

The Intelligencer.

COLLECTOR M'GRAW.

Has the large R. of reform dropped out of President Cleveland's bright lexicon?

Of a Correspondent that He is Rolling the Logs for All Williams, of Parkersburg. He also Declines any Aspirations to be a Member of Congress.

The Ohio Valley knows how to sympathize with the food-visited communities in the East. Our cup was so full that it ran over.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—Ex-Surveyor General A. H. Beach, of Wheeling, is in Washington. He has a lucrative position with the National Mutual Life Association, of this city.

FRONKST-GENERAL GARLAND cannot be induced to wear a spade-tail coat. The pockets of such a garment wouldn't hold the hair of his telephone stock.

Collector McGraw left for his home last night after a three days' business trip in Washington and Baltimore. Your correspondent met him with a crowd of West Virginians at his hotel before he left and asked him if he saw the Register's Washington dispatch Friday in which he was reported as saying he was here to look after all Williams' confirmation. He said: "Yes, and let me tell you I never had such a conversation or interview with the Register's correspondent. I don't know that Williams' confirmation is contested or that it needs looking after. Why is it that a Republican insists on sending such sensational and manufactured matter, which can be of no interest to anybody and only a source of annoyance to me, I can't understand. Our people want the news, and all this sensational stuff is unnecessary. The facts in my case are simply these: I before the committee with over two thousand others, awaiting the result of the fight between the President and the Senate. On the determination of that issue depends my confirmation or rejection. I am ready for a re-election, in respect to my position."

A MASON-GENERAL'S widow receive a pension of \$500 a year. A man who earns that high rank in the United States army, as Hancock did, deserves to be better remembered by his country.

What about McCormick's opposition? "I don't know anything about it. I have not found any protests on file from him or his friends."

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CONDITION OF CATTLE.

Not Near So Much Lost Caused by the Cold Weather as Feared.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—According to a morning paper it does not appear that the cattle losses the present winter in Texas, Kansas, Colorado, Dakota and Wyoming have been heavy. The reports from Texas show losses of five percent; from Kansas the number frozen during the late fall blizzard is put at 25,000 instead of 100,000, as has been stated heretofore. In Colorado the losses are not over two percent, and in Wyoming one percent.

The advices from Texas say that the only section that reports any considerable loss in the State is in the northern tier of panhandle counties, where the feed was meager.

The most serious loss reported is on ranges south of Mobeetie and Fort Elliott. The loss was put at eighty percent. Investigation brings it down to thirty percent as the greatest possible loss.

Kansas dispatches say in regard to the losses there that as a rule the cattle losses occurred on the smooth ice over the streams and where the cattle drifted against the wire fences. There is no denying the fact that the cattle industry has been crippled in the western part of Kansas, but with favorable weather and a heavy snow cover will be in better condition than the grade cattle.

In Colorado, in some of the mountain ranges there is still danger of great losses, as the ranges were overstocked and feed has become scarce. The snow still lies deep on the grass, and it is almost impossible to transport sufficient hay for stock.

This state of affairs threatens to cause immense losses to individual stockmen, but it applies only to isolated cases, where there has not been sufficient time to accumulate food.

The Wyoming advices are that the cattle in the Territory never experienced a winter winter. No snow has fallen to a depth of more than one inch, and did not last two days at a time. None has fallen since January 1. Cattle are fatter than ever known this season, and it is for shipment. The winter weather has kept the streams open. It is expected that the due condition of the cow the percentage of calves in the spring will be above any previous year. Along the Platte River for three weeks the mercury ranged 60 to 70 above. The losses were insignificant, not exceeding one percent.

WINNIFRE, MAN, Feb. 13.—Hanchman reports a favorable winter, and the cattle coming through in prime condition. The snow is fast disappearing, and the outlook is good.

At St. Louis, Feb. 13.—The Treasurer of the Texas Live Stock Association claims that cattle generally have wintered better than usual. Recent special reports from the Texas Panhandle about the great destruction of cattle, he says, are untrue. Stockmen report cattle in good condition. The snow is disappearing, and the prospects for the year are very favorable.

SAM JONES' MINISTRATIONS in Cincinnati—A remarkable meeting at Cincinnati, O., Feb. 14.—An extraordinary scene took place to-night at Music Hall. It was the closing night of the Sam Jones and Sam Small. The services were to begin at 7:30 p. m. At 6 o'clock when the doors were opened over 4,000 people were pressing for admission, and five minutes after six o'clock the hall was packed. Then the stage was packed until the people, among them women, sat on the front edge. Eight thousand people were packed in the house. The Odeon adjoining was also packed full. Mr. Small preached there.

At 7 o'clock, when Dr. Jones made his appearance on the stage, he said he had appeared with great difficulty, that the front of the hall was packed with people vainly trying to enter, and that the streets for three squares were solid masses of people. He was sure that 25,000 people had tried to enter Music Hall. Fifteen minutes later another minister arrived and said there were over 30,000 people unable to get in. Ten minutes later Sam Jones appeared and told him there were 40,000 people in and about Music Hall. Jones preached to an attentive audience. He says home to-morrow to rest, and in two weeks begins preaching in Chicago.

A Sensational Murder. OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 14.—The grand jury yesterday found a true bill against John W. Laner, ex-supervisor of the Omaha Nail Works, for murder in the first degree, for killing his wife. The prisoner has been under bonds or in jail since the morning of the shooting, November 21. The tragedy for which Laner stands indicted created great excitement. The prisoner and his wife occupied the second floor, and his sister on the second floor of the residence at No. 2019 Douglas street. About 2:30 o'clock, on the morning of November 21, Laner aroused his sister and the neighbors by an alarm declaring he had been murdered, mistaking her for a burglar. Mrs. Laner was found lying dead across the threshold of their room with a bullet in her brain. Laner's region of the tragedy was at first accepted, but the recollection of trouble with his wife a year previous and evidence of it, together with circumstantial evidence as to the shooting, led to his being held for trial.

Ex-Governor Seymour's Funeral. UNION, N. Y., Feb. 14.—The funeral of ex-Governor Seymour will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from Trinity church. Bishop Huntington will conduct the services which will be very simple. No public services will be held at the house and the interment in Forest Hill cemetery will also be private. After the church service a public meeting will be held in the opera house, at which brief remarks will be made by ex-Senator Kenyon, Hon. H. H. Johnson and others. The remains will lie in state in the hall of ex-Senator Conkling's house from 10 to 12 a. m. Tuesday. Ex-Senator Conkling arrived here this afternoon. The pallbearers selected are Fred A. Conkling, of New York; John Constable, Walter S. Church, of Albany; Francis Kernan and Hon. William Jackson, of Utica.

Houston Wool Market. Boston, Feb. 13.—The Advertiser in its weekly review of the wool market says: The market has been quiet, and the situation is somewhat unsettled and somewhat unsatisfactory owing to the condition of the goods market and the labor troubles. Prices are generally fairly steady, but the fleece, owing to the competition from free importations of Argentine and Australian wools, are less firm, and sales in other markets have been made at lower prices. There has been some pressure to dispose of these wools here with a view to accounts. There has also been similar pressure to get old lots of California spring, but we hear of no large sales pending. An extreme price for Maine wools now is 40, against 45 previously asked and obtained. Some New York Michigan X cannot now be quoted above 35. There is some inquiry for No. 1 combing, and the offering is not large. Delaine has been quiet, as compared with previous weeks, and the demand for merino wools has been light. Few desirable territory wools are offering.

A Prospective Strike. NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—At 1 o'clock this morning the conductors and car drivers of the Brooklyn Street Railway had a secret meeting for the purpose of organizing under the Knights of Labor. It is believed that there will be a demand made by the men soon and a general strike in the event of non-compliance by the roads.

DAMAGING WATERS.

DESTRUCTIVE FLOODS EAST.

Roxbury, Mass., Suffers from the Erosion of Waters—Great Loss of Property—Distress Among the People—The Ice George at St. Louis Moves Out.

Boston, Feb. 14.—The area at Roxbury flooded by the overflow of Stony Brook is constantly increasing. The water has risen over a foot since yesterday, and through some streets the current rushes at the rate of ten miles an hour. Two square miles of the city is now under water from 2 to 3 feet. The section covered is nearly oblong in shape.

The cellars, and in some instances the first floors of nearly a thousand houses are flooded. In low sections the houses are almost entirely submerged. Over 150 families are affected and a conservative estimate of the loss to buildings and stock is \$500,000. The territory drained by Stony Brook comprises many square miles in Jamaica plain and Roxbury, and the snow and surface water on this section must all be added to the flood.

High Water at New York. NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Much damage is apparent from the flood in the Hudson at this point. In spite of the mild weather and rain of the past few days it was expected the ice would go out with nothing more than an ordinary freshet, but the water level is still higher than of 1870. The lower part of the city is inundated. Several horses have been drowned in their stables and the water is four or five feet deep where it was not expected at all. The flood is subsiding and it is believed the worst is past.

Damage at Harrisburg. HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 14.—The flood, caused by the break-up of the ice in the Susquehanna, has about subsided. To-day, in consequence of a break-up in the West branch and small streams, it rose several feet above the figures to which it had fallen last night. The water is still high. A canvass of the lower sections of the city show a great amount of damage estimated at from \$25,000 to \$30,000, and it falls almost entirely on the poorer class of people.

St. Louis Breaks—The Damage Done to Shipping. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 14.—The ice in the harbor made another move last night and crowded and crunched along until it was stopped by the solid mass which lay packed in lightly from shore to shore down the cotton compress south. On its way down the river it carried two ice and two sand barges away from their moorings and lodged them against the bank at the foot of Rutgers street. The wreck of the steamer T. F. Eckert. This boat was struck with tremendous force and great chunks of ice were piled up against and rolled over her. The pressure was too great for her spars, which had been jammed upon the edge of the shore, and she was pushed partly out on the bank and her side crushed in for about 60 feet.

Further down the river the Nellie Cook was crowded on shore, and she lost her spars and some other minor damage was done.

This morning between 7 and 8 o'clock the long looked for general break up took place, and huge masses of ice have been flowing through the harbor all day, but the damage has been remarkably light.

The most serious injury was to the Lulu Worth, a towboat, lying at the foot of Barton street. She was swept out into the stream, and after being tumbled and whirled about she was hurled upon the bank with great force against the high perpendicular bank just below the arsenal, badly battered and sunk. The transfer boat L. V. Bloy, lying near Chouteau avenue, had her bowboard well smashed. The General Becker, a tow-boat, was jammed upon the bank. The transfer boat, J. C. Mullen, had a wheel-house stove in and lost her rudder. The ferryboat, Andrew Christie, lost her rudder and had one side of her upper works somewhat jammed. The Gray River barge, which was jammed, valued at \$5,000, and laden with 250 tons of iron ore, had her side stove in and she sank. Several barges belonging to the Mississippi Valley Barge Company, and others, were also crowded upon the shore. The Missouri river has broken up as far west as the mouth of the Osage, and that stream and all the southern tributaries this side of there are running out freely, but there is no sign of freshets, and unless heavy rains fall there will be no flood here for a while at least.

The Boycott in Texas. GALVESTON, TEX., Feb. 14.—A special to the New York Sun says: The Knights of Labor in this city have actively espoused the cause of the boycott against the Mallory Steamship Company and the Gray Line. A committee was organized yesterday and received many promises to quit patronizing the Mallory line and to cease ordering Stearns' goods.

Boycott Listed. WILMINGTON, DEL., Feb. 14.—The boycott instituted against the Daily Republican on the 1st inst. by the Typographical Union and the Knights of Labor was officially raised last night, the Republican signing an agreement to employ union printers, and to make public apologies to the other unions. The boycott is maintained by various unjust attacks published in the paper.

Crabbed by Alarm. CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—The Inter Ocean's Madison, Ill., special says: Miss Georgia E. Aldridge, who so narrowly escaped being hung by