

BY TELEGRAPH.

PER WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH LINES.

AMERICAN.

MEMPHIS, 9.—The *Appeal* publishes a letter purporting to be from Frank James, which is believed to be authentic. The letter is dated Memphis, April 4th, and says he leaves that night for parts unknown; denies that he and Jessie ever robbed a southerner if they knew it. One of Memphis' citizens, he says, will remember that in a stage robbery they gave him back his money, but kept that of the blue coats. He says Jesse and he have had a little revenge and he expects to have a little more. He says: Just think how many poor fathers were killed by the damned blue devils, and how they came out in the fields where I was plowing and took the lines off my horses and hung me to my own plow. Only for Jesse I would have died. Well, we began way-laying Yankees and getting one by one for about a year, then we joined a noble hero by the name of Quantrell. We had 32 then and made things lively and hot now and then. I have traveled all over the world since the war, while Jesse would stay close to home. Old Pinkerton thought he could get us, but after one Pinkerton and three others got killed, they let up. They don't want us bad. But think of my poor brother. They might just as well hang Ford, for we have friends all over the country that would shoot him quick as wink. I have friends who will drop this in your box after I leave and I hope you will oblige.

FRANK JAMES.

The letter is written on the leaf of a hotel register. On the margin is an apology, "All I could get at," and at the bottom, "written in a hurry."

NEW YORK, 9.—Two men attempted on Saturday afternoon to sell at a broker's office city bonds of the city of St. Joseph, Missouri, to the amount of \$100,000, for 80 cents on the dollar. The bonds are only negotiable for other bonds. The transaction excited suspicion, and the men were handed over to the police. They gave the names of James Irving and Joseph Fisk. The bonds were examined by the financial agent of the city of St. Joseph and found genuine. They are supposed to have been stolen. The prisoners were arraigned at the Tombs police court.

The men, when questioned as to where they got the bonds, replied that they received them from a man in Missouri. Irving gave his occupation as a real estate agent, and Fisk as a speculator. They were not known at police headquarters. Investigation left little doubt that the persons having the bonds in their possession were the tools of conspirators in St. Joseph. The agent said he had no doubt these men did not steal the bonds, but that some dishonest official or somebody at St. Joseph was at the bottom.

The agent says he discovered something was wrong with the bonds when he saw them numbered consecutively from 901 to 1,000, each bond being for \$1,000. Only \$600,000 worth of new bonds have been issued, and these, being so far ahead, looked like a fraudulent issue.

One hundred thousand dollars' worth of bonds are still held, awaiting developments from St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, April 10.—The week which opened in this city with the killing of Jesse James, the most consuming sensation of many years, is closing with the remarkable report of a huge bond steal. A private telegram from New York states that two men were arrested, having in their possession \$100,000 St. Joseph four per cent. bonds, which they were trying to negotiate. The finance committee of the City Council have been investigating the matter. They have found some of the new bonds to the amount stated have been abstracted from the Register's office and no satisfactory explanation can be made, how they were obtained.

Ex-Mayor Pinter, City Register Ringe and City Marshal Ringe, have left for New York to look after the matter.

JUNCTION CITY, Kansas, 9.—At 12 o'clock last night a tornado passed over this neighborhood from the southwest, and was very destructive at Fort Riley. Most all the buildings were unroofed and a portion of the walls destroyed, involving a loss of \$300,000. Two soldiers were hurt, one very dangerously; one horse killed and six wounded.

At Wakefield, Clay County, eight houses were destroyed. In all por-

tions of the county, barns, outhouses and fences were destroyed, but no damage done in Junction City.

Eldorado, Ks., 9.—A cyclone swept over Rosalia township in Butte county, last night about 10.30, overturning three houses and killing Mrs. David Henry, breaking the thigh of Mrs. J. C. Pante, and injuring probably fatally three children. The houses were carried into the air and then dashed to splinters on the earth. Not a whole board or shingle can be found on them. The storm was from the southwest to the northeast, and was preceded as usual by the meeting of two dark clouds.

No extensive damage resulted to property, from the fact that after demolishing the houses it passed into the sparsely settled flint hills. Posts of a wire fence were twisted from the ground and carried away. A son of Mr. Plant's, 17 years old, was carried over some high trees adjacent to the homestead, and set down on his feet. Mrs. Henry was not found for some hours after the storm.

Topeka, 10.—News is coming in from various portions of the State relative to the high winds on Wednesday evening. The house of Tom Perry, 12 miles northeast of Abilene, was struck by lightning, killing his son.

At Chapman, in the same vicinity, the Methodist Church was completely destroyed.

At Manhattan, the storm tore the roof from the Methodist Church and blew down numerous chimneys. In this city there was a heavy rain, but no winds.

The Commonwealth has just received particulars of the destruction caused by the cyclone at Stafford on Thursday night. Stafford contains 75 or 80 houses. It is the county seat of Stafford county, about 200 miles southwest of Topeka and off the line of any railroad. All but two houses were blown down. A Mr. Crook was killed and several persons more or less injured. A county election had just closed and the wind scattered the ballots all over the prairie before they were counted.

Des Moines, Iowa, 10.—A cyclone struck the agricultural college at Ames this afternoon, doing considerable damage. Professor Kessey and wife and Wm. McCarthy and wife were injured and a student named Cornell badly hurt. It is feared there were other damages north of Ames.

WASHINGTON, 10.—Brief funeral services were held to-day over the remains of Representative Allen. David Davis, President of the Senate, Speaker Kiefer and a large number of other congressmen were present. After the services the remains were placed on board a special train, accompanied by members of the family and congressmen, and were taken to Pittsfield, Mass., where the interment takes place in accordance with the wishes of Mr. Allen.

The House committee on education and labor directed Representative Sherwin to draft a bill to be submitted to a committee recommending the appropriation of \$10,000,000 to be made to be expended throughout the United States for education in accordance with the rates of illiteracy.

Shepherd's assertions about his talks with Blaine are entirely unsupported by any evidence which he could bring, and rests only upon his reputation for veracity.

Over 100 witnesses will be summoned for the government in the Star route cases. The trial will occupy six or eight weeks.

It is understood the Secretary of War recommends four or five months in the guard house for Mason, forfeiture of pay and dishonorable discharge.

Judge Belford, of Colorado wants to open up the Ute reservation in his state for settlement. We allow the white man to take 160 acres of land on condition of their cultivation sooner or later. When we deal with the Indian we make no such condition, but give him a square mile where we give the white man an acre. In my judgment this country was made for men who are willing to cultivate it and make its products contribute to the welfare of mankind.

Gen. Sherman's dispatch asking that no exception be made in his favor to the compulsory retirement clause in the army bill, served to make the passage of the clause a certainty. An attempt will be made to strike out the compulsory retirement after 40 years' service. It happens only to strike Gen. Pope. He is the only officer under 62 years

who has served continuously for 40 years, having graduated from West Point before he was 20 years of age.

NEW YORK, 10.—The amalgamated Trades' Unions adopted resolutions that, as Priest Arthur had vetoed the bill intended to restrict the importation of coolies to the United States, therefore the Trades' Unions regard it as another evidence of the governing classes that the interests of the working population were not considered, and that Priest Arthur had ignored the interests of the people by protecting the interests of the Six Chinese Companies; extending greeting to their brothers on the Pacific Coast, bidding them continue their work, and assuring them that victory would crown their efforts.

The platform of principles calls for eight hours for a day's work.

Commodore Luce is unable to understand the non-arrival of the United States training ship *Portsmouth*. He has heard nothing from her since her departure for Hampton Roads.

KANSAS CITY, 10.—It was reported last night that Tucker Bashaw, who was convicted of participating in the Glendale train robbery and who was pardoned out to testify against Bill Ryan, was assassinated some 10 days ago in Kansas. The James gang had sworn to take away his life, and it is supposed they have accomplished the threat.

BOSTON, 9.—The grand jury indicted James Fitzgerald, alias Morrison, for the larceny of three checks, representing \$20,000, from Charles Francis Adams, and for conspiring with other parties (not arrested) to defraud Adams. Fitzgerald is held in \$25,000.

INDIANAPOLIS, 10.—The shortage in the accounts of Arthur Muckler, the absconding teller of the Central Bank, will reach \$30,000. The bank is closed until all the accounts, which have been greatly falsified, have been overhauled. No fear of the solvency of the bank.

SAN FRANCISCO, 10.—A Victoria dispatch confirms the report of the steamer *Euphrates* and *Escambría* sailing from Hong Kong to arrive this month with 3,000 Chinese to work on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

CINCINNATI, 10.—During the past week there were 50 deaths from small pox, 135 new cases and 200 under treatment.

ST. LOUIS, 10.—Senator Logan is so sick he can not go to the Hot Springs.

BOSTON, 10.—The *Journal* says the outline of operations of an extensive swindle in the China trade reached Boston this morning, and the indications are that a gigantic fraud is about to be exposed. The house of Vogel & Co., of Hong Kong, has done a large business in hemp, silk and other goods, between China and America and Europe. Very recently the English and French consignees of the firm received several cargoes of cheap fourth-rate silks in place of the first-class goods which had been ordered and paid for. Hardly had the investigation been begun, when the arrival of the ship *Richard Robinson*, in New York, on Saturday, with a cargo from the same house, exposed an extensive fraud of the same nature. Several New York and Boston firms received consignments of hemp as they supposed by the vessel. They had sent letters of credit and purchased through banking houses, as is customary, a large quantity of hemp worth nearly \$30 per bale. On opening the cargo Saturday it was found to consist principally of Canton matter, worth less than \$5 per bale. Meanwhile steps were taken to apprehend the head of the house at Hong Kong, by means of cable orders to arrest him, which resulted in the receipt of a dispatch saying he had sailed in the last steamer, probably for France. Detectives in the latter country endeavored to find him at the time he was expected to arrive, but he has been traced, it is believed, to Italy. His capture is despaired of, although pursuit is being made as rapidly as possible. The silk shipped to Europe by Vogel & Co. is worth not much more than \$10 per bale; it was paid for as \$300. Losses to consignees of the concern thus far reported amounts to \$5,000,000. One Boston firm received 7,500 bales of so-called hemp by the *Richard Robinson*, and it was worth about one-sixth the amount paid for it. A thorough investigation of affairs is being made and a more definite statement will soon be ready.

ST. LOUIS, 10.—Stephen Blakey, a Mormon (?) preacher, while walking along the Missouri railway track yesterday afternoon, reading a

prayer book, was run down and horribly mangled by a passenger train. His death was instantaneous. He was walking to Cheltenham, where he would have preached.

CHICAGO, 10.—A Washington special says: The Chinese minister is understood to be dissatisfied with the passport system of the new Chinese bill and other features interfering with Chinese crossing the continent in returning home.

WASHINGTON, 10.—In the Senate, Bayard, from the judiciary committee, reported a bill amending the anti-polygamy law by fixing the salaries of the election commissioners under that law at \$5,000 per annum, passed.

The minority on the territorial committee reported on the bill for the admission of Dakota.

Secretary Hunt received a dispatch from Engineer Melville, dated Yaut-ek, January 27th, as follows: "I have completed all the necessary arrangements for supplies and outfits for six months, and leave this place for Belun to-day, thence to Lena Delta to continue the search for our missing comrades."

CLEVELAND, 10.—Loss by the burning of the Powell Tool Company's forge is twenty-five thousand dollars. Half insured.

CHESTER, Pa., 10.—An incendiary fire destroyed J. H. Tauls' paper mill. Loss thirty thousand dollars, insurance thirty thousand.

ST. LOUIS, 10.—The *Post-Dispatch* has information from New York that the Supreme Court granted an order this morning for the arrest of Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, charged with having obtained \$75,000 upon false and fraudulent representations to the well known New York banker, Francis A. Fogg. Gen. Fisk was formerly a prominent citizen of St. Louis, raised a brigade of Union troops during the war; and is the founder of the Fisk University, and has been Indian commissioner.

WASHINGTON, 11.—The executive committee and Senate and House Democratic Congressional campaign committee met to-night. General Rosencrans was elected permanent chairman of the joint committee and General Lefevre secretary. The board of the central committee, authorized the election R. P. Flower (New York) chairman. Other members are Senator Davis, of West Virginia, Senator Gorman, Representatives Cobb and Rosencrans. The names of three members are withheld. The ninth member will be elected at the next meeting. Phil Thompson was chosen chairman. The adoption of a financial programme and transaction of some preliminary business completed the work of the meeting.

WASHINGTON, 11.—The contract division of the Indian bureau to-day awarded contracts for supplies to Chicago and St. Louis firms.

CHICAGO, 11.—The *Journal's* Washington dispatch says: The last hope of the Star-routers has vanished, and they now see that they must stand trial. Stephen W. Dorsey has been telegraphed for by Colonel Ingersoll, and the cases will come up soon. The indictments were read this afternoon to an empty court room, and the reading consumed several hours.

BOSTON, 11.—The *Transcript* this evening says: Mexican advices state the line of the Mexican Central Railway is now completed 219½ miles from the City of Mexico, the gauge of 37½ miles of the road, from Celaya to Irapuata having just been widened and placed in the main line. Gross earnings for March, upon 1,153 miles, \$62,000.

NEW YORK, 11.—The St. Joseph bond thieves, Joseph Fish and George M. Irwin were arraigned again to-day, but remained to await the arrival of the St. Joseph City officials, on Wednesday, and a requisition.

JUNCTION CITY, Ks., 11.—The wreck made by Friday night's storm at Fort Riley, and freaks of the wind, without ocular proof are simply beyond belief. That there was no loss of life is nothing less than miraculous. The wind pursued a spiral course, destroying one building in its course and skipping the next. The commissary and quartermaster storehouses were unroofed, and a portion of the side of one of them ripped off as though it had been sawed in two. The stores in these houses were thus exposed, and are now covered with canvas. The roofs of several of the soldiers' quarters in some instances are wholly gone and in others partially so. Of the officers' quarters the greatest wreck is the one occupied by Major Dewees and Dr. Tilton. How these gentlemen and their wives escaped death is the most as-

tonishing story of the storm. Where their beds were are several stones weighing 50 to 100 pounds each, and the roof fell in, the end near their beds lodging, while the opposite end fell to the floor, but the occupants escaped without a scratch. The kitchen portion of the quarters occupied by Lieut. Dimmick's family, was destroyed, the wreck showing a fearful mixture of stones and broken cooking ware. In one of the soldiers quarters great rocks fell among the bunks occupied by the men, but only three soldiers were hurt so as to be sent to the hospital. But the great curiosity is the stable, which suffered the greatest damage. There were probably 75 horses in the stalls on the side mostly damaged. They broke their halters and moved back as the fall came, the stall being filled to a depth of five or six feet with rocks, rafters and other debris. Only four horses were caught by the falling rocks. Sections of the roof were carried several hundred yards and the great stones from the walls scattered all about. A portion of the command are now in tents. The destruction is so great as to cause considerable interest in the action of the government as to the reconstruction in good shape of the post or its abandonment. A board of survey, consisting of Dr. Tilton, Mayor Domis, and Lieut. Burnet, are engaged examining and estimating the loss. The track of the storm, half a mile or so south of Junction City, is as distinct as the furrow of a plow.

CHICAGO, 10.—Mrs. Francis M. Scoville to-day prepared a bill which will be filed to-morrow through her attorney, A. S. Johnson, praying the county court that she be appointed conservator of the estate and person of her brother, Charles J. Guiteau. The bill is not obtainable, being placed in the hands of certain gentlemen for speculative purposes, as is alleged. It sets forth that it is the belief of the petitioner that Guiteau is of unsound mind and body and incapacitated from proper care of his estate and person. It has been known for some time that she intended to take this step, and she was interviewed on the subject to-night. She said the report was correct. I have long believed him to be insane and have years ago tried to have him incarcerated in an insane asylum but failed. He has considerable property and is spending it just as fast as he knows how and it is my desire to save it for him while he is in jail, so it may be judiciously expended on the new trial. When I left Washington I hinted something of my intention to Guiteau, but he did not seem to relish it. However, I determined to carry it out and have. My husband has on one pretext or another, prevented my filing such bill. He believes my brother will get a new trial, but I do not place much dependence on it. This closed the interview.

New York, 11.—The *Herald's* Chicago dispatch on the new phase of the Guiteau case says: This is a new and entirely unexpected turn of affairs. It is not known whether Guiteau will be brought here or not. The case requires trial by jury before Judge Loomis, and the question will again come up as to whether Guiteau was insane at the time of shooting President Garfield. It is not known that newly discovered evidence will be introduced in the trial of the case in Chicago, and many witnesses who were not present at Washington will be in attendance here. The case will come up regularly in the next term of the county court in May.

The following has been furnished for publication.

To the Agent of the Associated Press:

Mrs. Francis M. Scoville, according to newspaper reports, has impudently filed a petition in Chicago for conservator of my estate. The absurdity of her pretensions are apparent from the fact that I don't live in Illinois and have not for nearly three years; besides I am not a lunatic. This was officially decided on my trial. I have lived in Washington for over a year and this is my legal residence. The court had better dismiss the petition peremptorily. The Scovilles are a nuisance and I want nothing to do with them.

(Signed) CHARLES GUITEAU.

Boston, 11.—No improvement in the wool market; demand moderate and prices unsatisfactory. Ohio and Pennsylvania at 42 @ 43 for X and XX, with choice selections at 44 @ 45. For Michigan and Wisconsin fleeces 40 @ 41 for X and XX, in moderate demand; No. 1 fleeces ranging from 44 @ 46 for Michigan and