THE STATE.

The Outlook for Wheat.

The Michigan crop report for March embodies returns from 1,053 correspondents, representing 750 townships; 609 are from 442 townships in the southern four tiers of counties, and 140 from 158 townships in the central counties. In answer to the question 'Has the ground been well covered with snow during February?' 178 correspondents in the southern four tiers answer 'yes,' and 508 'no'; 105 correspondents in the central counties answer 'yes,' and 80 'no'; and 105 correspondents in the northern counties answer 'yes' and none 'no.' In the southern counties 842 correspondents report wheat injured during February and 300 report it not injured; in the central counties 36 report it injured and 138 not injured, and in the northern counties 2 report it injured and 140 not injured. The temperature and rainfall during February were both below normal. In the southern four tiers the ground has been practically bare of snow since about the middle of February, and a succession of freezes and thaws is undoubtedly damaging the wheat.

Reports have been received of the quantity of wheat marketed by farmers during the month of February at 305 elevators and mills. Of these, 215 are in the southern four tiers, which is 68 per cent., and 55 are in the fifth and sixth tiers of counties, which is 64 per cent. of the whole number in these sections, respectively. The deduction is that somewhere near 1,500,000 bushels, besides what is necessary for their own needs, remain in the hands of the farmers of Michigan, to be placed upon the market later.

Agricultural College Bulletin.

The proceedings of the Forestry convention, which was held in January in Grand Rapids under the auspices of the state forestry commission, have been published as bulletin No. 32 of the department of botany and forestry. A great many valuable papers are given and these will be of value not only to the lumbermen merely, but to every farmer who has a wood lot or has occasion to set trees. Among the writers are C. W. Garfield, E. W. Barber, L. D. Watkins, Prof. Beal, Bailey, Cook, Satterlee, Keelsie, B. E. Fernow, the United States Commissioner of Forestry, Eugene Davenport.

"Hints for Arbor Day" is the title of bulletin No. 33, besides giving a concise history of Arbor Day, it contains an article by Prof. Northrop of Connecticut, urging its observance by schools, and it also contains a dialogue and program, prepared by the teachers of the Grand Rapids schools, suitable for adoption by schools of the state.

If the suggestions of the bulletin are adopted Arbor Day may be of interest to the school children and of future value to the state.

The Crouch Case Again.

Detective Bullard of Jackson received a clipping a few days ago from the Cleveland Herald, saying that John Foster, alias Yule, arrested at Byron, O., claimed to have had a partner who followed Polly from Pennsylvania to the Crouch house, and helped murder the family. Detective Bullard says that Foster is evidently lying, but was here before the murder and is a bad man, and probably was one of the men who shot Detective Galen Brown near Horton some weeks after the murder. The detective says Foster is one of the men engaged in the "great conspiracy" to get the $10,000 reward.

An Honored Man Gone.

Judge James Eastman Johnson died at his home in Niles on the 15th inst., aged 82 years. The deceased was born at Alstead, N. H., Dec. 6, 1805, and removed to White Pigeon in October, 1836, becoming subsequently one of the old-time, distinguished citizens of this state. He served as a regent of the university and a republican presidential elector, and was a past grand master of Masons.

WOLVERINE WHISPERINGS.

The business men of Middleton have presented to the T. S. & M. R. R. 1,000x100 ft. of land adjoining the track, to be used for shipping purposes.

The secretary of the interior, in the matter of the claim of the Jackson & Lansing railroad company to certain lands in Michigan (about 1,300 acres in the aggregate), has denied the motion filed by the company for review of the decision of the department rendered February 26, 1887, adverse to the company. The secretary, in denying the motion, decides that the act of March 3, 1871, authorizing a partial change of location of the road, did not in any manner alter or enlarge the quality or terms of the grant previously made. He also holds that the reservation made by the president in 1855 for Indian purposes operated to except the land in question from the railroad grant, and they are now open for entry under the settlement laws.

A million white fish are hatched daily at the Michigan fish hatchery in Detroit.

Thomas Northey was killed by a fall of earth in the Cleveland mine at Ishpeming the other morning.

Coal has been discovered in two places in Calhoun county.

Representative Fisher has secured a favorable report on the Bay City public building bill, with the appropriation placed at $250,000.

Arthur Case, a prominent Mason and an old pioneer of Lenawee county, is dead.

W. H. Gilbert of Manton, was shot and fatally wounded, while exploring in Northern Minnesota.

H. Dalzell of Cadillac, recently received a letter, the mission of which is to hunt up all the members of the Dalzell family in America. The letter has been traveling since October and bears addenda from over 40 persons. The messenger has already been all over the United States and has only completed about half its work.

The Michigan Central refuses to handle any more freight which would have to be transmitted over the C., B. & Q. lines west of Chicago.

Dr. J. T. Gaucher of Nashville has been held for trial in the circuit court on the charge of grave robbing.

Mrs. Lucretia Younge of Bridgeport sues Isaac Bearinger, a wealthy lumberman, for $10,000 damages which she claims to have sustained through being run over by his cutter in February.

Mahoney, the lumberman who killed his foreman in Sand's camp near Grayling, has been held for trial at the May term of court.

Medal V. Miller, a farmer living near Huron, Dakota, was arrested in Detroit recently, charged with swindling the Union bank of Huron out of $2,700.

It has been decided to make a display signal station at Mackinaw City and a full signal station at Sault Ste. Marie.

Edward Preston, one of the men who "held up" Capt. Holt in Detroit some weeks ago, has been sentenced to 25 years in Jackson.

The state republican league has issued a call for township organization throughout the state, and headquarters, until further notice, have been fixed at the Michigan club, 92 Fort street west, Detroit. The county clubs have been requested to celebrate the Fourth of July in a patriotic manner.

Samuel F. Strong was arrested in Montague the other day on a requisition from the governor of Nebraska. He is charged with fraudulently disposing of mortgaged chattels, and will be turned over to Nebraska officials, who will take him to that state for trial.

Hillsdale will soon have a postal delivery system with four carriers.

H. H. Gilbert went to bed in the American House at Kalamazoo with Irving Wyman. When he awoke in the morning $180 and Wyman were gone.

Capt. Jas. B. Stevens of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was playing with the Inez Perlere theatre troupe, died suddenly in his room, at the hotel in Belding the other night. His death is thought to be the result of an old wound.

Corunna and Owosso are to be united by an electric railroad.

Oregon Hamilton, of Newaygo, charged with whipping his 19-month old daughter to death, has been convicted of murder in the second degree.

George McCarty, who shot A. J. Carpenter in a saloon in Battle Creek some weeks ago, has been acquitted. The shooting was clearly accidental, but was the result of gross carelessness during a drunken spree. The two were railroad men and great friends. They had been at a dance, and in the morning were in a saloon, when McCarty playfully pointed his revolver at Carpenter and it was discharged, killing him instantly.

The government has granted permission to the state troops to use the government field on Mackinac Island at the next encampment, provided the state repair all damage that may be done to the fences and grounds.

The business men of Coldwater have organized for the purpose of booming the town.

Prof. Cook of the agricultural college is very ill.

A Louisville, Ky., bank, which has been obliged to foreclose upon a lot of seven years old whisky, has caught on to the condition of things in Michigan, and is writing to the bankers in the dry counties offering the liquor for sale by the gallon.

A Jackson military company will contest at the Indianapolis competitive drill.

Louis Alonzo, 18 years old, living near the corner of Franklin and Rivard streets, Detroit, was stealing a ride on a Lake Shore freight train the other afternoon. The Jefferson avenue bridge brushed him off the train between the cars. He fell under the wheels and was literally cut to pieces.

Bartley Breen has allowed one-third of the time fixed by law to elapse without giving notice that he will contest Mr. Seymour's seat.

W. L. Waters of Utica, Mich., has been transferred from the agricultural bureau to the postoffice department, under John J. Enright.

Said that the tile plow works will remain at Albion.

Mrs. Lydia Fairman, for over 60 years a resident of Wayne, is dead.

The senate spent an afternoon recently in listening to eulogies of the late Representative Moffat.

C. H. Collingwood, a graduate of the agricultural college, class of '85, has been appointed assistant chemist at the agricultural experimental station in Arkansas.

Andrew J. Blackbird, an Indian chief at Harbor Springs, has written a history of the Ottawa and Chippewa tribes. He is a son of the famous Indian Blackhawk and thirty years ago he was a student at the Normal school at Ypsilanti. His work also includes the language of the tribe.

Albert Chandler, the oldest business man of Coldwater, has disposed of his business to younger men.

Louis Garippy, a farmer of Beaver township, Bay county, was struck by a falling tree and instantly killed. His little son who was standing near was fatally injured.

The new experimental station at the agricultural college will bring into service a number of the younger graduates at small salaries and, giving them a good training, will send them forth better prepared for such positions than they could otherwise be.

All tramps found in Lapeer this spring will be made to clean the gutters and work on the streets.

The business men of Marquette are arranging for some factories.

Florence Palmer of Muskegon sued W. H. Dreskey for $5,000, because he called her a thief. The jury gave her $50.

Keeper O. G. Coleman of the state prison, was fearfully pounded by Wm. Clake, a Detroit burglar, because Coleman ordered him to attend to his work better. The other convicts pulled Flake off or he would have killed Coleman.

John Gregg of Stanton, gets eight years in Jackson for criminal assault.

Streams about Newaygo have received 16,000 young trout and 8,000 more will soon be planted. Deputy Game Warden A. T. Call of Lakeview planted 16,000 speckled trout in Tamarack creek near that town.

Michigan state trotting horse breeders' association have decided to hold their races along with those of the Jackson circuit, at Jackson in July.

The Hon. F. M. Fogg of Lansing, will deliver a series of lectures through Arenac county under the auspices of the knights of labor of Standish.

Charles R. Pratt, deputy United States marshal and ex-sheriff of Emmet county, has received appointment as weigher of mail on Grand Rapids & Indiana road.

A steam turning factory is to be erected in Petoskey this spring. Faucets, measures, butter stamps, etc., will be turned out.

State Game Warden William Alden Smith of Grand Rapids, has particularly instructed his deputies to look out for persons violating game law relative to killing woodcock, partridge ruffled grouse, wild duck, wild goose, snipe or other water fowl from Jan. 1 to Sept. 1, penalty being $50 fine or thirty days' imprisonment. Law further prohibits spearing of any fish in Michigan waters except great lakes and Saginaw bay, during March-June inclusive; penalty $100 or thirty days.

Randall McDonald, a school teacher was run over and killed by the cars near Rice Lake the other night. He was intoxicated and had laid down near the track.

Claire Falls, the 11-year-old son of a prominent business man of Tecumseh, while at home in company with several small boys of his own age pointed a revolver, which he supposed was not loaded, at his head. He had his hat on, and saying he would shoot it, pulled the trigger. An explosion followed and Claire dropped dead, shot through the temple. His parents were not home at the time.

Ferdinand Sope, one of the proprietors of the Michigan Journal and Herold of Detroit, attempted to get on a moving train in Grand Rapids the other day. He missed his footing, was thrown under the wheels and crushed to death.

The union labor party will meet in Lansing on the 9th of May.

A company has been formed in Cadillac for the manufacture of patent oil cans.

Woodford, the colored man who was caught in an attempt to burglarize the female seminary in Kalamazoo, has been sentenced to three years in Jackson.

Michigan men have purchased 250,000 acres of pine in Mississippi in the past six months.

Hastings talks about bonding itself for $10,000 to secure the Lowell & Hastings railroad.

Every state and territory in the Union is represented among the students at the university of Michigan, while in addition are students from Ontario, Japan, England, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Sandwich Islands, Italy, Turkey, Costa Rica, Quebec, Russia, Scotland and United States of Colombia.

A number of F. & P. M. conductors have been summarily bounced "for cause." Other decapitations, it is rumored, will follow.

The crop bulletin for week ending March 17, states wheat and clover to be injured in southern counties, gives more favorable report in central counties and in northern says wheat is uninjured.

Recent disputes about the boundary line between Michigan and Canada at the Nebish rapids, in St. Mary's river, caused secretary of state Osmun to address the secretary of state at Washington asking for a map showing this boundary line. The secretary of state informs Mr. Osmun that no map had ever been published which showed the location of this line and all the islands in the vicinity of the Nebish rapids. Deputy secretary of state Egan, together with a draughtsman, have gone to Washington for the purpose of making accurate copies of these original maps which Secretary Bayard says are in a sadly dilapidated condition. While there they will trace the exact boundary line from the mouth of the Detroit river to the mouth of the Montreal.

Lydia Seely of Morenci, Lenawee Co., who is the widow of Jonathan Seely, a revolutionary soldier who served in the Vermont volunteers, has applied for a pension as a revolutionary war widow. She is now 70 and was married to Seely in 1836, when he was 54 and she was 16 years old. There are two revolutionary widows now drawing pensions in Michigan—Mrs. Jersey A. Arlich of Ingham, and Mrs. Olive Morton of Tuscola county.

Senator Palmer, in his report to accompany the pleuro-pneumonia bill, says that contagious cattle diseases, especially pleuro-pneumonia, have not only caused a direct loss to the country of $50,000,000, but their interference with inter-state commerce and the restrictions they have brought upon our export trade in live cattle have occasioned the loss of many millions more. Tuberculosis among cattle and cholera among swine have also become dangerous to our food supply.

Up to March 17 thirty-six Michigan counties have voted on the question of local option, and thirty-four of them have declared for prohibition and two against it. Those against it were Iosco and Washtenaw. Those in favor of it are Antrim, Otsego, Benzie Leelanaw Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Isabella, Genesee, Shiawassee, Eaton, Ingham, Barry, Allegan, Van Buren, Calhoun, Cass, St. Joseph, Branch, Hillsdale, Gratiot, Osceola, Tuscola, Charlevoix, Lake, Ionia, Lenawee, Livingston, Newaygo, Clinton, Berrien, Emmet, Jackson, Mason and Osceola.

Charles Hiscock of Midland has invented a device for the instant coupling of hose.

The state military board has officially decided in favor of holding the next encampment at Mackinaw island, and Gov. Luce endorses their action.

DETROIT MARKETS

WHEAT, White	$ .87½	@	.88
" Red	.85½	@	.86
CORN, per bu	.52	@	.53
OATS, " "	.35	@	.35½
BARLEY	1.40	@	1.50
MALT	.80	@	.90
TIMOTHY SEED	2.50	@	2.55
CLOVER SEED, per bag	3.85	@	3.90
FEED, per cwt	.18 00	@	20 00
FLOUR—Michigan patent	4.50	@	4.75
Michigan roller	4.25	@	4.50
Minnesota patent	4.90	@	5.00
Minnesota bakers'	4.25	@	4.50
Michigan rye	3.65	@	3.75
Buckwheat, per cwt	2.25	@	2.50
APPLES, new, per bbl	2.75	@	3.00
BEANS, picked	2.50	@	2.55
" unpicked	1.80	@	2.10
BEESWAX	.22	@	.24
BUTTER	.22	@	.23
CHEESE, per lb	.12	@	.12½
DRIED APPLES, per lb	.5	@	.6
EGGS, per doz	.12	@	.13
HONEY, per lb	.17	@	.18
HOPS per lb	.6	@	.8
HAY, per ton, clover	7.00	@	8.00
" " timothy	11.00	@	12.00
MALT, per bu	.90	@	1.05
ONIONS, per bbl	3.25	@	3.75
POTATOES, per bu	.80	@	.85
POULTRY—Chickens, per lb	.12	@	.13
Geese	.11	@	.12
Turkeys	.13	@	.14
Ducks per lb	.13	@	.14
PROVISIONS—Mess Pork	14.50	@	15.00
Family	14.50	@	15.00
Extra mess beef	7.25	@	7.50
Lard	.7	@	.8
Dressed hogs	6.00	@	6.25
" Beef	.3½	@	.4
Hams	.11	@	.11
Shoulders	.7	@	.8
Bacon	.10	@	.10½
Tallow, per lb	.3	@	.3½
HIDES—Green City per lb	.5		
Country	.5½		
Green Calf	.6½		
Cured	.6½		
Salted	[illegible]		
Sheep skins, wool	.50	@	1.00

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Market weak, 10@15c lower; $3.50@5.15; stockers and feeders, $2.15@3.50; cows, bulls and mixed, $2@3.25; Texas fed steers, $3.25@4.25.

HOGS—Market strong, mixed, $5.15@5.40; heavy, $5.35@5.50; light, $5.05@5.35; skips, $3.40@4.75.

SHEEP—Market steady; natives, $4@6; western $5.25@5.90; Texans, $4@5; lambs, $5.25@6.25. The Drovers' Journal special cablegram from London quotes demand for cattle very weak. Prices shade lower. Best American beeves, 11c per lb, estimated dead weight.

NEWS SUMMARY.

Mrs. Ellen Tupper, known as "the bee woman," and one of the foremost entomologists of the world, died suddenly at El Paso, Texas, recently. She was widely known in the east and throughout Europe.

Henry Bergh, the founder and president of the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, died in New York on the 12th inst.

E. F. Thomas, postage due clerk in the Washington postoffice, has been arrested for theft.

Suits are to be brought to secure the cancellation of patents issued on lumber culture entries in the Humboldt, Cal., land district.

The senate committee on territories has reported favorably an enabling act for the admission of North Dakota.

Three men were killed and several severely injured in a collision near Huntington, Pa., the other morning.

The Detour plow works at Dixon, Ill., were burned the other day. Loss $150,000.

Several tenement houses in New York were burned the other day. The inmates barely escaped with their lives.

The house committee on Indian affairs has completed the annual Indian appropriation bill. It appropriates $5,192,253, being $836,444 less than the estimates.

The fierce gale along the Atlantic coast on the 13th inst., drove 23 vessels ashore at Lewes, Del. Twenty-five lives were lost.

A meeting of the resident members of the Chi Psi fraternity, whose chapters are located in many of the prominent colleges of the country, was held in Washington recently and organized a Washington alumni association, electing Senator Palmer of Michigan, president, and Gen. F. D. Sewall vice-president. Hon. Don M. Dickinson, postmaster-general, member of the Chi Psi chapter at the university of Michigan, was present at the meeting. The annual convention of the fraternity is to be held in Washington April 4, 5 and 6.

Cyril P. Benedict, an old employe of the Adams express company in Washington, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for three years and a half for embezzlement.

Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and the District of Columbia were practically snowbound for several days, as a result of the great storm of the 13th inst.

An Indian outbreak in the far northwest is impending.

A premature blast of dynamite, three miles from Bremen, Ga., buried four convicts beneath a huge pile of dirt, and when exhumed three were found to be dead. The fourth is not expected to recover.

Chairman Jones of the republican national committee decides that delegates to the national convention should be chosen in the same way that delegates for congress are chosen.

Five hundred American engineers, firemen and brakemen are wanted to go to China, and John Jones, who has been there three years, is now at Albany drumming up recruits. Engineers are to get $250 per month, firemen $125 and brakemen $125, if they guarantee to remain five years.

Miss Ella Keats Peay, a niece of the English poet John Keats, died in Louisville, Ky., recently.

Contributions to the Irish national league are larger this spring than at any time before in many years.

Crop reports from Ohio promise but 75 per cent of a wheat crop.

The boiler in a saw mill at Burlington, Ill., exploded the other morning, and three men were killed.

A passenger train jumped the track at Newkirk, Pa., and one man was killed.

North American railroad superintendents will meet in New York April 9.

Memorial services in honor of the late Emperor William were held in Washington on the 16th inst.

Two hundred pounds of powder exploded in a warehouse at Grass Valley, Cal., the other morning. Several persons were killed.

Construction trains near Camden, S. C., collided the other morning, killing an engineer and injuring several train hands.

The Chesroun brothers, five in number, have been indicted at Ashland, O., for killing a constable.

The Buckeye buggy works at Columbus, O., were destroyed by fire the other day, at a loss of $140,000.

J. P. Smith & Son, wholesale glassware, and Baxter & Benton, commission merchants, Pittsburgh, were burned out; loss, $200,000.

Three men were killed near Burlington, Ind., the other day by the explosion of a boiler in a saw mill.

In the Muhlburg railroad county tax Judge Barr of Louisville, Ky., has decided that a writ should issue compelling Judge Coleman to make the necessary levy. The amount involved is nearly $750,000. The bonds are held in many states, from Tennessee to Michigan, and the fight against the payment has been in progress for ten years. It is believed a settlement by compromise will soon be reached.

A quantity of dynamite exploded in the heart of the city at Duluth, Minn., the other day. Many of the best buildings in the city were damaged.

The coal operators of the Pennsylvania and Ohio districts have perfected an organization to govern the actions of shippers and operators in both states.

The secretary of the treasury tells congress that he is opposed to Sherman's bill for the investment of funds for the redemption of national bank notes. He regards it as impracticable, and says that the only true method of reducing the surplus is to repeal the laws which cause the heavy accumulation.

Judge Gresham has rendered a decision declaring that the intervention of the court is not necessary to compel the Wabash road to carry freight for the C., B. & Q. road. The decision is a victory for the Brotherhood of Engineers.

Intelligence has been received of the drowning in the Skirna river, Alaska, on February 20, of Rev. Mr. Sheldon, Mrs. R. Cunningham and two Indians. Further particulars are not yet obtainable, but it is thought that the Rev. Mr. Sheldon referred to is Rev. Sheldon Jackson, the noted Indian missionary, who is in charge of the Indian schools of Alaska under the direction of the government.

The business portion of Brazil, Ind., was destroyed by fire on the 15th inst.

Capt. Daniel W. Lockwood, who has long been in charge of river and harbor works on Lake Michigan has been ordered to West Point as commanding officer of Co. E., engineer battalion, and instructor in practical military engineering.

There are 2,000 idle coke operators in the vicinity of Scottdale, Pa.

The Hon. J. Tarbell, formerly first comptroller of the treasury department, died in Washington on the 15th inst.

Negotiations are in progress between the governments of the United States, Great Britain and Canada with a view to securing, by joint action, an early location and delimitation of the boundary between Alaska and Canada.

Milwaukee had a disastrous fire on the 15th inst. The loss is $125,000, partly insured. Several firemen were seriously injured by falling walls, and one brave fellow was killed.

An accident occurred on the Mexican National railroad near Saltillo, and six persons were killed and over 20 injured.

An angry mob of farmers tarred and feathered two Mormon elders near Brier Ridge school-house, near Winchester, Ohio, where the elders had been for some time trying to hold proselyting meetings. After the ceremony the elders were chased to the Ohio river, which they crossed for safety.

President Cleveland and cabinet attended the memorial services in honor of Emperor William.

The lower house of the Ohio legislature has passed a bill making the Dow law liquor tax $750 straight, one-fifth of which goes into the state treasury. The state will receive about $475,000, leaving a surplus of about $300,000 over the appropriations of the present year. There is hardly a doubt that the bill will pass the senate.

Gov. Oglesby of Illinois has designed April 13 as "Arbor Day" in that state by an official proclamation.

United States minister Phelps is coming home from England next month for a two months' vacation.

Over 2,000 immigrants landed at Castle Garden on the 15th inst.

The roller mill company of Mandon, Dakota, shipped a car load of the best flour to blizzard sufferers in the east.

Gabriel Dumont invites the Batoche half-breeds to emigrate from Manitoba to Dakota, where he has secured a tract of land.

Denver has now an air line to Fort Worth and thence through Texas to the Gulf of Mexico.

Brace Bros., laundrymen of Pittsburgh, are suing the K. of L. boycott for $10,000 damages.

Gen. Adam Badeau wants $5,000 from Gen. Grant's heirs for helping to prepare the latter's memoirs.

Ex-Gov. Fairbank of Virginia is dead.

A snow plow pushed by four engines jumped the track near Sharon, N. Y., the other day. Four persons were instantly killed, and several others seriously injured.

Thousands of cattle, sheep and swine died in the recent storm in New Jersey.

Richard Rielly, a reporter on the New York Star, was frozen to death while in the discharge of his duties.

The supreme court of Illinois has delared illegal the annexation of Hyde Park to Chicago.

Mrs. Wm. Dalton, wife of a rag picker, was burned to death with her 4-year-old daughter, in a tenement house fire at 1628 South Clark street, Chicago. A dissolute fellow who had been evicted because of non-payment of rent is suspected of having set fire to the building.

Rev. F. C. Holliday, one of the oldest and best known Methodist ministers in Indiana, is dead.

FOREIGN FACTS.

Russia's government has ordered all railways centering in Kreve to hold transportation facilities at the disposal of the government. Troops are to be moved in large numbers to the Bulgarian frontier as soon as spring breaks.

A Spanish republican conspiracy has been discovered at Valencia, and the leaders have been arrested.

Thomas Jones, a Michigan Central brakeman, was instantly killed at St. Thomas the other morning.

The Pope has been seriously ill for some days, and grave fears are expressed that his recovery is extremely doubtful.

Disastrous floods are reported in Austro-Hungary.

Rumored that the Canadian government will publish a blacklist of American firms in the habit of entering dutiable goods under false pretenses, thus escaping the taxes.

The German troops have taken the oath of fidelity to the new emperor.

The late emperor's funeral occurred on Friday, the 16th inst., with full state ceremonies.

Twelve persons were drowned by the breaking of a bridge in Berlin on the 16th.

Sixteen persons were drowned off Bari March 15, by the capsizing of a pleasure boat.

Prince Oscar of Sweden, was married at Bournemouth on the 15th inst., to Miss Ebba Munck, his mother's maid of honor.

Mr. Gladstone writes that the demand that he publish the Irish proposals which he expects Liberals to support is a trap into which only the blindest mind could fall.

A wedding party of sixteen persons, returning from church at Neusatz, Hungary, started to cross the ice on the Danube in carriages. When half-way across the ice gave way and the entire party was drowned.

Gen. Boulanger, in command of the war department of France, has been relieved of his command for breach of discipline, in visiting Paris three times without permission.

It is rumored that Empress Augusta intends to become a Catholic.

Many villages in Hungary have been destroyed by floods.

Emperor Frederick will send special envoys to all European sovereigns announcing his accession to the throne. He has also ordered that his proclamation be publicly placarded throughout his empire.

Senator Hypolite, father of President Carnot of France, is dead, aged 85.

Prohibition National Convention.

The date of the prohibition national convention at Indianapolis has been changed from June 6 to May 30. The former covers the date of the democratic convention at St. Louis, and the change is made, the committee says, because telegraphic facilities and newspaper space could not be obtained at that time.

CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARY.

MARCH 17, SENATE.—Mr. Hale called up the resolution offered by him on the 11th of December for the appointment of a special committee to examine fully into the present condition of the civil service in all branches of government. Mr. Cockrell offered an amendment to extend the inquiry to the instances of pernicious partisan activity of republican officials since the executive order of President Hayes of June, 1877, particularly in the presidential elections of 1880 and 1884. The amendment was defeated by a strict party vote—yeas, 34; nays, 29, and the original resolution was adopted. The senate proceeded to the consideration of Mr. Beck's bill to provide for the retirement of United States legal tender and national bank notes of small denominations and the issue of coin certificates in lieu of gold certificates. Mr. Beck addressed the senate in favor of the bill and was followed by Mr. Sherman. The senate adjourned without action.

HOUSE.—Mr. Cutcheon of Michigan, from the committee on military affairs, reported bills for the erection of an army gun factory and to provide for the public defense; committee of the whole. Mr. Springer of Illinois, from the committee on territories, reported the omnibus bill for the admission into the United States of Dakota, Montana, Washington and New Mexico; committee of the whole. Mr. Hooker of Mississippi, from the committee on military affairs, reported back the Grosvenor resolution directing that committee to inquire whether any unofficial matter had been incorporated in the rebellion records; adopted. The remainder of the day was consumed in the consideration of the bill allotting lands in severalty to the United States Peoria and Miami Indians, which was finally passed, and the house adjourned.

MARCH 18, SENATE.—Mr. Brown of Georgia called up the resolution offered by him last January declaring it the imperative duty of congress to repeal the internal revenue laws at the earliest day practicable, and proceeded to address the senate in advocacy of it. On the conclusion of Mr. Brown's address the senate proceeded to the consideration of the undervaluation bill. On motion of Mr. Allison an additional section was inserted authorizing general appraisers to call before them and examine under oath, any owner, importer, agent, consignee, or other persons touching importations and to require the production of letters, papers, etc. On motion of Mr. Ulmon the senate bill to regulate telegraph service was referred to the committee on inter-state commerce.

HOUSE.—Mr. Carlisle took his seat in the house to-day for the first time in two weeks and was greeted with applause. Mr. O'Farrell of Virginia submitted the report of the committee on elections in the Illinois contested election case of Worthington vs. Post. Calendar. The morning hour was consumed in further discussion of the district militia bill, which went over without action. The senate bill fixing the charge for passports at $1 was called up and passed. A private bill referring to the court of claims the claim of Hannah J. Jones occasioned considerable discussion. The claim is for the value of some cotton purchased in Mobile by Emanuel Jones, a British subject, with confederate money. In April, 1865, the federal army took possession of Mobile, and a guard having been placed around the warehouse in which the cotton was stored Jones was denied admission thereto. In August following the warehouse was burned down and the cotton destroyed. The claim is for the value of the cotton so destroyed. After considerable discussion the bill was laid upon the table.

MARCH 15, SENATE.—Mr. Plumb sent to the clerk's desk and had read a letter written by a Washington firm of pension claim agents to a Kansas ex-soldier, saying that some time ago they had written to him asking to be allowed to take his pension claim to congress, and had not heard from him in reply; that they were conversant with his claim and believed that if properly presented, congress would not refuse a special pension; that their fee was $25, of which $10 was payable in advance; that 861 special pension bills were passed by last congress, and a still larger number would probably be passed by the present congress; that this was the best time for the presentation of cases to congress, as the country was on the eve of a congressional and presidential election, and parties and individuals were on their mettle to make a record. The letter was referred to the committee on pensions. The remainder of the session was occupied in the discussion of the president's message.

HOUSE.—Mr. White of New York, offered a resolution requesting the postmaster-general to inform the house what instructions, if any, by circular, letter or otherwise, have been given to subordinates with regard to mail matter received from Canada, which are intended to prohibit American citizens to use the United States mails on the same terms with citizens of the dominion of Canada living in the same vicinage and competing in the same branches of business. Also whether any statute law prevents the mailing in Canada of seeds, plants and bulbs grown by American citizens on American soil, and if there is no provision of law prohibiting it; whether he has assumed to impose a penalty at the rate of $8.20 a ton on seeds, plants and bulbs lawfully mailed by American citizens in an attempt to compete with Canadian seedsmen, to whom the United States in a recent postal treaty has given advantage over American seedsmen in the way of postage at the rate of $240 a ton. In case the postmaster-general shall show that orders have been given directing the examination of incoming mails for evidence of their use by American citizens, he is requested to inform the house by what provision of the recent postal treaty or provision of law the officers of the postal service of the United States are authorized to place an espionage on said Canadian mail, for the purpose of determining whether American citizens are availing themselves of the beneficent provisions accorded to Canadians by the postal treaty. Referred.

MARCH 16, SENATE.—Among the pet bills presented was one from Chicago for the construction of a canal around Niagara Falls, to connect Lakes Erie and Ontario, and one from Missouri for the removal of the duty on salt. Senator Butler offered a bill for the admission of Utah as a state. Referred to committee on states and territories. The resolution offered by Mr. Frye yesterday calling for copies of minutes and protocols of the fisheries commission and that offered by Senator Dolph as to fur seal fishing in Alaska, were taken up and passed. Senator Hale introduced a bill authorizing the President to appoint and retire John C. Fremont as a major general. The under valuation bill was taken up and passed. Mr. Plumb offered a preamble and resolution reciting the fact of the interruption of freight traffic on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Atchison, Topka & Santa Fe railroads, and instructing the committee on inter-state commerce to inquire whether such interruption of commerce was occasioned by the failure of the railroad company to adopt necessary precautions or by other neglect of their duties as common carriers. The resolution was laid over and the senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—The Hitt joint resolution to promote commercial union with Canada was submitted to the house and placed upon the calendar; and a bill was reported and placed on the calendar fixing the rate of postage on seeds, bulbs and scions at one cent for each two ounces. In committee of the whole the senate amendments to the urgency deficiency bill were discussed. At the evening session several pension bills were passed.

The Wheels Go Round.

The strike on the Santa Fe roads is at an end, the men having been officially notified on the 18th inst., to return to work. Trains are now running regularly. For a few days there was a threatened clash between this road and the postoffice department, but this was averted by amicable arrangement before the strike was declared off.