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CURRENT COMMENT.

SENATOR LOGAN has reintroduced his Army Efficiency bill, with the section stricken out which provides for an increase.

THE Secretary of the Treasury has issued a call for ten million dollars of three per cent. bonds. The call will mature June 1.

PRINCE BISMARCK was left \$1,880 lately by the will of a Warsaw merchant, who wished the Chancellor to buy a keepsake with the money.

A RESOLUTION was introduced in the New York State Senate recently providing that when in cases of tie-ups there is danger of loss of life and property from the running of street cars companies so tied up may refrain from operating their lines without forfeiture of their charters.

THE total value of exports during the twelve months ended March 3, 1886, were \$665,956,920, and during the preceding twelve months \$743,791,013, a decrease of \$77,834,093. The values of the imports for the twelve months ended March 31, 1886, were \$614,778,670, and for the preceding twelve months \$596,202,755, an increase of \$18,575,915.

THE Berlin Vossische Zeitung, in a special article treating of the German iron industry, asserts that the imposition of an additional duty of one mark per one hundred kilogrammes upon pig iron has resulted most unfavorably. It has prevented healthy competition and served to benefit a particular interest instead of the whole country. The paper presents an elaborate array of figures to prove its argument.

A RECENT dispatch from Dublin, Ireland, says: "It has just become known that a missing chapter house, which was buried during the great fire here in the thirteenth century, has been discovered by some workmen who were excavating underneath Christ Church Cathedral. In the chapter house were beautifully carved effigies, coins, tiles and marvelous specimens of architecture. The discovery has created quite a sensation."

A MEETING of holders of several hundred thousand trade dollars was held at Reading, Pa., recently. Letters favoring the passage of an act for the redemption of trade dollars was read from Senators Miller and Cameron and Congressman Armentrout. The meeting adjourned for a week, meanwhile to confer with the Board of Trade with the object of sending a joint committee to Washington to urge a speedy passage of the bill now before the Coinage Committee.

THE collection of internal revenue for the first nine months of the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1886, were as follows: From spirits, \$50,917,795; from tobacco, \$20,136,918; from fermented liquors, \$18,662,750; from miscellaneous, \$179,788, making a total of \$84,571,252, or an increase of \$2,974,048 over the collections for the corresponding period of the last fiscal year. The increase was \$820,219 on spirits, \$1,285,151 on tobacco, and \$893,807 on fermented liquors. The aggregate receipts for March, 1886, were \$549,825 greater than the receipts for March, 1885.

A CORRESPONDENT at Washington says: "There is no longer any doubt in the minds of the President's friends that he is to be married in June to Miss Folsom. Those who are intimate with him talk freely on the subject when they call at the White House, and several Senators have asked permission to tender their congratulations which the President has not declined, but has received with a smile. One old gentleman who called upon him commended him for his good sense in 'going directly to the nest' to get a bride, which seemed to please the President immensely."

A NEW West Texas industry has started at Cotulla, LaSalle County. It is a mesquite country, covered with miles and miles of prickly pear. A local firm is under contract to ship to Tyler, Tex., a number of car-loads of the cactus. A factory has been erected there in which it will be crushed, threaded and dressed. Its oil will be used as a lubricant, its fiber for rope and the husk for paper, of which latter it is calculated that a very strong, brown article will be produced. This is the first car-load of the vegetable ever shipped. Its only anterior use has been as a food for cattle after the thorns are skinned off, and in furnishing water in times of drouth, of which fluid it contains great quantities.

COMMISSIONER SPARKS, of the General Land Office, was reported as completing the organization of a special board of review, the duties of which will be to examine and report to the Commissioner upon all applications for patents to public lands. Its examination will have special reference to detect evidence of fraud. The board will consist of fifteen or twenty of the more expert clerks of the General Land Office, detailed for this special service, and such cases as receive a favorable report from this board the Commissioner will certify to the President for patent. The field force in the West has recently been increased by twelve newly appointed special agents, eight of whom will give their special attention to the detection of fraudulent entries. The other four will look after the interests of the Government in timber trespass cases.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Cleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESSIONAL.

No business of general importance was transacted in the Senate on the 19th, the Senate being most of the time in executive session. In the House several bills were introduced and committee reported. After considerable talk over precedence of bills, the resolution in Kansas passed under a suspension of the rules. Again the House became involved in a struggle over suspending the rules for favorite measures and finally adjourned without accomplishing anything.

In the Senate on the 21st the bill passed granting the right of way through the military reservation at Fort Leavenworth to the Leavenworth, Northern & Southern road. All the private pension bills on the calendar, except about half a dozen, passed. Many other private and local bills also passed during the executive session of the Senate adjourned.

In the House, among the bills favoring the river and harbor bill was taken up in Committee on the whole and pending until adjournment.

In the Senate on the 22d the bill to indemnify Chinese who suffered in the Rock Spring riot was reported favorably. The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of the Inter-State Commerce bill, which was laid over and the Senate went into executive session, and then adjourned until Monday.

In the House, at the expiration of the hour, the river and harbor bill was taken up and debate continued until adjournment.

The Senate was not in session on the 23d. The House met in continuation of the session of the night before and immediately went into Committee on the Whole on the river and harbor bill. Just before noon the committee rose and the House adjourned.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL. THE President, on the 23d, sent a message to Congress advocating the establishment of a National Board to settle labor disputes wherever practicable.

AMONG the recent confirmations by the Senate was Zach Montgomery, to be Assistant Attorney General for the United States Eastern Department.

LORD ORMSWATHIE, owning property near Listowel, County Kerry, Ireland, has been boycotted.

THE Tammany Sachems elected for 1886 are: John Kelly, John McQuade, George E. Foster, James J. Slavin, Richard Croker, Hugh F. Grant, James A. Flach, Charles Weld, Bernard F. Martin, John Cochrane and Morgan J. O'Brien.

THE jury in the case of General Shaler, of New York, disagreed and were discharged. They stood eight to four for acquittal.

WILLIAM M. WEST, of Kentucky, has been confirmed as Governor of Utah by the Senate by a vote of 45 to 15.

THE House Committee on the War Department Expenditures has adopted a resolution exonerating General Hazen from any suspicion of fraud or corruption.

THE French Chamber of Deputies, by a vote of 350 to 151, adopted the Exhibition bill with the proposed amendment requiring exhibitors to pay for their space, and excluding foreign labor and material.

DR. PETERS, ex-President Arthur's attending physician, declares positively that the reports concerning the ex-President's illness have been exaggerated.

GENERAL MILLS wrote to Washington recently detailing the unprotected condition of the National boundary from El Paso to the Colorado river and advising an appropriation of \$300,000 by Congress for strengthening the present posts and establishing new ones between the places named.

THIS bill to pension prisoners of war reported to the House will, it is estimated, require the expenditure of \$1,000,000 annually over and above the previous pension accounts.

SECRETARY LAMAR has demanded the restoration to the public domain of 12,000 acres of land claimed to have been illegally patented to the St. Joseph & Denver City railway in 1874.

FATHER ABRAHAM J. RYAN, the poet priest of the St. Albans, died at Louisville, Ky., recently, after a brief illness, from brain fever.

STRIKE NOTES. GOVERNOR O'LEARY addressed the Lake Shore strikers in Chicago on the 20th. The company was unable to move its freight trains.

FIVE hundred employees of the Missouri Car and Foundry Company, St. Louis, struck on the 23d. The strike was on account of the boycott on the Gould system.

W. W. WINTERS, of St. Louis, has been acquitted of the charge of placing dynamite on the track of a street railway during the strike last fall in that city.

THE sugar refiners at Hunter's Point, L. I., on strike, on the 23d had a fight with the police, who were overpowered. The strikers then dumped a lot of sugar into the street. The police were reinforced later and drove the mob away. Several of the police and rioters were more or less injured.

T. V. POWDERLY was before the special committee of the House of Representatives investigating the labor troubles on the 20th. Mr. Powderly gave the history and objects of the Knights of Labor as an organization.

THE furniture factory of A. H. Andrews & Co., Chicago, burned the other morning and the loss was estimated at \$100,000. The firm had been having a controversy with its workmen concerning wages.

SIX THOUSAND employees of the sugar refineries of the eastern district Brooklyn, N. Y., have struck because of the non-compliance of the proprietors with a demand for an advance of wages.

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THE strike inaugurated by the watchmen of Grammont, in East Flanders, Belgium, was reported spreading and becoming serious. The strikers barricaded the bridges over the Denner river, and from beyond these obstructions made an attack with stones on the gendarmes. A fight ensued, resulting in the rout of the rioters.

MISCELLANEOUS. THE Land Development Association (limited) of London, has failed with \$300,000 liabilities.

THE City National Bank, of Williamsport, Pa., closed its doors on the 20th. The cause of the collapse was due to a defalcation of over a year ago, which the directors had endeavored to keep secret, but which, leaking out, affected the bank's stability.

A DISPATCH from Mandalay of the 21st states there has been more fighting and a serious defeat of the British troops near the Burmese capital.

THE French cable was reported broken 300 miles out from Duxbury, Mass.

THE bill repealing the Broadway surface railroad franchise passed the New York Assembly by a vote of 109 to 10.

A NUMBER of workmen were buried last fall by a land slide at the quarries near Boulogne, France. It was thought all perished at the time, but recent investigations show that the unfortunate men were entombed alive and that they lived upon the bodies of one another until all finally died of starvation.

THE Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad running from Galveston to Fort Worth, Tex.

TWO Hungarian miners were killed and two others seriously injured recently by the premature explosion of a blast in a mine near Shenandoah, Pa.

AS ultimatum was dispatched to Greece on the 21st intimating that the Powers were in perfect accord in fixing a limit to the time within which Greece must disarm, and that otherwise serious steps would be taken to enforce their demands.

ONE of the three tenements composing the building known as Libby prison, at Richmond, Va., used during the late war for keeping Federal prisoners, collapsed the other evening from overburdened floors. The building was occupied by the Southern Fertilizing Company, and the collapsed tenement was used for the storage of fertilizers.

THE Liverpool court of inquiry into the loss of the steamship Oregon has decided in favor of the owners and officers of the vessel in all questions submitted.

JOHN F. AIT DE MORTE and Erasmus Shephard have been convicted of robbing the United States sub-treasury at New Orleans.

RESOLUTIONS protesting against the act of Congress granting lands of the Cherokee Nation for railroad purposes have passed both houses of the Cherokee Legislature.

THE United States District Attorney of California has been instructed to bring suit against the Sierra Lumber Company and recover \$2,318,000 arising from the conversion of timber into lumber on public lands.

J. J. SALES, of Rome, N. Y., has been elected department commander of the Grand Army of New York State.

A FIRE at the corner of Broadway and Crosbie street, New York, recently, burned a six-story building, occupied by half a dozen firms. Loss, \$750,000.

THE American Consul-General at Breslau, Germany, reports that hereafter a rigid inspection of all emigrants to the United States will be made in Silesia, to prevent the emigration of paupers to America.

BUSINESS failures for the seven days ended April 22 numbered for United States, 109; Canada, 75; total, 184, compared with a total of 182 the week previous.

ON the night of the 23d the levee at Old Town, sixteen miles south of Helena, Ark., broke on the Arkansas side and in a short time a channel forty feet wide had been worn away by the escaping water. Thousands of acres of fertile cotton lands were reported overflowed.

AN epidemic of scarlet fever was reported raging at Franklin, Ind.

FREDERICK HILLERMAN, aged thirty, went out in a boat with his wife and two little children to fish in the city river, near Defiance, O., recently. The boat capsized about thirty feet from the shore and all the occupants were drowned before help could reach them. The bodies were recovered.

DYNAMITE was exploded on the altar of the San Luis Church at Madrid, Spain, on Good Friday, being concealed in one of the enormous candles. The explosion occurred before the congregation arrived and therefore no lives were lost, but the edifice was much damaged.

HEAVY floods in the Rio Grande, N. M., which runs through the city, inundated the lower portion of the town recently, sweeping away bridges and many dwelling houses and completely destroying the post-office building. The warehouse of the Continental Oil Company was wrecked and tanks containing 30,000 barrels destroyed.

A REPORT from Magdalena, Sonora, announces that the Apaches attacked Bado Sec's ranch, twenty-five miles southeast of Magdalena, killed three men, two women and destroyed a quantity of property. It was also reported that the Indians, who are believed to be a portion of Geronimo's band, attacked a ranch near Santa Cruz, Mexico, and killed a number of ranchers.

A ROYALTY was swept past Killen, Tex., on the evening of the 23d. From the ruins of their house the family of Jacob Eustison were rescued, all injured, the baby fatally.

THE convicts at the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary, Quebec, broke into revolt recently. One convict was shot dead and five wounded before the revolt was suppressed. One warden was fatally wounded.

THE Senate was not in session on the 24th. The House had a number of bills of minor importance before it.

AT Springfield, Mo., on the 24th, Judge Wallace admitted Cora Lee to bail. She and Mrs. Molloy are charged with being accessory to the murder of Mrs. Sarah Graham.

AN American vessel was seized by the Canadians off Cape Breton for a breach of the fishery laws recently.

THERE was an authentic report that the Emir of Harran, a town in Asiatic Turkey, had caused the massacre of all the European residents.

CLEANING house returns for week ended April 24 show an average increase of 15.1 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York the increase was 18.5.

DURING the first nine months of the present fiscal year there was an increase of over \$7,000,000 in the revenues of the Government as compared with the corresponding period of last year and the expenditures for the first nine months of this year were over \$16,000,000 less than the expenditures for the same period of last year, making a net gain of over \$38,000,000.

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A MOST remarkable story is reported from Cheyenne County, the extreme north-western county of the State. The people of that county believed they had coal and determined to go after it. They put in a three-inch drill, and at a depth of 335 feet struck coal. Continuing the work they went into and passed through a vein six feet thick. The coal was brought out in lumps and tested. It is nearly as hard as the Erie coal of Pennsylvania, the hardest bituminous coal known, and burns freely. In consequence of this discovery the Burlington & Missouri railway will immediately build a branch from Benkenman station, on the main line, in Nebraska, to Wano, in Cheyenne County, where the coal has been found.

CAPTAIN KINNEY, recently tried at Topeka for defrauding the United States by unlawfully drawing a pension, was acquitted by the jury. Captain Kinney met the demand for blackmail by administering a sound thrashing to the man who made up the affidavits, and the jury evidently believed he did right. The complaining witness and the man who made the false affidavit, it is stated, will be turned over to the tender mercies of the grand jury.

MR. ALBERT GIFFER writes from New York that "it having been found impossible to perfect the necessary preliminary arrangements for the Anti-Saloon Republican National Convention in time for May 17, notice is given that the dates fixed in the call have been postponed for a few weeks; the exact time to be announced hereafter. The place of meeting has also been changed from Toledo, O., to Chicago, Ill."

THE Republican convention to nominate a candidate for Congress for the Fourth Congressional district has been called to meet at Emporia July 17.

IN reply to a letter of inquiry Senator Ingalls recently wrote: "I shall very cordially support the Mexican Pension bill as it passed the House, unless it appears upon examination that I have been misinformed as to its provisions. My impression is that favorable action by the Senate may be reasonably expected at an early day."

THE land sales for the Santa Fe for the year 1885 were \$3,048,332, and the cash receipts were \$1,813,035. All the Santa Fe lands have been sold.

MORTON County has petitioned to be organized.

PATENTS lately issued to Kansas inventors: Thurman D. Cook, Topeka, boring and routing bit; Jeremiah Courson, Prairieview, attachment for grain drills; Samuel Skidmore, Blue Mound, combined chimney and ventilator.

BISHOP VAN, of the diocese of Kansas, is not to retire, as stated by some of the papers, but is to have an assistant next December. So long as he lives he will be in charge of the diocese, but as the bishop is far advanced in years the active work will devolve largely upon his assistant.

IT has been officially announced that the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad has purchased the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe line running from Galveston to Fort Worth, Tex. It is the intention of the Santa Fe to at once commence the construction of a line from Arkansas City south, through the Indian Territory to Fort Worth, where connection will be made.

SENATOR PLUM has introduced a bill in the Senate which aims to secure the recognition of the service and payment thereof of the members of the Frontier Guard, composed chiefly of Kansas men, who guarded Mr. Lincoln at Washington about two weeks in the early days of the rebellion. Senator Lane was Captain of this company.

MR. PLUM's bill has passed the Senate granting pensions to the following Kansans: John S. Williams, of Lane; Jephtha Hornbeck, of Lott; Mrs. B. Alfors, of Beverance; Captain J. Hopper, of Leavenworth; John W. Thompson, of Lawrence; Dr. J. V. Bryner, of Stowaka; August Schindler, of Emporia; Reuben Farham, of Eldorado; John Pruitt, of Humboldt; James A. Underwood, of Allegan; James C. Ledette, of Eldorado; John L. Bruce, of Lawrence; Phillip Wagner, of Neosho Falls; William Dobbs, of Wellington; Stephen E. Smith, of Augusta; William H. Moore, of Sedgewick; George W. Schindler, of Emporia; Mrs. Morgan Smith, of Leavenworth; William Bethuren, of Emporia; Henry Shirley, of Rantoul; Robert Halsey, of Topeka; William Reynolds, of Emporia; Thomas J. Owens, of Blue Mound; John T. Kirkpatrick, of Clay Center; William M. Clark, of Princeton; George Ham, of Severy; J. H. Thornbury, of Omoio; William G. Schwozer, of Fort Scott; and John Ross, of Tablequah.

THE President has appointed John H. Dayton, of Kansas, to be cadet at large at the Naval Academy, vice John W. Worden, nephew of Rear Admiral Worden, who declined the appointment.

THE meeting of the Grand Lodge Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, held at Parsons recently, was satisfactory and pleasant in every respect. A committee was appointed to investigate the cause of the discharge of a number of the brotherhood and after investigation the restoration of all found to have been discharged without sufficient cause will be asked.

LEE CURTIS and John Lawler, two mere boys, were recently arrested in Iowa and taken back to Topeka for trial upon the charge of robbing a jewelry store in that city one night lately. The boys' ransom was also taken in custody for the same offense.

LATE post-office changes in Kansas: Established, Eugene, Ford County, Lewis C. Wright, postmaster; Hughes, Thomas County, John D. Hughes, postmaster; Quinter, Gove County, John H. Baker, postmaster; Saunders, Rush County, John G. Saunders, Jr., postmaster; Tribune, Greeley County, Mary L. Campbell, postmaster; Viola, Sheridan County, William W. Warner, postmaster. Discontinued, Burgh, Graham County.

IT is stated that W. N. Carlisle, son of the Speaker, has been appointed a member of the Democratic Congressional Committee for Kansas.

BROGLERS still infest Topeka. IT is said that a movement is on foot to secure the annual encampment of the Kansas National Guards at Fort Riley. Captain Pond, A. C. M., offers free transportation for all militia between the railroad and the camp ground. The officers all promise to give their aid in every acceptable way, and assist the National Guard officers in making the camp a regular army encampment.

JOHN MILLER, president of the Fort Scott & Wichita railroad, has submitted a proposition for running his line to Hutchinson. The people are said to be enthusiastic for it.

JOHN L. FRENCH has been confirmed as register of the land-office at Topeka.

THE annual meeting of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe stockholders and board of directors was held at Topeka recently and the following officers elected: President, W. B. Strong; first vice-president, C. W. Smith; second vice-president and chief engineer, A. A. Robinson; secretary and treasurer, E. Wilson; assistant secretary and treasurer, G. L. Goodwin; general solicitor, George R. Peck; general counsel, G. W. McCrary; comptroller and general auditor, J. R. Whitehead; auditor, H. C. Clemente; transfer agent, A. A. Glasier; clerk of board, C. A. Higgins.

BIRCHAM YOUNG was recently arrested at Topeka on the charge of belonging to a gang of counterfeiters.

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