

A WEEK'S HISTORY

The Important Happenings of a Week Briefly Told.

IN ALL PARTS OF THE UNION

All the Latest News of Interest from Washington, From the East, the West and the South.

THE LATEST FOREIGN DISPATCHES

FROM WASHINGTON.

Between the United States and the British West Indian colony of Bermuda a reciprocity treaty has been concluded.

It has been decided to begin the enlistment of volunteers for two years' service in the Philippines.

A leave of absence for 30 days has been granted Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic squadron.

In Washington it is stated that negotiations are pending with leading officers of the Cuban army to convey their forces to the Philippine islands and place them under the command of Maj. Gen. Otis in connection with the American troops against the rebellious Filipinos.

The war department has established a censorship of the news.

Adj. Gen. Corbin directed Gen. Shafter to dispatch every available transport to the Philippines at full speed with the troops he has on hand, regardless of organizations.

Treasury officials are now confident that the deficit for the present fiscal year will not exceed \$90,000,000.

THE EAST.

Nathan E. Wood, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church in Boston, has been chosen president of the Newton (Mass.) theological institute.

Pennsylvania was the winner in the eight-oared shell race at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., for the intercollegiate championship of America, Wisconsin second, Cornell third and Columbia fourth.

W. F. Draper, United States ambassador to Italy, arrived in New York from Naples.

Honorary degrees were conferred upon nearly 1,000 persons at the commencement exercises of Harvard university at Cambridge, Mass., among them being Rear Admiral Sampson and Gen. Wood, military commander of Santiago.

At Chautauqua, N. Y., the twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Chautauqua assembly opened with the largest attendance in the history of the assembly.

Charles Littlefield (rep.), elected representative in congress from the Second Maine district to succeed the late Nelson Dingley, has a plurality of 8,888.

At New London, Conn., Harvard won all of the boat races—three victories over Yale in three hours.

Joseph S. Thompson, D. D. (colored), pastor of the Macedonia A. M. E. church at Camden, N. J., dropped dead in his pulpit.

For the murder of his wife, Joseph S. Hollinger, aged 50, was hanged in the Dauphin county (Pa.) jail.

WEST AND SOUTH.

The Kentucky democrats, after a session of four days in Louisville, nominated William Goebel, of Kenton county, for governor.

As a result of a riot between white and negro miners near Cardiff, Ala., three negroes were killed and one was not expected to live.

In a street duel in Galveston, Tex., four men were fatally shot. Gamblers started the trouble.

In Milwaukee the midsummer carnival opened with a grand display of fireworks on the lake. Gov. Roosevelt, of New York, was the guest of honor.

In Sedalia, Mo., James West, charged with complicity in a Missouri Pacific train robbery, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

Louis Menage, the fugitive president of the Northwestern Guaranty Loan company, which failed disastrously May 17, 1893, returned to Minneapolis and gave himself up.

At Winfield, Kan., Capt. Coghlan, U. S. N., lectured before the Chautauqua assembly on "The Battle of Manila."

Republicans in convention at Aberdeen, S. D., renominated Judges Corson, Fuller and Haney for the supreme bench. The resolutions indorse the administration of President McKinley.

A negro named George Jones died from excessive joy over being released from prison in Montgomery, Ala., where he was serving a life sentence.

By the collapse of a steamship on the steamer St. Paul near Elshah, Ill., five men were fatally scalded.

Near Louisville, Kan., John Lenherr, a farmer, and his two little sons, aged seven and five years, were drowned in Oklahoma creek.

Bill Williams, a negro rapist, was shot and killed by a mob near Wakon, Tex.

By the overturning of a skiff five laborers were drowned in the Mississippi river a mile above Clarksville, Mo.

At Tacoma, Wash., Vincent Ryan, a prominent newspaper man and editor of the News, dropped dead in a restaurant.

South, west and central Texas were visited by terrific rainstorms and many hundreds of acres of farming land were under water, and much cotton was badly damaged.

At the age of 77 years Judge James D. Cleveland, one of the oldest members of the Ohio bar, died at Cleveland.

During a heavy gale the steamer Margaret Olwill foundered in Lake Erie off Lorain, O., and nine persons were drowned.

At Muskegon, Mich., Mayor James Balfour was assassinated by J. W. Tayer, a disappointed office-seeker, who committed suicide by taking poison.

In the last six months about 1,300 miles of new railroad track have been constructed in the United States.

In Cincinnati the national North American saengerfest opened with a grand concert.

There is not a single case of yellow fever in Havana, a most remarkable condition for the place.

Estimates of the Indiana wheat crop are that the yield will not exceed 17,000,000 bushels.

Rev. E. Y. Mullins, of the Newton Center (Mass.) Baptist church, has been elected to the presidency of the Southern Baptist theological seminary at Louisville, Ky.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Maj. Gen. Otis has opened to trade the ports of San Fernando, Aparri, Curimao and all ports in the islands of Samar and Leyte. The Spanish consul-general visited Gen. Otis and said that the Spaniards in the Philippines would entertain no sentiments but those of respect toward the new regime.

With 40 officers and 1,665 men, the transport Grant arrived at Manila. Baron Bonnet and Baron Godin, Bavarian officers, were killed while ascending the Ackerspitze, in the Tyrrhene Alps.

An order has been placed by Russia in the United States for \$20,000,000 worth of guns.

A Manila dispatch says there is increasing activity among the insurgents at San Fernando, and they apparently are anxious to resume hostilities. It is reported that Gen. Pio del Pilar, with 2,000 men, has joined the main body of insurgents there.

With Admiral Dewey on board the United States cruiser Olympia sailed from Colombo for Port Said.

On account of the growing opposition to the government's suffrage bill Belgium is threatened with a revolution.

Ellen C. Johnson, superintendent of the Massachusetts women's reformatory prison, died suddenly in London, where she was attending the international council of women.

Flames totally destroyed machinery hall on the industrial exhibition grounds in Toronto and damaged the Agricultural Implement hall.

The colored miners who went to the mines at Fredonia, Ill., were met with a fusillade of shots, resulting in the killing of two of the men and the wounding of 20 others.

Gen. Delaware Kemper, consul to Amoy, China, under the first Cleveland administration, died at his home.

A wind storm at St. Vincent, Minn., wrecked the Great Northern pumping mill and a grain house. J. Diamond's 60-foot barn, with nine horses, was moved thirty feet.

It is announced from Washington that no colored regiments will be enlisted for the Philippines.

The transport Morgan City left Manila for San Francisco with 464 sick soldiers.

A strike was inaugurated at the Homestead (Pa.) steel works, which may rival the famous battle of seven years ago.

An independent rolling mill is to be erected at Toledo, O., which will operate outside of the trust.

Eleven well known citizens of Northville, Mich., were arrested, charged with attempting to lynch Thomas Evans. After being actually hanged by the neck, Evans was cut down and eluded the lynchers.

Capt. Dreyfus arrived at Rennes, France, the 30th. He landed at Quiberon, was conveyed by train to Bruse and thence to Rennes by carriage.

The Old Line Alliance men and the Populists met at Kearney, Neb., and decided to reject fusion and nominate a middle-of-the-road state ticket this fall.

The New York Central Railway company has leased the Boston & Albany railway.

At Lawler, Ill., riotous miners fired upon a railroad train, killing a negro woman.

It is surmised that the war department is making use of the officers of the Thirteenth Minnesota have been selected by General Otis for further service in the Philippines.

The Missouri supreme court en banc awarded a writ of ouster on the information of Atty-Gen. Crow, against 73 foreign fire insurance companies doing business in St. Joseph, Mo., for violating the state anti-trust act of 1895.

Under this decision the 73 companies cannot continue doing business in the state.

The navy department has awarded the contract for the Mare island dry dock to the Atlantic Gulf and Pacific Company, at \$720,000.

ANGLERS' ANECDOTES.

A Hopkins fisherman with plenty of nerve is claiming to have caught a catfish weighing 120 pounds.—Kansas City Star.

W. I. Allen was fishing the other day, and when he pulled his string of fine newlights from the water three large snakes were coiled about the fish. He let them fall into the river and lit out.—Harrodsburg Democrat.

Moses Barron, of River Rouge, Mich., went fishing on Friday night and ran out of bait. It was a dark night, and he tore strips of cloth from the lining of his coat. He succeeded in fooling 19 bullheads.—Detroit News.

Last summer while seining I caught a catfish that was literally starving with food in its mouth. It had attempted to swallow a smaller catfish, but its fins had caught in its mouth and pierced through on both sides. Nearly all but the head had been digested.—Forest and Stream.

An Alpine avalanche at the Commune of Grossthal, in Switzerland, thawed, and a huge frozen mass containing about 1,500 cubic yards of snow became detached from the Orsthoek mountain and rolled into the bed of the River Linth. The Tribune de Geneve says the ground was found to be thickly strewn with trout, of which the villagers gathered as many as they wanted into barrels.

LEADING MEN OF GOTHAM.

Eastman Johnson, the distinguished genre and portrait painter, was born in Lowell, Me.

The richest man in the city, and in the world, is John D. Rockefeller, a native of Tioga county, New York.

Joseph Hodges Choate, one of the most distinguished lawyers of the age, was born in Salem, Mass., and came to New York at the age of 24.

The greatest after-dinner orator, a politician, a railroad man, a lawyer, and United States senator, Chauncey Mitchell Depew, was born in Peekskill, N. Y., and was not a New Yorker until 32 years old.

In surgery Dr. Lewis Albert Sayre stands at the top. He was born at Battle Hill, N. J., and began practicing here at the age of 22. He was intended for the church, but got to be such a swearer that the cloth would not fit him.

SAENGERFEST OPENED.

An Audience of Over 10,000 Attended the First Concert at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, June 30.—Although quite a number of disappointed people left the city Thursday, after the postponement of this concert 24 hours, yet there was a multitude at the hall before seven o'clock at night, and they were not barred out this time by policemen. There have been no departures of musical societies in bodies and no departures of any of the singers.

An audience that packed the balcony and almost filled the dress circle and parquet indicated an attendance of much over 10,000. The chorus and orchestra numbered over 2,000 more.

The first vocal work given was the Gloria, from Barnby's "The Lord is King," by the Cincinnati reception chorus and orchestra. The test of the acoustic qualities of the new hall in both the orchestral and the vocal numbers indicated success. The closing passage of Barnby's Gloria so thrilled the audience that salvos of applause were given.

The oratorical seemed equally satisfactory as in turn the welcoming address was made in good German by Mayor Tafel, President Bettman, of the local committee, and the response by President Deiler, of the North American saengerbund. There was a touch of pathos in the song "Herbstlied," by Victor Hervert, sung by the Louisville Liederkranz, Karl Schmidt, conductor.

This is the only remaining member of the original North American saengerbund.

The concert closed with the prize cantata by Dr. N. J. Eisenheimer, of Cincinnati, conducted by the composer. It is entitled "Weihe Der Kuenste" (Consecration of the Arts). The soloists were Miss Sara Anderson, soprano; Mrs. Marshall Pesse, contralto; Mr. George Hamlin, tenor; Mr. Oscar Ehrhardt, baritone, and Mr. Jose H. Berstein, bass.

WORK OF WOMEN.

Session of the International Council of Women in London—Many in Attendance.

London, June 28.—The International Council of Women, which assembled Monday in the Convention hall of Church house, Westminster, is divided into five sections, or meetings, which were all crowded Tuesday.

Great interest is taken in the political section, which discussed "the parliamentary enfranchisement of women."

The vice president of the council, Mrs. May Wright Sewall, of the United States, presiding.

In the professional section, Mme. Antoinette Stirling created some excitement by declaring, with much emotion, that she thought the speakers were too hard on the men, and adding that women only realized the full value of a husband when the latter was lost.

London, June 29.—At Wednesday's session of the international council of women, Mrs. Stanton Blatch read a paper on "Primary Education," advocating the use of manual works at every step of education, but deprecating the introduction of domestic occupations and trying to adapt trades to educational processes. Mrs. Miller advocated her well-known views on physical development through the reorganization of the food question.

GREAT DAY FOR HARVARD.

Her Boat Crews Win Three Victories Over Yale in Three Hours at New London, Conn.

New London, Conn., June 30.—Harvard won all of the boat races Thursday—three victories over Yale in three hours—and the western sky glowed crimson when the Harvard varsity crew pulled over the finish line 6 1/2 lengths ahead of Yale. After eight years of defeat the students of Cambridge are tasting the sweets of success.

Harvard's university eight won from Yale over a four-mile course by 6 1/2 lengths in 20 minutes and 52 seconds.

Harvard's freshmen eight won from Yale over a two-mile course by 2 1/2 lengths in 9 minutes 33 1/2 seconds.

Harvard's substitute four won from Yale over a two-mile course by six lengths in 10 minutes and 51 seconds.

Met an Awful Fate.

Providence, R. I., June 29.—Sadie B. Mathewson, 26 years old, was murdered by her alleged paramour, Samuel Rowens, 37 years old, at Foster, R. I., Tuesday. It is claimed that both were drunk and that Rowens drove the woman into the yard, knocked her down and split her head open with an ax, stabbed her twice in the breast with a carving knife, and then, pouring kerosene oil over her, set her on fire while she was still breathing. Her body was burned to a crisp. Rowens was arrested.

Dies in London.

London, June 28.—Mrs. Ellen C. Johnson, superintendent of the Massachusetts Women's Reformatory prison, died suddenly at the London residence of the bishop of Rochester, Rt. Rev. Edward Stuart Talbot, D. D., where she was a guest. It is believed she expired from heart disease, resulting from excitement in reading a paper at Tuesday's meeting of the international council of women.

Jewelry Released.

New York, June 29.—The jewelry and other possessions of Mrs. Phyllis E. Dodge, seized last Saturday upon the arrival of the liner St. Paul, were examined Wednesday at the appraiser's office. With the exception of three lots of jewelry everything of consequence was released, as Mrs. Dodge proved that the majority of her possessions were purchased in this city.

Sir Julian to Retire.

London, June 30.—The correspondent of the Standard at The Hague telegraphs that he has had an interview with Sir Julian Paucot, British ambassador to the United States and head of the British delegation at the peace conference, and been assured by him that he intends to retire from the Washington embassy in April next.

Russia Buys More Guns.

New York, June 28.—It is announced that Russia has placed an order for \$20,000,000 of American ordnance. L. D. Driggs, of the Driggs-Seabury Gun & Ammunition company, is the authority for the order. Russia is going to spend \$80,000,000 altogether for field artillery, mounts and ammunition.

FIGHT ENDED.

William Goebel Nominated for Governor by Kentucky Democrats—Rest of the State.

Louisville, Ky., June 28.—William Goebel, who with an iron grasp has ruled the democratic state convention since it assembled nearly a week ago, was on Tuesday night nominated for governor on the twenty-sixth ballot after a contest unparalleled in this state for bitterness and determination, or on the part of the winner for skillful manipulation. The end of the long, exhausting fight brought a reasonable degree of harmony to the factions which have been waged through the fight relentlessly and battled for every inch of ground. Nearly everybody joined heartily in a demonstration when their candidate appeared for the first time before the voters on Tuesday night to accept the nomination and return his thanks.

Louisville, Ky., June 29.—The democratic state convention adjourned Wednesday night after nominating the rest of its ticket. The Goebel slate was not even chosen. Sometimes there was a strong fight, in some cases more than one ballot was necessary, but the required votes were always in readiness when the time came to swing them. The full ticket is as follows:

For governor, William Goebel, of Kenton county; lieutenant governor, J. C. Beckham, of Nelson county; secretary of state, Breck Hill, of Clay county; attorney-general, Judge R. C. Beckwith, of Boyle county; auditor, Gus Coulter, of Graves county; treasurer, Judge S. W. Haeger, of Boyd county; commissioner of agriculture, E. B. May, of Louisville; commissioner of public instruction, H. C. McChesney, of Livingston county.

MAYOR ASSASSINATED.

Chief Executive of Muskegon, Mich., Shot by a Disappointed Office-seeker.

Muskegon, Mich., Jan. 30.—Mayor James Balfour was assassinated at noon by J. W. Tayer, a disappointed office-seeker. Tayer shot Mayor Balfour while the latter was standing in the doorway of his store. The ball entered his left breast above the nipple. After the shooting Balfour turned and ran upstairs to his living rooms and dropped in the hall. He expired 15 minutes later. Tayer swallowed some carbolic acid and then turned the revolver upon himself and fired. The ball entered his left breast. He died at one o'clock.

Mayor Balfour was the pioneer resident of this city, having lived here since 1865. He was born in Ontario, April 21, 1838, and later lived in Ottawa. When he came to Muskegon he embarked in the furniture and undertaking business and had acquired a comfortable fortune. He was for three years a member of the board of public works, and in 1898 was elected mayor as a republican, being reelected this spring. He was prominent in fraternal organizations.

Tayer has been a resident of this city for about 25 years. He leaves a wife, but no children. He was a member of Phil Keener post, G. A. R., having served in the civil war in company K, Thirty-eighth Ohio infantry. It was understood that he had been suffering from a slight brain trouble, but he was not thought to be dangerous.

AN EXCITING FINISH.

Boat Race at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Won by Pennsylvania by Half a Length.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 28.—Twenty thousand people on Tuesday saw one of the most exciting four-mile boat races ever witnessed in the history of college rowing. Five thousand people on the observation train yelled themselves hoarse in frantic appeals to their various college crews to do their best, and with the other 15,000 they saw the red and blue carried over the line a winner by a short half length from the Wisconsin, who lost in the last 200 yards by bad steering. Cornell, the victor of former years, pulled after, full four lengths in the rear, and Columbia, never in the fight after the end of the first mile, trailed in a good three lengths from the stern of the Cornell boat.

The time was as follows: Pennsylvania, 20:04; Wisconsin, 20:05 1/2; Cornell, 20:13; Columbia, 20:20. The record for this course is 19:29.

Social and Political Conference.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 30.—The national social and political conference resumed its session Thursday to discuss non-partisan efforts in political reform. The subject is divided into eight subdivisions—expansion and militarism, permanent internal tribunal, proportional representation, recall or imperative mandate, single tax, non-partisan temperance, and organized labor. Each speaker was limited to ten minutes, with 20 minutes for discussion under the three-minute rule. Rev. H. W. Thomas, of Chicago, presided, and discussed "Expansion and Militarism."

Is Not a Candidate.

Washington, June 28.—Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, on Tuesday said: "Having noted several suggestions in the western press that I might be a candidate for vice president, I desire to state once and for all that I am not and shall not be. My only ambition is to retire to the practice of my profession at the end of my present term. I would gladly resign now from the senate, for that purpose, if my place could be filled by a republican successor. I cannot entertain the thought of ever holding another public office."

Addressed by Miss Anthony.

London, June 30.—Queen's hall was crowded Thursday evening by a public meeting convened by the political section of the International Council of Women in support of the political enfranchisement of women. The feature of the evening was a striking speech by Miss Susan B. Anthony, of the United States delegation.

Roosevelt Not a Candidate.

Albany, N. Y., June 30.—Gov. Roosevelt stopped off in this city Thursday afternoon for a few minutes on his way to New York city with the wife and five sons, were dressed in red, green, and blue, and were driven through the swollen stream and his wagon was carried away.

Father and Two Sons Drowned.

Wamego, Kan., June 29.—John Lenherr, a farmer, and his two little sons, Isadore and Felix, aged seven and five years, were drowned in Lake Erie, six miles west of Louisville. Lenherr attempted to drive through the swollen stream and his wagon was carried away.

A PRETTY SIGHT.

Magnificent Floral Parade at the Milwaukee Carnival—Led by Roosevelt.

Milwaukee, June 29.—One of the prettiest attractions of carnival week was the floral parade which moved Wednesday afternoon. Ex-Gov. George W. Peck was grand marshal of the pageant, which surpassed all expectations, and which 50 vehicles took part in the parade. Gov. Roosevelt, of New York, the city's honored guest on this occasion, occupied the first carriage in line, a handsome victoria, accompanied by Gov. Scofield and Acting President Edward P. Hackett, of the carnival association. The governors' carriage was distinguished from the rest in that it was free from decorations.

Following the leader came Mayor David S. Rose and wife, a magnificent victoria decorated with pink roses. Then came a long string of handsome turn-outs, including phaetons, runabouts, spiders, carts, drags, etc., occupied by society leaders of the city. The gowns of the ladies were most fetching. The vehicles were decorated in the most exquisite designs with various colored chrysanthemums, roses, peonies, poppies, pond lilies, fleur-de-lis, snowballs, etc.

Mrs. George W. Peck, Jr., had charge of the plans and it is estimated that 250,000 flowers have been required to decorate the carriages.

Gov. Roosevelt was given an enthusiastic reception all along the line.

Wednesday night's carnival feature was a grand exhibition fire run by the Milwaukee fire department, under the direction of Fire Chief James Foley. The event was a brilliant success. There were 28 pieces of apparatus in the run, which extended from the court of honor on Grand over the bridge to Wisconsin street, terminating at Jackson street, the distance being a little over one mile. The run was made in three divisions and occupied about four minutes. Over 200,000 people witnessed the spectacle.

Milwaukee, June 30.—The citizens of Milwaukee and the great crowd of visitors mingled together Thursday to celebrate the big event of carnival week—the Carnival Coroso. Mayor Rose proclaimed the day a public holiday and such a gathering of humanity to witness the unique festivities never before filled the streets of the city. A bicycle parade preceded the Coroso.

The programme Thursday evening consisted of a concert at the court of honor on Upper Grand avenue and a musical entertainment at Schlitz park, to which tickets were issued to strangers and only to Milwaukee residents who accompanied guests from out of town.

JOY KILLS.

Retention on Being Released from Prison Causes the Death of a Southern Convict.

Montgomery, Ala., June 29.—George Jones, a negro, died Tuesday from excessive joy over being released from prison. He was convicted of murder several years ago, but the proof showed he bore no ill will against the victim, and the prisoner stoutly maintained he did not know the gun was loaded. His good record and the attendant facts finally brought a pardon. On being released the happy negro hurried to his home near Demopolis. Approaching the old log hut, the unexpected commotion was greeted by mother, father and sisters, who ran to meet him. The joy was too great and the big, lusty man, for whom no task had been too severe, swooned with emotion, expiring a few moments later in his mother's arms.

Help Is Needed.

Milwaukee, June 30.—A Sentinel special from Hudson, Wis., says Chairman H. Ingram, of the New Richmond relief committee, has issued an official circular to the public as the first fruits of their investigations.

The circular states that a careful estimate shows the money loss from the tornado to be \$750,000. Subscriptions thus far amount to only about \$30,000, a large portion of which has been spent in clearing away the debris and in lending temporary assistance to the people. There is great need of money and building material. An appeal is made for cash, which should be sent to the treasurer at Hudson, and building material to the relief committee at New Richmond.

Chautauqua Assembly Meets.

Chautauqua, N. Y., June 29.—The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Chautauqua assembly opened Wednesday with the largest attendance for an opening day in the history of the assembly. The meeting was addressed by Bishop John H. Vincent, chancellor of Chautauqua; President Clem Stuebner, of South Bend, Ind., and Manager Wilson M. Day, of Cleveland. The association, since last year, has received an endowment of \$50,000, one-half of which has come from Miss Helen Gould. It is hoped to increase this endowment to \$200,000. The new Hall of Christ, to cost \$20,000, will be erected this summer.

Germany's Position.

London, June 27.—The correspondent of the Daily News at The Hague says: "The German delegates on Monday privately informed their colleagues that they had received instructions to accept the principle of a permanent tribunal of arbitration as outlined in the Anglo-American plans. This and the speech of Col. Gross von Schwarzhoff plainly intimating that Germany had made up her mind against the Russian idea of disarmament and had reached the conclusion that the time had arrived to tell the world so are the two great events of the whole conference."

Strike at Pingree's Shop.

Detroit, Mich., June 30.—At noon Thursday the employees of the turning and welt department in Pingree & Smith's shoe factory went on strike. It is expected that as soon as the unfinished work is finished the factory will shut down and that 600 employees will be without work. The union complains that the firm has violated the wage bill by putting on the work in place of men who had refused to agree to pay the current scale of \$15 per week pending a settlement of the grievance.

Pingree's Plan Defeated.

Detroit, Mich., June 28.—The plans of Gov. Pingree and his associates for municipal ownership and operation of Detroit street railways were left "in the air" by the common council Tuesday night. The two pending ordinances and other matters pertaining to the municipal ownership scheme were laid on the table by unanimous votes, and it is problematical when these questions will be again publicly debated.

Dedicated.

Lincoln, Ill., June 29.—The new chapel building of the Illinois old fellows' orphans' home was dedicated Wednesday afternoon by grand lodge officers according to the ritual of the order. The principal address was delivered by Grand Master Berry, of Carthage. The building is of red pressed brick with stone trimmings and cost about \$10,000.

Authorize Increase of Stock.

Baltimore, Md., June 29.—The stockholders of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad met and authorized an increase of the preferred stock from \$40,000,000 to \$60,000,000, and of the common stock from \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000, for the purpose of carrying out the plan of reorganization of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railway.

Railroads Tied Up.

Austin, Tex., June 30.—All south-west and central Texas was Thursday visited by terrific rainstorms, which have practically tied up all the railroads in this section of the state. Many hundreds of acres of farming land in south Texas are under water and much cotton will be badly damaged.