Iron County Register

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IRONTON, - - MISSOURI

THE New York assembly has passed a bill to prevent marriages between aunts and nephews and nieces and uncles.

ANOTHER awful mine disaster, by which between 200 and 300 lives are said to have been lost, occurred at Pont-y-Pridd, Wales, on the 11th.

OF the 400 consular appointments with salaries attached of over $1,500, there are said at the state department to be at least 200 candidates for each place.

THE Michigan legislature will attend the dedicatory exercises of the state's building at the World's fair in an official capacity and the state will pay the expenses.

RICHARD H. ALVEY, of Maryland, nominated to be chief justice of the newly-created court of appeals of the District of Columbia, is said to be one the ablest jurists in Maryland.

A LARGE consignment of exhibits from Windsor castle, lent to the Columbian exposition by Queen Victoria and the prince of Wales, arrived at New York on the steamer Majestic on the 13th.

LIVE fish by the carload are being received at the aquarium for the government display in the World's fair fisheries building. The finny tribes of all the world are represented in the collection.

UPON an unfavorable report of the committee on capitol, furniture and grounds the Connecticut house has refused to loan to the World's fair the colonial charter granted by King Charles II.

IN view of the prevailing labor riots in Belgium the burgomaster of Brussels, on the 14th, issued a decree prohibiting the holding of public assemblies and providing severe penalties for the violation of the decree.

THERE is a growing impression in Washington that the extra session of congress to adjust the tariff and dispose of the silver question will be called much earlier than had been generally expected—possibly by the middle of June.

SEVEN persons in one family in Wadsworth, Ala., have died, and others are ill of a new and fatal malady which has baffled the skill of the physicians who are powerless to stay its progress when once the disease seizes upon the victim.

THE first Bible in the language of the Gilbert islanders was printed by the American Bible society on 11th. The publication marks the close of thirty-four years of labor on the part of Rev. Hiram Bingham, a missionary on the islands.

THE fleet that will look after American interests in Alaskan waters this summer will consist of the Mohican, Petrel, either the Alliance or Alert, the fish commission steamer Albatross, and the revenue cutters Rush, Bear and Corwin—seven in all.

THE dreadful work of the cyclones in the west and northwest on the 11th, was supplemented, on the 12th, by the wrecking of many villages and the destruction of other property to an immense value and the loss of many lives in states further south and east.

GOV. OSBORNE has named Congressman H. A. Coffeen as Wyoming's delegate to the convention of bankers and financiers of the world to meet in Chicago the week of June 19. Mr. Coffeen is a pronounced advocate of the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

THE relics and ancient documents of Maryland will not be sent to Chicago to aid the state's display at the World's fair. Such is the decision of Mr. Philip D. Lair, commissioner of the land office, in whose custody the constitution places the articles for safe keeping.

THE New York board of aldermen passed a resolution, on the 11th, tendering the freedom of the city of New York to the duke de Veragua, the lineal descendant of Christopher Columbus, who left Southampton, on the 8th inst., en route to America, to take part in the World's fair.

THE cruiser New York will not take part in the naval review at Hampton roads because of her unfinished condition. Secretary Herbert and the Cramps were anxious that the foreign powers should see the New York, but have found it impossible to get her in presentable shape before the review.

ALL the men who were out on strike, on the 10th, at the World's fair grounds reported for work on the 11th, but a heavy rain rendered outdoor work impossible. A large force was put to work in the interior of the buildings, however, and the work of clearing up the debris around the grounds went on.

THE wounding of a consular agent of the United States, which Minister Hicks reported to the Washington government, occurred at Molendo, Peru, March 23. The trouble grew out of anti-Masonic demonstrations which have lately been made in Peru under the direction of the bishop of Arequipa.

THE scheme of New York capitalists to secure all the rolling mills and furnaces in the Mahoning valley, in Ohio, for $7,000,000, which has been in the hands of John A. Logan, Jr., for some time, is about perfected. The purchasers will organize a company and operate all the plants under one management.

AMONG the passengers on the steamship Augusta Victoria, which arrived at New York, on the 15th, were ten editors of publications in Germany and Austria. They will remain in New York a short time and proceed, first to Niagara, and then to Chicago, to be present at the opening of the World's fair.

THE business failures occurring throughout the country during the seven days ended on the 14th, number, for the United States 187, and for Canada, 22; or a total of 209, as compared with a total of 233 the previous week. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 226, representing 191 failures in the United States and 35 in the Dominion of Canada.

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

IN the senate, on the 10th, a resolution for the appointment of a committee to wait upon the president and inform him that unless he has some further communication to make the senate is ready to adjourn without day was passed; but a motion to reconsider was subsequently passed, and the matter went over. Resolutions for investigation of the charges against Senators Roach, of North Dakota, and Powers, of Montana, were offered and laid over.

IN the senate, on the 11th, at the very first moment that a motion could be made Mr. Gorman, as the parliamentary leader of the majority, moved to proceed to the consideration of executive business. Senators Hoar and Chandler, with a solid array of republican senators behind them, resisted the motion, but in vain, for it was carried by a vote of 34 democrats (including the populist from Kansas, Mr. Peffer). For three hours thereafter the senate sat in secret session and then adjourned.

IN the senate, on the 12th, a resolution, previously offered by Senator Call, increasing to fifteen the membership of some of the more important committees, was called up and its author spoke for one hour in its behalf, after which the resolution was rejected. A resolution for an investigation of the claim of Mr. Joseph W. Ady to a seat as a senator from Kansas by the committee on privileges and elections was reported by the chairman of that committee and referred. The last two hours of the day's session were devoted to the consideration of executive business.

IN the senate, on the 13th, a memorial signed by seventy-seven members of the Kansas legislature declaring that John Martin's election as senator had been effected by a house of representatives, ten of whose members had not held certificates of election, and declaring that Mr. Ady had been legally and fairly elected as senator, was presented and referred to the committee on privileges and elections. An investigation of the question was laid over under objection. A short executive session was held, after which the senate adjourned.

IN the senate, on the 14th, the greater portion of the session was taken up with the bill for the investigation of charges against Senator Roach, of North Dakota. Mr. Hoar desired to have a time set at the present session for taking a vote on the admission of the three senators appointed by the governors of the states of Montana, Washington and Wyoming, but objection came from the democratic senators, who said, however, that they would confer upon it. The resolutions for the investigation of the claim of Mr. Ady to a seat in the senate from the state of Kansas, and for an inquiry into the conditions of the territories of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Oklahoma, heretofore offered, were taken up and agreed to.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

THE new cruiser Detroit proves to be as fleet a vessel as it was anticipated she would be, having made a run of nineteen knots, and showing that if need were she could do even better. She is said to mind her helm readily and to be very steady.

THE United Mine Workers of America met in convention at Columbus, O., on the 11th, the chief purpose of the convention being to discuss the scale of wages.

DEATH-DEALING and destructive cyclones and hurricanes visited the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, on the 11th, leaving ruin and lamentation in their track at many points.

JAPAN has seized the Pelew islands, a group in the North Pacific, 450 miles east of the Phillipine islands, at the western extremity of the Caroline archipelago. The islands are claimed by Spain by right of discovery.

MISS LIZZIE MILLER, aged 23, a highly-respected young lady of Springfield, O., committed suicide, on the 11th, by shooting herself through the heart. She was engaged to wed Stewart Gresham, a cadet at the Annapolis (Md.) naval academy, and no cause for the fell deed is known.

EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH gave an audience to M. Stambouloff, the Bulgarian prime minister, on the 11th.

EX-PRESIDENT MANUEL GONZALES, of Mexico, died in the City of Mexico on the 10th. The members of his family, President Diaz and other friends were present at his bedside. He admonished his friends to obey and honor Diaz.

A DICHARGED cellar man named Cholics in the palace of Cardinal Vaszary, in Pesth, attempted to assassinate his eminence, on the 10th, with a huge knife, but was seized and held by Rev. Dr. Kohl, the cardinal's secretary, who received five ugly wounds from the knife of the enraged ex-cellar man.

WILLIAM WALDORF ASTOR has bought the splendid estate of Cliveden, on the banks of the Thames, from the duke of Westminster. The sum paid is stated to be $1,250,000. Cliveden is one of the ancestral estates of the duke.

A DISASTROUS fire in St. Mary's, O., on the night of the 11th, destroyed every business block between the city building and the Fountain hotel.

JAMES DWYER, of Geneseo, N. Y., aged 75 years, proposes to make a trip to the World's fair on his bicycle. He is well-to-do and quite an athlete in spite of his years.

FRANCE had the honor, on the 12th, of being the second country whose representive, M. Patenotre, was formally received by the United States in the capacity of an ambassador.

AT Pocahontas, W. Va., on the 11th, Ham Buffalow shot Fannie Taylor and himself in the breast. Both will die. Buffalow is a brother of Charles Buffalow, who killed an Englishman at Pocahontas last fall.

STOCKMEN at San Antonio, Tex., have completely blockaded the Santa Fe railroad. It is estimated that, on the 12th, there were fully 25,000 head of sheep and 8,000 head of cattle being held near that city awaiting cars for shipment.

A TORNADO wrought damage amounting to $100,000 at Kokomo, Ind., at 4 o'clock on the morning of the 12th. The American strawboard mill was destroyed and Robert Douglass was killed.

WARREN BLACKWELL, one of the wealthiest men in DeKalb county, was shot and killed at Butler, Ind., on the 12th, by Thomas Revell, night policeman, while resisting arrest. Blackwell drew his revolver and, saying he would not be taken alive, shot at Revell three times, all the shots missing. In return Revell shot him through the heart.

DASTARDLY outrages upon native Christains, in some cases resulting in death, are reported from Toa Tusi, China. The matter has been brought to the notice of the United States consul at Ameri.

MRS. CLARK and two little children were caught in a prairie fire in Rawlins county, Kas., on the 12th, and received fatal injuries.

ON the night of the 13th young King Alexander I. of Servia invited his regents and ministers to a banquet, ostensibly to celebrate the completion of his studies, and at midnight suddenly declared himself of age and demanded the resignations of his former advisers. These being refused, they were all placed under arrest and a new cabinet appointed. The army was loyal to the young king, and the people seemed overjoyed at the change.

KING HUMBERT, accompanied by Sig. Benedito Brini, minister of foreign affairs, and by the royal suite, arrived at Florence, on the 13th, on a visit to Queen Victoria, who is spending several weeks at the Villa Palmieri, near Florence.

MRS. E. C. THOMAS, of Dubuque, Ia., a demented woman 80 years old, saturated her clothes with kerosene and set fire to them. She was fatally burned. She made a similar attempt sixteen years ago.

THE town of Saline, of 1,400 population, in Washtenaw county, Mich., was entirely wiped out by a tornado on the night of the 12th.

CLEARINGHOUSE returns for seventy-five principal cities of the United States, as reported by Bradstreet's, for the week ended on the 14st, aggregated $1,210,901,192; of which New York shows $686,768,938, Boston, $105,964,138; Chicago, $103,401,402; Philadelphia, $69,619,267, and St. Louis, $27,528,448.

THE Western Michigan Lumber Co.'s yards at Diamond Lake, Mich., were destroyed by fire on the 14th. Several million feet of lumber, 500,000 bundles each of shingles and laths, and ten freight cars were burned. The loss will reach $100,000. The fire was caused by a spark from an engine.

TWO POLICE officers in the employ of the Milwaukee Railroad Co., at Dubuque, Ia., were shot dead at 3 o'clock on the morning of the 14th by tramps, who had taken up quarters in a car for the night.

THE town of Kudrynee, in Galicia, is officially declared to be affected by cholera. Eight cases and six deaths occurred there during the week ended on the 13th.

PETER PENCE, of Arizona, killed his fifth Mexican in ten days, on the 13th, all claimed to be in self-defense.

HAWAIIAN MINISTER S. MOTT SMITH is quoted as saying that the provisional government of Hawaii will now appeal to England or Germany for support, and that each of these nations stands ready to respond to any overtures.

ALEX. W. QUARRIER, a son of the late Hon. W. A. Quarrier, went boat riding at Charleston, W. Va., on the night of the 13th, with Miss Ella Young, of Missouri, who has been visiting there for some time. They did not return, and the presumption is that both were drowned.

SECRETARY SMITH has requested Secretary Lamont to send a sufficient force of troops to compel Frank C. Ross and his workmen to leave the Puyallup reservation in Washington, across which they have commenced to build a railroad contrary to law.

DR. FRANCIS L. FLANDERS, a practicing physician whose wealth is estimated at $200,000, was, on the 14th, in the criminal court at Kansas City, Mo., convicted of fraudulently securing the signatures of Ludwig and Henrietta Goetz, husband and wife, to a warranty deed to certain valuable property, and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

WM. BOND, colored, was hanged at Rockville, Md., on the 14th, for the murder of Margaret Cephas, November 23, 1891. The crime was a brutal one. Bond was convicted entirely on circumstantial evidence, and persistently asserted his innocence to the end.

THE buildings occupied by the L. M. Rumsey Manufacturing Co. at Nos. 806, 808, 810 and 812 North Second street, St. Louis, were partially destroyed by fire on the morning of the 14th, the damage amounting to $100,000.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON, the novelist, who, it was reported, would arrive on the Mariposa from Sydney on his way to London, stopped off at Samoa on account of ill health, and has given up his proposed trip.

JOHN HILL, a colored lad of 19 years, was hanged at Camden, N. J., on the 14th. He shot and killed Joseph Dodson, aged 21, also colored, on October 16 last. Hill and Dodson had quarreled over politics.

A LETTER from Tippoo Tib's son, received at Zanzibar, confirms the report of the massacre of Emin Pasha and all his people.

SECRETARY GRESHAM, on the 14th, wired Gov. Peck of Wisconsin, that Peter Dyrnde, wanted for theft of funds while treasurer of Rock county, Wis., is under arrest at Stockholm, Sweden.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

IN the senate, on the 15th, the proposed investigation of charges against Senator Roach, of North Dakota, furnished the principal topic of discussion. No dispositson was made either of that matter or of the question as to the admission of the three appointed senators from Montana, Washington and Wyoming. A resolution was offered calling upon the secretary of state to inform the senate by whose authority Commissioner Blount had ordered down the American flag at Honolulu. On motion of Senator Hill, of New York, the senate adjourned sine die.

THE imports of specie at the port of New York for the week ended on the 15th were $110,300, of which $91,085 was gold and $19,215 silver. The exports of specie from the port of New York for the week were $5,307,769, of which $4,880,209 was gold and $427,260 silver. Of this amount $4,551,700 gold and $420,300 silver went to Europe, and $128,509 gold and $7,260 silver went to South America.

THE ceremonies attending the opening of the World's Columbian exposition on May 1 are to be very simple, and will all take place in Jackson park, the formal part from a platform at the east front of the administration building. The programme is practically complete.

A DISPATCH from Bathurst, British Gambia, states that British astronomers at the station on the Salum river, in French Senagambia, Africa, obtained fine observations of the eclipse of the sun on the 16th.

THE Columbus caravels, Santa Maria, Nina and Pinta, sailed from Havana, on the 15th, for the United States. They will take a prominent part in the great naval review to be held at New York on May 1.

THE American line steamer New York, from Southampton, with the lineal descendant of Christopher Columbus, the duke de Veragua, on board, arrived at Quarantine, N. Y., on the 15th.

EXCEPTING the Noviste, all the papers at St Petersburg approve the course taken by King Alexander of Servia. The semi-official press is especially generous of its commendations.

MORE than 800 Methodist ministers in Ireland have signed an appeal to ministers in England to oppose home rule both on religious and commercial grounds.

HON. THOMAS H. DUDLEY, ex-consul to Liverpool, dropped dead at the Broad street railway station, Philadelphia, on the 15th.

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New Postmasters.

The following new postmasters of the fourth class have been appointed for Missouri:

Anderson, McDonald county, A. M. Doty, vice S. W. Anderson, resigned.

Armstrong, Howard county, R. S. Walton, vice R. Stephenson, resigned.

Beth Page, McDonald county, J. A. Woolard, vice W. C. Hankins, resigned.

Brooklyn Station, Greene county, F. M. Parsons, vice S. B. Woods, resigned.

Fair Grove, Greene county, J. Hine, vice J. A. Long, removed.

Fair Play, Polk county, W. A. Roberts, vice J. F. Underwood, resigned.

Herculaneum, Jefferson county, J. A. Russell, vice E. F. Mitchell, resigned.

Louisburg, Dallas county, M. Lindsey, vice S. C. Darby, resigned.

New Frankfort, Saline county, T. D. Sydenstrike, vice J. Geiger, resigned.

Phelps City, Atchison county, A. J. Wells, vice W. H. Kimball, resigned.

Pleasant Hope, Polk county, J. P. Fullerton, vice J. H. Cochran, resigned.

Smithton, Pettis county, R. Taylor, vice J. Ringen, resigned.

Steinmetz, Howard county, C. Maupin, vice B. C. Weller, resigned.

Alexandria, Clark county, Mattie M. Duncan, vice E. Grumman, resigned.

Coal, Henry county, S. A. Magers, vice C. W. Duden, removed.

Conway, Laclede county, W. H. Warren, vice H. W. Kelley, resigned.

Deerfield, Vernon county, D. C. Kamper, vice J. M. Waddell, dead.

Golden City, Barton county, H. C. Schnelle, vice F. E. Garrett, resigned.

Lewiston, Lewis county, A. G. Williams, vice S. W. Kimball, resigned.

Novelty, Knox county, N. J. Watson, vice O. I. Owen, resigned.

Van Buren, Carter county, J. T. McSpadden, vice O. G. Hoskins, resigned.

Walker, Vernon county, D. M. Taul, vice J. R. Angell, removed.

Black Walnut, St. Charles county, James Daugherty, vice L. H. Haigler, resigned.

Eversonville, Linn county, J. H. Tharp, vice G. H. Clarkson, resigned.

Goldsberry, Macon county, T. W. Bradley, vice J. C. Bradley, resigned.

Hugo, Montgomery county, Marion Lawrence, vice M. F. Thornhill, resigned.

Molino, Audrian county, W. D. Wood, vice W. H. Clanton, resigned.

Monticello, Lewis county, G. T. Bannes, vice G. M. Coddington, resigned.

Moundville, Vernon county, R. D. Jarbo, vice W. F. Phillipps, removed.

New Florence, Montgomery county, C. M. Locke, vice I. W. Stewart, resigned.

Orinda, Linn county, G. T. Hull, vice G. W. L. Scribner, resigned.

Racine, Newton county, W. R. Testament, vice J. Kavanaugh, resigned.

Exeter, Barry county, J. T. West, vice M. C. Lucky, removed.

High Hill, Montgomery county, Marion Skinner, vice Mary J. Miller, removed.

Pineville, McDonald county, A. Weaver Noel, vice J. H. Moffett, resigned.

Weldon Spring, St. Charles county, J. L. Hilbert, vice F. Bunding, resigned.

Beeman, Pettis county, J. B. Stuart, vice O. R. Oriskell, resigned.

Irwin, Barton county, J. Norhnberg, vice J. D. Strain, resigned.

Missouri G. A. R.

The twelfth annual encampment of the Missouri department, G. A. R., was held at Joplin.

The assistant adjutant-general's report shows a net loss of 635 in membership last year, due almost wholly to suspensions for non-payment of dues. It was recommended that the posts fix a certain sum by the payment of which suspended members may be reinstated. The membership of the department now is 20,359. New posts reported by the chief mustering officers, 15. Several thousand veterans and members of civic societies participated in the parade, which was reviewed by over 3,000 school children, massed around the central building.

The G. A. R. elected the following officers: Judge Charles G. Burton, of Nevada, department commander; John P. Platt, Kingston, senior vice commander; Henry Phelps, Joplin, junior vice commander; Thomas B. Rodgers, St. Louis, assistant adjutant-general; W. C. Calland, Springfield, chaplain; E. F. Lane, Owasco, medical director.

The Woman's Relief corps elected following officers: Mrs. Emily Parker, of St. Louis, department president; Mrs. Ada Briggs, Joplin, senior vice-president; Mrs. Olive Hoffmeister, Kansas City, junior vice-president; Mrs. Mary Shepard, Brookfield, treasurer; Mrs. A. Hill, Springfield, chaplain; Miss Frankie Vanslyke, St. Louis, counselor.

The next encampment will be held at Lebanon.

We Are All Invited.

The following is self-explanatory:

ST. LOUIS, April 12, 1893.

TO THE PEOPLE OF MISSOURI—Pursuant to a resolution of the Missouri board of World's fair managers, adopted the 13th day of March, 1892, I hereby extend, on behalf of the board of World's fair managers of Missouri, a cordial invitation to all the people of Missouri to attend the dedicatory ceremonies of the Missouri state building at the World's fair, on Monday, the 1st day of May, 1893, at 3 o'clock p. m., at the World's fair grounds, Chicago, Ill.

The ceremonies will take place in the building, and an appropriate programme of ceremonies and entertainment has been arranged.

This invitation is extended to all the people of Missouri, and it is the urgent desire of the commission that all persons should attend who can make it convenient to do so. No special invitations will be extended except in cases of duly commissioned public officials.

N. H. GENTRY, President.
WM. DAWSON, Secretary.

A Farmer Missing.

Thomas Primm, a prosperous farmer, about 40 years old, is missing from Muddy Creek, in the northern part of Pettis county.

On February 28 Mr. Primm, accompanied by his 11-year-old son, started for Marshall. He took three wagons and twelve head of horses and mules, which he told his wife he intended to sell at Marshall. He also had $700 cash on his person. Three days afterward the boy returned to his home and stated to his mother that his father told him to go home, and that he himself would be back in two weeks. Since that day nothing has ever been heard from the missing man. Inquiry has been made by his family, but he seems to have dropped completely out of existence. A woman left for a town in southwest Missouri on the same day that he went away from his home. Primm leaves a wife and three children—two girls, respectively 18 and 14 years old, and a boy 11 years old.

Plowed Up Buried Coin.

A farmer named Tullis, while plowing on the old McGuire farm, near Carthage, came across a big pile of money in coins.

It is supposed to be part of a treasure hidden during the war. Those who lived in that neighborhood were obliged to abandon their homes and flee from the presence of belligerent forces then roaming near by. The finder was much excited, and came to town to report his good luck, which he will stick to unless the ownership can be proven satisfactorily. Some months ago strangers came from Texas hunting for money which they had learned was buried near Carthage, but so far as is known they were not successful in locating it.

An Appointment.

Lieut.-Gov. O'Meara (acting executive during Gov. Stone's absence) appointed S. L. Gallaway prosecuting attorney of Howell county, vice T. S. Winningham, deceased.

Caused by an Exploded Emery Wheel.

At St. Joseph, a few days ago, Joseph Winder was fatally injured by an exploding emery wheel. His face was mashed out of shape.

Married Elopers.

Henry Kaugh, of Sedalia, aged 21, and married, and Mrs. W. E. Means, also of Sedalia, and several years older than Kaugh, have eloped.

Pity the Poor Patients.

The St. Louis grand jury charges that medical students while under the influence of liquor are allowed to practice at the city hospital.

Drowned in Six Inches of Water.

Nicholas Beach, a Barton county farmer, while in an epileptic fit, fell on his face in a pool of water six inches deep and was drowned.

Howell County's Prosecutor Dead.

Hon. J. H. Winningham, of West Plains, and prosecuting attorney of Howell county, died at Hot Springs, Ark., a few days ago.

Lost Both Hands.

Thomas Woods, 9 years old, lost both hands while playing about the machinery used at the Barber asphalt plant at St. Joseph.

FOR MISSOURI FARMERS.

Condition of Winter Grain and Live Stock in Missouri April 1—Estimated Loss of Live Stock During Winter—An Interesting Table.

The following interesting report has been issued by the Missouri agricultural department:

	Condition of Winter Grain and Live Stock, April 1, With Estimated Per Cent. of Loss During Winter.	
		Wheat, percentage condition
		Rye, percentage condition
		Horses, comparative healthiness, per cent.
		Cattle, comparative condition, per cent.
		Cattle, loss, per 1,000 from exposure
		Cattle, loss, per 1,000 head
		Cattle loss per 1,000 from all causes
		Sheep, loss per 1,000 from exposure
		Sheep, loss per 1,000 from all causes
		Hogs, comparative condition, per cent.
		Hogs, loss per 1,000
		Hogs, percentage number of breeding sows
State	82	98
Northeast	84	98
Northwest	76	98
Southeast	88	98
Southwest	85	98
Central	82	98

WINTER WHEAT.

The condition of winter wheat, as estimated from returns of correspondents at this date, gives an average for the state of 82 per cent., as compared with 68 per cent. one year ago. As reported by sections, the lowest average condition is 76 in northeast and the highest 85 in southeast Missouri. The average date of wheat-seeding last fall was September 25, ten days earlier than the previous year, but the condition of the soil was bad, and much of the seed failed to germinate, or at best made a weak, spindling growth. The low temperature, the very little protection afforded by snow and the ice which in sections of the state covered the ground for a period during the winter, indicates that much of the area sown has been winter-killed; but the continued cold weather has prevented a sufficient growth of the plant to make it possible to estimate the probable acreage which will be plowed up. When compared with the condition April 6, of an average year, the prospect for a wheat crop is bad, but when compared with the prospect last year at this date and we remember that, on the area sown, a fair crop in both yield and quality was produced, there is reason to take courage.

RYE.

Rye was less injured than wheat by the severe winter, and is 11 points better in condition than April 1, of 1892. The area is below that of an average year.

OATS.

At the end of March oat-sowing had only commenced.

LIVE STOCK.

The dry cold weather was favorable to live stock of all kinds, and the comparative condition is high. Among horses there were fewer cases than usual of distemper, glanders and lumpy jaw reported, and no epidemic of any kind. Cattle have been also comparatively free from disease. More than fifty per cent. of the death rate reported being from exposure and too little food. Except for the destruction among sheep from dogs, the death rate was chiefly from loss of young lambs, owing to the long-continued cold in March. The high price and demand for marketable hogs would naturally induce good care and shelter and consequent high condition and freedom from disease. Cholera, in its various forms, is reported from almost every section, but the death rate has been comparatively very light. The number of breeding sows now on hand is 22 per cent. less than at this period in 1892.

Lead in Barry County, Mo.

Great interest and considerable excitement has been created in Barry county, Mo., over the developments at the McDowell mines.

The mines are located 12 miles north of Cassville. About thirty years ago work was begun there, but though good indications were ever present lack of capital prevented a systematic prospecting until last year, when work was pushed with greater speed. Some $2,000 have been spent in putting down a shaft 140 feet, and the owners have been rewarded by a splendid lead which they are now opening at the 110-foot level. The output is lead and zinc, and the mineral being in a clay is very easily prepared for market, no crushing being required. A good lead is reported at the 60-foot level, but as water was needed to wash the clay from the mineral, the shaft was sunk below, and that will be investigated later. Every indication points to a new mining camp in southwest Missouri before the summer is past.

A Wild Man in Illinois.

The appearance of a large man, in an almost nude condition, in the woods in St. Clair county, Ill., has caused considerable excitement.

Constable William Becker organized a posse and went in search of the strange man. He was found in a straw-stack. The man offered some resistance but was overpowered and taken to St. Libory. After being clothed and fed he suddenly became wild, tore his clothing into shreds and escaped into the woods. He was recaptured later and taken to the county hospital. The next day he escaped or was released from the hospital and he passed through St. Libory on his way south. The stranger weighs about 200 pounds, gave the name of Peter Hoffmann and claimed his home was in Evansville, Ind. It is thought that the man is afflicted with temporary fits of insanity.

Lived to a Good Age.

Mrs. Lucy B. Kent-Roberts died at Evanston, aged 87. She was the daughter of Gen. Martin Roberts, and was born in Manchester, N. H.

Found Guilty.

The trial of Dick Robinson, the self-confessed murderer of Johanna Schollman, was concluded at Sedalia, Mo., and found guilty in the first degree.

Killed His Mother.

The 15-year-old son of Mrs. Berlin, living near Pulaski, Tenn., took a pistol from the mantel, presumably unloaded, and accidentally killed his mother.

Startled His Congregation.

Rev. N. M. Waters, pastor of the Methodist church of Dubuque, Ia., has startled his congregation by denying the verbal inspiration of the Bible.

Bad for the Farmers.

Fully three-fourths of the usual large acreage of wheat planted in McLean and adjacent counties in Illinois will be planted in corn and other crops.

Bad Wheat Outlook in Illinois.

Reports from seventy-five correspondents throughout Illinois give discouraging reports of the condition of winter wheat in that state.

Corset Factory Girls Strike.

Two hundred girls in the corset factory at Joliet, Ill., went on strike on account of a cut in wages. They are well organized.

KING ALEXANDER I.

A Grand Coup D'Etat by the Young Servian Monarch—A Banquet with a Startling Menu—The Regents and Ministers Arrested and Alexander Proclaims Himself of Age and Assumes the Reins of Government.

BELGRADE, April 15.—A bloodless coup d'etat was effected here Thursday night and King Alexander I., the youthful ruler of Servia, who has heretofore governed the country through regents, to-day rules in his own proper person.

A grand banquet was given at the palace Thursday night to celebrate King Alexander's success in passing the examination prescribed for Servian students. M. Ristics and Gen. Belimar Belimarkovic, the regents, and all the ministers of the state were present, as were also a large number of friends and supporters of the regents.

For many months past the situation in Servia has been critical, owing to the abuse of their power by the regents and state officials. Affairs had become so bad that the king determined to take the reins in his own hands. In accordance with this determination plans were secretly laid by means of which the regents and ministry would be ousted without opportunity for opposition. Unsuspectingly the regents and ministers attended the banquet, and while they were enjoying themselves at the palace detachments of soldiers and bodies of police took possession of the ministers' houses and occupied the government buildings. At midnight, while the festivities were still in progress, King Alexander proclaimed that he had attained his majority and that he had assumed, with the skuptschina, the government of the country.

The king had not, in fact, attained his majority. According to the Servian law, he does not become of age until he is 18 years old, and as he was born August 14, 1876, he will not be 18 for considerably over a year. When the deposed regents and ministers heard the proclamation they were dumfounded. The king and his advisers acted with great promptitude and soldiers, who were in waiting, at once placed the regents and ministers under arrest, and they were sent to rooms which had been prepared for them in the palace, where they are under guard.

The Servian army is loyal to the king. Had it not been the coup d'etat would not have been possible. After the issuing of the proclamation, and long before daylight, the king proceeded to the barracks, where the troops were under arms, and was received with joyous acclamations and many expressions of loyalty.

The proclamation will be issued everywhere in the country, and bears the king's signature. In it Alexander declares that the constitution has been in sore jeopardy, the rights of citizens imperiled and the constitutional position of parliament so abased that the king must end the unhappy condition of affairs. He therefore declares that he has come of age and has assumed kingly power. Henceforth, the proclamation adds, the Servian constitution acquires its full significance. The regents have been deposed, the cabinet dismissed and a new ministry appointed. M. Dokitch is the new prime minister.

The coup d'etat is simply the revival of the royal supremacy, which had been first weakened by the separation of Milan and Natalie, and seriously impaired by the abdication of Milan and the subsequent troubles in which the country was plunged, largely as a result of the weakness of the crown. During the past year these difficulties have increased, and radicalism has reared its head in such a menacing manner as to make the conservative classes long for greater strength and unity at the source of government.

The decree of expulsion against Queen Natalie was revoked, but the situation, both political and financial, rapidly grew worse, and serious disorders in Belgrade increased the public anxiety for a more stable administration. It is apparent, therefore, that Servia was ripe for the bold act by which young Alexander has asserted his royal authority, and vindicate in some degree the damaged prestige of the house of Obrenovitch.

The details of the coup d'etat were carried out with remarkable swiftness and simplicity. The regents and their ministers responded to an invitation to dine in the old palace Thursday evening. Eight were seated at dinner, the king presiding. After the third course the king rose and said to the regents:

"Gentlemen, for four years you, in my name, have administered the kingly power. I thank you heartily for the trouble you have taken. I now feel able to administer the power myself, and will exercise it from this moment. I beg you, therefore, immediately to hand me your resignations."

M. Ristics replied that he could not, and would not, comply with the king's request, which was contrary to the constitution.

The king thereupon left the room and sent an aide-de-camp to demand the resignations of the ministers. As they all remained obdurate he ordered them to leave the old palace and go to the new palace to remain over night. In the morning they were conveyed to their residences under guard.

To-night the king's assumption of power was celebrated with a torchlight procession and general illuminations.

A Practical Reopening of the Eastern Question.

VIENNA, April 15.—The Neue Frei Presse, commenting upon the overthrow of the Servian regents and ministry, says that plans to bring about this end were arranged between King Milan and M. Dokitch, the newly-appointed Bulgarian minister, during a visit of the latter to Milan in Paris last week.

The paper adds that Queen Natalie, who, it will be recalled, is the daughter of a colonel in the Russian army, was received by the czar at Liquida Thursday.

Will Solve the Electoral Problem.

BRUSSELS, April 15.—At a meeting yesterday of the committee of the chamber of representatives, appointed to prepare a revision of the constitution, M. Janson and M. Feron announced that they and forty other members of the left would accede to the scheme of M. Nyssen, based on the principle of plural voting. This would give the government, who accepted Nyssen's scheme, the requisite two-thirds majority for carrying the revision of the constitution in the house, and thus solving the electoral problem.

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

The Condition of Trade Throughout the Country as Shown by R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review—The Volume of Business Well Maintained for the Present, But the Future Not Well Assured—Business Failures for the Week, Etc.

NEW YORK, April 15.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade issued this morning, says:

Railroads have felt the effects of a long and severe winter, and now have a belated and irregular spring to retard movements of merchandise. Labor controversies cause less disturbance, but still some apprehension. In the great industries there is evidence that the volume of business is quite well maintained for the season, but not so much evidence of its continuance. The iron output April 1 was 176,233 tons weekly, against 177,996 and 182,142 a year ago, but stocks were reduced during the month at the rate of 14,500 tons weekly, so that actual consumption appears larger than a year ago. Pig iron is steady though bessemer is rather weaker. Copper is also a shade lower. Coal has a stronger look, though the output for the year is nearly 800,000 tons greater than last year. The movement of wool falls somewhat below last year's, but the mills are well employed as yet. Trade in cotton goods was disappointing in April. The boot and shoe trade is somewhat unsettled as to an advance of 2½ to 4 cents, which some manufacturers obtain, but many buyers refuse. The shipments continue much the largest ever known in speculative markets. Cotton is a quarter cent lower, the pressure of the enormous stocks here and abroad being felt, as should have been expected, while reports of increased acreage come from the south.

At Boston trade is satisfactory in most lines, with cotton and woolen mills busy and rubber goods less active. At Philadelphia hardware is quite active; outside orders for dress-goods are disappointing and other trades do well. At Baltimore dry goods and clothing are active, and cloakings and shirts especially. The outlook for iron at Pittsburgh is not so bright, but the glass trade is fairly good. Trade at Cleveland is good, manufactured iron quite large, and at Cincinnati foundries are active and trade in woodwork increasing. Spring trade opens briskly at Indianapolis, and business is good at Detroit. At Chicago trade is very good. East-bound shipments decline with expected opening of navigation, and receipts of wheat, cured meats and sheep are very large, with heavy decrease in wool, barley, rye, lard, flour and cheese. At St. Louis free collections in all lines are noted, and especially in dry goods and shoes, and the grocery and clothing trade increases. At Kansas City trade is good with large receipts of cattle. At most southern points trade is only fair, very quiet at New Orleans, with sugar strong and large demand for labor and building materials. At nearly all points both north and south, collections are rather slow for the season, with somewhat active demand for money at most.

The business failures during the past seven days number, for the United States, 187; Canada, 22; total, 209, as compared with 223 last week and 194 the week previous to the last. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 226, representing 191 failures in the United States and 35 in the Dominion of Canada.

A HORRIBLE AFFAIR.

A Negro Murderer Burned Alive by a Mob Near Fort Gaines, Ga.—Tied to a Fat Pine Stump, Kerosene Poured Over the Pyre and the Match Applied.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 15.—Bob Burnett, a country merchant, who slept in a room in his store, near Fort Gaines, Ga., was murdered Thursday morning by a negro, who entered the store for purposes of robbery. The murderer was captured Thursday afternoon and carried back to the scene of his crime, where a large mob had collected. He confessed the murder, and at once preparations to burn him alive were made. A fence was torn down and the rails piled around a fat lightwood stump and the prisoner tied and laid on top of it. Kerosene was poured over him and on the wood. The negro begged piteously to be spared, while the crowd yelled with fury and delight.

Some one touched a match to the wood and the flames shot twenty feet into the air. Amid the crackling of the flames and the screams of the victim, pistol shots rang out on the air and a dozen balls perforated the body of the helpless wretch.

Negroes formed a majority of the mob and did most of the work of preparing the bonfire. Negro men and women with long poles stood around, and heaped the chunks on the roasting flesh. The victim's name is unknown.

Young Burnett, whom he murdered, was one of the leading young merchants of Quitman county, and belonged to an old and aristocratic family, whose mansion is one of the finest old houses remaining from antebellum days.

THE BALANCE OF TRADE.

It Continues to Be Alarmingly Against the United States According to Figures of the Bureau of Statistics.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The adverse turn of the balance of trade against the United States continues to be shown by the figures of the bureau of statistics.

The total exports of breadstuffs for last month were $13,866,000; for the corresponding month of 1892 they were $23,072,000, a falling off for the month of $9,206,000.

For the nine months ending March, 1893, the exports of breadstuffs were $145,032,000; for the corresponding nine months in the previous fiscal year they were $233,159,000, a falling off in nine months of $88,127,000.

The decrease in the exportation of hog, beef and dairy products has been almost equally marked. For the month of March last the exports of these products were $8,231,