Iron County Register

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IRONTON, - - - MISSOURI

THE London Graphic is out with a map which shows that England owns all of Greenland, including the north pole.

THE total recorded immigration to America up to date numbers 16,004,093—almost as many as the entire population of Spain.

AN authority on piano playing says: "Cultivate the habit of listening to your own playing." Yes, do. The chances are you will give it up sooner.

MRS. HARRIET HUBBARD AYER says red noses are often produced by "tight garters." That must be the name of a drink that hasn't become familiar as yet.

IF Col. Andre really goes over the pole in that balloon of his, he will be obliged to have it steam-heated. The floor of a balloon is very cold on the feet.

IF the brain can be photographed it may reform some of the back numbers when they see the character of their thinking framed and hung on the bedroom wall.

EDISON and Tesla have nothing to do nowadays but make new discoveries. They have discovered almost everything except the foundation of life—and what comes after this life.

THE finding of $2,200 in diamonds in a New York ash heap suggests that there may be more money in examining New York ash piles than in digging for gold at Cripple Creek.

WITH the mind-reader telling what a fellow is thinking about, and the Roentgen light taking snap shots at his liver and backbone through a board partition, there isn't much of a show to quiet people.

A REPUTABLE lawyer who has examined the claims of the Anneke Jans heirs, advised a "lineal" descendant of the good old Dutch lady of New York to take a good cigar for his share of the inheritance.

WHEN some one asked Lincoln how long a man's leg ought to be, he replied that they ought to be long enough to reach the ground. There is real philosophy in this. Too many men lack a proper foundation.

AMELIE RIVES CHANLER, the authoress, has married a Russian nobleman named Pierre Troubetzkoy. She will probably not receive any further attention by Americans, as nobody will risk lock-jaw by attempting to pronounce her name.

ONE of the popular mistakes of the day is that one can travel cheaper in Europe than in the states. Traveling first-class there costs quite as much as in America, and the tourist does not get anything like as good accommodations for his money.

BY chance it has been discovered that even the most delicate tracery of petals of flowers can be reproduced in metal. During the trial of a new fuse the other day, a small leaf fell between a dynamite cartride and an iron block on which the cartridge was fired. As a result a perfect imprint of the leaf was left on the iron.

DR. ROENTGEN called his rays X rays, probably for the reason that his own name presented constitutional difficulties. Nevertheless, he cannot be cheated out of the honor of having discovered the secret of looking inside of so-called opaque bodies. The applications of the discovery, already in use, are many and they will grow with time.

IN New York state they have become disgusted with coroners. They will probably be abolished by the legislature, and in lieu thereof reputable physicians and the police will make the preliminary investigations. The physicians are to be appointed by the courts, to serve for a term of six years, and to be paid fees for actual service.

COMPUTATIONS and anlyses made at the Normal school in Chicago lead to the conclusion that 448,000 tons of "dust" fell upon the city during the recent snowstorm, and that about 88 per cent. of it was pure sand. So it is fair to presume that the stuff came from the far west, and was carried in the air for many hours before being distributed here. The total quantity thus taken must have been enormous, as the area on which it fell extends from west of the Mississippi to Indiana, and from Wisconsin to Illinois.

AMERICAN readers are now furnished by a local Turkish authority with what purports to be an official list of outrages. The total number killed is given as 39,234, and the number of destitute as 94,770. The account is authoritative, and the details are more sickening than the bare aggregate, as they show the number of persons burned to death, the number who perished from hunger and cold; the number of women outraged; the number forcibly married to Moslems, etc. It is a record that no civilized people will be proud of in these closing years of the nineteenth century.

AN exchange calls attention to the fact that a man weighing 150 pounds can travel rapidly on a "safety" bicycle only one-seventh as heavy as himself, while the vestibule train must carry at least 20 times the weight of its passengers. For equal rates of speed, and to carry the same weight of passengers, the train is fully 100 times heavier than the bicycle. Since the latter is eminently a practical machine it follows that if the train be not now pronounced unnecessarily heavy it probably will be so esteemed a few years hence, with the result of earnest scientific effort to reduce it.

REV. W. C. RICKS, a backwoods Baptist minister of extraordinary attainments, atracted a great deal of attention in revival meetings he held in Adair county, Ky. He is only 25 years of age, and has had only ordinary educational advantages, but has been a hard student of the Bible ever since he was first taught to read when a small boy. He has committed to memory every chapter in the Bible except two. In order to test the reliability of his claim, he closes his Bible and permits anyone to call at random for different chapters of different books, which he recites at once, without hesitation, word for word.

Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

The Proceedings of the First Session.

Washington, Feb. 25.—A bill granting a pension of $100 a month to the widow of the late Walter Q. Gresham was passed in the senate yesterday. Senator Morgan spoke in favor of recognizing Cuban belligerency. In the house it was decided by a vote of 93 to 64 that none of the appropriations on the Indian appropriation bill for Indian schools should go to sectarian schools. A bill was introduced to take from the free list of the tariff bill silver bullion, silver coins and silver ores, and making them dutiable at 50 per cent. ad valorem.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Senator Morrill offered a resolution in the senate yesterday to take up the tariff bill, but it was defeated by a vote of 33 to 22. The Cuban question was taken up, and Senators Morgan, Lodge, Stewart and Call spoke in favor of recognizing Cuban belligerency. In the house the Indian appropriation bill was passed and resolutions were reported from the foreign affairs committee censuring Ambassador Bayard for portions of speeches he delivered in England.

Washington, Feb. 27.—In the senate yesterday Senator Allen (Neb.) offered a substitute for the pending Cuban resolution. It authorizes and requests the president to issue a proclamation recognizing the independence of the republic of Cuba. Senator Carter (Mont.) in speaking on the tariff bill charged the republicans in the senate and house with deserting the republican national platform on both the tariff and money questions, and with taking their orders from the white house, where a democratic president is in command. He said he believed that the protection of American industries was necessary to American prosperity, but the free coinage of silver was equally essential and the two would hereafter go hand in hand. In the house a bill was introduced for the erection of a national mint at Chicago. The Van Horn-Tarsney contested election case from the Kansas City (Mo.) district occupied most of the session.

FROM WASHINGTON.

In the United States the visible supply of grain on the 24th was: Wheat, 65,010,000 bushels; corn, 11,576,000 bushels; oats, 6,918,000 bushels; rye, 1,541,000 bushels; barley, 2,130,000 bushels.

In the criminal court at Washington Elizabeth Flagler, daughter of Gen. Flagler, pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and was fined $500 and sentenced to jail for three hours.

The death of Dr. Smith Townsend, for 14 years health officer of the District and during the late war a member of Gen. Gresham's staff, occurred in Washington.

Fire losses in the United States for the seven days ended on the 25th amounted to $2,615,000. Since January 1 the fire loss has reached $16,210,500, an average of $311,740 a day.

A decision was submitted by Attorney-General Harmon to Postmaster-General Wilson to the effect that the numerous bond and investment schemes conducted throughout the country are lotteries and not entitled to the privileges of the mails.

The death of William R. Smith, who was elected to congress from Alabama in 1851 and served three terms, occurred in Washington, aged 81 years.

THE EAST.

Ballington Booth, commander of the Salvation Army, announced to the members of his staff in New York that he had decided not to relinquish command of the army in the United States and that under no circumstances would he take orders from England. It was announced from London that Commissioner and Mrs. Booth-Tucker had been appointed successors to Commander and Mrs. Ballington Booth.

At the age of 62 years George D. Robinson died at his home in Chicopee, Mass. He was four times elected to congress and three times governor of Massachusetts.

Ex-President Harrison and Mrs. Mary Scott Lord Dimmick will be married in New York on Monday, April 6, by Rev. Dr. John Wesley Brown, of St. Thomas' Protestant Episcopal church.

The death of Henry C. Bowen, editor and proprietor of the New York Independent, occurred at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 82 years.

One of the oldest newspaper men in New England, Jere S. Allen, died at Newburyport, Mass., aged 88 years.

Funeral services of Theodore Runyon, late ambassador to Germany, were held in Newark, N. J.

An offer was made to Ballington Booth of the leadership of an independent American Salvation Army by the brigadiers, adjutants and majors whom he had created in all parts of the country, but he declined, and he and his wife left the headquarters in New York for good.

Jesse F. Tracy, aged 51, and his son, Jesse, aged 21, were shocked to death by electricity in their door yard at Thornton, R. I.

A fire that broke out in the block occupied by the Binghamton Furnishing company at Binghamton, N. Y., caused a loss of $250,000.

It was shown at the annual meeting in New York of the trustees of the Grant Monument association that the funds on hand would complete the structure.

WEST AND SOUTH.

The death of George Davis, who was attorney-general for the confederate states during the war, occurred at Wilmington, N. C., aged 76 years.

White caps terribly whipped Henry Maul, a farmer residing near Millstadt, Ill., who had acquired an unenviable reputation as a wife beater.

In the home of Mrs. Frederick Rose at Canton, Md., a lamp exploded and three of her children were fatally burned.

At Edinburg, Ind., John Millen, a 16-year-old boy, shot and killed himself because of parental interference in a love affair.

M. D. Harter, of Philadelphia, shot and killed himself at Fostoria, O. Insomnia was said to have been the cause. He was a member of the Fifty-second and Fifty-third congresses from the Fourteenth Ohio district.

Pearl Kimms and James Sarran were found dead near Keystone, W. Va., where a general fight occurred among 200 colored miners.

Elizabeth Coleman, aged 100 years, died at her home in Galesville, Wis.

For no cause known A. W. Patterson, a retired business man, shot his wife in the brain at Madison, Wis., and then lodged a bullet in his own skull.

In a decision Judge Badger, of Cleveland, says that receiving money in Ohio to be sent to a poolroom in Kentucky to pay racing bets is a violation of the laws of Ohio.

The council at Lincoln, Neb., passed an ordinance prohibiting the use of cigarettes, cigars or tobacco by persons under 18 years within the city limits.

A portion of the draw span of the government bridge across the Mississippi at Davenport, Ia., collapsed, and all traffic between Rock Island and Davenport by rail or wagon was entirely suspended.

A receiver was named for the Virginia Iron and Railway company at Lexington, Va. The liabilities were $350,000.

Funeral services of the late Edgar W. Nye were held at the Calvary Episcopal church near Fletchers, N. C.

The Smithton Lumber company of Smithton, Ark., failed for $200,000.

In the Platte river at Schuyler, Neb., an ice gorge was doing immense damage.

Flames destroyed the main building of the Kurtz & Buher Foundry company's plant in Chicago, the loss being $100,000.

Michigan democrats will meet in state convention in Detroit April 29 to select delegates to the national convention at Chicago.

At Akron, O., the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio railway was sold to the Erie railway for $10,000,000.

After shooting three men M. F. Grisette, a desperado at Bristol, Fla., was killed.

Fire destroyed the Grace Street Baptist church at Richmond, Va., valued at $75,000, and the female seminary building, worth $50,000.

At their home in Sheffield, Ill., James Reed shot himself and his wife. Reed was dead and his wife could not recover. Family trouble was the cause.

A mob took Foster Crawford and "The Kid," who attempted to rob the City national bank at Wichita, Tex., and killed Cashier Dorsey, from jail and hanged them.

The death of E. R. Hayes, who represented the Seventh Iowa district in congress in 1890 and 1891, occurred at Knoxville.

Fire consumed the Brice block at Port Huron, Mich., the loss being $100,000.

The Nebraska democratic state central committee (silver) has fixed the date of the state convention for April 22 at Lincoln.

At a dance near Henderson, Tenn., James Bagwell shot and killed John Butler and Harry Bibb, respectable men.

Within the city limits of Salt Lake City gold, which was said to assay as high as $500 a ton, was discovered.

While despondent through ill health B. H. Owen, chief deputy organizer of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, committed suicide at a hotel in Roanoke, Va.

The republicans of the Seventh district of Missouri renominated J. P. Tracy, of Springfield, for congress.

At the age of 91 years Samuel Edison, father of Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, died at Norwalk, O.

In Chicago Jacob Dietzel shot his daughter, Mrs. Henry Ohner, and himself at his daughter's residence. A quarrel was the cause.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

The death of Mrs. Nannie Field, wife of Marshall Field, the Chicago merchant, occurred at her villa in Nice, France, of peritonitis.

Constantinople advices say that rapine, outrage and murder continue to be the atrocious policy pursued by the sublime porte in Armenia.

Great Britain had, it is said, begun negotiations with France for the evacuation of Egypt.

In the harbor at Rio Janeiro 50 deaths from yellow fever occurred on board the Italian cruiser Lombardia.

Advices from Constantinople say that fresh massacres have occurred at Malatia and seven other points in Armenia.

An explosion of the main powder magazine occurred at Kiangyin, China; 200 persons were killed and many wounded.

LATER NEWS.

IN the senate, on the 27th, Mr. Vest (dem., Mo.) made an impassioned address in favor of Cuban independence. Senator Proctor (rep., Vt.) spoke in advocacy of land fortifications in preference to the creation of a powerful navy. A bill appropriating $500,000 for two first-class revenue steamers for the Pacific coast was passed, as was the army appropriation bill, carrying $23,000,000. ....In the house the Tarsney-Van Horn contested-election case was decided in favor of the contestant, and Mr. Van Horn was immediately sworn in. Unanimous consent for the consideration of the Cuban resolutions was defeated by Mr. Boutelle (rep., Me.), who demanded less precipitation in the passage of a measure of such grave import, involving possible war with Spain.

GEN. LEWIS MORRILL died, on the 27th, at the Presbyterian hospital in Philadelphia, of an affection of the kidneys. Deceased was a native of Pennsylvania, 62 years of age and a graduate of West Point. He was a commander of cavalry throughout the entire war of the rebellion and was several times promoted for gallant services.

MINISTER ANDRADE, of Venezuela, received a cablegram from his government, on the 27th, announcing that the original documents, maps and records obtained by the historical commission appointed by President Crespo would be sent forward at once for delivery to the American high boundary commission.

ALEXANDER RHIMES, aged 75, of Fulton county, Ind., applied, on the 27th, for a divorce from his ninth wife, to whom he was married on January 17 last, two days after he had secured a divorce from wife No. 8. He has another wife in view now.

UNITED STATES MINISTER TERRELL received information from Marsovan, on the 27th, showing that there had been no massacre there as had been reported. An outbreak had occurred at Adana, in which 12 Armenians were killed and 40 wounded.

DR. CARL PETERS, the African explorer, who was recently elected president of the German Colonial association, is about to undertake a new exploration of Somaliland in the interests of a number of wealthy Americans.

THE Iowa house, on the 27th, killed the re-submission of the prohibitory amendment by defeating the resolution and tabling a motion to reconsider.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

THE schools of the state celebrated Washington's birthday.

THE bridge across the Missouri river at Jefferson City has been completed.

CLARENCE HOWARD, a brakeman, was recently killed by the cars at Montgomery City.

MRS. LINDELL, who had resided in St. Louis 87 years, died in that city the other day at the age of 93 years.

JOHN W. SMITH, of Princeton, was recently arrested on the charge of making and passing counterfeit dollars.

THE late cycle show at St. Louis was said to have been the most successful trades display ever held in that city.

THE Kansas City board of trade passed resolutions asking congress to recognize the independence of Cuba.

THE Sons of the American Revolution, recently in annual session at St. Louis, elected Bishop Tuttle president.

Advices from a semi-official source state that the Missouri wheat crop never promised better than at present.

W. J. LOONEY, a merchant of Whitewater, Cape Girardeau county, was recently robbed and murdered in his store.

THE trouble at the state university has been settled by the students signing a pledge to obey the rules in the future.

THE woolen mill at Independence was burned the other morning, the loss being estimated at $40,000; insurance, $22,000.

FIRE at Charleston the other day destroyed the Fletcher block and other property to the total value of $50,000; partially insured.

LEMON'S STATION, a small village south of Unionville, was recently much excited over the discovery that eight graves at the cemetery had been robbed.

WHILE recently going to his home near Houstonia, Adam Tharp, a farmer, was thrown from his horse, which afterward stepped on his face, seriously and probably fatally injuring him.

HENRY KAHN, proprietor of the oldest clothing store in Kansas City, recently made an assignment. Mr. Kahn started business in that city in 1863. His assets are ample to pay all liabilities.

THE grand jury at Springfield recently indicted L. O. Nieder, a prominent Wright county politician, for embezzlement. He is charged with appropriating a clients money to his own use.

FIRE caused by the bursting of a gas pipe, destroyed the large livery and sale stable of Ducate & Grantham at St. Joseph the other night. Sixty horses were burned. The loss was about $60,000; insurance, $5,000.

ON the 20th James Fitzgerald was hanged at St. Louis for the murder of his sweetheart in 1893. The hanging was a very bungling affair. At the first trial the rope broke and it was nearly an hour before another was secured and the sentence successfully executed.

J. BROCK, who had served a term in the Kansas penitentiary and afterward was admitted to the practice of law, was recently shot and killed at Ash Grove by a farmer named Gilmore. The trouble was over the arrest of Brock upon complaint of Gilmore for horse-steating.

MRS. MARY KENZIE and Miss Lucy Lusk were thrown from a wagon near Eldorado Springs by a runaway team. The former received a broken arm and shoulder, while Miss Lusk's collar bone was broken and she also received injuries about the head which may prove fatal.

THE grand council of the Missouri Royal Arcanum met at St. Louis recently. Reports showed an increase of 700 in membership in Missouri during the last year. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Grand regent, Jere Haldeman; grand vice regent, Ford Smith; grand orator, William Morgan; past grand regent, P. R. Flitcraft; grand secretary, Charles B. Cox; grand treasurer, A. S. Robinson, Jr., grand chaplain, R. C. Parlett.

THE grand jury at St. Louis recently re-indicted ex-City Treasurer Michael Foerstel on seven counts charging the embezzlement of city funds to the amount of $63,000. Circuit Attorney Zachritz several weeks ago nolle prossed the former charges and, notwithstanding the fact that he informed the grand jury that a further prosecution would not lie, the new indictments were handed down. The report of the jury in regard to their action says in part: "In view of the facts which seemed to indicate a disposition on the part of the circuit attorney to deny a trial, we request the governor of Missouri to instruct the attorney-general to take charge of the prosecution of these cases."

ACCORDING to the report of the collector of internal revenue, there are in the Sixth district 210 cigar factories, of which about 75 are in Kansas City, and the balance mostly in the larger cities in the district, though many of the towns have one or two dealers who manufacture in a small way. There are about 150 men employed in the industry in Kansas City, and perhaps as many more in the country districts. These 210 dealers turned out during the past year 15,652,059 cigars. To make these they used 283,446 pounds of leaf tobacco, an average of 18.11 pounds of tobacco to the 1,000 cigars. This is within the government limit, which is 25 pounds per 1,000. Of these probably two-thirds were made in Kansas City.

WILLIE JONES, 13 years old, was fatally shot at Fayette the other day by Allie Collier, of the same age. The latter was playing with an "unloaded" target rifle.

H. W. KNOX, a farmer, was found dead on the road near the Grand river bridge in Livingston county the other day. He had been thrown from his horse and killed.

THE entire plant of the John Moran Packing Co., at St. Joseph, which went into the hands of a receiver a short time ago, was recently sold at sheriff's sale and was purchased by the State national bank, a creditor, at a nominal sum.

FIRE at West Plains the other day destroyed the Brenner hotel and other property to the value of $10,000. Fully insured.

JOHN OLIVER and Andy Williams engaged in a quarrel and fight at Ashburn the other day and each received two shots.

ON February 19 the population of the penitentiary reached high water mark. There were 2,227 inmates in the prison.

WILLIAM GIBSON, a miner, was recently killed in a mine near Farmington by being struck on the head with a stone while down in the shaft.

THE STUDENTS WEAKENED.

A Little Rebellion at the State University Squelched by the Council—The Council Had the Names of 136 Engaged in the Disorder, but There Were 196 Apologies.

There were threats of serious trouble at the Missouri state university, Columbia, a few days ago. On February 14 trouble arose between the students, and there was considerable disorder. The faculty were rather reticent, but a few days ago they made their first important move. They issued a notice stating in most emphatic terms that if all the students who participated in the recent disturbance did not come forward before 5 o'clock the following afternoon and sign a pledge, promising good behavior, they would be promptly dismissed from the university.

The following was issued:

Order of the Council: The council of the university of the state of Missouri, at a meeting held on February 21, 1896, unanimously passed the following order:

The council of the university of the state of Missouri, being apprised of a concerted movement on the part of a considerable number of the students of the university, to take and enforce an exemption from their regular duties on the 14th of February, 1896, under the name of a holiday, without assent of the council and in defiance of the authorities of the university; and that said movement culminated in disrespectful and disorderly conduct in the library room, in a noisy procession around the quadrangle in front of the departmental buildings and through the city of Columbia during the hours devoted to study and recitation, and in willful absence from class duties, by reason of all which the regular exercises of the university were greatly disturbed and interrupted; and the council having referred the matter to the committee of discipline and received its report thereon, wherein the names of students participating in said movement appear to the council, now, therefore, the council, having considered the report aforesaid and the evidence bearing on the matter, makes the following order:

1. That all further action of the authorities of the university be discontinued as to all the students participating in said movement upon condition that they make and furnish to the president on or before Tuesday, February 25, 1896, at 5 o'clock, p. m., a pledge upon their honor, in writing, that they will not during the remainder of their course engage in any movement against the action of the authorities of the university, except in a legal and proper manner.

2. That the president be and is hereby authorized and required to dismiss from the university all students participating in said movement who shall refuse or fail to make and furnish the pledge and promise aforesaid.

3. That the committee on discipline be instructed to make report of other students, if any, who participated in said movement and who have not made the pledge and promise aforesaid.

4. That a copy of this order be forwarded to the parents or guardians of all students participating in said movement who have been dismissed from the university in pursuance of the same.

[Signed] ISADOR LOEB,
Secretary of the Council.

At about 4:30 some of the students began to assemble in the lower halls of the university, in front of the president's office. All knew that the office would be closed promptly at five o'clock. Some suggested that all unite in singing "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds" at the last stroke of the bell. Others suggested other modes of making some sort of demonstration, but when the bell sounded and the president's office was closed, there were to be heard only a few faint cheers from the 100 students, who then dispersed.

The discipline committee only had the names of 136 students, while 196 signed the required pledge. Only two students, whose names were in the possession of the discipline committee, have failed to comply with the council's terms, and it is supposed that they will present some good excuse.

In an interview with Dr. Jesse, after the difficulty had been settled, he stated, in answer as to the question as to how the parents of the students regarded the affair, that he had not received a single letter that did not indorse the stand of the faculty and was not in favor of discipline. This statement is also borne out by the telegrams and letters received by the students from home, some going so far as to state that if the boys left the university they need not return home.

THE SALVATION ARMY

In the United States Will Remain Loyal to the General-in-Chief.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Col. W. M. Eadie, one of the leaders of the Salvation army in this country, announces positively that all danger of a secession by the supporters of former Commander Ballington Booth is now past. All the brigadiers of the army, who, during the controversy between the two factions, had been wavering, were now ready to support Gen. William Booth, of London, against Mr. and Mrs. Ballington Booth. The last of the brigadiers to reach this decision, Col. Eadie said, was Brig. Fielding, of Chicago. During the trouble Brig. Fielding was one of Ballington Booth's most ardent supporters.

The Relief Work in Armenia.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 26.—United States Minister Terrell has received a telegram from Marash stating that supplies for the relief of the Armenians in Asia Minor are obtainable in Marash. Messrs. Hubbell and Mason, of the American Red Cross society, will start for Zeitoun to-day if the irades permitting their departure are ready, as it is expected they will be.

A Caged Crook Turns a Neat Trick.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 27.—A special to the Press from Newark, O., says that Wilbur E. McCormick, a crook confined in the jail at that place contrived to lock Turnkey Hazlett in a cell and escaped. Hazlett yelled for an hour before help came and released him.

Brewery and Beer Damaged.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—More than a quarter of a million gallons of beer were spoiled by fire in the cooling rooms of the M. Brand Brewing Co. Tuesday night. The damage to the beer and the building in which it was housed was estimated by Mr. Brand at $47,000.

Foundry Burned.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—The foundry of Kurtz & Buhrer, 832 Austin avenue, was entirely destroyed by fire Tuesday night; loss, $135,000. I. S. Ginsberg was severely burned while attempting to aid in extinguishing the blaze.

Suit for Recovery of State Funds.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 27.—The attorney-general has commenced suit for the recovery of $44,147 from the bondsmen of ex-State Treasurer Otto Gram, who lost, by the failure of a local bank in 1893, state funds which he has been unable to repay.

Hon. E. R. Hayes Dying.

KNOXVILLE, Ia., Feb. 27.—Hon. E. R. Hayes, who filled the term of Maj. Conger when the major resigned as member of congress to become minister to Brazil under President Harrison, is dying.

A WAR WITH SPAIN

Not Seriously Contemplated by Well-Informed Congressmen on Account of Cuban Recognition—However Irritating Such Action Might be to Spain, that Country is in no Condition to Resent It—A Spanish Precedent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The possibility of war with Spain as a result of the Cuban resolutions reported from the foreign affairs committee yesterday, is not seriously regarded by well-informed members of the house. It is argued that the resolutions do not, in the first place, recognize the belligerency of the rebels; but simply show that a state of war exists there, leaving it to the president to make a belligerent recognition by proclamation when desirable. That a state of war does exist there, they say, is manifest both from the reports of American consular officers in the island and the several proclamations of Gen. Weyler, issued since his arrival in Cuba.

So far as our right to interfere to protect American property in Cuba is concerned, such right, it is claimed, exists under international usage, and the necessity is still stronger since the state department has taken a position which virtually stops us from claiming damages under present conditions.

It is asserted that no matter how irritating a recognition of belligerency might be to the Spanish government, they are in no position to enter into a war with the United States, and would not seriously entertain such a proposition. It is pointed out that when Spain and Great Britain recognized the belligerency of the confederates during the war of secession we could not resent it because the energies of the government were taxed to their utmost to suppress our own people. Spain, it is asserted, is less prepared for a foreign war at this time than the United States was 34 years ago.

ANOTHER BIG FIRE

Spreads Devastation Through the Town of Florence, S. C.—Cremated in His Room.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 28.—A dispatch from Florence, S. C., to the News and Courier says: Florence suffered another serious conflagration at four o'clock yesterday morning. The approximate loss on buildings and merchandise is $100,000. The fire started on the second floor of the Ellis block.

The following establishments were burned out: Sligh & Tucker, three immense stores; Sulzbacher & Sons, jewelers; F. U. Take & Co., drug store; Charles Bullman, shoe store; Florence dispensary; the Banner and Messenger newspaper office; Western Union Telegraph office; Knights of Pythias Castle hall and contents; Order Railway Conductors, division room; H. F. Gee, dentist; Dr. F. H. McLeod's office; Farrell & Edwards, photograph gallery; Laughlin's barber shop; O. S. Ellis, office and rooms; Mrs. Morgan, millinery store.

The post office and the mail matter was saved. The Central hotel caught, but was saved without damage by fire. Chase & Huldrow, general merchandise, and the Central block were badly damaged by water.

To add to the horror of this conflagration, George Williams, a printer, of Darlington, who was sleeping in the Ellis block, up-stairs, was cremated. The searchers found the charred body at one o'clock. Insurance was but one-half. Cause of fire unknown.

AN IMPROMPTU DUEL.

One Man Instantly Killed and the Other Sent to the Hospital.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 28.—In a quarrel between Dr. Edward A. Dill, dentist, and his assistant, Dr. J. J. Seaman, at the rooms of the former, 808 Broadway, yesterday, Seaman drew a double-barrelled pistol, and almost without warning shot Dill, the ball taking effect in the latter's breast. Seaman then fled down the stairs leading to the street. Dill, drawing a revolver, followed to the head of the stairs, where he fired three shots at his retreating antagonist, one of which, taking effect in the small of the back and entering the kidneys, killed him.

The dead man was sent to the morgue, and Dr. Dill was taken to the dispensary, and afterwards sent to the hospital.

The story told by the survivor was identical with that previously given by Mrs. Lilian A. Carline, the only witness of the affray, and seems to put the blame upon Seaman.

THE KENTUCKY SENATORSHIP.

A Democratic Caucus to be Called Looking to the Withdrawal of Mr. Blackburn.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 27.—A joint caucus of the democratic members of the legislature will be called in the next day or two to consider propositions looking to the withdrawal of Blackburn. The sound money members, under the leadership of Senator Stephenson, chairman of the joint caucus, and Senators Salyers, Smith, Holloway, Elliston and others have partially drawn up a petition to Senator Blackburn's managers asking his withdrawal in favor of some sound money man, and it will be signed and presented in the next day or two. Senator Blackburn's leaders, in anticipation of this, say they will agree to the proposition if the petitioners can get the support of 35 members. This is unlikely, but both will be laid before the caucus for action, and the result will probably be a further split in the Blackburn ranks.

ACTION BEGUN

To Condemn Alleged Cuban Revolutionary Supplies.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—United States District Attorney McFarlane has brought an action for the condemnation and seizure of the property found on the lighter J. S. T. Stranehan. The action was begun in the United States district court here yesterday. The property consists of 300 packages and boxes of dynamite, gunpowder, cartridges, etc., and is supposed to have been for shipment to the Cuban revolutionists.

HE'S A REFORMER.

Offered Pardon Rejected by Murad Bey

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Times to-day publishes a dispatch from Cairo saying that the sultan has offered to pardon Murad Pasha, formerly imperial commissioner of the public debt, and to allow him to return to Constantinople if he will cease to publish attacks upon the sultan and the Turkish government. Murad Bey has rejected the offer, and will continue to advocate reforms in the Turkish administration in the Mizan, a journal published in Cairo.

FROM THE ORIENT

Chinese Civil Officers Cashiered and Dismissed Forever—One Already Dead of a Broken Heart and the Other a Suicidal Maniac—Will Establish Military Schools in Pekin Under European Instructors—All Quiet in Corea.

TOKIO, Feb. 11.—The emperor of China recently cashiered and dismissed forever from the public service Wang, vice-president of the board of civil appointments, and Chang, vice-president of the board of revenue. Last year, according to some authorities, when Pekin was in terror of a Japanese attack, an intrigue is said to have been set on foot to destroy the influence of the empress dowager and, perhaps, to divide the court against itself.

Other historians of current events allege that no intrigue existed, but that many loyal servants of the crown, indignant at the abject humiliation suffered by the country in consequence of the total breakdown of the military and naval defenses, organized and controlled by the empress dowager's nominees, notably the viceroy, Li, were unable to confine their expressions of anger within prudent limits. Whether intriguers or patriots, Wang and Chang used some very strong language at an audience with the emperor. No notice was taken of their words at the time, but nine months afterward the emperor issued a decree, in which they were sentenced as above described. It is reported that Chang has died heart-broken, and that Wang is a suicidal maniac.

The Pekin ministry of war has resolved to establish in different parts of the city schools in each of which 500 lads will receive military training under foreign officers and graduates of the Tien-Tsin military academy.

For the moment, an exceptional calm reigns over the generally troubled sea of Corean politics. The cabinet seems to be firmly set. It is a progressive cabinet, friendly to Japan. Moreover, there are no indications of Russian intrigue or interference.

THE VENEZUELAN CASE.

The Official Document to Be Sent From Caracas at Once.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Minister Andrade, of Venezuela, has received a cablegram from his government announcing that the original documents, maps and records contained by the historical commission appointed by President Crespo will be sent forward at once for delivery to the high boundary commission. As a steamer leaves Laguayra for New York Friday, it is likely that these important data will reach Washington the latter part of next week. The minister, in his mail which arrived Wednesday, also received the official appointment of Wm. L. Scruggs, of Georgia, formerly United States minister at Caracas, as counsel of Venezuela before the commission. Mr. Scruggs is now in Washington, where he has been for some time busily engaged in working on the case, and a volume edited by him containing copies of all treaties and correspondence bearing on the controversy is expected from the printer the first of next week. Mr. Scruggs will enter upon his new duties immediately, and the belief is entertained in official circles that the government of Great Britain will eventually authorize counsel to appear before the committee to watch proceedings on their behalf.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Promotions in the Navy Caused by Two Retirements.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Two naval officers of high rank have been placed on the retired list—Rear Admiral C. C. Carpenter and Medical Director P. S. Wales. As a result of Admiral Carpenter's retirement Commodore T. O. Selfridge will become a rear-admiral, thus presenting the unusual spectacle of a father and son both holding that high rank simultaneously, though the father holds the rank on the retired list. Capt. Allen V. Reed becomes commodore, Commander F. A. Cooke becomes captain, Lieut.-Com. C. T. Hutchins becomes commander and Lieut. B. H. Buckingham becomes lieutenant-commander. By Medical Director Wales' retirement Inspector T. N. Penrose becomes director, Surgeon W. G. Farwell becomes inspector and Assistant Surgeon J. D. Gatewood becomes surgeon.

A VETERAN GONE.

Death of Brevet Brig.-Gen. George W. Gile, Retired.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.—Col. and Brevet Brig.-Gen. George W. Gile died at his home here Wednesday evening, aged 67 years. He was born in Bethlehem, N. H., and came to Philadelphia when a youth. He entered the war of the rebellion as lieutenant of the Twenty-second Pennsylvania infantry. At the conclusion of the war he was appointed first lieutenant Forty-fifth United States infantry. He was retired from active service with full rank of colonel in 1870, on account of disability resulting from wounds received during the war.

Tobacco Factory Burned.

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Feb. 28.—Fire broke out Wednesday night in Grabill's tobacco factory at Shenandoah Junction, and before the flames could be gotten under control the factory, Mr. Grabill's house adjoining and the Masonic hall were destroyed. The loss is estimated at $7,000, partially covered by insurance.

Will Dismiss the Indictment Against Col. Burnside.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—District-Attorney Birney acting under instructions from Attorney-General Harmon, will dismiss the indictments against Col. J. O. P. Burnside, formerly disbursing officer of the post office department, and who has been confined in the government insane asylum for 12 years. Col. Burnside was charged with misappropriating government funds in his custody, and was sent to the asylum as being irresponsible for his actions in regard to the defalcation.

To Complete the Boat Railway at The Dalles Rapids.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—A bill appropriating $500,000 to complete the boat railway at The Dalles Rapids, Ore., was yesterday favorably reported to the senate and referred to the commerce committee for incorporation in the river and harbor bill.

Killed the Submission Resolution.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 28.—The house yesterday killed the submission of the prohibitory amendment by defeating the resolution and tabling a motion to reconsider.