

Calendar for APRIL-1897. Sun. Mon. Tue. Wed. Thur. Fri. Sat. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

THE senate, on the 29th, confirmed the nominations of Frank H. Nash to be register of the land office and Wm. C. Whipple to be receiver of public moneys at Kalspell, Mont.

On the 30th the republicans of the United States senate put into motion machinery looking to the reorganization of the senate so far as the committee vacancies were concerned.

Spain has accepted the invitation of President McKinley, and will send the war ship Maria Theresa to participate in the exercises at the dedication of the Grant mausoleum on April 27.

The debt statement, issued on the 1st, showed a net decrease in the public debt, less cash in the treasury, for the month of March, of \$3,628,252. Total cash in the treasury, \$875,239,750.

On the 29th the president sent to the senate the nomination of Charles W. Tower, of Pennsylvania, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Austria-Hungary.

The United States weather bureau, on the 17th, gave out the startling information that 800 square miles of the state of Arkansas was under water and that the Mississippi river would continue to rise.

HON. WAYNE MACVEAGH, the retiring United States ambassador to Italy, with his wife and daughter, will sail from Southampton for New York, on April 10, on board the American line steamer New York.

The Italian government has arranged to send the steel corvette Liguria to New York upon the occasion of the dedication of the Grant mausoleum, on April 27, in response to the invitation of President McKinley.

On the 30th Senator Foraker introduced in the United States senate a modified form of the Patterson pooling bill, which permits railroads, under certain restrictions, to pool in the matter of transportation of freights.

The Ohio state board of pardons, on the 29th, unanimously rejected the application for clemency for William Haas, the Cincinnati murderer of Mrs. Wm. Brader, who is to be executed on April 8. Haas will be the first person to be electrocuted in Ohio.

Word was received in Brooklyn, on the 30th, of the death, from jungle fever, last January, in Central Africa, of Dr. Samuel G. Armour, a young physician, in the service of the Belgian government. Dr. Armour's father is Thomas Armour, of Millersburg, O.

A DISPATCH from Constantinople, on the 1st, declared that a proposal to purchase the island of Crete, made to Turkey by Greece, had been declined by the port, which would not undertake separate negotiations so long as Turkey remained in accord with the European concert.

DR. JOSEPH J. LUIZ, found guilty in the United States court at Baltimore, Md., of conspiracy and sending an armed military expedition against a friendly nation, was, on the 29th, refused a new trial and sentenced to 18 months in the Baltimore jail and to pay a fine of \$500.

NATIONAL bank notes outstanding on March 31, 1897, amounted to \$233,708,894, a decrease during the month of \$41,046, but an increase since March 31, 1896, of \$12,481,089. The gold coinage during the month amounted to \$13,770,900, while 1,400,250 silver dollars were struck off.

T. A. RHODES, an old soldier, formerly employed as a compositor in the government printing office, has entered suit against E. E. Benedict, ex-public printer, claiming \$300 damages for violation of civil service rules. It is understood that a number of similar suits will be entered.

The steam yacht El Rio Rey, carrying the St. Louis Republic correspondent, sank in 40 feet of water in front of the city of Memphis, on the 30th, at 4 a. m. The crew, five in number, consisting of Capt. Saunders, John Fitzgerald, P. Burke, T. A. Burke and Geo. Schultz, had narrow escapes.

On the 2d the Metropolitan Iron and Land Co. announced an increase in the wage scale in their mines in Ironwood, Mich., of ten per cent. This increase will affect every miner working in the Norrie and East Norrie mines, about a thousand men in all, and means an increase of from 18 to 30 cents per day.

M. ALBERT AUGUSTE GABRIEL HANO-TAUX, French minister of foreign affairs, and Count Albert de Mur, the celebrated French poet, and philosopher and member of the chamber of deputies for the arrondissement of Morlaix, in the department of Finistere, were elected members of the French academy on the 1st.

A DISPATCH from Havana, on the 29th, gave account of a battle near Cabezadas, in the Rio Hondo district, in which 100 patriots were defeated, after a stubborn resistance, by a superior force of Spaniards, who captured Gen. Rivera, the successor of Gen. Maceo, who was severely wounded in three places. Col. Bacallao and Lieut. Terry were also captured, the latter dying soon after of his wounds.

MINISTER DENBY, at Peking, informs the state department that the West river has been finally opened to foreign commerce. This great river, which Canton is situated, with Hong Kong at its mouth, is the highway of southwestern China, and the largest goods distributor of that rich district, giving, as it does, access to the three large provinces of Kwangsi, Yunnan and Kweichow, with a population of 25,000,000.

The department of state is advised from Constantinople that Yessuf Yussuf, who was charged with the distribution of relief funds in Saird, Asiatic Turkey, was recently murdered and robbed of \$500. On the assumption that the victim was engaged in distributing American relief funds, Mr. Terrell, American minister, made prompt request for the recovery of the stolen money and the arrest and punishment of the guilty.

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

(Special Session.)

In the senate, on the 29th, during a short session, a bill was passed appropriating \$200,000 to be expended in saving life and property in the flooded district of the Mississippi valley; also a bill to approve a compromise and settlement between the United States and the state of Arkansas. Two hours and a half was spent in executive session discussing the arbitration treaty and the question of the tariff bill. The high rates of duty imposed in the cotton and woolen schedules were attacked by Messrs. McCall, Levering, Massachusetts, and defended by Messrs. Grosvenor (O.), Russell (Conn.) and Dingley (Me.). When the committee report was made immediately available \$250,000 for protection of life and property in the lower Mississippi valley was appropriated.

In the senate, on the 30th, Mr. Allen (Pop. Neb.) spoke more than an hour to prove that Congress has the power to impose a tariff on articles of daily consumption for the express and avowed purpose of increasing the private fortunes of one or more persons at the expense of the masses. House amendments to senate joint resolution appropriating \$250,000 to aid in protection of life and property in the lower Mississippi valley were discussed. The joint resolution was amended to include the joint resolution sent to the president. In the house the bill was passed by a vote of 157 yeas to 100 nays. The bill was amended to impose a tariff on articles of daily consumption for the express and avowed purpose of increasing the private fortunes of one or more persons at the expense of the masses. House amendments to senate joint resolution appropriating \$250,000 to aid in protection of life and property in the lower Mississippi valley were discussed. The joint resolution was amended to include the joint resolution sent to the president.

In the senate, on the 31st, the only matters of public interest treated in open session were two resolutions upon the subject of Cuba, both of which went over without action. At 12:25 p. m. the senate passed a joint resolution in executive session, including the arbitration treaty and the question of filling the vacancies in the standing committees. At 1:15 p. m. the debate on the tariff bill under the five-minute rule having ended by limitation of rule, the vote on the measure was taken and resulted: Yeas 102, nays 92, absentees 10. The affirmative vote was composed of 199 republicans, including Speaker Reed, four democrats and two populists. The negative vote of 117 democrats and four populists.

In the senate, on the 1st, during the hour of public interest treated in open session was a resolution authorizing the secretary of the navy to pass a vessel and a chartered merchant vessel at the disposal of the collector of the port of New York for transporting supplies to relieve the famine-stricken India. The resolution, offered by Mr. Morgan (dem. Ala.), as to the obligations assumed by the United States toward the people of Cuba in asserting and maintaining the right to prevent the acquisition of the island by any European power, was in executive session from 1 p. m. until 5:15, when it adjourned to the 5th. The house was not in session on the 1st.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

HON. THOMAS F. BAYARD, late United States ambassador to the court of St. James, with his family, will sail for New York on either May 8 or May 15. This bark at Higgsville, Ill., was blown off early on the morning of the 30th. Three dynamite explosions broke the vault, but the safe, in which the money was kept, was not opened. The robbers got \$400 in the vault and escaped on a stolen hand-car.

Just at dusk, on the evening of the 30th, a cyclone which destroyed everything in its path, but one building, a hotel, being left intact. The first report said that a dozen or more persons had been killed, and 150 badly injured, while a later dispatch said that the number of persons thought to be dead under the ruins. Only daylight could reveal the true state of things.

C. N. BUDD, of Sparta, Tenn., killed his wife on the 30th, and then committed suicide. He left a letter saying that he committed the crime because his wife would not love him.

THERE was an accident on the 31st, on the Hoosac Tunnel & Wilmington road, a quarter of a mile below Readsboro, Mass. The cars rolled over on their sides and lodged on the brink of a bank 25 feet high. Several passengers were more or less injured, but no fatalities occurred. Spreading rails caused the accident.

The boom in Argentine securities is continuing on the London stock exchange, the activity being due to the decision of the Argentine government to resume payment of full interest upon the debt and cancel the obligation of the year in advance of the time agreed upon.

LATER news from the cyclone-swept town of Chandler, Okla., greatly increases the number of the dead, while the added horror that many of these met their fate in the flames that destroyed the ruins of their homes or places of business.

The Dingley tariff bill passed the house on the 31st—205 yeas, 121 nays, present and not voting, 21. Five democrats—Broussard, Dovey and Meyer, of Louisiana, and Kleberg and Slayden, of Texas, voted for the bill amid applause.

Ten business houses at Albany, Ind., were destroyed by fire on the 31st. Loss, \$40,000; insurance, about \$20,000. The Red Cross society has made an international appeal for aid for the inhabitants of Crete. The armed insurgents are able to obtain provisions by going to the coast for supplies, but the people of living inland are destitute.

WHILE masons were tearing down the New Hartford house at Winstead, Conn., the oldest landmark in that part of the state, on the 31st, they unearthed a bottle of wine which was placed there when the hotel was built, 135 years ago.

The state department declared, on the 31st, that Consul-General Lee had not been granted a leave of absence to take effect on the 15th, as published, or on any other date. Gen. Lee had not asked for leave.

STRONG J. FIELD, associate justice of the United States supreme court, has decided to retire from the bench in July. PUBLIC PRINTER PALMER, on the 2d, resumed charge of the government printing office after an absence of three years. He found a handsome bouquet of roses on his desk from the employes, all of whom were glad to see him back.

JACOB N. SAMPSON, the assistant prosecuting attorney of Lenawee county, Mich., who was indicted for conniving at the escape of Anton N. Christensen, arrested in New York city on a charge of embezzlement, was arraigned before Justice McMahon, in general sessions, on the 1st, and released on \$500 bail.

NOAH RABY, on the 1st, celebrated his one hundred and twenty-fifth birthday anniversary in the Pleasantway (N. J.) parlorhouse. His wife is about to begin foreclosures of mortgages upon about \$400,000 worth of Chicago property.

The nomination of Benjamin Buttrick, of Ohio, as commissioner of patents, was sent to the senate by the president on the 1st.

COL. FRED GRANT decided, on the 2d, to decline President McKinley's offer of the position of first assistant secretary of war.

A NEW Atlantic cable is being manufactured at Calais, France, and will shortly be laid to the United States.

MALTY breaker, an immense structure operated by the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. at Maltby, five miles from Wilkesbarre, Pa., was destroyed by fire on the 2d. It was one of the best-equipped coal breakers in the Wyoming region, containing all the modern machinery, and employed about 800 men, and had a capacity of 1,600 tons per day.

An explosion, on the night of the 1st, wrecked the dryhouse of the Shamokin Powder Co., four miles west of Shamokin, Pa. The shock was felt for many miles. The barn of David Hart, a farmer living near the mill, was blown up in the same manner, caught fire and was entirely destroyed.

A SERIOUS riot occurred, on the 2d, at Antequera, 28 miles from Malaga, in the province of Andalusia, Spain, caused by a popular uprising against the imposition of the octroi tax. Several people were injured before the police were able to suppress the disorder.

On the 2d Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristol made his first appointments of fourth-class postmasters. His predecessor, Mr. Maxwell, did not appoint anyone for his last month, which left a vacancy in about 2,500 places to fill, caused by deaths, resignations and removals.

The four members of the Button gang, Frank and Antonio Borrego, Lauriano Alarid and Patricio Valencia, were hanged in the jail yard at Santa Fe, N. M., on the 2d. The four were convicted by ex-Sheriff Frank Chavez, on the night of May 29, 1892.

CORNELIUS O'DONNELL and John Baird, two oil men of Pennsylvania, were blown to atoms near Celina, O., on the 2d, by an accidental explosion of nitroglycerine.

The steamer Griggs of the Queen line, plying between Columbus, Ga., and Appalachicola, Fla., on the Chatahochee river, was sunk 17 miles north of Columbus, Ala., at one o'clock on the morning of the 2d. Five persons are known to have been drowned and four others are now in progress of being rescued.

It is stated on undoubted authority that the efficient manner in which the Turkish forces were mobilized on the Greek frontier is due to German officers, and it is added that all the plans of campaign entrusted to them to carry out have been prepared by able strategists in Germany.

The bishop of Canea has sent a message of fervent appeal to the Christian people of Europe, imploring them to compel their governments to stop bombarding, and to cease opposing the unanimous desire of Cretans to escape tyrannical rule by a union with Crete.

JOSEPH FIELD, the oldest person in Monmouth county, N. J., died on the night of the 1st, aged 104 years. "Uncle Joe" was born September 26, 1792, on the homestead farm in Middleton township, and lived there all his life. He remained single till he was 73 years old.

JOSEPH R. McMAHAN, owner of McMahon's circus, was shot and fatally wounded at Wichita, Kan., on the 2d, by J. P. Cunningham, deputy sheriff of Taylor county, Tex. The shooting arose over the arrest of one of the circus performers named Purdy, on the charge of burning the Windsor hotel in Abilene, Tex.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

THE senate was not in session on the 3d. In the house a message was received from the senate transmitting the joint resolution authorizing the secretary of the navy to transport in suitable American vessels, which he shall charter, contributions of the people of the United States for the famine-stricken people of India. After some discussion the resolution was adopted by a common consent. The house adjourned until the 7th.

COMPTROLLER ECKELS has refused to permit the proposed reorganization of the defunct Missouri national bank of Kansas City. The bank failed last fall, owing \$1,500,000. Those favoring reorganization had secured the signatures of 1,947 creditors, representing \$901,530 of the bank's liabilities, while 638 creditors, representing \$347,440, had refused to give their consent.

The foreign embassies and legations in Washington are watching the progress of the tariff bill with great care, as it materially affects all commercial nations. Reports are being forwarded to the various foreign offices, and there in turn are being made public abroad for the information of concerns shipping goods to the United States.

A DISPATCH from Havana says: Acting Capt.-Gen. Ahumada has received orders from Minister of War Azcarraza, Madrid, not to try Gen. Ruiz Rivera immediately by court-martial. The minister thinks that a summary court-martial, followed by the shooting of Rivera and Bacallao, would have a bad effect in Europe.

The annual eight-act race between the universities of Oxford and Cambridge was rowed, on the 3d, over the Thames championship course of four and one-half miles, from Putney to Mortlake, and was won by Oxford by three lengths.

The last report of the retiring superintendent of the Quincy (Ill.) soldiers' home, Wm. B. Kirkwood, shows that there is due the home the sum of \$75,000 from the state treasurer, and that the home sadly needs the funds.

A SPECIAL dispatch from Washington says: Senator Foraker is determined to push his railway pooling bill to a vote in the senate before the close of the extra session, if possible. The steamship Fuster Bismarck, which arrived at New York on the 4th, from Mediterranean ports, brought nearly 1,000 Italian immigrants.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

MISSOURI Schools. The state superintendent of schools has made his annual report. The school funds, including certificates of indebtedness, aggregated \$12,250,354. The school year in Missouri is between 9 and 10 years. The proportion of state school money to the various counties is a fraction less than \$1 per head, and there are 968,190 school children in the state of which number 51,833 are colored. Subdivided the enumeration is as follows: White males, 492,722; white females, 477,180; colored males, 23,912; colored females, 25,721. On an average each child goes to school 80 days, and the average school term the state over is 149 days. There are 10,323 schools in the state for white children and 483 for colored children. The colored schools have a seating capacity of 23,828, showing more than one-third of them do not attend school.

According to Prof. Kirk's statistics, which are undoubtedly correct, school-teachers are not so poorly paid in Missouri as in many other states, the average monthly salary being \$45. The female teachers far outnumber the males. Of the former there are 8,831 and of the latter 5,913. Log schoolhouses are not entirely out of vogue in Missouri, as Prof. Kirk has discovered in the reports of 1922 schools. Of the other 81 are stone, 614 brick and 8,806 frame. During the last year 304 new school houses were built.

James McKinney, a wholesale produce dealer and merchant of Kansas City, has apparently succeeded in cornering the onion market. He has contracted for 27,000 barrels of fancy, kiln-dried stock that will keep for months, and has stored them, awaiting an advance in price. Many wholesale dealers, needing immediate orders, have been forced to buy at a price of \$1.75 and \$2.25.

The Governor's Military Staff. The governor has named the following gentlemen as members of his military staff: Harrison I. Drummond, St. Louis, quartermaster-general; E. F. Sweeney, Kansas City, paymaster-general; A. Banks, Carthage, commissary-general; O. M. Spencer, St. Joseph, judge advocate-general, each with the rank of brigadier-general; H. H. Hoenschel, Bolia, inspector-general, with the rank of colonel of cavalry; E. H. Allen, Malden; Lawrence O. Branch, St. Louis; and Wm. H. Johnson, Bolia, aide-de-camp, each with the rank of lieutenant-colonel of cavalry.

MISSOURI Finances. State Treasurer Frank L. Pitts has filed with the auditor his statement at the transactions of the treasury during the month of March. It shows the following: Balance in treasury February 27, 1897, \$1,475,420.40; receipts during March, \$449,220.67; disbursements during March, \$449,220.67; balance in the treasury March 31, \$1,475,420.40; earnings of the penitentiary, \$11,240.00. The state received for interest from the state deposits in the treasury during the month of February, \$1,838.00, and for the month of March, \$2,300.

MISSOURI Crops. The government crop report issued April 1 had this to say about Missouri crops: Frequent rains and snows have kept ground wet for farm work, except in a few extreme southern counties, where oats sowing and corn planting are now in progress. The wheat crop above normal, except in northwest portion, and unusually heavy in southeast portion, with wheat badly hit by winter killing; clover also frozen out badly in some districts, and drive capital from some districts; other fruits all right.

State Assessment Bill Vetted. Gov. Stephens has vetoed what is known as the State assessment bill. The veto message concludes as follows: The result of such a law would be to flood the courts with litigation, disorganize the treasury, restrain the free exchange of negotiable paper, if not rob it of its negotiability entirely, hamper business, render it especially hard for the borrower to obtain a loan, and drive capital from the state to seek other and better fields for investment.

Refuses to Resign. Dr. D. H. Young, president of the board of managers of Fulton asylum for the insane, has been asked to resign by Stephens. The doctor answers: "I have never under my oath of office in all particulars, and as you charge no violation of the law or duty on my part, and being conscious of none myself, I am compelled to refuse compliance with your demand."

MISSOURI Wheat. The Missouri wheat acreage this season is estimated by J. P. Rippey, of Columbia, secretary of the board of agriculture, to be about the same as last year's, but he estimates also that 22 per cent of it will have to be plowed under, and that the addition of the crop on the 73 per cent left is only 64 per cent of the normal at this season.

New Missouri Bank. The applications of the following persons for authority to organize "The Ozark national bank of Springfield," with a capital of \$100,000, has been approved: J. D. Sheppard, M. L. Middleby, A. B. Appleby, E. L. Hoke, G. W. Anthony.

Population of St. Louis. The new directory of St. Louis contains 121,859 names, an increase of 9,100 over 1896. The publisher estimates the population at 638,377. The longest name in the directory is Ahrenhoestercbaum.

Captured in California. Thomas H. Demit, accused of embezzling \$2,500 from the T. A. Miller Lumber Co., while manager of its yards at Bolivar, has been captured in Santa Ana, Cal.

Result of a Correspondence. George Wetzell, of Seattle, Wash., and Miss Fannie Howerton, daughter of a Johnston county farmer, became acquainted by correspondence and married.

A Hot Campaign. The recent municipal campaign in St. Louis was the hottest ever known in the city. The mayor of St. Louis has more patronage than the governor.

Kansas City Merchants. Gambler & Friedlisch, general merchants, Kansas City, have given a deed of trust. Assets placed at \$61,800, with estimated liabilities of \$18,300.

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Killed by a Doctor. Frank J. Jackson, a prosperous laundryman, was shot and killed in Kansas City by Dr. Jefferson D. Goddard, who was attending Mrs. Jackson.

MISSOURI METHODISTS.

The Missouri Conference at Bethany. The Missouri conference at Bethany, Bishop Cranston presiding, was held at Bethany, Bishop Cranston presiding. A resolution denouncing prize-fighting was passed. The names of Corbett, Fitzsimmons and wife and John J. Ingalls appeared in the resolution, but the preachers had no wish to advertise those persons in the records of the conference, and the names were stricken out quickly, and then the resolution was adopted with wild applause. The trial for heresy of Rev. C. E. Cunningham was referred to his presiding elder. It seems that the heresy in the case is that the good brother forgot himself in the recent campaign and talked free silver instead of preaching the Gospel. Thirteen new preachers were admitted to traveling connection. Six others were ordained as deacons, and seven others were made elders.

The following is a list of the appointments: Cameron District—J. W. Anderson, presiding elder; Braymer, H. C. Collins; Breckinridge, O. Beliste; Cameron, J. H. Poland; Chillicothe, J. O. Taylor; China, Chas. W. E. Coates; Coffeyburg and Gilman, Lewis Weaver; Cowgill, Homer E. Shepard; Dawn, township, by N. C. Foster; Gault, James C. Coker; Hamilton, C. W. Caseley; Hamilton circuit, C. W. Campbell; Harris, supply; Jamesport, W. P. Dunn; Kidder, S. W. Jones; Kingston, R. E. Reno; Laredo, J. Will Coughlan; Linnex, J. F. Mesner; Ludlow, J. W. Coughlan; Luerne, by C. A. B. Watson; Meadville, J. S. Howard; Mercer, H. Rostock; Pattonburg, G. T. Clark; Princeton, T. J. Eneyart; Spickard, C. H. McDermond; Trenton, E. B. King; Weston, James L. Giles.

Maryville District—J. J. Bentley, presiding elder, Maryville. Allendale, supplied by T. R. Gregory; Barnard, Eli Edmonds; Bolocook, H. F. McNamee; Burlington Junction, M. B. Smith; Clearmont, C. A. Johnson; Craig, B. J. Donaldson; Graham, M. H. Jordan; Grand City, J. K. Hicks; Hopkins, B. M. Danford; Maitland, E. E. Wood; Maryville, G. L. Haight; Mound City, A. J. Brock; Parnell, Lone Douglass; Pickering, N. J. Moats; Quitman, F. D. Bieber; Rockport, T. H. G. Perry; Rosenda, K. T. supplied; Sheridan, supplied by E. G. Vines; Skidmore, William Nelson; Stanberry, R. L. Thompson; Tarkio, O. S. Middleton; Watson, William A. Yetter; Westboro, E. L. Jeffers.

St. Joseph District—I. S. Ware, presiding elder, Albany. Albany, S. C. Gathers; Amazonia, Leland T. Mott; Amity, W. H. Welton; Bethany, T. J. Laec; Blue Ridge, E. A. Rodman; Cainsville, E. O. Wells; Clarkdale, supplied by A. L. Pritchett; Coatesby, Charles E. Petric; Darlington, Julius R. Fick; Eagleview, J. A. Still; Edgerton, C. C. Case; Fairport, W. W. Skokosberry; Filmore, W. H. Herbert; King City, Thomas Wolcutt; Lathrop and Plattsburg, H. C. Dayhoff; Martinsville, O. P. Kutzner; Mayville, W. R. Eneyart; Oregon, H. Crampton; Osborn and Turkey, B. F. Gaither; Ridgeway, C. H. Porter; Savannah, B. W. Wilcox; Steubenville, W. G. Kelley; St. Joseph, First church, C. H. Stocking; St. Joseph, Huffman Memorial, C. O. Mills; St. Joseph, St. Paul, E. O. Robinson; St. Joseph, Oakland and South Park, Lincoln Howard; St. Joseph, Wesley, Charles W. Nall; Union Star, W. C. Harrell; Union, G. A. Lewis.

Hannibal District—W. F. Clayton, presiding elder, Cameron. Beaver and St. Catherine, supplied by T. R. Gregory; Bowling Green, J. M. Leidy; Bosworth, S. D. Kendall; Brookfield, W. M. Sapp; Carrollton, D. B. Lake; Clarence, J. Winbinger; Hale, J. D. Menzies; Hannibal, Broadway, W. C. Evers; Hannibal, Hope Street, W. H. Lavake; Laclede, J. H. Cox; Louisiana, W. B. Christy; Macon, G. A. Robbins; Marcelline, I. A. Crow; Mendon, G. W. Norris; Mexico, I. F. Lusk; Moberly, C. F. Phillips; Rothville and Sumner, J. B. Cline; Shiloh, T. A. Bandy; Shelbyville, James Chatter; Tins, T. J. Ferris; Truxton, Andrew McAllen; Vandalia and Laddonia, E. G. Herbert; Wellsville, O. S. Bashford; West Hartford, Frank D. Harrison; Wakenda, Byron H. Wilson.

Kirksville District—L. E. Simmes, presiding elder, Kirksville. Atlanta, John B. Kipple; Brashear, R. Carlyon; Browning, G. W. Morley; Canton, W. H. Hormel; Downing, W. J. Powers; Edina, J. A. Showalter; Glenwood, Joseph J. Hicks; Granger, L. F. Harman; Green Castle, J. W. Britton; Green City, Arthur T. Henry; Greenport, Thomas C. Taylor; Kahoka, S. Knupp; Kirksville, J. L. Pierce; Labelle, supplied by J. O. Carder; Lancaster, C. J. Warner; La Plata, L. E. Lewis; Memphis, John Gillies; Memphis circuit, J. J. Smiley; Mendota, Reuben F. Stone; Milan, Wm. F. Burris; Millard, supplied by J. J. Beckham; Nowley, John Bove; Noyvinger, H. M. Ingram; Pollock, supplied by W. H. Doyle; Queen City, Charles A. Hodshire; Revere, Chas. N. Wood; Rutledge, John W. Rose; Unionville, D. S. Smith; Unionville circuit, supplied by Harry Davenport; Wyaconia, John W. Taylor.

Religious in Colonization. The state universities are great mission fields. By the very nature of their establishment they can not support religious training, which must, therefore, be supported in connection with the universities by religious bodies.—Rev. W. M. Mertz, Disciple, Detroit, Mich.

FRESH FROM EUROPE. Mr. Coningbly Disraeli, Lord Beaconsfield's nephew and heir, was recently married to Miss Silva in London. Parisians are disturbed at a scheme that threatens to ruin the Champs Elysees. The noisy steam surface line from San German which now stops at the Arc de Triomphe is to be extended to the Rond Point, nearly opposite the Palais de l'Industrie.

Height has been made a condition for the admission of women to the British postal service, on the ground that the department cannot adapt the furniture of the post offices to the size of its servants. Girls of 15 must be at least five feet tall, those of 16 five feet one, and those of 18 five feet two.

A jovial old lady of Paris, after providing liberally for some distant relatives, left by mail \$400,000 in small sums to a large number of casual acquaintances that she picked up in the streets. She was an invalid and had been left without near relatives or connections, but being determined to have jolly people about her, she gave balls and parties to which she invited any person whose face attracted her in omnibuses or shops.

DUN'S COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

Failures for the First Three Months of the Year—The Markets are Still Waiting, with Prices Fluctuating, Some Sagging Downward and Others Recovering—The Market for Products Variable and Uncertain—Iron and Steel. New York, April 3.—R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly review of trade today say: Failures reported to-day for the first quarter of 1897 number 4,992, against 4,081 last year, with liabilities of \$48,087,911, against \$57,425,133 last year.

The markets are still waiting, some sagging downward and others recovering. There is much disposition to use the decision of the supreme court against railroad combinations as an instrument for depressing stocks, and yet buying has prevented a decline exceeding \$1 per share, and for trust stocks 20 cents per share.

The reports of railroad earnings for the quarter have been somewhat encouraging, the aggregate having been on roads within the United States only 3.3 per cent smaller than last year, and the March returns have been rather more favorable than those for January or February.

The vote of the house in favor of a new tariff bill has made no impression in business, since it has been expected since November that some measure of the sort would be passed. It has not become a law. If the bill stands, with its provision making new duties applicable April 1, the chances are that foreign imports and treasury receipts may be for a time considerably restricted.

The market for products has been variable and uncertain. The iron and steel industry has been staggered, so to speak, by the decision of the supreme court affecting railroads, since it is apprehended that purchases not only of rails, but of cars, locomotive and bridge metals may be affected. The demand for rails has been considerable, and one order is pending for 10,000 tons for Japan, but the reduction in Mesaba ore, with the want of agreement as yet among producers of hard ores, tends to encourage the belief in lower prices for finished products, and the market is still in a state of uncertainty.

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