

TRIBUNE TWINKLES.

ANNA DICKINSON has just celebrated her —th birthday.

A FAST horse in Kentucky is named "Two-Bits." Of course he is a quarter horse.

NEW JERSEY girls amuse themselves by playing leap frog. They also amuse the lookers on.

IT is said that Logan understands Greek. He is now assiduously studying English and hopes to master it in time.

A TEXAS minister has left the pulpit to go to the legislature, but this is not looked upon as much of a fall in that state.

ENTERPRISE and progress hold the boards in Colorado. Ex Senator Tabor has ordered new ruffles for his distinguished night-shirt.

FOUR Springfield, Ohio, boys ran off Sunday to hunt Indians and have not been seen since. The war department has been notified.

A TERRITORIAL exchange says: "There will be a bustle about this office in a few days." Has Dakota secured a female editor at last?

PORTRAITS of the late Duke of Albany show that he parted his hair in the middle. This will go far toward assuaging the grief of this country.

SINCE the Laeker trouble, several fashionable clubs in New York refuse to dance the German. The affair is proving a blessing to this country after all.

A CHICAGO man has just died of humor on the lungs. He was probably rash enough to wear a copy of Carl Pretzel's Weekly for a lung pad.

MARATHON INDEPENDENT: A new book is entitled "What Can a Woman Do?" An answer to the question can be found by asking most any baldheaded man.

FULL many an overflowing soup tureen Has painted pictures on a manly breast; Full many a can of deadly kererosene Has blown a servant to eternal rest. —New York Journal.

OSMAN DIGNA is telling his followers that he possesses the power of rendering English bullets harmless. He does it by avoiding the locality which they frequent.

A NEWSPAPER writer asks why it is that congressmen all wear a tired look. They are probably worn out with the load of responsibility which they are obliged to carry.

HAWKEYE: "No, Laura; no. They do not open the campaign with a can opener. They do it with a corkscrew. How, little, alas, do women know about politics?"

A VIRGINIA girl married a tramp who turned out to be an English duke in disguise. The poor girl is almost heart broken and has the sympathy of every one in her affliction.

SAMUEL J. TILDEN was seen buying a box of corn plaster last Monday. Is Watterson's glowing picture of his rosy health then but a campaign lie? Out upon such base trickery!

DEAR HARRY jumped at my suggestion, That we to matrimony drop; I took last night to pop the question—I'll take to-night to question pop. —Salem Sunbeam.

ELLA DANGER is the belle of a Wisconsin town, and that very town is boasting over the possession of the bravest young men in the universe. Every one of them is anxious and eager to court Danger.

There is a sweet soldier named Sherman, Whom each kissing maiden calls her man; For his old heart is soft, And he oscillates oft, With the swiftness and skill of a Herrmann. —New York Journal.

An old colored woman who has just died claimed that she used to sit in George Washington's lap. How fortunate for George's reputation for truthfulness that no one ever questioned him about such things as this.

COL. GEORGE L. PERKINS, of Norwich, Conn., who is ninety-six years old, said in a recent interview: "I have buried six family physicians, and still live." Perhaps the old fox took an unfair advantage of them and didn't take their medicines.

A BOSTON paper tells of an unhung villain who caught two cats, tied them by the tails, and flung them into the cellar of a church. They kept pretty quiet until about the middle of the sermon, when they began to complain, and the pastor sternly remarked, "Will the choir please wait until its services are required?"

THESE girls are all a wicked show For man's delusion given, Their smiles of joy and tears of woe, Deceitful shine, deceitful flow, Not one is true in seven. They love you for a little while, And tell you naught shall sunder Two loving hearts, then full of guile Bait others with their winking smile, And you may go to thunder. Probably a Victim.

THIS is the way a married editor in the frank and candid circles of the eastern newspaper field tells it: "Why didn't I go to her assistance?" said the man who had lain in bed while his wife laid out a burglar. "Young man, I've had a number of tussles with the old gal, and I know that burglar had trouble enough without my giving him any."

SAID I to Christie "Kiss me Chris," But with indignant emphasis She said she couldn't.

'Twas plain my method was remiss, So then I boldly stole a kiss— For wait I wouldn't

That she did not take amiss, And no complaint she made, but this, "Oh, Hal—you shouldn't." —Texas Siftings.

BY TELEGRAPH.

The News of a Day as Received in Last Night's Associated Press Dispatches.

Quite an Interesting Budget of Congressional Proceedings and Washington Gossip.

Business Troubles Between the Medora & Black Hills Freight and Transportation Company.

A Fatal Quarrel at Niagara Falls Between Two Brothers-in-Law—Northern Pacific Earnings.

THE WASHINGTON BUDGET.

SENATE. WASHINGTON, April 10.—It was agreed when the senate adjourned today that it would be till Monday next. The chair laid before the senate a communication from the secretary of the treasury urging the necessity for a new revenue cruiser in the Alaskan waters, and recommending the appropriation of \$175,000 for that purpose. Miller, of California, presented as a memorial the joint resolution of the legislature of California, urging the adoption by congress of the bill introduced by Sumner in the house relating to the postal telegraph. Wilson, from the committee on postoffices and postroads, reported an amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill, to take the place of the bill referred; that the committee intended to provide for the settlement of postmasters' salaries under the act of March 3, 1883. Bills introduced and referred: By Platt, by request, for the better protection of the citizens in their rights and property, and to punish infringement of patents. Bowen, to protect employes of railroads engaged in interstate commerce. The committee on postoffices and postroads reported favorably the original bill for a postal telegraph system. The naval bill was debated again, and the inevitable controversy over the conduct of the secretary of the navy arose.

HOUSE. A resolution was introduced instructing the committee on commerce to investigate the alleged evils attending the transportation of cattle. After a long struggle the house voted, instead of considering the Oregon land grant bill, which was in the order of unfinished business, to go into committee of the whole on public building bills. The house considered the bills for the erection of buildings at Keokuk, Iowa, and Waco, Texas, and a bitter personal controversy was waged between Messrs. Mills of Texas, and Buckner of Missouri, democratic members. No final action was taken and the house took a recess until to-morrow morning.

STAR ROUTE MATTERS. P. H. Woodward, of the post-office department was examined by the Springer committee today in relation to the alleged star route frauds. He described the interview at the White House between President Garfield and Postmaster General James and himself, as stated by James in his testimony before the committee, and continued: "Shortly after the engagement with W. M. A. Cook, as special counsel in the cases, I received a summons from President Garfield to be at the White House at the designated hour. Without much preface he said that he had sent for me to ask if I could obtain information as to how the appointment came to be made. That day, before a Judge of the supreme court, I informed him that Cook was the most disreputable man in Washington, and the selection was a disgrace to the administration."

MINNEAPOLIS AND ABERDEEN. WASHINGTON, April 10.—The postmaster general has ordered the Minneapolis and Millbank Dakota, mail route to be extended to Aberdeen, Dakota and to be known as the Minneapolis and Aberdeen route.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Hill, from the committee on postoffices and postroads, reported favorably the original bill to establish a postal telegraphic system. Hill remarked that the committee were unanimous as to first clauses of the bill, which relate to doing the work by contracts with existing companies. The provision relating to the liability of the contracting company for failure to correctly and promptly transmit messages has been amended by limiting such liability to 500 times the amount paid for transmission. Two new features have been added to the bill; first, authorizing the contracting company to employ a postmaster as its agent and operator at any postal telegraph office where the telegraphic receipts are insufficient to pay the salary of an operator, and to pay him a commission of not over 50 per cent. of the charges on messages transmitted from such office. Second, it requires the postmaster general to secure provisions in the contract which shall protect postal telegrams against discrimination in the order of transmission in favor of telegrams received at such of the company's offices as are not operated under the provisions of the bill. The contract system remains the most prominent feature of the bill and is not widely different from the scheme of the postal telegraph company, except it empowers the postmaster general to receive bids from any telegraph company for collection. The provisions relating to the establishment of a government system, pure and simple, in the event that no satisfactory contract with the companies is secured, are features of the Hill and Edmunds bill. The senate then resumed consideration of the naval appropriation bill, and Vest continued his remarks.

Fennell and Jones. ST. PAUL, April 10.—Joseph Fennell and T. J. Jones are here today. Mr. Jones had an interview with some of the Northern Pacific officials in reference to the Medora and Black Hills freight route. It appears that an unpleasant-

ness has grown up among the members of the transportation company, and that Jones has a wicked partner who secured the contracts while Jones put in his time repairing the road from Medora to Deadwood and arranging for transportation. Having performed that part of the work, he returned to find his partner had made other arrangements of a tendency to utilize the work and leave Jones out in the cold. The wicked partner was working to get \$4,000 from the town of Dickinson to haul freight from that point. The mission of the partners in St. Paul today was to induce the Northern Pacific to take a hand in the fight, but the gentlemen were informed that the company fulfilled its mission when it deposited freight at the station, and had no desire to take a hand in the complications extending beyond that point.

The Cannon Falls Road. ST. PAUL, April 10.—The Cannon Falls road which runs nearly parallel with the Minneapolis & St. Louis to Northfield, and which enters Lake Pepin near the head of the lake, has had surveyors out to find a route of easy access to Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls. A plan was projected to cross the river at Red Wing above Lake Pepin and take a southeasterly course to the two named cities, but it is now found that there will be too great an amount of work to cut through the rocky bluff along the Mississippi river to enter the country. A new plan is on foot, which will probably be carried out. After crossing the river at Red Wing the road will run down the side of the Mississippi to where the Chippewa river empties into it, and then along the Chippewa bank to Eau Claire. As soon as the surveyors have the road marked out the company will commence action. When the road is in running order the company will be on an even footing with the Northwestern road. The principal business will be the shipping of lumber, of which the country round about Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls is well supplied.

\$1,000 a Side.

DETROIT, Mich., April 10.—The second wrestling match came off tonight in this city between Ross, of Cleveland, and McLaughlin, of this city. There was a big attendance. The match was for \$1,000 a side and the receipts of the house. There were two falls collar and elbow, two side hold, one catch-as-catch-can. The first bout, collar and elbow, lasted seven minutes; won by McLaughlin; second, side hold, four minutes, Ross; third, collar and elbow, two minutes, McLaughlin; fourth, side hold, one minute, Ross; fifth, catch-as-catch-can, eight minutes, McLaughlin. At the conclusion of the match McLaughlin challenged the Japanese athlete, Matsada Sarakichi, who came up with the Cleveland party, but insisted on wrestling without jackets. Nothing came of it, however, McLaughlin insisting on jackets.

Fatal Quarrel.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., April 10.—Thos. Vedder and N. R. Pierceson, brothers-in-law, drove to Goat Island yesterday, and not returning search was made this morning. Pierceson's body was found on Luna island shot through the head. The horse and buggy were tied to a tree. Vedder's clothes were discovered lying on the ice, but no trace of him was found. It is supposed that the men quarreled and that Vedder shot Pierceson, afterwards committing suicide by jumping into the rapids. Both were respectable citizens.

Winona Alma & Northern.

ST. PAUL, April 10.—Notwithstanding the reports to the contrary, work on the Winona Alma & Northern is progressing rapidly. A large number of laborers are at work grading, and have got the road ready for rail-laying from Fountain City, Wis., to Lake Pepin, Minn. The road will not strike the town of Pepin, but will be about two miles east, and will strike Chippewa river about five miles from its mouth.

Double Murder.

MATTOON, ILL., April 10.—A double murder was committed near Beardon, Calais county, last night, an aged couple named Fleetwood being the victims. They were found in their beds this morning with their throats cut. No trace of the perpetrators has yet been discovered, and no cause can be assigned for the crime unless that of robbery.

Dakota Mining Co.

ST. PAUL, April 10.—The bylaws of the Dakota Gold & Silver Mining company was received by the secretary of state this forenoon, for registration. The company will issue 600,000 shares at \$2 per share. The board of directors will meet annually at Duluth on the first Monday of April.

Sharon Divorce Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—Before proceeding in the Sharon divorce case to-day, all persons admitted in the court room, including council, were by order of the Judge, examined, to see whether they carried dangerous weapons. None were found. The day was consumed in arguments. Adjourned to Monday.

Stopped work.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—Charles Crocker, president of the Southern Pacific, says that owing to legislative agitation of railroad matters, and difficulties consequent thereon, it is impossible to obtain the necessary funds for construction. He has ordered work on the California & Oregon railroad stopped.

Dynamite Explosion.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 10.—An explosion of dynamite at the stone quarries near Franklin, killed Dick Robinson and Edward S. Strong and wounded four men, all colored.

Fire at Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 10.—Kilpatrick & Co's. planing here burned tonight. Loss on building and stock, \$15,000; insurance, \$6,000.

Senator Sabin Speaks.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Senator Sabin, of Minnesota, and Hawley, of Connecticut, made

speeches at the meeting of the Union League club tonight, held to consider the preparations for the coming presidential campaign.

Where's the Mob?

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—George Hughes, who has been separated from his wife some time, was arrested today for threatening to kill her. During the trial, while his wife was giving her testimony, he stabbed her.

Railroad Wreck.

DAYTON, O., April 10.—At 9:50 o'clock tonight the Panhandle express was wrecked at Beaver, three miles west of Xenia. The engineer, fireman and baggage-master are reported killed. Details not learned.

N. F. Earnings.

ST. PAUL, April 10.—The earnings of the Northern Pacific for the first week in April were \$317,600. An increase of \$152,500 over the corresponding week of last year.

Steamship Rate War.

ST. PAUL, April 9.—A. E. Johnson, general emigrant agent of the northwest, says the outlook is that a steamship rate war is about being inaugurated among all the Atlantic lines. During the past few days sweeping reductions have been made. Heretofore the lowest steamer rate between Scandinavian, German and American ports has been from \$30 to \$32. The cut rate is now \$25. The steamer rate to and from British ports, which has been \$28, is now \$30. One peculiarity about this cut is that while rates have been reduced the agents' commissions have been raised, showing an intent to make the competition sharp and determined. In some cases it is intimated that German rates have been offered as low as \$14, and doubtless \$12 would not be refused. Last year the North German Lloyd steamers carried 80,000 passengers, while other lines did proportionately well. The present season has shown no indications of a falling off in passenger lists. Cabin passage and freight rates still hold to former figures, but it is thought if the storage war keeps up these will also be affected. This rate war cannot fail to increase immigration, and is therefore of special interest to the northwest.

The Sharon Divorce Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—The court room during the trial of the Sharon divorce case today was a scene of great commotion. Mrs. Shawan, a witness for the defense, was on the stand. Judge Tyler, attorney for Miss Hill, was subjecting her to a severe cross examination. He said that he proposed to show that the witness had dined in disreputable places and visited assignation houses with a strange man. Mrs. Shawan manifested intense excitement and hurriedly put her hand into her pocket as if to draw a revolver, but was checked by the counsel for the defense, who implored her to keep cool. During the excitement which prevailed, McCune Shawan, 22 years of age, and a son of the witness, approached Judge Tyler, but was stopped by the latter's son, who threatened to shoot him down if he attempted to draw a pistol. Judge Sullivan ordered the witness and her son removed from the court, and immediately after declared a recess. At the opening of the afternoon session the judge refused to hear any further testimony in the case until assured that no one in the court room was armed, and would require a policeman at the entrance of the door.

Railroad Extension.

ST. PAUL, April 9.—The Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern are building from Spirit Lake, Iowa, to Elkton, Dakota, crossing the Chicago, St. Paul & Omaha road at Sibley and Luverne, and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul at Pipestone, connecting with the Chicago & Northwestern at Elkton. The contract provides that the line shall be finished from Sibley to Luverne by August 1st, and from Pipestone to Elkton by October 1st. A contract is about to be let for the extension of the Black Hills line of this road from Woodstock, Minn., west to Pipestone, connecting the road with the Southern Minnesota division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road. It is the intention to have this done by the first of July.

Murder at Mitchell, D. T.

MITCHELL, Dak., April 9.—J. T. Pierce, city marshal, was murdered in cold blood this morning by Hank Lewis, a saloon keeper. Pierce was unarmed, and had been called with a posse of men to the assistance of Louis Eilers, a night watchman. Eilers had previously attempted to arrest Lewis, but was deterred by W. A. Sherwin of the Mitchell Mail. Lewis kept a low dive and has been engaged in several shooting affrays. Pierce was a good citizen and quiet and inoffensive. Lewis is in jail, and Sherwin is under \$500 bail to await the action of the grand jury. The coroner's jury returned a verdict which makes a clear case of premeditated murder. Great excitement prevails, and fears of mob violence were entertained this morning, but it has now quieted down.

Cincinnati Grand Jury.

CINCINNATI, April 9.—A special grand jury was impaneled this morning within less time than is usually required. The list of names of men summoned was composed entirely of leading business men of the city. Nearly all responded and very few asked to be excused. Three had military certificates in their pocket which entitled them to exemption, but would not present them. Instructions will be given to this jury next Monday. Meantime the judges are in consultation on the subject. It is understood the jury will be charged with the most important duty of investigating the facts concerning the late riot and burning of the court house, including charges of bribery of the jury that convicted Berner.

Faulk County Investigation.

YANKTON, April 9.—The city is full of witnesses subpoenaed before the grand jury. The charges of corruption in the organization of Faulk county are being investigated. W. B.

Tobbits, of Pierre, the principal witness in the case, and the person named as grantee in the deeds to the Faulk county property given for the location of the county seat, has fled and the officers are unable to find him. It is not known that anything has been done in the capital commission matter.

Temporary Injunction.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., April 9.—Elias F. Drake and Amherst H. Wilder, as trustees of the Sioux City and St. Paul land grant, in the district court here today obtained a temporary injunction against Burel B. Sherman, governor of Iowa, restraining him from conveying uncertified lands of the company to the general government in accordance with an act of the legislature at its recent session. It is understood that the case will be transferred from the district to the federal court.

The Defaulting Cashier.

CHICAGO, April 9.—The Daily News, Monmouth, Ill., special says The bank examiners are busy upon the books of the First National bank. There are many rumors regarding the amount for which its cashier has defaulted, ranging from \$300,000 to \$500,000. Depositors will not receive more than fifty cents on the dollar, and the books have been falsified. There are many poor depositors who have nothing to show for their money.

The Blaine Boom.

BEAVER, Penn., April 9.—The republican convention of the Twenty-fourth congressional district, comprising Washington, Lawrence and Beaver counties, met this afternoon and elected E. F. Achison and J. W. Wallace delegates to the national convention. Strong resolutions endorsing Blaine were adopted, and the delegates instructed to support him for president.

The Pochontas Mine

LYNCHBURG, Va., April 9.—The entrance to the Pochontas coal mine was opened today by experienced miners, and will be ready for operations tomorrow, when the bodies of the victims will be recovered. Several bodies were seen today upon opening the entrances. An order was sent here for thirty-six coffins.

Another Burglary.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 9.—The Adams express office at Allegheny City was burglarized at an early hour this morning and the contents of packages valued at \$1,000 taken. The thieves made a bold attempt to blow open the safe, but were surprised by the watchman.

Stricken with Paralysis.

LA CROSSE, Wis., April 9.—Mr. H. C. Atkins, assistant general manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, was stricken with paralysis here at 1 o'clock. The physicians say there is no immediate imminent danger.

The Traill County Seat.

FARGO, April 9.—The Traill county seat case was brought up in the district court to-day, and it is expected it will take a long time, as there has been over 500 witnesses subpoenaed.

Blaine Delegates.

COBURN, N. Y., April 9.—The 28th congressional district will send two Blaine delegates to the Chicago convention.

A Wild Lie.

Mr. Charles Krauth, of Knife River, one of the leading Germans of the Missouri slope, sends the following spicy letter to the TRIBUNE, with reference to a communication to German papers written by one Auston Wilde, who, by his unreasonable and reckless falsehoods, proves himself to be the wildest and most skittish liar in the northwest. The question is, does Mr. Wilde still live in Bismarck? If so, he should be dragged from his secluded lair and branded as a vile defamer of the city and territory. This is what Mr. Krauth has to say:

EDTORS TRIBUNE: By friends in Germany I was notified that a certain Auston Wilde of your city, sent out a letter to the "Berlin Boisen Courier," a prominent paper in Germany, in which he takes occasion to cast slurs upon this country and Bismarck. This letter was copied in many other papers of the German empire. I have a copy of the letter, which is full of lies. Wilde claims that merchants take four hundred per cent on goods which people need every day; that cattle die in the stables if farmers do not heat the stables; that people have nothing to eat; that they starve and freeze to death; that coal and firewood are too high on account of high freight; that there is no work for laboring men in Bismarck, etc., etc., and to make a long story short, it is a scandalous letter and the writer deserves to be criticised in your paper for his lies. He seems to be a "green-horn," but is a crank nevertheless.

I have written a letter to Germany to be published in the papers which copied Wilde's letter. His communication was dated December 28th, 1883, and it is likely he is at Bismarck yet.

Please send me some of your illustrated edition. I would like to send them to the papers that copied Wilde's letter.

Respectfully yours, CHARLES KRAUTH.

Knife River, D. T.

Mr. Krauth shall have copies of the illustrated edition of the TRIBUNE to send to Germany, although the falsehoods of this poor Wilde man are too glaringly silly to need a reply. The hundreds of intelligent Germans who are arriving in Bismarck, and finding happy homes in the rich Missouri slope, are the best and most lasting refutation of their cranky countryman's libelous effusion that can be made.

Easter Decorations.

The rector of the Episcopal church requests that all ladies who desire to furnish house plants and flowers for the decoration of the church for Easter services will have them taken to the church on Saturday afternoon, so that they may be properly arranged. It is desired to beautifully decorate the church for the occasion, and to this end it is hoped that the ladies will use their efforts to secure as many floral ornaments as possible.