CONGRESS MUST BE FIRM

Chapman's Conviction Necessary to Establish Authority of the Law-Making Body.

OTHER MEN DESERVE SAME PUNISHMENT

Senator Allen Discusses Many Topics of Interest to Omaha and Nebraska While in the City Last Night.

"Yes, Chapman has gone to jail, and there are others likely to follow," said Senator William V. Allen to a Bee reporter last evening. "The senatorial investigation into the Sugar trust was commenced during the summer of 1894. There were a number of recalcitrant witnesses. Those who were indicted were indicted because of their refusal to answer questions put to them by myself. They were indicted under an old statute of 1857.

"It was necessary, I believe, for congress to take such action in order to protect itself. If it did not establish some precedent in such cases dangerous inroads might be made into its work, and its investigations seriously interrupted. This is why Chapman has been sent to jail. The others who have been indicted for their refusals to answer questions concerning the relations of United States senators and the sugar market are: Henry Havemeyer, Theodore Havemeyer (who has died since), John E. Searles and a couple of newspaper men whose names I do not recall. These men ought to be punished in a similar manner. Congress can not afford to do anything else. It was with this view of the matter that I introduced the resolution demanding an apology from Chapman to the senate for his refusal to answer questions before he should be released. I feel quite well satisfied with the progress that has been made in this case, and I believe that satisfactory results will be obtained from the other cases."

Speaking of Cuban matters, Senator Allen said: "We had a most enthusiastic meeting in favor of the unfortunate Cubans at Washington last Sunday afternoon. The theater was packed, and it is rarely that I have seen such a demonstrative audience. Yes, I think Senator Morgan's resolution will be passed. It was passed in substance a year ago. The only difference is that the resolution passed then was a concurrent resolution, one that merely expressed the opinion of congress and did not require the signature of the president, while the resolution that will be passed is a joint resolution, one that requires the president's signature and has the full effect of any law made by congress. Beyond the probable passage of this latter resolution, I believe there is nothing new to be said on the Cuban matter at this time."

BLISS HAS NO ALTERNATIVE.

"How great authority to carry out the provisions of the Indian supply depot law is granted Secretary Bliss of the Interior? The bill authorizing the establishment of an Indian supply depot at Omaha some time within the next twelve months is mandatory in its effect. The secretary of the interior must establish such a depot here within a year. The exact time is left to his discretion. The bill reads, 'an Indian supply depot from which supplies may be sent out.' It does not require the secretary of the interior to send out supplies from here at all. The full benefits of the bill will have to come from future work. The passage of this bill gives us a footing, a sort of toehold on the ground. Now we will be able to work along from that. I have not yet called on Secretary Bliss regarding the time of establishing of the depot here and the question of sending out supplies from here, but shall do so soon after I return to Washington. I desired to wait awhile until the excitement of the passage of the bill had subsided. I shall endeavor to have the depot put into operation here at an early date."

PLEASED WITH THE EXPOSITION.

In reply to a query concerning exposition matters Senator Allen said: "The sundry civil bill, to which is attached the appropriation for the exposition, will be passed within a week or so. It will probably be pushed right along on the return of Senator Allison from Iowa. The $200,000 will become available on July 1. I am well pleased with the progress the exposition is making, and hope that matters may be pushed along rapidly from now on, as it is most essential that we shall be able to make a good showing to our friends in Washington of the work actually accomplished."

Senator Allen is on his way to his home in Madison for a fortnight's vacation. He said last night that unless he was summoned by a telegram he should remain at home two weeks. This is his first vacation since December last. On his return he will stop in this city, and in company with the exposition directory he will visit the grounds and see for himself what is being done. Last night he received a number of callers in the corridor of the Paxton hotel, all of whom heartily congratulated him upon the success that had attended his work for the exposition and the Indian supply depot. Among those who paid their respects during the evening were: Messrs. Wattles, Wakefield, Bruce, Al Reed and Kirkendall of the exposition management; Colonel James E. North, E. M. Bartlett, C. C. Chase, Lieutenant Perry, W. B. Taylor and William Herdman. The latter had a conference with Senator Allen regarding the civil service investigation at South Omaha.

LOOKING AFTER PENSION CLAIMS.

Congressman Sutherland Has Many from His District.

Congressman R. D. Sutherland of the Fifth district arrived in the city last evening from Washington for a brief visit with his family at Nelson. The congressman complains very much of the heat at Washington, but otherwise finds existence in the national capital very agreeable. He says he is giving much of his attention at Washington to looking after pension claims, having about 300 of them from his district. To each of these he says he gives his personal supervision, visiting the Pension department every day in the interest of their advancement. He has introduced a bill to purchase ground at Hastings for a public building, and is watching silver legislation very closely. In speaking of the civil service investigation which the senate has provided for, he says that he understands that a committee from that body will not visit South Omaha to look up the matter till after the adjournment of congress, and until then there will be little new in the situation at the Washington end.

Mr. Sutherland expects to remain in Nebraska a week unless he hears that a vote is to be reached on the Cuban belligerency resolutions, in which case he will return at once to Washington, as he wishes to be recorded on the side of the Cubans. When he goes to Washington at the session next winter he expects to take his family with him to spend the winter.

COURT GIVES REEDY HIS DECREE.

Relieves Him of a Misfit Matrimonial Alliance.

Judge Keysor signed a decree yesterday divorcing Lowell W. Reedy from the woman he supposed for a brief time to be his wife. He alleged in his petition that in 1892 he went through the marriage ceremony with a woman calling herself Maggie Parman. Shortly afterwards, in one of their frequent quarrels, he says he learned that the woman had a husband living, one from whom she had never been divorced, named Percy J. Miller. Reedy said he left the woman as soon as he discovered this fact and she left town soon afterwards. The only information he had since received regarding her, he said, was that she was an inmate of a disorderly house in Chicago. A decree of absolute divorce was signed and entered on the record.

Begley Brings Suit Against Kennedy.

Charles Begley has commenced suit in the county court against Hugh Kennedy for $1,000 damages on account of injuries alleged to have been inflicted on Begley by Kennedy. The plaintiff charges that on March 7, the year, Kennedy assaulted him with some blunt instrument and inflicted severe injuries which resulted in an abscess under one eye. Begley says in his petition that he doesn't know what his assailant used, but that he is positive he was struck by something in Kennedy's hands.

STOP OVER AND PAY OMAHA A VISIT

Philadelphians and New Yorkers on Their Way to Edgemont.

A party of Philadelphians and New Yorkers were in the city yesterday, enroute to Edgemont, S. D. They arrived in a special car on the Burlington's express from Chicago in the morning, and left at 4:35 in the afternoon. They are accompanied by Francis C. Grable and M. L. Parrotte of this city, the latter having met them in Chicago. During the morning the party visited the Omaha & Grant Smelting works, the court house, the city hall, the New York Life and The Bee buildings. At noon they lunched at the Omaha club with General Manderson, C. S. Montgomery and a few other prominent Omahans.

The personnel of the party is as follows: Robert E. Pattison, ex-governor of Pennsylvania; Thomas Bradley, Savery Bradley, George W. Roydhouse, R. W. P. Goff, George A. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Crater, A. G. Reed, Richard Lavery, R. B. Shimer, John Dawson, Wendall Hurlburt, L. R. Streeter, D. C. Amidon, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Supplee, John J. Zabriskie, S. S. Thompson, Philip R. Tenbrook, Rev. George P. Maine, Jesse B. Clement, Thomas Shallcross, John L. McCanman, J. W. Young, N. H. Chance and M. B. Pool.

HYMENEAL.

Hanson-Ryan.

WAHOO, Neb., May 19.—(Special.)—Last evening at 8:30, at the home of the bride in this city, occurred the marriage of Miss Nora Ryan and Mr. Oscar Hanson. Rev. Father Bor of St. Wenceslaus' church officiated. At 9 o'clock the bride and groom, with about forty relatives and friends, repaired to the Commercial hotel, where a reception was held. Both of the contracting parties have lived in this vicinity for many years. Mr. Hanson is a clerk in the office of the county treasurer, and is a son of Hans Hanson, sr., a prominent business man. The bride is the daughter of Michael B. Ryan, a wealthy citizen of this place. The young couple will be at home in this city after June 5.

Silver-Sewell.

LINCOLN, May 19.—(Special.)—Rev. H. Percy Silver, rector of Holy Family Episcopal church, and Miss Agnes C. Sewell were united in marriage before a large circle of friends at the Episcopal church last night at 7 o'clock. The wedding was one of the most beautiful ever witnessed in Lincoln, and the floral decorations the most elaborate. Mr. and Mrs. Silver left today for a visit at New York City and other eastern points, after which they will go to Europe for the summer.

Peycke-Pomy.

A brilliant wedding occurred yesterday afternoon at the residence of Gustav Pomy, 1124 South Tenth street, the contracting parties being Julius Peycke of the firm of Peycke Bros., and Miss Anna Pomy. The ceremony was performed by County Judge Irving F. Baxter, in the presence of a large number of invited guests, and an elaborate dinner was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Peycke left for an extended bridal tour.

Horton-Leech.

Miss Agnes Leech, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Leech of this city, was quietly married to Mr. Nathan B. Horton of this city at 8 o'clock last evening at the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. C. E. White, 2117 Farnam street. Rev. F. H. Sanderson, D. D., performed the ceremony.

Holmes-Newman.

BURLINGTON, Ia., May 19.—(Special Telegram.)—This evening at 8 o'clock occurred the marriage of Miss Hattie Newman and Mr. O. C. Holmes of Omaha. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride on North hill.

Incubator Gets in a Hurry.

A number of roosters, chickens and hens were fricassed, fried and roasted in a blaze that almost consumed the chicken house on the premises of Fred Gram, 4142 Grant street, at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night. As a side dish there was any quantity of boiled eggs. The total damage caused by the fire was in the neighborhood of $25. The fire was caused by a burning candle. This had been placed under one of the nests to assist in the incubation of a batch of eggs. The candle was in some manner overturned by the chickens in the coop, setting fire to the straw and hay in it. The fire department was called to extinguish the blaze.

NOBODY SEEMS TO WANT FRISK.

Experience of a Man Who Comes from Hamilton County.

John Frisk, an insane man who has been at the police station for the past three days, is proving to be a white elephant on the hands of the police. The authorities have so far been unable to have him removed from the jail. Yesterday the man's wife, who is a resident of Hamilton county, was at the jail to visit her husband. She stated that Frisk became insane about two years ago and was placed in the asylum at Lincoln. Last week she placed him in charge of a doctor at Nineteenth and Leavenworth streets. The man had been at the physician's place but a few days when he became so violent that the police were summoned.

The county commissioners yesterday refused to have anything to do with the case. It is to be forced upon them, however. Frisk was in the afternoon charged with vagrancy and upon conviction sent to the county jail. The county authorities will now be allowed to do what they please with him.

ASSETS OF CAPITAL NATIONAL BANK

Receiver Hayden Files a Petition, Asking to Sell.

Kent K. Hayden, receiver of the Capital National bank at Lincoln, has filed his petition in the United States court, asking to be allowed to sell at private sale, compound or settle certain notes and judgments among the assets of the bank, which are of doubtful and uncertain value. There are 264 of the notes listed, ranging in amount from less than one dollar to about $10,000. Among the makers are some men who have been more or less prominent in politics in this state in the past. C. W. Mosher has a number of notes aggregating about $100,000, and the Western Manufacturing company has twenty-three notes aggregating $125,000. There are eighty-one judgments, the larger per cent as to value represented being against C. W. Mosher and R. C. Outcalt. The total of the judgments against Mosher shown in the list is $135,260.50; against Outcalt, $90,519.69, and against the two men jointly, $42,419.50.

"False in one, false in all," is an ancient legal maxim. Remember it to the disadvantage of any tradesman who tries to substitute one article for another.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Some clothing was stolen off a dummy in front of Hayden Bros' store Tuesday.

The Anneke Jans Heirs association will meet in Washington hall, this city, June 1 and 2.

The suit of Valentine Stawarcz against the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company for $5,000 damages on account of the killing of his child, Katie, by a train, has been removed to the United States court.

Special meetings of the Salvation army, led by Major and Mrs. Stillwell and a number of officers from Kansas and Nebraska, will be held at the Seventeenth street barracks next Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

The police were yesterday morning told that a Rock Island car standing on the tracks in South Omaha had been broken into some time tha' morning between 1 and 4 o'clock and had been looted of a quantity of merchandise. The value of the stolen property is yet unknown.

William Arnold, an employe of Benedict Haas at the latter's flower gardens, Eighteenth and Vinton streets, has been arrested on the charge of assault and battery. Arnold says that his employer mistreated him and in retaliation he struck the latter and pulled his whiskers.

Edna Smith, a dusky Amazon residing in the shady portion of the city, was convicted in the criminal court yesterday of robbing a white visitor named James Moore of $17, March 20. Moore swore that the woman pulled a razor on him and attempted to carve him before he allowed himself to be relieved of his pocketbook.

Joseph Devine, alias William Davis, who was arrested in South Omaha Tuesday for stealing a valuable span of mules and a farmer's rig belonging to John Peterson of Benson, was arraigned yesterday in police court on the charge of grand larceny. He waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the district court in the sum of $1,200.

The young women of St. Agnes Guild of the Church of the Good Shepherd will give a bicycle social Thursday evening at the residence of Judge Kent, corner of Twenty-first and Binney streets. Entertainment will be furnished for non-bicyclists as well as for bicyclists. All wheelmen passing are cordially invited to stop and refresh themselves with ice cream and lemonade, which will be served by the young women.

AYER TESTIFIES IN SECRET

Insists that Even the Opposing Attorneys Leave the Room.

EXPLAINS THE SYSTEM OF RATING

Declares that in November and December Seven Bryan Supporters Out of Forty-Three Government Employes Were Removed.

At yesterday's session of the Civil Service investigation, Dr. Don C. Ayer, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, took the bull by the horns and positively refused to make any further statements to the inspector unless the attorneys representing the removed officials were compelled to leave the room during the time he was on the witness stand. In this position Ayer was ably seconded by Ed Sheldon, the representative of J. Sterling Morton.

Inspector Huston sustained Ayer and ordered the two attorneys, Messrs. Herdman and Lambert, from the room in which the investigation was being held. The inspector admits that this is the first investigation of the kind he has ever conducted and as he is in doubt as to how much authority he has in the premises he readily acquiesces to any and all suggestions made by Ayer and Sheldon.

The Civil Service commission is to be notified of this action on the part of Ayer and Inspector Huston, and will request that Ayer's statement made behind closed doors be stricken from the record.

In his testimony, after the attorneys had been excluded, Ayer stated that there were forty-three employes in the government service at this point. Seven, he said, had been removed in November and December of 1896. All of the persons discharged were Bryan supporters. Some Bryan men were still employed here, probably ten or eleven. In regard to the rating which has caused so much talk and which was prepared after the removals last fall Ayer testified that he prepared these ratings at the request of Ed Sheldon. He said that Sheldon made no suggestions when the rating was being made. Witness made the markings on the general efficiency of each and every employe, based upon his knowledge and investigation of the work of the men. The rating, witness said, expresses his conscientious opinion as to the value of the employes to the service and it was made without prejudice.

Continuing, Ayer asserted that he had had no communication with Euclid Martin, W. D. McHugh, or any one else as to this rating. He and Sheldon had fixed it up themselves. When completed the report and rating was handed to Sheldon.

Dr. Ayer said that Holmes was rated at 50 per cent, that was all he considered him worth to the government. This was based upon observation of the man's work. Further, witness said that this rating of Holmes was not more than 50 per cent of what he should have been.

George Seay was marked 50 per cent. That in the opinion of the chief was all he was worth. The reasons for this low rating were the same as given in the Holmes case. Seay, witness said, did not pay his debts. There had been some correspondence between his creditors and the government.

Going on to the rating of Henry Beal, witness said that he had given him all he considered he was worth. Complaints had been made that Beal did not pay his debts. It did not amount to much, however. In regard to Beal, Ed Sheldon had asked witness not to say anything about his having been appointed a tagger and then assigned to work as a stock examiner.

In the markings of Paddy Butler, Joseph Butler and Sherlock, Ayer said that when sober these men should be marked 100 per cent, but when drunk they ought to be marked 75 per cent.

Continuing, witness stated that he had received a letter from Secretary Morton with reference to these men drinking. Morton wrote that unless these men behaved themselves and did the right thing it would be the duty of the chief to discharge them. He had told the men the substance of this letter. Going back to the method of making this rating, Ayer explained that as the names of the employes were read over he stated to Sheldon what the percentage of standing should be.

Witness admitted that he knew Euclid Martin, Judge McHugh and Jimmy Sheehan. They had never talked politics to him, nor dictated the policy of his office. They had never dictated to him in the matter of discharges or reinstatements. In regard to excusing men for political purposes Ayer denied that he had ever excused a man in order that he might attend a political meeting since the civil service rules went into effect. He was very positive that he had not excused any one on April 11, 1896, to attend a meeting of the democratic county central committee. He did not, he said, tell Murphy to go to abattoir No. 14 on the day mentioned and he never ordered Dr. Blackwell to send men to abattoir No. 14 to relieve Zellar and Sherlock in order that they might attend a committee meeting in Omaha. In conclusion, Dr. Ayer stated positively that he never practiced on sick horses or dogs except after business hours.

Mrs. Ida Bushnell came in for another whirl after Don C. Ayer had made all these confessions to the inspector in a private room. She contradicted nearly everything her own witnesses testified to, even going so far as to deny that she had rated the girls in the microscopical department. The assistant microscopists proved, however, that Mrs. Bushnell did rate them. She did admit the conversation with Dr. White in regard to the "Irish crew," but denied telling the doctor he would be sorry for it. Witness denied having talked with Euclid Martin in regard to political matters. Martin has, however, testified to a conversation with Mrs. Bushnell in which politics was the principal topic. Passing on to Dr. White, witness asserted that he practiced during office hours, but could not give days nor dates.

Miss Etta Kasal was recalled and related a conversation with Mrs. Bushnell in which the latter had told her that if Miss Mary K. Giblin did not have such a strong pull with Euclid Martin she would have been dismissed when Miss Flynn and Miss Dalton were let out. Witness said the system in vogue during Dr. White's incumbency was a very good one and that everything run like clockwork.

Dr. White was on the stand nearly all of the afternoon. When called he asked that the doors be unbarred and that the shutters be taken down. In fact he was willing to admit the public, as he said he had nothing to testify to that he was ashamed of. This plan did not strike Ed Sheldon as just the proper caper and the populace was not invited up to hear what the doctor had to say. However, the doctor went prepared to refute some of the statements made by carrying in the room his day book and ledger, besides a number of letters from Secretary Morton. Witness contradicted the statements made in regard to his having practiced medicine during business hours. By his books, which he offered in evidence, he showed that the days and dates named by some of the witnesses were away off. In the six cases of obstetrics, which it was reported he had attended, his books showed that the calls were made during the night. The doctor related how Dr. Schirmer and he had gone down to Otoe county at the request of Morton and had fixed up some of the secretary's political fences. Taking up the next charge, which was to the effect that he had gone to Otoe county to perform a surgical operation, thus neglecting his business, witness proved by the government records that no work was being done by the microscopical department at that time and that he was not even required to turn in his time that month.

Regarding the two emergency cases which witness attended professionally the doctor explained that he considered it the duty of any physician to render aid in such cases. A letter from Morton was read in which witness was given permission to use one of the rooms in the building for a private office in order that he might practice medicine when not otherwise engaged. Another letter was read from the secretary which closed as follows: "I hope you will still continue to give good and efficient service to the government."

Continuing, witness related a conversation in which Ed Sheldon taunted him with not having supported the administration ticket and with not having attended the convention which nominated the Palmer and Buckner electors.

The investigation will be continued this morning behind bolted and barred doors as usual.

Permits for New Buildings.

Yesterday Building Inspector Butler issued permits for a number of new buildings. Hamilton Bros. were granted permits for the erection of two residences at Thirteenth and Jackson streets at a cost of $1,500 each. J. D. Tracy will build a similar structure at 1204 North Twenty-sixth street, and Frank Colpetzer will build a brick warehouse, 20x65 feet, at 1609 Howard street.

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BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Past Year the Most Trying One in Its History.

PITTSBURG, May 19.—The most important of the May anniversaries of the Northern Baptists began this morning when President H. K. Porter of this city called the American Home Mission society to order for its sixty-fifth annual meeting. About 1,000 delegates from all parts of North America were in their seats when the convention opened. After bidding the delegates welcome, briefly referring to the offer of John D. Rockefeller to give $250,000 to clear the society of debt if a similar amount were raised before July 1, 1897, Mr. Porter said that while the amount was not yet in hand, it would be before the date named.

The report of the executive board was then read by Chairman Harrison, who stated that the fiscal year ending March 31, 1897, had been the most perplexing in the history of the society. The year began with a debt of $86,245 and with a scale of expenditures considerably in advance of the anticipated receipts. No new work of importance was undertaken and retrenchment was made where advisable. The new plan of co-operation with the white and colored Baptist of the south, which went into effect in 1895-6 in North Carolina and Alabama, had been extended to South Carolina and Virginia with most happy and beneficial results. The number of churches aided by gifts and loans during the year was ninety-one.

The total enrollment in the schools for colored and Indians was 5,441, and number of conversions 266. The total expenditures for salaries of teachers was $125,513.

W. P. Plant, assistant treasurer, of New York, presented the report of the treasurer. At the close of the year the society's gross debt was $181,761. The amount received during the past year for missions and education was $360,117; expenditures, $422,700; showing an excess of $62,583. The receipts for church edifices and benevolent funds, including a balance last year of $20,350, and expenditures of $17,838, showing a net gain of $3,395. The permanent fund was increased $11,917 and the conditional and annuity funds showed a net increase of $17,055. The total amount received from all sources exclusive of borrowed money was $433,927, and the expenditures were $455,842. During the past year legacies amounting to $59,003 were left the society from seventy-four estates.

Rev. W. T. Chase, D. D., of Philadelphia then delivered an interesting address on "Sixty-five Years of Home Mission Work," after which a recess was taken. In the afternoon the work among foreigners was discussed by A. B. Bellondi of New York, who told of experiences among the Italians, and T. V. Jakimowicz of the same place, who told of that done among the Polish race.

TROUBLE IN THE A. P. A. RANKS.

Eighteen Councils in Missouri Under Suspension.

ST. LOUIS, May 19.—The Republic today says: "A sensation has been produced by the suspension of eighteen councils of the American Protective association in St. Louis and Kansas City for participation in the recent convention held in this city under the representation that it was a regularly called state council of the organization. In addition to this, half a dozen of the most prominent members of several of the suspended councils have been individually suspended.

DUESTROW'S MILLIONS VANISH.

Much Money Eaten Up in the Legal Fight for Life.

ST. LOUIS, May 19.—Something of the legal expenses of a fight for life were exhibited when an inventory of the estate of Arthur Duestrow was filed yesterday. Duestrow was hanged some time ago for the murder of his wife and child. At the time of his death he was accredited a millionaire. According to the inventory there is only $8,742 and a handful of cents left of that goodly sum. The state has filed a claim for $7,638 against the estate for expenses of the prosecution of Duestrow. The administrator denies the claim.

Fires of a Day.

ROCK RAPIDS, Ia., May 19.—(Special.)—Fire destroyed the buildings of William Klinkle's pool hall, Nagle Bros.' barber shop and L. E. McGilvery, loans and insurance, and O. M. Smith, general merchandise, at Larchwood this morning about 4 o'clock. They are supposed to have been struck by lightning. The buildings and contents are a total loss, amounting to $7,000.

ST. LOUIS, May 19.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Des Moines, Ia., says: Nearly all the business houses, fifteen in number, and several dwellings in the town of Calumet, on the Iowa Central railroad, were burned this forenoon, causing a loss of $50,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. There was no fire apparatus in the town and surrounding cities sent aid.

NEW YORK, May 19.—A fire which started at 1:30 o'clock this morning at Newark avenue and First street, Jersey City, burned all through the night. Sixty families have been rendered homeless and the damage to the tenement houses they occupied is estimated at $100,000. No fatalities have been reported.

KANSAS CITY, May 19.—A special to the Star says the town of Talihina, I. T., with the exception of the stores of Miller and Thomas Bros., was destroyed by fire last night. No loss of life is reported. Loss estimate not given.

DANVILLE, Ill., May 19.—An incendiary fire at Fairmount last night caused the loss of two brick storerooms and the opera house. J. M. Cabe on the opera house, store and general merchandise lost $12,000; Dr. W. R. Nash, store and drugs, $11,000. Porterfield's bank was badly damaged. The estimated loss is $20,000; insurance, $12,000.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., May 19.—(Special Telegram.)—A fine barn belonging to Louis Bode, a farmer living in Red Lake township, was struck by lightning and set on fire. The building was destroyed, with one or two head of livestock.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 19.—The steamer Empress of India brought news from Japan of a fire which entirely wiped out the town of Hiochiji, in the silk district of Japan. Nearly 4,000 houses were destroyed and between forty and fifty lives were lost.

Death of a Former Omahan.

News has been received in this city of the death of John C. Guilfoil, who was for many years deputy county clerk of Douglas county, and was well known to the people of Omaha. Mr. Guilfoil was deputy under M. D. Roche and Peter O'Malley when those men held the office of county clerk. After leaving Omaha Mr. Guilfoil went to Maquoketa, Ia., where he was deputy postmaster for several years. Recently he was removed from that position by a change in administration and located at Sabula, Ia., where he died last Friday.

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