

Iron County Register.

BY ELI D. AKE.

IRONTON, MISSOURI.

EX-POSTMASTER GENERAL J. A. J. Cresswell, died suddenly at Elkton, Md., on the 23d.

GERMANY, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and Greece have signified their willingness to continue their present commercial treaty relations with Spain.

The duke of Devonshire, who died at Holker Hall, Milnerton, England, on the night of the 21st, owned 193,000 acres of land lying in fourteen counties. The rent-roll of the estate amounts to over \$170,000 per year.

The Indiana state fair grounds at Indianapolis were sold, on the 23d, for \$275,000. A syndicate will subdivide the land into town lots, as it is located in the interior of the city. A new fair site will be purchased.

JOHN GIVENS, the missing heir to the Givens estate in Cortland, N. Y., has been found in Wheeling, W. Va. He had been missing since last June, when he left for San Francisco, where he was heard from on his arrival, and then all trace of him was lost.

The White Plains (N. Y.) jury investigating the condition of E. M. Field, a reckless financier, after a consultation of fifteen minutes, on the 23d, brought in a verdict that he was insane. The jury also found that the personal estate of Mr. Field was valued at \$15,000.

The remains of Senator Plumb arrived at Topeka, Kas., on the 23d, and were escorted from the depot to the capitol with all proper ceremony. The public schools were adjourned, immediately after the opening exercises, out of respect to the memory of the dead senator.

Gov. HORACE BOIES of Iowa, has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of that state for contributions for the relief of Russian famine sufferers. A committee, of which H. C. Wheeler, late candidate for governor, is a member, has been appointed to have charge of the matter.

LYDE CLARK, the largest grand army post in Iowa, has adopted resolutions against the building of a soldiers' monument or a memorial hall with Iowa's share of the direct war tax. The post favors, instead, the building of cottages at the soldiers' home at Marshalltown for soldiers, their wives and widows.

A MONTREAL special says: The new treasurer of the province of Quebec, on taking possession at once instituted an investigation and soon announced that there had been found an item of \$1,600,000, called "special expenditures," which swells the total deficit or excess of expenditures over receipts to \$3,223,000.

As the steamer Corona from Southern California was approaching San Francisco through the Golden Gate, on the 21st, a big wave swept her deck, carrying overboard J. C. Bailey, a business man of Los Angeles, and a waiter, name unknown. Several passengers were knocked over and washed along the deck.

FATHER KROGGER, priest of St. Vincent parish of Elkhart, Ind., has fled the town, and is thought to be in Canada. He has left debts amounting to about \$15,000, and his creditors can find but little to liquidate their claims. Many of his parishioners are sufferers, and it is thought that the church funds have suffered by misappropriations.

MR. STICKLER, one of the World's fair commissioners from Germany, landed in Hoboken, N. J., on the 23d, having in his possession what is said to be the sword carried by Christopher Columbus at the time of his discovery of America. The sword belongs to the museum of Salzburg, Germany, and has been lent for exhibition at Chicago.

The Osborne-Hargreaves libel suit in London was suddenly terminated on the 23d, by the discovery, beyond a doubt, that Mrs. Osborne was really the thief who stole Mrs. Hargreaves' pearls. Sir Charles Russell, counsel for Mrs. Osborne, and the jury, under instructions, found a verdict for Mrs. Hargreaves.

The first full car-load of American tin ore produced from an American tin mine was received by W. Stewart at San Diego, Cal., on the 23d, from the Federal mines. The shipment consisted of over 25,000 pounds of tin. The output of the Federal mines is being rapidly increased, and American tin will be regularly put on the market in car-loads.

The business failures occurring throughout the country during the six days ended on the 23d number, for the United States, 257, and for Canada 23, or a total of 282, as compared with 335 the previous week. For the corresponding week of last year the failures were 233, representing 203 failures in the United States, and 30 in the Dominion of Canada.

MR. LE FABRE, one of the Canadian fishermen who was in an interview published in L'Esclair, of Paris, is quoted as saying that it is certain that Canada will secure a union with Newfoundland on the fisheries question, and that there is no doubt that the imperial government will exercise its authority to assure the triumph of the federal principle.

The Mexican government has amended the tariff tolls so as to make the tariff duty on rag paper, except colored wrapping paper, fifty cents per 100 kilograms in weight; uncolored paper, except for cigarette wrappers, fifty cents per 100 kilograms in weight, and colored wrapping paper, of native manufacture and uncolored paper for cigarette wrappers of native manufacture free of all duty.

The dissolution of the Roumanian chamber is considered a victory for Russian intrigue. The Russians have been laboring with unusual earnestness of late to secure a predominant influence in Roumania. It is said in Vienna that Russia is only waiting to be sure of Roumania's neutrality or cooperation to attack Bulgaria. The recent attempt to drive King Charles into abdication is attributed to Russian influence, the Russians being jealous of the presence of a German and especially a Hohenzollern, on the throne of the leading Balkan state.

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events. FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 21st, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and Senator Peffer, of Kansas, feelingly announced the death of his colleague, Preston B. Plumb, and presented the customary resolutions, which were adopted. Senators Peffer, Plumb, Paddock and Palmer were appointed a committee on the death of the senator, and to accompany the remains of the deceased senator to Kansas. A recess was taken until 11 a. m., and upon resuming the official services over the remains of Senator Plumb were conducted by the chaplain in the presence of the president and representatives of the cabinet, court representatives, diplomatic corps, officers of the army and navy, and other distinguished persons, at the conclusion of which the senate dispersed, but was subsequently formally adjourned for the day. The house was not in session.

On the 23d, the vice president laid before the body a communication from the acting secretary of war, transmitting a report of the chief of engineers relating to obstructions in navigable waters in the United States. Clerk Kerr of the house announced the passage by that body of the concurrent resolution to adjourn on the 23d until the 1st of January. A number of new bills were introduced. Senator Stanford, of California, took the oath and his seat, and presented a batch of bills. The senate on the 23d passed a concurrent resolution to pay one month's salary on December 21, and to adjourn on the 24th to January 5. After the adjournment the senate adjourned until the 25th, at which time the memorial of Representative M. H. Ford, of Michigan, adjourned. The house was not in session.

In the senate, on the 23d, Mr. Fry, from the committee on commerce, reported back the bill prohibiting monopoly in the transportation of mail, and a memorial from a syndicate of other bills were presented. A resolution calling on the secretary of agriculture for information as to the foreign relations of the flow irrigation inquiry was passed. After a short executive session the senate adjourned until January 5. In the morning of the 23d, the senate in executive session, on the 23d, confirmed the selection of Stephen B. Elkins to be secretary of war.

ALBERT JOHNSON kidnaped a 6-year-old adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis, of Boston, on the 21st, and took him to the city of New Orleans, where Johnson and a woman named Watkins were arrested and the boy recovered. It is believed the object of the kidnaping was to secure a ransom, as Ellis is wealthy. The bishop of Sodor and Man, Rt. Rev. John W. Bardsley, has been appointed bishop of Carlisle.

The British steamer Cavalier from Gibraltar for Boston has been lost, and it is feared all on board were drowned. The steamer Abyssinia, of the Guion line, with 135 souls on board, was reported by the steamship Speer, on the 23d, to have been burned at sea. Passengers and crew are thought to have been rescued by the Tonic.

BISHOP FROEDEL, the noted clerical leader in the French chamber of deputies, died in Paris on the 23d.

The tusk of a large mastodon has been discovered at Darlington, ten miles north of Crawfordsville, Ind. The find proves to be much better than was at first thought, and promises to be one of the finest ever made in this country.

SUPERVISOR THOMAS J. WELCH, of Sycamore, N. Y., was, on the 23d, fined \$250 and sentenced to the penitentiary for thirty days for contempt of court. Welch is the man who took the third ward returns to Albany when he should have returned them to the inspectors for correction.

DR. PLUMB, of Ames, Ia., jumped out of a third-story window of the Keeley institute in Des Moines, Ia., on the 23d, and died from the effects of injuries received.

FR. JOS. DWYNER, bishop of Fort Wayne, Ind., who has been dangerously ill for some months, was reported, on the 23d, as lying at the point of death. There was no hope of his recovery, his death being only a question of a few hours. The prelate was suffering from heart disease, and was kept alive by large doses of strychnine and other powerful drugs.

COL. ANDREW H. DAWSON, of New York, is in Chicago in the interest of Mrs. Maybrick, the American woman who was sentenced to death in Liverpool, England, on the accusation of having murdered her husband, and whose sentence was subsequently commuted by the home secretary to imprisonment for life.

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MATTA of Chili has sent a reply to the letter of the Argentine minister, Senor Fririburn, in regard to the Chilean police espionage upon a American legation. Senator Matta promises to withdraw the detectives from the neighborhood of Minister Eze's house, but says that he will continue to keep the uniformed police around the legation.

MRS. ADA THEOPH. LOFTUS, who it is alleged came over from Europe with the avowed intention of killing President Harrison, has been adjudged insane and taken to Bloomingdale (N. Y.) lunatic asylum. Dr. Douglas, of Bellevue hospital, says she is suffering from a type of insanity similar to that of Guiteau.

The executive council of Massachusetts, on the 23d, advised the pardon, by the governor, of James Dunlap, the bank robber. Dunlap was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment in 1878 for the robbery of the Northampton bank, and was remission of time for good behavior, his term would have expired in February, 1894.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

A Christmas Well Spent. Perhaps never in the history of St. Louis were more hearts made genuinely happy than at the poor children's shoe, stocking, candy and orange Christmas at Grand Music hall, Exposition building. Carried on under many difficulties, the affair was a magnificent success—another of the splendid schemes for helping children which have originated in the Sunday school Superintendents' union to the hearts of the people. As in all cases where the organization took charge of the matter, it was not done by halves, and 4,000 little ones left the building in swarms bearing packages of precious Christmas cheer. The stage was cleared of chairs and a huge wood and canvas shoe labeled "Children's Shoe Christmas," was wheeled out. A young lady dressed to represent "The Old Woman Who Lived in the Shoe," sang that well-known ditty, and then "I Have a Secret. From inside the shoe came a gruff voice, singing: 'Somebody is coming, who can it be? Somebody's coming, wait till you see.' Santa Claus suddenly appeared, and after a score of children came falling pell-mell out of a crack in the shoe—a case of one fifty shoe-fitters then took their places, and 4,000 children—all poor, many fatherless and motherless—gathered from the highways and by-ways of the city, were each given a pair of good, stout shoes and warm stockings. Then they were given candies and oranges, and the way went happy.

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The Northumberland (England) miners have rejected, by a vote of 8,720 against 2,889, the proposition to advocate the passage of a measure providing for a legal day's work of eight hours per day for boys.

It is announced that Berlin that the committee of the German commercial diet, appointed especially to consider the subject, has declared itself in favor of holding an international exhibition in Berlin.

It is said in Paris that the czar will visit that city in February and proceed thence to England for the purpose of attending the wedding of the Duke of Clarence and Princess Victoria of Teck.

The laying of the corner-stone of the first battle monument in New Jersey, on the 26th, the anniversary of the battle of Trenton, was observed with imposing ceremonies.

The Carpenter steel works, located in the northern limits of Reading, Pa., were destroyed by fire on the 26th. Several men were badly injured. GEORGE E. CADDEN, a New York actor, aged 35 years, died, on the 26th, from the effects of laudanum taken with suicidal intent.

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Judiciary—D. C. Calverley, chairman; W. C. Oates, W. D. Byrum, F. R. Stockdale, S. H. Goodnight, J. O. Boatner, J. A. Buchanan (Va.), C. C. Chapin, F. C. Layton, S. P. Wolcott, E. B. Taylor (O.), James Buchanan (N. J.), G. W. Ray, H. H. Powers, Cass Broderick. Inter-State and Foreign Commerce—R. Q. Taylor, chairman; G. D. Wise, Andrew P. Freese, Isaac Raynor, G. S. Bricker, T. J. Geary, G. W. Honk (O.), S. R. Mallory, Joseph Patterson, C. O'Neill (M.), Charles O'Neill (Pa.), John Lind, C. S. Randall, Bellamy Stewart, H. Ketchum. Banking and Currency—Henry Nacon, chairman; Scott Wilco, W. Crane, W. C. Cole, W. W. Dickerson, Louis Perry, M. K. Gantz, N. W. Cox (Tenn.), S. W. Cobb (Mo.), K. H. Walker, W. A. McKeighan, Hosea Townsend, T. J. Henderson (Ill.). Coinage, Weights and Measures—Richard P. Bincham, chairman; Charles T. Tracy, J. R. Williams, G. B. Kilgore, Charles Robinson, Rice Pierce, J. P. Eppes, G. F. Williams (Mass.), W. A. McKeighan, H. H. Bartine, Abner Taylor, W. T. Stone (Pa.), M. N. Johnson (N. D.). Rivers and Harbors—Newton C. Blanchard, chairman; Charles Stewart, R. E. Lester (Ga.), R. C. Allen, J. E. Hayes, T. H. L. Woodcock, W. A. Jones, Charles T. Tracy, Samuel Byrnes, T. J. Henderson (Ill.), James Buchanan (N. J.), G. W. Ray, W. A. Stone (Pa.), J. A. Quackenbush. Merchant Marine and Fisheries—Samuel Taylor, chairman; J. A. Buchanan, L. W. Moore, A. C. Caruth, J. A. Buchanan, W. W. Robert, E. Deforest, T. F. Magner, Harman Kemp, H. B. Wheeler, (Mich.), A. J. Hopkins (N. H.), A. Atkinson, J. H. Wilson (Ky.), G. D. Perkins (Ind.). Elections—Charles T. O'Connell (Va.), chairman; Charles Stewart, R. E. Lester (Ga.), T. E. Payne (Ky.), Jason B. Brown (Ind.), D. N. Lockwood (N. Y.), T. G. Lawson (S. C.), N. H. Gilmore (Pa.), George Johnston (S. C.), N. H. Gilmore (Pa.), A. Taylor (Tenn.), R. E. Doan (O.), H. U. Johnson (Ind.), John R. Bayburn (Pa.), C. D. Clark (Wyo.).

State Auditor Seibert drew his warrant on the state treasurer the other day for \$143,115 to meet the semi-annual interest on the bonded debt of the state falling due January 1, 1892. A draft for the amount has been transmitted by Treasurer Stephens to the National bank of commerce of New York, the state's fiscal agent, under the last ten days before the interest may become due, 1891, the secretary of the treasury has completed a plan, which will take effect on the 1st, under which all promotions in the treasury department will hereafter be made on a basis of merit only, and as the result of competitive examinations.

WHITE skating on the bay at Ashland, Wis., on the 23d, Joseph Slosson, a senior at the Fairbank (Minn.) academy, and Mabel Shores, of Ashland, broke through the ice, and the former was drowned. He sustained his companion until help reached them, but was himself so exhausted that he fell back and floated under the ice.

W. W. Searle, a burglar, Mrs. Willard W. Searle, of Lansingburg, N. Y., ran into her room, caught up a box of jewels containing several thousand dollars' worth of diamonds, and opening a window jumped 16 feet to the ground, breaking her arm, but saving her stones.

The receiver of the Maverick national bank of Boston has now on deposit with the treasury in that city \$2,899,262. The cases against the Maverick directors will be presented to the grand jury when it assembles on February 2, and will then have precedence.

The funeral of the late Senator Plumb, of Kansas, took place at Emporium on the 23d. All places of business were closed and business houses and residences were alike draped with emblems of mourning.

A DISPATCH from Buenos Ayres says that Gen. Roca has reiterated his decision not to be a candidate for the presidency of the Argentine Republic in the coming presidential election.

Mrs. MAY HELEN BAIRD, the widow of the late Spencer F. Baird, the distinguished secretary of the Smithsonian institute, died in Washington city, on the 23d, aged 71.

A PROMINENT naval officer is authority for the statement that the United States government will soon take steps to bring the Chilean matter to a crisis.

MR. GLADSTONE and Mr. Morley have been unanimously elected members of the English club of Biarritz, France.

MR. R. P. FOSS, the owner of the Clinton dynamite works which exploded at Haverstraw, N. Y., a few weeks ago, gave a Christmas present of \$1,000 to the four widows who lost their husbands in the disaster.

LOWENTHAL, LIVINGSTON & Co., of San Francisco, have failed, with liabilities of about \$220,000, which is nearly all due to English firms. A fall in the price of shipping and in the value of salmon is said to have caused the failure.

LATE NEWS ITEMS. The Rome Directo says it is the intention of the pope to confer the Grand Order of the