. It will be several days before repairs can be made after the water goes down. The high water mark of 1881 is several inches below the surface of the water in the James river touight. The total rise at this point in the past forty-eight hours is five feet, seven

PIERRE, S. D., April 1 .- (Special Telegram.)- Since Tuesday (we and a half inches of rain and wet snow have fallen here with a temperature ranging from 33 to 46, and a strong northeast wind. It is one of the kind of storms which stockmen dread, as it will be very severe on their cattle and calves and will cause severe losses. The river has risen four feet, but no ice is water. coming down, which would indicate that it is have been no trains in here since Monday, and the wires have been down most of the time. A had washout is reported at Canning.

cast of here. The bridge across Bad river at Early Plans is reported in Adaptive and the second of the property of the bridge across Bad river are reported in danger. The demage at Fort Pierre is reported in bad shape and may reach \$100,000. likely to go down at any time.

TRACK WASHED AWAY. MiTCHELL, S. D., April 1 .- (Special Tele gram.)-Over 1,200 feet of the track of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, two miles east of here, was washed out this morning. leaving the bridge intact, but in danger of

being carried away. The James river has risen fully three feet since yesterday afternoon, and is fully a mile in width in places. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road to shut off from reaching here on its east line. Water is now eighteen inches lower than it was in 1881.

the time of the high water. The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road is in an equally bad fix, as 200 feet of approach to the big bridge on the west side ,and 190 feet on the east side, are doomed and will go out with the flood to-

The river is expected to riss higher tomorrow, when the big flood gets down from
the north. Several farm houses in the

Tames river bettern are now passive coveral several hundred feet of
track, cutting off the trains between here James river hottom are now nearly covered and Wabarha

with water. Fully two and a half inches of water fell yesterday and last night. JEFFERSON, Ia., April 1 .- (Special Tele

gram.)-The track of the Des Moines, Northern & Western railroad, four miles north of this city, was washed out by the heavy rains last night. No trains are running. CRESTON, Ia., April 1 .- (Special Tele-

gram.)-The Creston Water Works company's dam at Summit lake is in a dangerous condition and liable to give way at any moment. Already \$10,000 damage has been done. If the dam gives way it will leave Creston and the Burlington route with an inadequate water supply. The situation is critical. The destruction of the dam will be a great calamity to the city. Farmers living in the bottoms below the dam have been warned.

SOUTHERN FLOOD SITUATION.

Conditions Are Improving Somewhat

on Lower Mississippi. MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 1.-The flood situation in the Mississippi delta above Greenville is decidedly better tonight, as to threatened loss of life and further destruction of levets. The half dozen crevasses on the Arkansas and Mississippi shores between Helena and Greenville have drawn an immease volume of water out of the main channel, which is spreading uself over the lowlands, but not with that degree of rapidity that cuts off escape by the inhabitants of low countries. The river shows a decline from a point below Helena to the Wayside crevasue. The decline above Greenville in many places is as great as ten inches. Flowever, Helena, Ark., is not out of danger, for the waters from the St. Francis basin in Arkansas are still swelling the channel of the main river from the mouth of the St. Francls to a point south of Heiena, as no break occurs until Westover is reached, ten miles below that city. The worst at Helena will be over by Sunday.

The damage to the farming country in the

delta cannot be exaggerated. Five counties will be for the most part under water for thirty days, and the main line and branch lines of the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley road will have more than 100 miles of track in-Opposite Perthshire, the upper crevasse, a mile of track has been completely washed away. Probably twenty railroad sta tions and small towns are flooded tonight among them being Gunnison, Rosedale Perthshire, Torrine, Riverton, Dahomey Storm, Bencit, Beulah, Wayside, Longwood Refuge, Swiftwater, Deerson and Australia. The greatest danger now is to the south of Greenville, as the levees from Waysids to the mouth of the river must begin to feel the pressure of the movement of water back into the channel from the delta, the White river country and the St. Francis basin. From Memphis to Crawley's Ridge, the river is now forty miles wide. A line cast and west on the water across Rosedale would probably be fifty miles long. All of this water must pass out between two walls

of levee, in many places but a few miles distant one from the other.

Another rise of one-tenth of a foot in the river at Memphis is shown by the official bulletin from the office of the weather bureau. The gauge tonight registers 36.4 feet. At Cairo an encouraging fall in the river is shown, while Paducah teports a fall of seven-tenths of a foot. At Vicksburg the river is stationary. Shrev-port and other points below Vicksburg report a continued rise. The Louisville & Nashville and Chattanooga & St. Louis rallroads resumed direct traffic communication with Nashville tonight after a cessation of two weeks, due to the

high water of the Tennessee river.

The local relief committee this morning sent a steamboat to the St. Francis river country to bring out waterbound people, and carry supplies and food to man and beast. It is said the destitution in the territory to shecked by the sudden cold and the turning be covered is fearful, but the news did not

FIGHTING TO SAVE THE BRIDGES

Dynamite Being Liberally Used a

Wahpeton, N. D. MINNEAPOLIS, April 1 .- A special to the Journal from Wahpeton, N. D., says: The water in the Red and Boise de Sioux rivers is two feet above the danger mark, and risen with the water, and is threatening all the bridges on the line of those rivers. Strenuous efforts are being made to save the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and wagon bridges at this place. Continuously since vesterday morning dynamite had been used in breaking the ice, both above, below and between the bridges, and there are some hopes now of saving the railroad bridges, but the wagon bridge, which connects this city and Breckinridge, seems to be doomed. A few inches more rise and the ice will lodge against the bridges and force them from their foundations.

A special to the Journal from Fargo, N. D.

says: The situation here from the Red river flood is growing more serious. The river is steadily rising about four inches per hour or twice as rapidly as yesterday, notwith standing the much increased breadth of the stream. The water will be in the pumping station by tonight and a number of familie have been compelled to move. All indica tions point to the highest water in the his tory of this country, even exceeding the flood of 1881. West of Fargo and south of the Northern Pacific tracks, the water averages about two feet deep, and is higher in the Big Coulee, west of this city, than has ever been known. The high water at Wahpe-ton and Breckinridge will be a terrible flood when it reaches here, as it will be added to the immense quantity now here and going northward. There has been no train over the reat Northern since Tuesday noon. No. 1 on the Northern Pacific was sent out today and will reach East Grand Forks and Crookston.

SUDDEN RISE AT MINNEAPOLIS.

Breaking of an Ice Gorge Drives Peo ple from Their Homes. MINNEAPOLIS, April 1.-The Mississippi

went on a tear late last night and dwellers along the flats moved out in a hurry. A huge ice jam, which had formed in the river at Forty-second avenue, north, broke late yesterday afternoon, and an immense volume of water, with big cakes of ice and thousands of feet of logs, went tearing down the river and roaring over St. Anthony falls. The water rose two feet inside of half an hour edging its way up the river banks until the floors of many of the houses were well under

When the icc jam at Forty-second avenue

ST. PAUL, Minn., April ".- The Missiesippi river is rapidly approaching the high water mark of 1881, and danger lurks along its path. It reached a stage of 19.7 in '81 and late this afternoon the gauge showed 15.7 and still rising. Yesterday morning at 7 o'clock the river showed a beight of 12.5 and this morning it showed 15.3, a rise of almost two feet in twenty-four hours. The danger point is 14, so that the river is new nearly two feet beyond that, and the wor ernment engineer, the weather man and the river men unite in the belief that there is still much more to come. It looks ther fore, as if the flood of '81 may be repeated.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April L -- A special from Darand, Wis., says the Round hill fee gorge broke last evening and the Chippewa has fallen several feet at Durand.

SENATE TALKS OF

Most Important is One by Mr. Morgan Recognizing Helligerency of Insurgents and Declaring United States Neutral.

WASHINGTON, April 1.- The Cuban question was revived in the senate today, after a long period of comparative calm. Four distinct Cuban resolutions were brought forward in rapid succession. The last and most Important one came from Senator Morgan of Alabama. It declares that a state of war exists in Cuba and announces the policy of the United States to maintain a strict neutrality as between both parties to the conflict, with full recognition of the insurgents as belligerents. Mr. Morgan gave notice that he would call up the resolution at the next meeting of the senate, with the expectation of securing final action. Of the other resolutions, two were agreed to. One of these, by Mr. Morgan, calls on the president for the letters of General Gomez to himself and Mr. Cleveland and for other information on Cuban affairs. The other, by Mr. Mills of Texas, instructs the committee on foreign relations to report what obligations the United States has assumed by compelling Cuba to remain subject to Spain. Still another resolution came from Mr. Allen of Nebraska, and proposed a protest against the reported purpose of the Spanish authorities to try General Rulz Rivera, the Cuban officer, by military drumhead court-martial. This ied to an animated controversy between Mr. Allen and Mr. Hoar. The resolution wen over, to come up with the resolution for the recognition of Cuban belligerency at the

next meeting.
The tarin bill passed by the house yesterday was received by the senate today and re-ferred to the committee on finance. Hale secured immediate consideration for joint resolution directing the secretary of the navy to use a government vessel or char ter a private vessel for the transportation of contributions of grain, etc., to the famine-stricken people of India. The resolution,

after debate, was agreed to without divi The senate, at 12:55 p. m., went into executive session, and at 5:20 adjourned until Monday. ASKING FOR AN EARLY HEARING

Supreme Court Petitioned to Advance Joint Traffle Case. WASHINGTON, April 1.—In the United States supreme court Solicitor General Conrad for the government entered a motion to advance on the docket the suit against the Joint Traffic association, comprising the principal trunk lines of the country. In addition to setting forth the history of the proceedings in the court below the action gives the reason for asking for advancement

"The association is asserted by the United States to violate by its agreement of associa-tion the first and second sections of the socalled anti-trust law of July, 1890, as well as the fifth section of the so-called interstate commerce act of February 4, 1887, and also to be an unlawful interference with interstate commerce irrespective of any statutory provision. provision. "The agreement is believed to be illegal

under the principle of the United States versus the Transmissouri Freight associa-tion, decided by this court, March 22, 1897; that this is contested by the defendants of by some of them, and that they will continue to operate under their agreement until the decision of this court in this case "The case is one of great public importance, involving the right of competing railroad

companies to combine for the purpose of maintaining rates and pooling traffic, and respectfully move this court for an advance ment of the case to be heard at the presen Mr. Courad contented himself with a forma

presentation of the motion, suggesting the 23d inst. as the date for the arguments. Mr. James Carter appeared for the traffic Esociation. He announced concurrence in he motion to advance, saving that his clients were very anxious to have the case heard before adjournment for the summer The court announced, through the chie justice, that the motion would be taken inder advisement.

AGREE ON SUNDRY CIVIL BILL densure to Be Reported to Senate a

It Came from the House. WASHINGTON, April 1 .- The senate comnittee on appropriations today agreed to report the sundry civil and Indian appropriaion bills practically as they were agreed to before the adjournment of the last session of congress. A few verbal changes were found to be advicable, and an important change was made in the provisions in regard to the opening of the Uncompangre Indian reservaion in Utah. This provision was presented

as a senate amendment in the last session and was agreed to by the house.

The house struck it out when it passed the bill at the beginning of the present session. The senate committee again recommends the inclusion of the provision, but it reduces the mumber from four as originally stoylded. number from four, as originally provided, to two. A change was provided also in the matter of inheritance of children born of white fathers and Indian mothers so as to provide that the mother shall belong to her tribe "by blood." The original provision made it "by blood or descent."

The bills probably will not be reported

until next week. The deficiency bill was

The sundry civil bill carries \$200,000 for the Transmississippi Exposition, \$125,000 for the Omaha postoffice building and \$75,000 for the South Omaha postoffice.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC DEBT. Figures Giving Indebtedness of Coun-

try at Close of March. WASHINGTON, April 1.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business yesterday the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1, 003,962,200, a decrease for the month of \$8, 638,254. This decrease is accounted for by a corresponding increase in the amount of cash on hand. The debt is recapitulated as

Interest bearing debt, \$847,364,950; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1.355,760; debt bearing no interest, \$377,-287,096; total, \$1.226,007,806. This, however, does not include \$607,702. 473 in certificates and treasury notes out standing and offset by an equal amount of

cash in the treasury.

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The cash in the treasury silver, \$517,048, The cash in the treasury is classified as blows: Gold, \$189,242,803; silver, \$517,048,-211; paper, \$151,057,504; bonds, disburging officers' balances, etc., \$17,891,239; total, \$875, 239,759, against which there are demand liabilities amounting to \$653,194,153, which a cash balance in the treasury of

Confirmation

WASHINGTON, April 1.- The senate in excutive session today confirmed Charmagne Tower of Pennsylvania to be minister to Austra-Hungary; William S. Shallenberger to be second assistant postmaster general; Pen-rose A. McClain of Pennsylvania to be col-lector of internal revenue for the First dis-trict of Pennsylvania; Alexander Montgomery Thackers of Pennsylvania to be consul at Havre. France, and several positions in the army and marine corps of the navy.

Sure Wheaton Will Get the Place WASHINGTON, April 1.-It is expected that the nomination of a major general to Available cash balance, \$222,045,606; gold resucceed to the vacancy to be caused by the serve, \$151,786,444.

retirement of Major General Ruger will be sent to the senate soon. Army officers are agreed in the belief that the choice will fall upon General Wheaton and that Colonel Most of the Open Session Davoted to
Discussing that Topic.

FOUR RESOLUTIONS ARE INTRODUCED

when General Wheaton and that Colonel Shafter of the First infantly will get the brigadler generalship caused by General Wheaton's promotion. Colonel Shafter is on his way to Washington from San Francisco, but his nomination will not go to the genate until action has been had upon that of General Wheaton, a precaution made necessary by the fact that there will be no actual vacancy until that time.

NATIONAL BANKS OF NEBRASKA

Comptroller Eckels Issues an Abstract of Their Latest Reports.
WASHINGTON, April 1.—(Special Telegram.)-Comptroller Eckels today gave out abstract of reports of the condition, March 9 of ninety national banks in Nebraska, exclusive of Omaha and Lincoln. The principal items are: Loans and discounts, \$11,049,817 due from banks, national and state, \$289,494; reserve in banks and deposited with reserve agents, \$2,598,149, of which \$532,196 was in gold; total resources, \$18,608,830; Habilities, capital stock, \$6,275,000; surplus fund and undivided profits, \$1,560,778; due to banks, national and state, \$580,323; deposits, \$8,-113,570. The average reserve held was 32.11 per cent.

Secretary Bliss today rendered decisions in the following land cases: Nebraska—In re-lation Peter Nisson, Valentine district. Com-missioners decision affirmed; Nissen's application to make homestead entry rejected. South Dakota—In relation Pauline Kelly, formerly Koch, Pierre district. Decision reclaimants timber culture proof ac-

Today Congressman Stark submitted to the commissioner of pensions the rules and regu-lations of the Nebraska National guard and pointed out section 367, which gives the serv-less of the adjutant general's office without fee or reward to any pension-applicant within the state of Nebraska. Mr. Murphy, commis-sioner of pensions, thought the section was in good form and helpful to all deserving applicants, and filed the book with other

authorities in his office. Senator Thurston appeared in supreme court yesterday and today in the case of the St. Joe & Grand Island against R. M. Steele The case was submitted this after noon. It involves the question of the right of township officers and railroad commis-sioners of the state of Missouri to tax the bridge at St. Joseph, Senator Thurston conended that the right existed in the railroad commissioners and not in the township officers having jurisdiction over the west end of the St. Joseph bridge. It is expected that Leopold Hahn will be onfirmed as postmaster at Hastings early

PRESIDENT NAMES AMBASSADORS.

Andrew D. White Goes to Germany and William F. Draper to Italy. WASHINGTON, April 1.—The president oday sent the following nominations to the senate: Andrew D. White of New York to be ambassador and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Germany; William F. Draper of Massachusetts, to be ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Italy; Chandler Hale of Maine, to be secretary of the embasay of the United States at Rome, Italy; Samuel L. Gracey of Massachusetts, consul at Fuchai. China; Anson Burlingame Johnson of Coloado, consul at Amoy, China. (The nomination of Anson Burlingame Johnson to be cor ul at Fuchai, China, is withdrawn); Major Benjamin Butterworth of Ohio, to be commissioner of patents; Oliver L. Spaulding of Michigan, to be assistant secretary of the treasury; William B. Howell of New Jersey, to be assistant secretar, of the treasury; Captain Robert Drake, signal corps, to be

News for the Army.

WASHINGTON, April L-(Special Telegram.)-The following officers have been ordered to Fort Leavenworth for examination for promotion: First Lieutenant Daniel L. Howell, Seventh infantry; Second Lieutenants Joseph C. Fox, Thirteenth infantry Vernon A. Caldwell, Twenty-fifth infantry Edmund L. Butts, Twenty-first infantry Henry J. Hunt, Fifteenth infantry; Jules G Ord, Eighteenth infantry; Albert D. Nis-kern. Twentieth infantry; Truman O. Murphy, Nineteenth infantry; Francis H. Schoef-fel, Ninth infantry; William H. Bertsch Fifteenth infantry, and Charles Miller, Sleventh infantry. Second Lieutenants John R. Seyburn

Twenty-fourth infantry, and Ross L. Bush. Fifteenth infantry, have theen ordered to San Francisco for examination for promo-Captain Daniel T. Wells, Eighth Infantry saving been found unfitted for promotion,

is directed to proceed to his home to await Colonel George E. Glenn, assistant pay master general, has been ordered from the Department of Dakota to Governor's island, New York, as chief paymaster, Department of the East. Lieutenant Colonel Asa B.

Carey has been ordered from the Depart kota. First Lieutenant John S. Sewell, Enginee corps, has been transferred from this city Leaves of absence: Oliver Edwards, Eleventh infantry, and First Lieutenant Frederick S. Foltz, First cavalry, four months; Major Wells Willard, commissary, one month; First Lieutenant William J. D. Horne, Ninth cavalry, two

months; Second Lieutenant Charles F. Crain

Nineteenth infantry, two months, with per-

mission to go abroad. WASHINGTON, April 1 .- The senate today in executive session concluded its consideration of all amendments to the arbitration treaty. The voting on additional amend-ments began at 4 o'clock, after three hours of general debate, and in the hour and a hall which followed about a dozen propositions were passed upon. Two only were adopted, except some making verbal changes. Of those adopted one, offered by Senator Bacon, exempts the claims against southern states from the operations of the treaty and the other introduced by Senator Morgan, elim-

WASHINGTON, April 1,-(Special.)-Patents have been issued as follows: Nebraska—Jacob Hauserman, Eustis, barb

wire reeling machine Iowa-James F. Elliott, Manson, self-reg ulating water trough; Johnt R. Hartman Davenport; washing machine; Silas P. Old-field, Mitchellville, lifting spring for culti-vators; Romulus R. Richmond, Chariton, burial device; James M. Scurz, Creston, fas-

South Dakota-Samuel M. Totten, Vermil-

Bids for Indian Supplies. WASHINGTON, April L-The secretary he interior today authorized the Indian bureau to call for bids for furnishing all sup piles for the Indian service dur-ing the fiscal year beginning July 1 next. Bids will be opened on May 4 in Chi-cago, and May 25 in New York. The con-tracts to be let then at those places will aggregate in value over \$2.225,000. Over two-thirds of the supplies will be contracted for at Chicago. at Chicago.

Decides on Assistant Secretaries WASHINGTON. April 1.-It is officially announced that O. L. Spalding of Michigan and W. B. Howell of New Jersey have beer decided on for assistant secretaries of the Treasury department. Their nominations probably will be sent to the senate today Both are experts in custom matters.

Daily Treasury Statemen WASHINGTON, April 1.-Today's ristement of the condition of the treasury shows: BRIDE'S SUICIDE ON A TRAIN DISCUSS TRAFFIC

Miss Lottie Merrill Takes Poison While Traveling with Her Lover.

ENROUTE TO LINCOLN TO BE MARRIED Manager Beacroft, Att

Dose of Morphine is Swallowed Without Her Intended Knowing of Her Intentions - Remains Sent Back to Denver.

HASTINGS, Neb., April 1 .- (Special Telegram.)-The Burlington fiyer this morning brought in the remains of Miss Lottle Mer-rill of Denyer, who committed suicide at a General Attorney Williams of the Short Line late hour last night while en route from Denver to Lincoln, where she was going with her lover to be married.

There is a great mystery surrounding the whole affair, as the young woman and her be decided upon at the Salt Lake City meetintended husband, .Frank B. Massey of Denver, had known each other for years, during which time Miss Merrill's parents had looked upon Mr. Massey as one of the family. Mr. Massey was seen here today and said that they did not elope, but had decided to go to Lincoln and be married. He said he could think of no reason why the girl committed suicide and he appeared to be greatly grieved is still high in the senatorial struggle and over the act. However, the girl had made all realize that the present conditions canup her mind before she left Denver that she would kill herself, as she wrote a letter to her mother while at the union depot in Denver, stating that she intended taking her \$1,000 a day. The deadlock last winter cost own life. This fact was confirmed today by the state in the neighborhood of \$100,000. a telegram from Mrs. S. M. Forrest, her Fourteen Hunter men have signified their mother, but the strange part of it is that her intended husband knew nothing about the girl's intentions.

It is said that shortly after the train left Denver the young woman began to attract considerable attention in the car by occasionally bursting out in tears and appeared to be in distress. The last time any one saw her before she committed the rash acwas at a late hour last night, when she went to the ladies' saloon in the sleeping Representative Dougherty, who had gone car just before retiring. Mr. Massey occupied home under the impression that he was the health just above the one occupied that he was a Hunter man from Louisville, delatter, a Hunter man from Louisville, de-nied the pair, but when Senator Bronston, at Oxford, Dr. Brady was summoned, as the girl was found to be in great agony. After an examination, it was found that she had taken a dose of morphine, and it was impos-sible to save her life. She had taken the

poison when she went to the saloon, as a bottle containing morphine was found there. When the remains reached Hastings this morning they were taken to Undertaker Reed's, where a coroner's inquest was held. The jury found that she had come to her death by a dose of morphine, which was administered by her own hand with suicidal intent. Mr. Massey had the remains embalmed and sent back to Denver tonight, where he will arrive with them tomorrow Lottie Merrill was quite a pretty semi-blonde of about medium height and 21 years old. Her home was at 4007 Champa street. Denver. Frank B. Massey Is a middle-aged man, who has been in the mining business in Colorado for some time, and has several friends in Hastings.

STOPS ALL BUSINESS AT LARANIE

Storm Fatal to Stock and Fears Entertained for Hunting Parties. LARAMIE, Wyo., April 1.-The most se vere snow storm in twenty years has struck this section, doing immense damage to cattle and sheep. Business here is practically suspended and yesterday even the dally papers were not issued. On the main streets the snow in places is ten feet deep, while residences on the outskirts of the city are some instances completely buried by drifts. Several buildings collapsed in consequence of the weight of the snow which covered their roofs. The storm extends from Medicine Bow to Pine Bluffs, Wyo., a distance of 175 miles. Laramie and Sherman hill appear to be the very center of the storm belt. All freight trains on the Union Pacific have been abandoned for the pas forty-eight hours and officers are making strenuous but apparently futile keep passenger trains moving. Trainmaste Culross of the Union Pacific hopes rains moving some time today. On Sherman hill the big rotary snow plow has been kept moving all day, ploughing through drifts fully twenty feet high in numerous places. Several snow plows are working west of here, making an endeavor to keep the main safety of several hunting parties in this section. Sheep are scarcely expected to survive on the plains and the loss may reach housands. Several herders reached town naving descried their herds and only with the greatest difficulty escaping from being rozen to death. It is feared that the driver of the North park stage has perished, although there is a chance that he made some ranch before the storm reached the heigh of its fury. The latest reports along the line of the Union Pacific say the storm has vill commence moving today.

apparently expended its force and the trains MT. VERNON, Ill., April 1.-This vicinity was visited by the most terrific and destructive hail storm ever witnessed here Hail stones weighing ten to twelve ounces fell in great profusion and with such force and rapidity that not a house in the community escaped more or less injury. The churches, mills, etc., sustained heavy losses. Not only were shingle roofs damaged, but the heavy iron roofs of the flouring and planing mills were rendered useless.

Beardslee Ordered to Honolniu. SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 1.-Rear Admiral Beardslee received orders from Washington today to proceed at once with the flagship Philadelphia to Honolulu. The order was followed by a number of other cipher dis-patches which kept the flag secretary busy and Advertiser. This includes the Associated press morning franchise. The Star company translating. The greatest excitenent pre-vails on board, as intimations have been given that trouble is expected between the Americans and Japanese. The Philadelphia will load all the coal possible, making bunkers on the deck for the purpose and will get away about next Wednesday. None of the other vessels here will go.

Deaths of a Day. NEBRASKA CITY, April 1 .- (Special.)-Patsy Clifford, an old resident of this city, died today, aged 43 years, after a long illness of typhoid fever. He was born in Dublin. Irefand, and came to Nebraska City when a young man, where he has since re-

BROWNVILLE, Neb., April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Mary E. Furnas, wife of ex-Governor Robert W. Furnas, died at her home in this city today. Mrs. Furnas bas for years been an invalid, but her death at this time was sudden and unexpected. Steamer Sinks. from membership has been on trial in the circuit court for several days. Tonight Judge Wyman decided in favor of the creder, fully sustaining its right to exclude at any time any individuals or classes, and to be at all times the sole judge of the qualifications of the members.

COLUMBUS, Ga., April 1.-A has been received here telling of the sinking of the steamer City of Columbus, which left here a few days ago, at Smith's bend near Columbia, Ala. There were few passengers on board and none were drowned, though several had narrow escapes. The boat, which cost \$10,000, is a total loss, as is also the cargo. The City of Columbus was owned by the Queen and Crescent company of this city and was in charge of Cap-tain H. B. Pryor when she went down.

PIERRE, S. D., April 1 .- (Special Telegram.)-Land Commissioner Lockhart had set next Tuesday, April 6, as the date for leasing lands all over the state, but all the lease supplies are tied up in the express office here on account of washouts, and it will be necessary in most, if not all cases, for the county authorities to adjourn the date BINGLE COPY FIVE CENTS.

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rence.

Special Tele

Officials in

Kolly, General Passenger Agent Lomax, Traffic Manager Wood and Auditor Young. The conference lasted four hours. In answer

to inquiries, Managers Bancroft and Dickin son said that no definite details had been de

cided upon at the conference, but admitted

that traffic and passenger arrangements which would be mutually satisfactory to both

roads had been considered and that the con

said that another conference would be held in Sait Lake City in about two weeks. An-other member of the party stated that a definite and close traffic arrangement had been agreed upon, the details of which will

ing. The Short Line party returned west at 11 o'clock and the Union Pacific people will

COSTS ONE THOUSAND PER DAY

Election of a Senator in Kentucky at

Expensive Proceeding.

LOUISVILLE, April 1 .- A special to the

Evening Post from Frankfort says: Tension

not last much longer. The deadlock is cost-

willingness to sign a call for a new caucus

and a new nominee. The bolting republicans

have so far declined to go into any such

with the sound money men in an effort to

on behalf of the silver men, threatened to break a quorum if he did not stand by his

The roll call for the nineteenth ballot re-sulted in a gain of one vote for Boyle, a

sound money democrat voting for him in-stend of Davie. The vote stood: Hunter,

58; Blackburn, 43; Davie, 11; Boyle, 7;

FRANKFORT, April 1 .- At the conclu-

ion of the first ballot Representative Hardin,

a silver democrat, moved to adjourn. The

epublicans demanded a yea and nay vote

whereupon the motion to adjourn was with-

drawn and the second ballot was ordered, which resulted in no change, the forces of

all candidates standing firm. The third ballot resulted in no change. An adjourn-

ment until tomorrow was moved by Senator

C. Lee and Judge Owens were destroyed.

Aid Needed at Chandler.

CHANDLER, Okl., April 1 .- Although the

tornado struck Chandler forty-eight hours

ago, very little search of the ruins has

yet been made, and it is feared that the

death roll may be considerably increased. Scores of injured are under the care of surgeons who have come here from all parts of Oklahoma. None of the wounded had succumbed today, though many suffer

greatly and some of them cannot possibly

recover. A thousand people are homeless, and half as many are without a thing in the world. Lawyer John Dawson and Edgar

Demoss, the barber, who are numbered among the dead, were eating supper in Wal-

lace's restaurant when the tornado came up

left a wife and two children at Alma, Neb.

it really was. Only fourteen persons, it is now stated, are known to have met death in

Chandler, and in addition to these three were

killed in the country north of town. Fully 200 persons were injured, fifty or sixty of

them being seriously hurt and four or five

New York Papers Consolidate.

NEW YORK, April 1.-The New York

consolidated under the name of the New

York Journal and Advertiser, abandoned the

of the Associated press.

W. P. Caruthers, publisher, makes the following statement tonight: "The Morning Advertiser was today sold to the Journal.

which will appear tomorrow as the Journa

owned the Morning Advertiser. The Com

mercial Advertiser retains the afternoon As-sociated press franchise and will continue

to be published as an aggressive afternoor republican paper. It is owned by the Com-

mercial Advertiser association. The Com-mercial Advertiser is in no way connected

Sugar Goes Up.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.-All hard

grades of refined sugar advanced 1/4c to-day and the principal soft grades 1-16c to

to decide the right of the Order of Mod-

ern Woodmen to exclude liquor sellers

At New York-Arrived-Majestic, from Liversool; Nordland, from Antwerp; Lahn, from Bremen. Salled-Spaarndam, for Pot-terdam; Stuttgart, for Bremen. At London-Salled-Massachusetta, for New York.

New York.
At Boulogne-Sailed-Maasdam, for New

York.
At Queenstown—Sailed—Germanle, McKimdey, from Laverpool, for New York.
At Genoa-Sailed—Werra, for New York.
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At Ban Francisco—Sailed—Hritish steamer
Coptie, for Hong Kong and Yokohama:
Norwegian bark Nordlyset, for Capetown;
ship Llewellyn, for Chignak bay; barkentine
Tropic Bird, for Tainit; schooner Jennie
Wand, for Kahului, Cleared—Bark C. D.
Bryant, for Honolulu.
At Liverpool—Sailed—Catalonia, for Boston.

with the deal and is not for sale."

of these will surely die.

pair, Mr. Dodgon said he would not vote.

ombine on State Senators Goebel or Martin r Hon, R. P. Jacobs of Danville.

return to Omaha in the morning

CHEYENNE, Wyo., A

gram.)-An important e

eral officers of the Ore

Union Pacific railways

The Short Line party

nce of the gen Senate Exonerates Everybody Connected Short Line and old here tonight with the Howell Gambling Bill. sted of General Williams, Gen eral Passunger Agent B , Traffic Manager Eccles and Auditor Hills and the Union Pa-cific of General Manager Dickinson, Solicitor Traffic Manager CENSURES THE BEE FOR EXPOSING IT

Majority Report of the Committee Finds

LAYS ON WHITEWASH

Only the Editor to Blame.

EVEN PIATTI ACTED IN GOOD FAITH

His Fee Was Not Due Until the Bill Became a Law.

MINORITY REPORT IGNORED BY SENATE

Specially Prepared Verdict of the Committee's Biggest Half is Taken Without Question When Presented to the Body.

LINCOLN, April 1 .- (Special Telegram.)-The committee appointed by the senate last Saturday to investigate the charges made by The Omaha Bee, relative to the manner the gambling bill had been railroaded through the senate, presented majority and minority reports at 6 o'clock this evening. The majority report was read by Mr. Ransom of Douglas. Its main findings were as follows:

The only testimony tending to show that any money had been raised as charged in the complaint was the testimony of Charles M. Rigg and Richard O'Malley, Mr. Rigg testified that Mr. O'Malley gave him a bill, which will be reported with the testimony, and said O'Malley stated there was \$2,500 raised to put the bill through. Mr. Rigg received the bill and gave it to a third person to have it introduced, but the bill was returned with the report that no senator would introduce it. Mr. O'Malley testified to giving the bill to Mr. Rigg and telling him there would be \$2,500 given when the bill was passed and became a law. There was some dispute between these witnesses as to the amount of money raised, one witness placing it at \$2,500, and the other at \$3,000. Neither of the witnesses knew that any money had been raised. Mr. O'Malley, testified that a party by the name of Bibbins in Omaha had stated to him that the money was in the hands of a certain banker in Omaha. But there was no testimony, whatever to show that any money was actually raised or placed in the hands of any, person whatever. These were the only witnesses who even claimed to know or to have heard that any money was raised for any such purpose.

The bill, No, 321 was, as shown by the Douglas. Its main findings were as follows: cheme. The silver men are still dickering

have heafd that any money was raised for any such purpose.

The bill, No. 321 was, as shown by the evidence of L. J. Platti drawn by him and that he procured it to be introduced, and that he was to receive a fee for his services if the bill became a law. But he testified he never solicited a senator to vote for the bill, nor spoke to a senator in regard to the bill. ballot resulted in no change. An adjournment until tomorrow was moved by Senator Sievenson. The Hunter forces did not object and the motion prevailed.

TORNADO ENCIRCLES A TOWN.

Blows Down Houses and Trees on Every Side of Star City.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 1.—A destructive tornado, dealing devastation to everything in its path, which was from one-quarter to one-half mile in width, described a complete circle around Star City, Lincoin county, yesterday, passing within about half a mile of the city. Rees Dunlap, a negro, and T. J. McFalla had their homes destroyed, and John Young lost his barn and stables. John C. Hendricks' large plantation was badly wrecked. On this place three persons are known to have been killed outright and a large number are reported seriously wounded. Large plantations beyond Bayou Bartholomew, belonging to Alf Cogbill, W. C. Lee and Judge Owens were destroyed.

Your committee further finds that the charges made in said editorial and in the complaints sworn to by Mr. Rosewater constituted an unwarranted attack upon the integrity of the members of this senate, each and all of whom should be, and are, exonerated from any and all corrupt or dishonorable motives whatsoever.

Your committee further finds that there was nothing in the context of the bill to justify criticism of the ones who introduced it, or any one who voted for it, for your committee finds and reports that there seems to be an honest division of opinion as to the wisdom of the present law relating to gambling.

FINDINGS OF THE MINORITY.

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by Senators Murphy and Talbot, were as

of Senators murphy and Tailot, were as follows:

That for the purpose of procuring the passage of the gambling bill reducing the penalty from that of a felony to that of a misdemeanor embodied in senate file No. 331, the gamblers of Omaha and vicinity, through Charles Bibbins, raised a fund of from \$2.500 to \$2.000, which was held for that purpose to be paid to persons not members of the legislature for procuring the passage of such a bill into law contingent upon the passage of such a bill into law contingent upon the passage of such an act.

2. Your committee further finds that for the purpose of procuring the passage of such an act negotiations were entered into between Charles Bibbins, a gambler and representing the gamblers of Omaha, through Richard O'Malley, with C. M. Rigg, looking to the introduction and passage of such an act, and that and by such an arrangement efforts were made to procure the introduction of a bill embodying the features of senate file No. 33, which were unsuccessful for the reason that no senator could be found who would introduce or champion such a bill, and we further find that the said parties so employed made no efforts with members of the senate or solicited members of the senate to introduce of vote for such a bill with any promise of reward.

3. Your committee further finds that afterward the said Charles Bibbins negotiated was instantly killed.

KANSAS CITY, April 1.—A special from Guthrie says: It develops tonight that the less of life in the Chandler cyclone has been greatly overstated. In the confusion and difficulty of getting news out over the long distance telephone, names became mixed, and the list of dead was made greater than Journal and the New York Advertiser have United press and will hereafter be a member

of reward.

3. Your committee further finds that afterward the said Charles Bibbins negotiated with Louis J. Fiatti, cierk of the senate committee on municipal affairs, to procure the introduction of senate file No. 331, and said Piatti through said employment for such Charles Hibbins, prepared and procured to be introduced senate file No. 331, and that the said Piatti looked after said bill in the judiciary committee and in the engrossing committee.

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4. Your committee issued subpoenas for Charles Bibbins and Riley Goodwin at the instance of Mr. Rosewater, who preferred the charges, for the purpose of getting their evidence before the committee relative to the charges made, and the sergeant-at-arms, after spending a day in Omaha searching for said witnesses, returned and reported that such witnesses could not be found, and said Bibbins has left the city, and for said reason said witnesses were not examined by the committee.

5. Your committee further finds on the evidence that no money was ever promised to any senator, nor that any senator had any knowledge of any money being raised for the surpose of procuring the amendment of the gambling law, such as that embodied in senate file No. 331, and that the charges made by Mr. Rosewater in The Omaha Bee and in his written statement filed before your committee, that senate file No. 331 was passed by the senate by the influence of boodle, was not sustained by the evidence and is unfounded; and that the senate, and each member thereof, is entirely exonerated from such charge, and that the evidence disclosed that no member of the senate was approached or spoken to by any one to support said senate file No. 331 that was passed by the senate.

We find from the evidence and therefore report that the senate, and each member thereof, is freed from any charges reflecting on the honor or integrity of the senate of the passage of said bill.

The majority report was adopted by a strict party vite. day and the principal soft grades 1-16c to \(^1\_{\text{ac}}\). This is the third advance that has been made this week, and is said to be due to the satisficated change in the tariff law. Powdered, cubes and crown "A" are now quoted at 5 cents, while granulated, crystat "A" and diamond "A" are marked up to 4\% cents. These are the highest prices that have been realized for high grade sugars for more than a year.

Itum Sellers Burred Out.

LA CROSSE, Wis., April 1.—A test case to decide the right of the Order of Mod-

The majority report was adopted by a strict party vote. Mr. Schaal of Sarpy thea offered a resolution censuring The Bee, which was adopted by a vote of 23 to 7. Mesers. Dundas and Heapy, both populists, voting with the five republicans present The vote on the against the resolution. resolution of censure was:

Yeas: