

longing to H. P. Wyman & Co.; loss \$70,000 to \$75,000; insurance \$41,000. It is also reported to have destroyed Avery & Wyman's store and other property.

JACKSON, Miss., 21.—Riley Moore, recently acquitted of the murder of Waters, was assassinated near the spot where Waters died.

CHICAGO, 22.—A Little Rock special says: Intelligence has just been received from Mountain Township, Pike County, to the effect that William Shields, a prominent planter, and two children were killed and his wife was fatally wounded, and sixteen dwellings blown down and the crops badly damaged by tornadoes. The heaviest tornado occurred on the 10th. The loss to the county will amount to many thousands of dollars.

BOSTON, 21.—The Herald's London special says: I am enabled to give you exclusive information that the Parnell-Gladstone programme regarding the passage of the new Irish measures is now complete. The Land League members have been informed the progress of the repression of crime bill will determine the action of the government regarding the arrears act. If they obstruct the first, the government will delay the second. Gladstone's anxiety to get the crime bill through in some form is explained by his lost ministerial popularity among the masses since the Dublin murders, and hope of recovery by this method; hence the great concession to Parnell's followers to induce to avoid the obstruction that would surely destroy Gladstone's government.

When the crime bill comes up on Tuesday in committee, important amendments will be offered and accepted. The one relating to the proposed embargo on Irish newspapers will provide, when adopted, that the suppression shall only refer to American journals of the Rossa description. This will remove heavy restrictions from the local Irish press. Another amendment will reduce the term of operation of the law from three to two years. Another will make less arbitrary power of arresting persons merely suspected of belonging to secret societies. The fourth modifies the power of the local magistrates, and provides an opportunity of appeal to higher courts of persons held by their authority.

PHILADELPHIA, 22.—An agreement was entered into by the manufacturers of cotton goods, cottonades, jeans and other low grade textile fabrics, looking to the reduction of the quantity produced in Philadelphia and vicinity, went into effect and many mills shut down.

The movement is to curtail the production of lower grades 50 per cent. and to manufacture a finer class of materials. Of 22,000 looms in Philadelphia nearly 10,000, or a greater number of those engaged in making the goods mentioned, have entered into the compact and a large number outside of Philadelphia have agreed to join the movement.

ST. LOUIS, 22.—The Supreme Court to-day declared constitutional the law making gambling a felony and issued a peremptory writ of mandamus compelling the criminal court to try gamblers indicted by the grand jury. The war on gamblers is now likely to be a vigorous one. This decision is a great blow to the gamblers. The Sheriff is serving 451 capias on lottery men and gamblers, some of whom have been indicted sixty times. There are over 800 cases on the docket against lotteries and gamblers.

PITTSBURG, 22.—The conference between the iron manufacturers and the workmen's associations on the new scale of wages failed to reach an agreement. A general strike on June 1st is thought to be inevitable, throwing 30,000 men out of work.

NEW YORK, 23.—Governor Crittenden, of Missouri, who is now in town was interviewed by a reporter, and said of crops, etc.:

There was never a more encouraging outlook in the west than at the present time. Throughout the entire west and particularly in the southwestern section, it is an understood fact that the yield this year will not only be greater than the yield of last year, but that it will be something enormous. I don't see how the railroads can handle it all, unless they have increased facilities for carrying. The country is just covered with grain, and when I say covered, I mean just what that word implies.

Since the death of Jesse James travel through the State has increased very perceptibly and I consider it due to the fact that the band of outlaws is broken up. People

felt no security in the State before, they feel confidence now and as a result, not only traveling men from large business houses but persons desirous of looking at the country are coming unto us. Just to show how strong the feeling of insecurity was let me tell you that a gentleman met me and said:

Now, Crittenden, since you have cleaned your State I shall not be afraid to go there.

People formerly went to California through Chicago now they are coming to us over the Missouri Pacific, the Missouri division of the Chicago & Alton and by the Rock Island & Pacific, and we are glad to see them come.

A New York special says: When Postmaster Pearson reached the office yesterday, he found a postal card addressed to President Arthur notifying him that if he didn't recall Minister Lowell from England and ask the unconditional surrender of all American citizens in British dungeons without trial he would be assassinated. The writer will be sought for.

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa, 23.—The second snow storm this spring occurred last night, between 12 and 1 snowing heavily for some time, the weather grew clear and cold and another heavy frost ensued doing a great deal of damage. Small fruits are mostly destroyed.

DALLAS, Texas, 23.—The Hon. J. W. Truitt, a member of the Legislature, passed through here having in custody Bill McDonald and Jim Martin, who robbed the Texas & Pacific train at Ranger Station a month ago. Martin is his nephew.

CHICAGO, 23.—A meeting will be held here this week which will advance rates to interior points, particularly to Pittsburg and other Pennsylvania cities.

J. C. McMullen, of the Chicago & Alton, has refused to accept a place on the board of railroad arbitrators, which it is proposed to make take the place of the commissioner when Mr. Fink retires from that office.

A large number of reports from Iowa points gives further details of damage by the frosts of Sunday night, and indicate that last night's cold wave was equally severe. At Boone, a sharp frost nipped the corn more or less, and greatly injured fruit, especially in the lowlands. About Dubuque and throughout northern Iowa, there was a heavy frost, cherries and plums are ruined and apples more or less injured.

Along the Iowa division of the Wabash was a heavy frost, but corn was not up and no harm was done. There was no frost at Keokuk. It was heavy at Cedar Rapids, and all kinds of vegetation showed its effects. The weather has delayed the corn planting and farmers express fears that the corn already in the ground will rot. At Marshalltown ice formed a quarter of an inch thick, and fruit was greatly damaged. Crops were damaged considerably about Burlington. Garden stuff was entirely destroyed, and corn is believed to be extensively injured. Sioux City reports unusual but not destructively cool weather. Leavenworth reports severe frosts in that section of the Missouri Valley, which killed much tender vegetation. The grain crops were affected only slightly. The polar wave struck Madison, Wis., and the mercury declined almost to freezing, but there was no frost. Cold weather in that section has retarded, but not injured crops. Cold rain at Lincoln, Nebraska, excited fears that corn would rot in the ground and other grains would be injured. To-day will probably bring more reports of injury, as last night was a cold one throughout the northwest. The night was cloudy and there was no frost here, but early this morning a light snow fell for nearly an hour.

A Lincoln, Nebraska, special says: Burn's apportionment bill has passed the Senate. It divides Nebraska into three congressional districts. It is very pleasing to the southeastern counties, but displeases Lincoln and Omaha.

A Hot Springs special says: Reports of great destruction by a terrific tornado last week in Polk County are coming in by mail. The residence of Mr. Turner, at Iron Forks were demolished, two children killed and Mr. Turner badly and his wife fatally injured. In escaping some of inmates had their clothes torn from their backs. Dr. McDaniel's house was torn to pieces and his wife seriously if not fatally hurt. The entire family of Scott Lindsey were badly hurt, and Mrs. James Davis, a visitor probably fatally injured. Mr. Barber lost

every building on his farm and McKnight's residence was destroyed, the occupants barely escaping; Joseph Pepper's little daughter was killed, Mr. Holmes and wife were fatally injured. The Baptist Church of Gardner was destroyed. It is estimated that 50 farms were devastated and such destruction in the county never had a precedent. The damage is not less than \$180,000 in Polk and Polk counties.

WASHINGTON, 23.—The latest Polar scheme is by J. Palmarts, of the Belgian Geographical Society, now visiting this country. He has devoted much time to Arctic study, and proposes to explore the Polar regions in a cigar-shaped steel vessel, running under water and obtaining oxygen by decomposition. Palmarts says experiments he has made develop the practicability of his scheme. He proposes a sixty days' voyage north of Spitzbergen.

A statistical abstract just issued by the Treasury Department contains the statistics of the annual production of gold and silver in the United States from 1859 to 1881 inclusive. These figures show that the production of gold has declined from \$55,000,000 in 1857, to \$36,500,000 in 1881, and that the production of silver has increased from nothing in 1856 to \$4,000,000 in 1881. The total production of gold and silver in 1881 was \$78,500,000, an increase of \$3,000,000 over the year previous.

The largest production recorded in and one year was in 1878, when over \$96,000,000 was produced. The statistics of the production of gold and silver in California in 1881, is, gold, \$19,000,000; silver, \$870,000; Nevada, gold, \$2,700,000; Colorado, gold, \$3,400,000, silver, \$15,000,000; Oregon, gold, \$1,000,000, silver, \$30,000. Utah?

The House proceedings to-day were a repetition of those of yesterday, without a single incident to relieve the monotony of idleness. There were two calls of the House, each disclosing the lack of a quorum on the republican side. The republicans say they will have a quorum in the city to-morrow, but it is doubtful if their expectations will be realized. Some of the republican representatives have privately urged that the public business be considered while waiting for a quorum, but the leaders have refused to receive such propositions. They say if a majority having declined its intention to consider the Mackey-Dibbles case should allow any other business to intervene, the absentees would feel themselves relieved of the necessity for immediate attendance in Washington, and it would be impossible to obtain a quorum. Every day since the filibustering began, the republican representatives in the city have been excused for one reason and another from daily attendance. It is asserted, however, that these leaves of absence are only for one day, and that as soon as a quorum of republicans is known to be in the city, the attendance of those excused will be compelled. The granting of leaves of absence has a demoralizing effect upon those republicans who entered the fight with the purpose of remaining in their seats until the issue was decided.

The democrats are in cheerful spirits. They have been beaten so often at the game the republicans are now playing that they regard the contest with complacency. Democratic leaders do not believe the republicans will obtain a quorum, but they say if a quorum of the majority is secured, their policy will be to continually make motions to adjourn and to take a recess, motions which are always in order, and by keeping one-third of their number in the House they can put it beyond the power of the republicans ever to secure action in the case. There were 17 republican absentees to-day, yesterday 30 were absent.

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