

Cherry County Independent.

VALENTINE, - NEBRASKA

FIRED ON BY SPANISH

AMERICAN SCHOONER BOARDED AND SEARCHED.

Brutal Murder Near Tallmadge, Ohio, of Man and Wife and Probably Fatal Injury of Two Daughters and Hired Man—Kidnappers Flee.

Fired on By Spanish.
A special to the New York World from Kingston, Jamaica, says: The American schooner William Todd, of Calais, Me., has arrived here from Mobile, Ala., and reports that she was fired upon and boarded and searched by a Spanish gunboat six miles south of the Island of Pines. The first intimation that the Todd had that she was to be interfered with was a shot across her bows. Upon this she promptly displayed her American colors and kept on her way, assuming that she was sufficient, but when three more shots followed in quick succession she heaved to as quickly as possible. A boat then put off from the Spaniard and she was soon alongside the American schooner. A Spanish officer with a file of marines came aboard and announced his purpose of searching the schooner for contraband of war. The schooner's captain protested and assured the Spaniard that she carried nothing of the sort, but the officer still insisted on making a search. The American skipper, of course, offered no physical resistance and the search was made. As a matter of fact, the schooner had only a clearly legal cargo, and the Spanish officer soon convinced himself of it. Then he took his departure and the schooner proceeded on her way.

MYSTERIOUS OHIO CRIME.

Masked Man Butchers a Family near Tallmadge.

At a late hour Saturday night a masked man entered the farm house of Alvin M. Stone, near Tallmadge, a few miles from Akron, Ohio, and in the brief space of half an hour committed a horrible butchery. When he took his departure Stone and his wife, both aged people, were lying dead in bed horribly mutilated, and Ira Stillson, the hired man, and Emma Stone, the eldest of three daughters, were unconscious from blows dealt by the murderer. He cut off one of Stone's ears, slashed him across the face and stabbed him in the back. He then laid Mrs. Stone's cheek open with the knife. After satisfying his fiendish desires downstairs, he proceeded to the room of Stillson upstairs. The hired man heard the intruder, for he had arisen, when he was dealt a stunning blow on the head. Next the murderer turned his attention to Emma Stone, who slept in a room by herself. When he entered her room she screamed. That awakened the other two girls who slept across the hall. Hattie Stone arose to go to her sister's assistance, but as she entered the latter's room she was felled to the floor by a blow on the head, but was not rendered unconscious. Regaining her feet she ran to her own room and locked the door. Throwing a bed quilt about her she leaped from the window and ran through the rain and mud to the nearest neighbor's, a quarter of a mile away. After he had struck Hattie down the murderer returned to Emma's room and struck her on the head, leaving her unconscious. Then he tried the door to the room in which Hattie had left her younger sister Flora when she jumped from the window. Finding the door locked he battered it down. Finding only Flora in the room he asked where the other girl was. When told that she had gone for help he hastily left the house and made his escape.

Hattie, with the blood streaming from the wound in her head, managed to reach the neighbor's house, told her story and then fainted. After she had been put to bed the neighbors, calling for help, went to the Stone house. There the evidence of the butchery was discovered. It is feared that Stillson, at least will die, while the chances for the recovery of the two girls is very small.

Fears She Has Foundered.

The steamship Volusia is now eight days overdue at New York from Kingston, Jamaica, and shipping men fear she has foundered at sea. She carried a crew of fifteen men and a cargo of fruit. It is believed the Volusia went down in one of the heavy gales that have prevailed on the south Atlantic recently.

Michigan Orators Win.

The first intercollegiate debate between the universities of Michigan and Chicago resulted in favor of the former. The judges were out only a few minutes and their markings gave Michigan the victory with 35 points to Chicago's 27.

Whitcomb Riley III.

James Whitcomb Riley was prostrated at Indianapolis by an acute attack of brain fever. For several hours it was feared his illness would result fatally, but the crisis has passed and there is a reasonably fair chance of recovery.

Shot His Wife and Suicided.

Fred Gorrel, a molder of West Columbus, Ohio, aged 21, shot his wife, who is but 17, and then stood before a mirror and cut his own throat with a razor. Gorrel died, but his wife will recover.

Groom Is 90 and the Bride 18.

C. J. Wood, aged 90, and Miss Maggie Barger, aged 18, were married at Greensburg, Ind., recently. It was Wood's sixth marriage and he urged a reduction of the license fee, as he had been such a good customer, and he also said he might come again.

More Troops for Cuba.

A special to the New York World from Havana says another army corps, it has been decided, is to be sent here from Spain in May. It will consist of 20,000 men and 1,000 artillery.

OLD BAY STATE FOR REED.

Massachusetts Republicans Solid for the Maine Man.

A larger and more enthusiastic body of prominent Republicans has seldom met at a state convention in Boston than that gathered at Music Hall in that city to elect four delegates at large and their alternates to attend the national convention at St. Louis. Of 2,202 delegates entitled to seats in the convention 1,151 were in attendance, full of enthusiasm for Hon. Thomas B. Reed as candidate for President of the United States. Every delegate had in his buttonhole a Reed button, bearing a picture of the man, with a background of the national colors, and every time the name of the Maine statesman was mentioned cheers burst forth from the throats of the vast crowd that filled the convention hall. Nor were the delegates much more enthusiastic than the scores of ladies who occupied seats in the first gallery. While men applauded and cheered, the women waived their scarfs and handkerchiefs. The hall was almost completely lined with red, white and blue bunting, punctuated by groups of flags.

WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.

Transvaal Seems to Be Looking for a Row with England.

A Pretoria dispatch to the London Times says: "The situation is serious. President Kruger has concluded a new offensive and defensive alliance with the Orange Free State. The Transvaal wants its independence guaranteed by England in connection with the other powers. 'The Boers are arming in the Orange Free State and in Cape Colony. The large influx of Germans has been drafted into the police force and the artillery. Dr. W. J. Leeds, Secretary of the State of Transvaal, who has been for some time in Germany, has used the secret service money largely to encourage immigration from Germany. The Free State and Afrikaand bund has offered to support the Boers.' 'England,' says the Times, 'will do nothing by way of guarantee or otherwise to give any other power the right to interfere with the South African republic.'

TROUBLE IS BREWING.

Philadelphia Street Car Men Likely to Agitate Go Out on a Strike.

The street railway situation in Philadelphia has again become serious and it was by the bare margin of two votes that the central board of the Amalgamated Association defeated a resolution that the lines of the Philadelphia Rail Traction Company be tied up again. A committee of the central board had an all day's session lately at which, it is said, a number of witnesses were examined and affidavits presented which showed that the company had done but little toward settling the difficulties, and that men were still being discharged for apparently no other reason than that they were members of the Amalgamated Association.

Struck By a Train.

Six men who had worked their way into the freight yards of the Central railroad of Elizabeth, N. J., were run into by a train which was being shifted from one track to another. An effort was made to stop the train, but a coupling pin broke and several cars sped along the siding. Two of the men were killed, one probably fatally injured, two others slightly and the other is supposed to have escaped altogether. He has not been seen since, however. Three of them had been in Philadelphia looking for employment and failing to find it were returning home when they met the others and they traveled together until the accident.

Will be Held in St. Louis.

Miss Frances E. Willard authorizes the statement that the national convention of the W. C. T. U. for 1896 will be held at St. Louis almost without a doubt. The matter was discussed at a conference held in the rooms of the association at Chicago and while each of the other cities had claims which the managers recognized, the sentiment in favor of St. Louis was practically unanimous. The convention will be held in September or October.

To Buy the O. and St. L.

It is understood that the Burlington people have about completed a deal for the purchase of the Omaha and St. Louis, which extends from Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Pattonsburg, Mo., where it intersects the Wabash. The Omaha and St. Louis is an independent line and taps some of the best country in northern Missouri and southern Iowa, tributary to the Burlington.

Fatal Explosion.

By an explosion in the Nickerson & Spence grease extracting works at Newark, N. J., two men were killed and two badly burned. The fire resulting from the explosion did several thousand dollars worth of damage. It is not known what caused the explosion but it is supposed that it was from naphtha which is used extensively in the works.

Brig. Gen. Casey Dead.

Brig. Gen. Thomas Lincoln Casey, retired, for many years chief engineer of the United States army, dropped dead in the Congressional library at Washington. He was designated by Congress to take charge of the construction of the new library opposite the capitol, and was in pursuit of this duty when stricken.

Saw His Wife Burn Alive.

The wife of J. J. Bowman, while endeavoring to extinguish a fire in their home at Hennessey, Oklahoma, fell through the rafters, hung head downward, and roasted alive before the eyes of her husband, who was unable to help her.

Hypolyte Reported Dead.

The Haytien Bank at Paris has received news that President Hypolyte had died of apoplexy. The Haytien Legation has no news on the subject.

Treasury Gold Loss.

The National treasury lost on Wednesday \$348,500 in gold coin, which leaves the true amount of the reserve at \$121,844,473.

Short of \$10,000.

The Midway, Ky., Deposit Bank, one of the best institutions in that state, is in trouble, and W. M. Ship, cashier, and C.

W. Stone, bookkeeper, have been discharged pending an examination of the troubles. The bank is capitalized at \$75,000. There have been suspicions of crookedness for a long time, and it has developed that there is an alleged shortage, which it is believed will foot up \$10,000.

DUN & CO.'S REVIEW.

The Business World as Seen for the Past Week.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: No important change has occurred in the general tone of business during the week, and if trade in some respects looks worse in other respects it looks better. Some failures of magnitude have occurred, which caused much apprehension and unwillingness to lend among bankers, and there have been somewhat less favorable features in the dry goods market, but in iron and steel conditions are slightly improved, and in boots and shoes considerably more hopeful.

The labor controversies, mainly in the clothing trade, still cause much interruption in that business. Foreign trade is a little more satisfactory.

Wheat has gained a point, but corn and cotton remain unchanged. Receipts of wheat at western points continue surprisingly large for a most favorable season, and make it hard to believe that the crop for 1895 was as small as estimates represent it, for such receipts amounted during the past week to 2,901,724 bushels, against 1,849,432 last year, and for four weeks of March have been 11,884,205, against 7,474,811 last year. There has been a slight increase in Atlantic exports this week, but in four weeks exports (flour included as wheat) were 5,288,119 bushels, against 6,488,109 last year.

In the dry goods market the latest indications do not warrant the expectation that the mills will continue full production throughout the season. The demand for woolen dress goods is the best feature of the wool market, but the operations of clothiers are hindered, not only by the prevalent strikes, but by the slackness of immediate demand. The sales of wool have fallen to less than half a week's consumption. A striking feature this week was a sale of 140,000 pounds of American wool for shipment to England.

FLOGGED BY WOMEN.

An Old Resident of Bertrand, Neb. Terribly Punished.

H. H. Wiley, an old resident of Bertrand, Neb., was warned to leave town on account of his having made indecent proposals to the 7-year-old daughter of A. M. Hill. While preparing to leave Wiley was arrested and while in the charge of Constable Clayton a band of women, led by the girl's mother, ordered the officer at the point of a revolver to give up the prisoner with threats to blow his head off if resistance was made. A rope was placed around the prisoner's neck, his hands were tied and covered by a revolver he was marched out on the main street and in full view of his wife, who is an invalid, and the children, he was thrashed until blood streamed from his hands and face. At this juncture Constable Sandstrom, acting under advice of citizens, ordered the women to desist. Wiley was given two hours to leave town, which he did, starting in a wagon for Iowa, taking his family, except his wife, who is being cared for by neighbors. Wiley was at one time justice of the peace there and has some city property.

Handicap Clara Barton.

A Constantinople dispatch says: The council of ministers has decided that Miss Clara Barton can only work in conjunction with the local Turkish commissioners in the distribution of relief, and can only use their lists of destitute Armenians. An irade to this effect is expected.

Outbreak Is Serious.

A dispatch from Constantinople says: The outbreak at Kiliz is more serious than supposed. The town is surrounded by troops, and no one can leave or enter. The officials at Bitlis are preventing the American missionaries from distributing aid.

A One Fare Rate.

The trans-Missouri roads have decided upon a rate of one fare for the round trip for the annual G. A. R. encampment at St. Paul, instead of a rate of one cent per mile, as authorized by the roads of the Western Passenger Association.

Object of the United States.

The Liberal, published at Madrid, Spain, says: "The acts of the United States, however cleverly disguised in form, have as their ultimate goal the object of adding another star to its flag by the annexation of Cuba."

Milwaukee Banker Dead.

James G. Flint, president of the Commercial Bank, and one of the wealthiest and most prominent business men of Milwaukee, is dead at Chihuahua, Mexico, where he went some time ago for his health.

Won't Annex Corea.

It is stated on good authority at St. Petersburg that Russia does not intend to annex Corea, but considers it a duty to guarantee the independence of Corea.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Sioux City—Cattle: Stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$3.60. Hogs: Prices ranging from \$3.55 to \$3.60. Grain: Wheat, 48c to 50c; corn, 16c to 19c; oats, 14c to 15c. Rye, 20c to 25c; hay, \$4.50 to \$5.00; butter, 15c to 16c; eggs, 7c.

Chicago—Cattle: Beef steers, \$3.25 to \$4.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 to \$3.85; Hogs: Prices ranging from \$3.60 to \$4.10. Grain: Wheat, No. 2 spring, 61½c to 62c; No. 2 red, 65c to 65½c; corn, No. 2, 28½c to 28¾c; oats, No. 2, 18¾c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 35¼c to 36c; flax, No. 1, 90c to 91c; timothy, \$3.30.

Kansas City—Cattle: Beef steers, \$3.00 to \$4.15; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$3.80. Hogs: Prices ranging from \$3.40 to \$3.70. Sheep, \$3.50 to \$4.20.

South Omaha—Cattle: Beef steers, \$3.27 to \$3.90; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 to \$3.70. Hogs: Prices ranging from \$3.50 to \$3.65.

St. Paul—Cattle: Beef steers, \$3.00 to \$3.80; stockers and feeders, \$2.85 to \$3.27½. Hogs: Prices ranging from \$2.00 to \$3.75.

Minneapolis—Grain—Wheat: March, 58½c; May, 58½c; July, 60c; No. 1 hard on track, 57½c; No. 1 Northern, 58c.

MURDER AND SUICIDE

HUSBAND SHOTS HIS WIFE AND THEN HIMSELF.

They Were Alone in the House—The Bodies Found by a Little Son Returned from Play—Nebaska News Notes.

Murder and Suicide.

William Hartman, of Omaha shot and killed his wife Saturday some time between 2 and 9 o'clock p. m. He then shot and killed himself within ten feet of where he body of his wife lay. The crime was probably due, in part to despondency, and partly to jealousy. Shortly after 9 o'clock the two little children of Hartman, Walter and Clara, aged 7 and 5, respectively, returned to their home after a play with a neighbor's children. Walter passed through a basement door, in the rear of the house and up the stairs to the main floor, in order to get a light for his sister and to see if any one was home. A few moments later he rushed back and said that there was some thing the matter with his papa. He had hoked his arms and tried to open them but he had not replied. He was afraid that he was dead. He had not seen his mother anywhere.

The children hurried to the house of a Mr. Eden and informed him of the matter and he telephoned to the police. Officer Kirk came and found Hartman lying in the middle room of the cottage, which contained but three rooms, near a door that leads into a small room. In a small closet that opened off the room in which Hartman was found, the officer discovered what he first took to be a bundle of dark clothes. A closer scrutiny, however, developed the fact that it was the body of a woman, doubled up with the knees almost touching the chin, face downward. It was the body of Mrs. Hartman.

Professors and Pupils Fight.

Some two weeks since the pupils, assisted by the professors, presented to the public at Gordon, the war drama, "Down in Dixie," the proceeds of which were to go toward establishing a school library. In the selection of the books, however, the professors presumed to have full control. This led to serious dissensions, which culminated in a free fight between professors and pupils. Warrants were at once issued for four of the principal offenders and they were brought before Judge Byrnes' court, where they were promptly fined \$5 each and costs with the usual attachments. The case was at once appealed to the district court and the boys declare the end is not yet.

Sustains a Terrible Fall.

A fisherman living in Iowa just below and across the river from Plattsmouth, came over and after getting a good sized jag aboard started home afoot. He crossed the river on the big B. & M. bridge by giving the watchman the slip. When just across the water and over terra firma he lost his balance and fell to the frozen earth, fifty-one feet below, lighting squarely upon his feet. After laying for while he gathered himself together and crawled for over half a mile to his home, where he now lies in a critical condition, with no bones broken, but terribly shaken up.

Captain Jack Crawford at Cozad

Captain Jack Crawford's appearance at Cozad, Tuesday night, was a rare treat. The members of Lindsey post, Grand Army of the Republic, met him at the train and escorted him to their headquarters, where the captain entertained them for an hour in his inimitable style. The captain, during the afternoon, visited the irrigation ditches in that vicinity, and he grew most enthusiastic over the prospect and possibilities of irrigation there. Captain Crawford is personally interested in practical irrigation himself in his New Mexico home.

Angry Woman Uses a Revolver.

Edith Burge of Pierce loaded up a 38-caliber bull dog revolver and called on Mrs. Chris Cordes and drove her from her house. She shot at no one was hit. Mrs. Burge was arrested and taken into court. She asked that her hearing be postponed until later in the day. Judge McDonald placed her in charge of Officer Goff, but Goff reported at the time set for her appearance without the female, stating that she must have skipped. It is understood that she procured a team and was spirited out of town.

Bound Over for a Hundup.

The preliminary hearing of the case of the state against George Kingen and William Wittinger was held at York before County Judge Wildman. A hard fight was put up by the attorneys for the defense, but, nevertheless, they were bound over in the sum of \$500 each. Their crime was that of forcing on John Miller of York, to sign a note of \$20 when he was in a compromising position, using a double-barrelled shot gun as a persuader.

Failed to Impeach Hiatt.

The Custer County board of supervisors has been engaged trying the impeachment case against H. H. Hiatt, county superintendent. The complaint was filed by J. H. Brown, ex-county treasurer. The decision of the board was reached and its members stood four for acquittal and three for conviction. The complaint accused Hiatt of returning false vouchers for clerk hire in order to draw the amount set apart for assistance in his office.

Hunter Drowned in the Platte.

Lavene Burmond, aged 17, was drowned in the Platte River, six miles east of Sheldon. He was hunting on a sand bar, and an ice gorge broke above him. The river rose suddenly, and in attempting to reach the mainland he was drowned in plain sight of his brother, who was on the shore.

Sell Large Property Interests.

The stock held by the estate of the late Frederick Beyschlag of Nebraska City, will be sold at public sale March 28. This consists of the greater part of the cereal mills stock and stock in the Dulinty Flour Works.

Fire at Inavale.

The postoffice and a stock of general merchandise owned by W. J. Vance, at Inavale was recently burned. The postoffice fixtures and mail were saved with the exception of about \$25 worth of stamps. The origin of the fire is unknown, but is supposed to have been due to a defective flue.

Lexington's New Opera House.

The opera house company stock has all been subscribed at Lexington and work will commence at once upon a brick structure 50x125, with a seating capacity of 1,500.

ONE OF THE MUDDY'S CAPERS

Chunk of Nemaha County Set Across the River by a Cut-Off.

A controversy has arisen between the residents of Nemaha County and those of Atchison County, Missouri, regarding the ownership of about 1,500 acres of land which was originally, and probably now is, a portion of the state of Nebraska. A portion of Island Precinct, Nemaha County, is bounded by the Missouri River, which makes a large horse-shoe curve at this point some fifteen miles in length. Included in this curve is the disputed territory. It appears that the river has opened a new channel by shooting across the narrow portion of the neck of this land, and, in fact, cutting off a large portion of the bottom lands, leaving the residents to be taxed by two states. Where the old boundary line was established, and which was in the middle of the Missouri, all is now dry land. The latter state is claiming all the territory east of the new channel, cut since 1853, as property of that state. It is being claimed as swamp land and offered for sale by Missouri. Nemaha County people have filed a protest with Gov. Holcomb, and ask that proper steps be taken to adjust the difference of opinion existing regarding this territory. The county attorney of Nemaha County has advised the Governor of the condition of affairs. The Governor has not yet signified what course he will pursue in the premises, but he thinks that a boundary commission may be appointed to settle the controversy.

Fixed the Responsibility.

Attorney J. W. Edgerton, who has employed by the county board of Hall County to advise it in the matter of the responsibility of the deposit in the badly defunct Bank of Commerce of Grand Island, has filed a lengthy opinion with the board, in which he holds that "there can be no question as to the liability of Treasurer Thomsen on his official bond. The law requires that he shall discharge all other duties now or hereafter required of his office by law. The law demands that he shall require all depositors to give bonds for the safekeeping and payment of the county deposits. This he neglected to do. Hall County must therefore look to Treasurer Thomsen and his bondsmen for the money lost by the failure of the Bank of Commerce." The amount is \$25,000.

Hunters Hurt by Accident.

Charles Kanuth was seriously injured by the discharge of a gun in the hands of Sam Glendenning while out hunting near Beemer, the whole load lodging in the knee.

T. J. McNeil, a young man from Cedarville, Kan., who has been stopping with the family of William Hucks, near Elm Creek, and hunting on the river, met with a severe accident while cleaning his gun. One of the barrels was discharged tearing away most of the forearm.

D. Heath, a young man of Falls City, accidentally shot himself with a 22-caliber rifle while riding in a wagon. Heath went to shift the gun and struck it against the side of the wagon, discharging it, the bullet entering his arm about half way between the wrist and elbow.

Gold in Garfield County.

There is a good deal of talk going on at Ord and in Burwell over the alleged discovery of gold in the hills east of the latter place. Several Ord people who have been residents of Garfield County declare that they have seen gold in sand taken from wells. One Garfield County farmer has sent a specimen of gold bearing sand to a friend, who is a practical assayer, and the report is that the specimen sent contains \$13.38 gold to the ton.

Swallows Carbolic Acid.

Mrs. August Fuchs, who resides across the river from Fremont in Saunders County, committed suicide by taking a dose of carbolic acid. Her face and mouth were badly burned, and she evidently suffered intensely before death came. No cause for the act is known, but there is no doubt but what the fatal dose was taken with suicidal intent.

Greeley Center Votes Bonds.

The canvass of the vote of Greeley Center on the election to vote funding bonds has been completed. The proposition was to vote \$30,000 funding bonds, payable in twenty years bearing 4½ per cent interest. This vote was the lightest cast in ten years, yet the proposition carried by more than a four-fifths majority.

Nebraska Loses an Educator.

Prof. J. E. Hicks, who for the past sixteen years has been one of the leading educators of this state, as principal of the high school of Fort Calhoun, and instructor in county institutes, left this week to take the superintendency of a school in Iowa.

Farmer's Son Seriously Injured.

While in the field at work the 17-year-old son of W. H. Wheelan, a prosperous farmer six miles north of Hemingford, was kicked in the face by one of his horses. When found he was lying under the horse's feet and unconscious.

Surrendered by His Bondsmen.

The bondsmen of D. W. Riesland or Sutton, who was bound over to the district court on the charge of forgery in the sum of \$500, have notified the authorities that they wish to be released, and the sheriff jailed Riesland.

Sixteen-Year-Old Boy Arrested.

Jesse Lydy was placed under arrest at Alliance at the request of his mother, Mrs. D. L. Goodwin. He is 16 years old and will probably be sent to the reform school at Kearney for incorrigibility.

Jail Bird Escapes.

Ora Cochran, a prisoner from Gering confined at Sidney for safe keeping, broke jail by cutting through the roof. He had been allowed free access to the corridor by the sheriff.

Ferry Boat Broke Loose.

The ferry boat at Decatur broke loose from its moorings and went down the river. The proprietors sent men after it and after much hard work it was captured.

Nebraska News Notes.

District court is in session at Lexington.

Orville France of Fairbury was convicted of stealing chickens.

Ogalla ice men are filling their ice houses. The ice is about five inches thick. The cornet band of Grafton gave a grand concert and burlesque entertainment.

T. J. Hollister of Pawnee City is suffering with two broken ribs from being kicked by a horse.

The Independent Order of Good Templars banqueted the delegates to the Bloomington convention.

An Omaha man is in Grafton buying horses for the St. Louis market, paying from \$20 to \$50 per head.

SENATE AND HOUSE.

WORK OF OUR NATIONAL LAW-MAKERS.

Proceedings of the Senate and House of Representatives—Measures of Importance Discussed and Acted Upon—List of the Business.

Daily Report of the Work.

The House on the 25th took up the naval appropriation bill. The bill carries \$81,611,694 (\$2,465,138 more than the current law) and authorizes four new battleships and fifteen torpedo boats, the cost of which complete will be \$102,587,000. During the day Mr. Boutelle and Mr. Wheeler continued their alteration of the day before over the record of the Democrats on the bill to retire Gen. Grant. The other incident of the day arose in connection with an attack made by Mr. Cannon, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, on the naval officers detailed at the naval observatory. Mr. Bartlett, Democrat of New York, rose to a question of privilege to deny a statement that he had furnished a campaign circular used by Mr. Sulzer, Democrat of New York, a few days ago in an attack upon Gibson, Republican of Tennessee, and denounced the charge as a libel ad lib.

The first reference to the adjournment of Congress came in the Senate on the 25th in a formal resolution offered by Senator Platt proposing that adjournment be taken on May 22. Senator Platt said his purpose was to call attention to that time to the desirability of an early adjournment. The resolution was referred to the Appropriations Committee, as any determination as to adjournment must be dependent upon the condition of appropriation bills. The adoption of a resolution allowing ex-President Harrison to receive decorations from Spain and Brazil was postponed by an objection from Senator Allen, Populist of Nebraska. During the day Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire, proposed an amendment prohibiting the United States from giving any recognition or financial aid to any church or religious institution. Most of the day was spent on the legislative appropriation bill, which is not yet completed.

The naval appropriation bill was passed by the House on the 25th without substantial amendment. An effort was made to increase the number of battleships from four to six, but the House by a large majority stood by the recommendation of the committee. The bill as passed carries \$81,611,694 and authorizes the construction of four battleships and fifteen torpedo boats, the total cost of which will be in the neighborhood of \$57,300,000. Mr. Heatwole of Minnesota introduced a resolution providing for a non-partisan commission consisting of nine experts in political economy and banking for aiding Congress in its deliberations in banking and currency matters. Several minor bills were passed, and at 1 o'clock the House went into committee of the whole and resumed consideration of the naval appropriation bill. Mr. Boutelle closed the general debate in favor of abiding by the judgment of the Navy Committee. The bill would be the largest authorization of ships in the history of the country and would tax our capacities to the utmost. If conclusion Mr. Boutelle expressed the hope that the Hays amendment to increase the number of battleships from four to six would be voted down. The vote was then taken on the amendment and on a rising vote it was defeated, 22 to 134. A number of ineffectual amendments were voted down and the bill was passed. Mr. Cannon, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, reported the sundry civil bill and gave notice that he would call it up on the 27th. Then, at 5:10, the House adjourned.

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