

A Summary of Important Events.

The President has approved the act authorizing the appointment of an acting assistant treasurer.

It is stated that Lake Michigan at Chicago is gradually rising at the rate of about four inches a year.

Several leaders of the Belgian Socialists at Paris were arrested on the 21st while attempting to hold a meeting.

President Grevy of France has signed a decree raising the fund for the relief of the poor to \$7,500,000, making it larger than ever before.

The late Countess Chambard left \$2,500,000 in cash, deposited with the Rothschilds, besides vast and immensely valuable estates in Austria.

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The Pall Mall Gazette says Gladstone is riding straight for a fall, and unless he modifies his Irish scheme the country will have neither home rule nor Gladstone.

At Indianapolis the Central Union Telephone Company are preparing to abandon the 27th, was as follows: Wheat, 49,774, 300 bushels; corn, 16,797,073 bushels; oats, 2,580,292 bushels; rye, 545,696 bushels; barley, 1,039,704 bushels.

The New England agent of the Missouri Pacific railway notified shippers and connecting lines on the 30th that the road was again receiving bids for all points on or reached by its lines.

A general strike took place in the paper mill of Birmingham on the 1st, against an ordered reduction of thirty-three per cent. in wages. It is believed the strikers will accept a more moderate reduction.

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The Jean Manufacturers' Association of the Ohio valley met on the 29th and decided to cut working hours from eleven to ten hours a day, advance pay five per cent. an hour and to curtail production, owing to the state of war.

SENATOR CULLOM introduced in the Senate on the 30th a bill appropriating \$500,000 for the erection in Washington of a monument with appropriate statuary to commemorate the illustrious public services of the late Abraham Lincoln.

The Secretary of War received a dispatch on the 1st from General Crook confirming the reports of the surrender and subsequent escape of Geronimo and part of his band, but giving no details in addition to what has already been published.

The Steinitz-Zukertort chess match wound up at New Orleans on the night of the 29th with another victory for Steinitz, giving him the championship of the world. The game was the eleventh played in New Orleans and the twentieth of the great match.

GOVERNOR FORAKER of Ohio on the 31st appointed the Cincinnati police commission, as follows: Two years, Thomas C. Minor, Democrat; Geo. R. Topp, Republican; four years, Robert S. Morgan, Republican; five years, D. D. Dodds, Democrat.

AT a late hour on the 30th Secretary Manning's physicians reported a slight improvement in the condition of their patient. He had rested quietly and comfortably during the day and evening, and altogether, they said, he was doing as well as could be expected.

THE Reading (Pa.) iron works, in response to the petition presented by the men, advanced the price of pig iron to 25 cents, and the price of puddlers, who will receive three dollars and a half instead of three dollars, beginning on the 2d. The employees number some two thousand.

NEAL, the keeper of the Newark, (N. J.) dog pound, who was bitten by a Spitz dog some weeks ago, and who had suffered the agonies of hydrophobia for four days, died on the 30th in violent paroxysms. An attempt to treat him by the Pasteur method failed because no time was lost.

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ORDERS have been issued from the War Department making the following assignments of division commanders: Major-General Schofield, Division of the Atlantic; Major-General Terry, Division of the Missouri; Major-General Howard, Division of the Pacific; Brigadier-General Crook, relieved at his own request from the command of the Department of Arizona, and assigned to the Department of the Atlantic; Brigadier-General Miles assigned to the Department of Arizona.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

PRINCE ALEXANDER of Bulgaria notifies the powers that he has resolved to adhere to the original arrangement with Turkey. A steamer which was thrown down an embankment on the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis railroad, between Huntington and Ferdinand, Ind., on the 31st, and four persons were killed and eighteen or twenty more or less seriously injured.

THE Merchants' Hotel burned at Carver, Minn., on the 31st. Andrew Swenson, aged sixty, and an unknown man were cremated in their beds.

An explosion of petroleum occurred on the 31st on board of a vessel at Baku, Russia. The vessel was completely wrecked, and the entire crew of thirteen persons perished.

A TERRIBLE accident occurred at a theater in Heromol, a Japanese town, February 28. The roof of the theater gave way under the weight of snow and fell upon the spectators. One hundred and fifty were seriously injured and killed.

GENERAL MASTER WORKMAN POWDERLY arrived home at Scranton, Pa., on the 31st, quite ill, and had to be conveyed to his residence in a carriage. He was suffering from the effects of his recent fall.

A PARTY of Mexican customs officers recently surprised a band of smugglers near San Fernando, killed their leader and captured a large quantity of goods.

The Canadian Minister of Finance states that the Canadian Pacific railway will be in a position by July 1 to return to the government \$20,000,000 in cash.

The New York Senate railroad committee on the 31st reported favorably the bill to repeal the Broadway (New York City) surface railroad franchise bill.

At North Fairfield, O., on the 31st, Jerome Stevens, a prominent farmer, was killed by a train. He was struck by a train while he was detected in the act of stealing grain from his barn.

The King of Corea has issued an edict abolishing slavery in his kingdom. It is estimated that over half the population of Corea are slaves.

THREE of the large cigar factories in Boyertown, Pa., have shut down indefinitely, owing, it is said, to the poor state of trade and the fact that the cigar-makers are joining the Knights of Labor, necessitating the using of the Knights of Labor label.

GENERAL FREMONT is at Washington working on his memoirs.

Mrs. THOS. A. HENDBRICK left Indianapolis on the 2d for a trip to California.

WORKMEN in the Warrenton colliery, Belgium, struck on the 1st.

The steamship Gulf of Akaba is long overdue at New York and has been given up for lost.

Two rooms occupied by the Bell Telephone Company at Toronto, Ont., were burned out on the 1st.

EDWARD HANLAN has issued from Toronto a challenge to Teemer to row him for \$1,000 in August.

DANIEL GRUBER and Braden Porter have been arrested at Keokuk, Ia., on charges of counterfeiting.

PRINCE BISMARCK received many congratulations on the 1st, it being his seventy-first birthday.

PASSAGES out of Indianapolis have been restored to the regular tariff except through routes to California.

GEORGE HOLLINGSHEAD, reported a few days since as having committed suicide at Terre Haute, Ind., has turned up all right on the 31st.

In San Luis Obispo County, Cal., Eugene Walker and his wife were killed by Peter Hommi and his son on the 1st, and the murderers were afterward lynched by a mob.

EDWARD H. JOHNSTON, a well-known citizen of Eatonport, N. J., was arrested on the 1st, charged with complicity in the lynching of the negro, "Mingo Jack."

PRINCE ALEXANDER of Bulgaria refuses to submit to the Powers, and the Bulgarian papers applaud his attitude.

A LONDON rumor has it that Mr. Gladstone is disposed to retreat from the holder of the office of prime minister.

Wm. E. ROBERTSON left Readsboro, Vt., for Searsburg on the 1st with six French logging laborers. While crossing a bridge it gave way and the men and horses were precipitated into the river. Mr. Robertson and three of the Frenchmen were drowned.

The richest silver ore in large bodies ever discovered in the United States has been struck in the Iron Hill mine in Dakota. Much of it assays 15,000 ounces to the ton. A five-foot breast has been opened.

The great strike and shut-down at Beverly, Mass., was ended on the 1st, by an amicable adjustment of the grievance of the employees. The strikers returned to work on the 30th in violent paroxysms. An attempt to treat him by the Pasteur method failed because no time was lost.

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MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Warrants have been sworn out against J. J. McGarry, Charles Burdett and M. E. Chase, prominent strikers at St. Louis, charging them with obstructing railroad traffic.

Elizabeth Rose, a woman who rejoiced in the titular honor of Queen of the St. Louis Poor-house, died a few days ago, after a reign of thirty-eight years, at the age of sixty-eight. She entered the institution June 29, 1848, and was of American birth. Beyond this nothing is known of her history.

A company composed of three moneyed men of Independence, namely, S. K. Knox, L. F. Williams and Chas. Goddell, have organized and managed a shaft for coal on the site of the town of Glendale, noted as the scene of robberies on the Chicago & Alton railroad. The company has employed Mr. J. F. Gourley, of Lawrence, Kas., to do the prospecting, and will go as deep as six hundred feet if necessary.

The necessary machinery is in position and it is confidentially expected that a good vein will be reached at a few hundred feet.

Cesar Van Allen, a traveling man, residing in Chicago and formerly in London, took a sudden leave from his home a few days ago, but not before he had killed his wife and two children good-bye.

In the manner in which he acted, Mrs. Van Allen supposed at the time that he meant suicide. It has not been seen since, and it is presumed he has taken himself off.

The Republicans of St. Joseph nominated G. F. Englehart, of Englehart, Winning & Co., for mayor, and the Democrats have nominated for the same position Dr. T. H. Doyle. The campaign was a lively one.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the capture of the city of Vicksburg was observed in a suitable way in St. Louis on the 22d of May. The surviving comrades of the different organizations of that time are to be invited, also Generals Schofield and Sweeney of the regular army, at that time in the city, and the late Gen. Sherman.

Wm. Ohms committed suicide with poison at his home in St. Louis a few days ago.

Mary Linsener, a St. Louis widow, was fined ten dollars recently for using a whip on the fugitive John P. Keiser, who had been arrested on the 1st of May.

Cars are now running on the St. Louis cable road.

There were 686 deaths in St. Louis during the month of May.

Rabbi Soneschnein, of St. Louis, has given his congregation notice of his intention to leave them on the 1st of October.

The revenue office of the Fourth Missouri district has been moved from Louisiana to Hannibal.

A man who was found guilty in the St. Louis Criminal Court of murder in the first degree, for killing his wife on May 23, 1885.

Joseph Lawrie, formerly a prominent St. Louis attorney, was sentenced a few days ago by Judge Brewer to ninety days in the penitentiary for a violation of the law.

Frank Martin, the hoodlum who shot Officer John Martin one Sunday evening several weeks ago in Kansas City, was given ten years in the penitentiary by Judge White of the Criminal Court of that city.

The subscriptions, so far, to the Lexington town clock amount to over four hundred dollars, leaving the sum necessary to be raised about sixty dollars.

A few weeks ago a subscription was opened by the members of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, St. Louis, for the endowment of a chair at Drury College, Springfield, to be called the Goodell chair, in memory of their late revered pastor, Dr. C. L. Goodell.

The subscriptions had amounted to \$23,000, which amount it is desired to raise to \$25,000.

Kansas City is to have a new hotel, to cost \$500,000, and to be under the management of Mr. C. M. Hill, proprietor of the Hotel Hamilton.

Wm. H. Howe, who was for ten years manager of the Palmer House, Chicago, and who is now proprietor of the Lindell Hotel in St. Louis. Mr. Hill is the prime mover in the enterprise, and has been working it up for the past few months.

A few weeks ago Mr. Howe was invited to join him in the enterprise, and the hotel is now a sure thing.

The Sedalia, St. Louis & Chicago Railroad Company has been organized by citizens of Pettis and Saline Counties, with a capital stock of \$1,250,000.

A diamond necklace several times the size of the one worn by Queen Victoria, was discovered by A. E. Harlem, a few days ago, and receiving no answer, called the proprietor, Mr. Quinn, who ordered the door broken down. The occupant of the room, a young man of twenty-six years, was found lying on the floor.

Two empty vials that had contained laudanum were found on the floor, and there was no need to inquire as to how he came to his death. He had evidently taken the drug and laid down composed for the purpose of sleeping.

The trunk was nicely packed and everything indicated that he had attended to his wardrobe before shuffling off. In his wardrobe, coroner Nidelet, who was called to the scene, found a bottle of laudanum.

Mr. Quinn, proprietor of the hotel, was informed that he should be the cause of a sensation in the house. If Mr. Quinn would notify M. Harlem, Mount Vernon, Mo., to come here and take charge of the body of the man who had been found dead.

As also requested that L. R. Strauss, of No. 134 South Tenth street, be notified. The second letter was addressed to his wife, Mrs. A. E. Harlem, Mount Vernon, Ind.

The rivers show signs of flood. At a dance in the French bottom, three miles north of St. Joseph, a few nights ago, during a quarrel, Gilbert Dunn was stabbed by John Kittman in seventeen places and had his throat cut, barely missing the jugular vein.

The assault was made through a mistake. Kittman's wife was insulted by some one outside of the house, and under the impression that Dunn was the guilty party, Kittman made the assault. It was afterward discovered that Dunn was innocent.

One marriage license was granted in St. Louis one day recently and about fifty divorces.

John Wagener, a St. Louis newspaper carrier, committed suicide by hanging. Senator Vest's condition was not, at last accounts, so favorable, and his physicians think his recent seizure trip a mistake.

The case of the State vs. S. C. Schaeffer for an alleged conspiracy with John Blair, of Blairtown, N. J., came up in the criminal court at Kansas City last week. The defense requested an immediate trial, but at the instance of the State the case was continued until the September term.

The defendant gave bond in the sum of \$10,000.

There were exactly two thousand patients at the various benevolent institutions of St. Louis last month. Hopes are entertained that the railroad troubles will soon be over.

LABORERS ASSIGNED.

Closing Session of the St. Louis Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church—The Appointments.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., March 30.—The conference met for its closing session this morning at the residence of Bishop Harris, as possible, Dr. Fry made the reports of the Board of Trustees of the Conference Permanent Fund.

The report, including the by-laws of the corporation, was adopted. The conference stewards made their report and the funds were distributed to various claimants.

The committee on education made their reports on Garrett Biblical Institute, Lewis College at Glasgow, Mo., Marionville College at Marionville, Mo., and the Central Missouri Conference at Farmington, Mo. Visiting committees were appointed to visit these schools, and the requests were adopted.

The committee on temperance made their report, which was adopted. "We do not think it expedient for this conference to take any political legislation on this subject, but that we are in favor of constitutional prohibition."

In connection with the adoption of the manual resolution, the colored man, Bishop Harris with a gold pen. The Bishop responded in the happiest strain. It was the most pleasant episode of the day.

Question No. 2 was taken up, viz. Who should be the pastor of the church at St. Louis? The report was adopted, and the committee on education, represented by their members, reported on the subject of the Statistical Secretary's report, which showed the entire membership of the conference to be 27,100.

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THE FLOODS.

The Situation in the Flooded Districts of the South—Much Loss of Property and Damage to Railroads—Many People Homeless and Destitute—High Water in the Ohio Valley and Still Rising.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 1.—The situation from floods has grown more critical in Alabama. The Alabama river has overflowed its banks, and miles of country are covered by a wide waste of water. The eastern and northern portions of this city were flooded yesterday morning.

People retired in seeming safety Wednesday night, and awoke at three o'clock yesterday morning with water rushing through their residences. No lives were lost here, but there is great damage to property.

Electric light works and gas works are flooded, and last night the city was in darkness. The overflowed part of the city was deserted Wednesday night, and yesterday many people escaped with nothing but their night clothes, and now only the house-tops are visible. The only means of moving people from the flooded district was row boats.

North of Montgomery a wide extent of country under water. People are huddled on house-tops and some have been swept away and drowned. A great many miles, covered by water, and many people drowned and the loss of property is beyond estimate. Convicts and guards were rescued from the State farm yesterday.

If aid had not reached them they would have perished in the flood. The Alabama river is higher than ever known before, and the north side of the city is being inundated. Several trestles and bridges on the Louisville & Nashville and Western railroads were washed away. The railroad shops here are under water and nearly all trains are standing still.

A special to the Advertiser reports a bridge on the East Tennessee railroad near Georgia road, over the Tallapoosa river, washed away. The damage in Tallapoosa County is estimated at \$200,000. Many thousands of dollars worth of stock and property were drowned and houses swept away. On negro was drowned near this city yesterday, and it is feared many others have perished. Whole families are shut off and water-bound with no means of escape.

The mayor of Montgomery has issued a call for help for the homeless and destitute, many being without food or shelter. Business here is at a standstill. Reports are meager yet, but full accounts will show disastrous results from the flood. The streams are all overflowing, and the water is reaching a stage whole country is in a fever of excitement.

CINCINNATI, April 1.—The Licking and Miami rivers have been pouring out torrents all day, and have helped to swell the Ohio. At two o'clock this afternoon there was forty-five feet three inches in the channel, and rising at the rate of three inches an hour. Fifty feet is dangerous, and there is every probability it will be reached before daybreak to-morrow morning. The gang-plank at the wharf at the foot of Main street first morning rested on the sidewalk and one story building in the rear of the wharf. The gang-plank will be compelled to vacate very early.

CATLETTSBURG, Ky., April 1.—River forty-eight feet and rising three inches per hour. Big Sandy river is rising rapidly at all points above. Telegraphic information from Richmond at 10 a. m. reports forty-four feet and rising three inches per hour. The water reaches the cellars of merchants on Front street at 7 a. m. Families in the lower part of the town are making preparation to move, as the water is rising so fast.

The weather is cooler; business is suspended. WHEELING, W. Va., April 1.—NOON.—The river is still rising steadily with a prospect of reaching danger line to-morrow. Considerable damage has resulted to railroads by land slides and loss of bridges. Business here is at a standstill. Preston County,