

The most important business transacted in Congress last week was the consideration of the river and harbor bill.

The present democratic majority in Congress is 43. To overcome this majority the republicans would not only have to hold their present districts, but gain 22 more for their side.

HON. S. P. WOLVERTON, of Sunbury, has been mentioned by the Northumberland County Democrat, as a possible candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

GEORGE R. JENKS, who resigned his position as Assistant Secretary of the Interior states in his letter of resignation that "other imperative duties" compel him to give up his Government position.

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The Grand Master Workman Asks Some Pertinent Questions.

Scranton, Pa., May 16.—T. V. Powderly, Grand Master Workman of the Knights of Labor, has sent out the following letter:

The press has condemned the boycott as practised by the workingman. What has it to say of the boycott as practised by the employer of labor?

Let me state a case as it occurred during the early part of this year. A manufacturer, employing hundreds of men, learns that the men have organized an Assembly of the Knights of Labor.

He at once discharges every man of them. The men do not ask for shorter hours, more pay or a change of any kind.

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In case the men belong to the Masonic order and the employer discharges them and refuses employment to them until they abandon that society, would you advise them to leave it in order to secure employment? If not, what would you advise?

In case an employer makes war upon the Masonic order, would a discharged member of that organization be justified in telling a brother Mason of the injury done him?

Up to the present time the press has dealt with this question with but one standard. I believe it will deal fairly with it from all sides.

A copy of this letter is mailed to each of the leading journals. Do me the favor to make your reply on or before the 19th of this month, if possible, and oblige the undersigned with a copy of the same.

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Many residences were swept down the current with their inmates.

Cincinnati, O., May 14.—News of damage by the storm of Wednesday night continues to come in. Madison County, Ky., suffered to the extent of more than \$200,000.

In Fayette County the waterspout was so pronounced that in four hours a stream had risen 18 feet. Dozens of bridges were washed away.

In Clinton County the chief damage was by wind. Five barns are reported destroyed and timber prostrated over a large area.

In Butler County also there was much damage by wind. Fifty feet of the Woodsdale bridge over the Miami river was blown off and a fine iron and wood bridge on the Elliott turnpike was demolished.

In the village of Seven Mile the streets were impassable from fallen trees. At Middletown the damage was by wind and storm.

The mills are all stopped and nearly all access to the town is cut off. At Sidney, O., damage to the railroads is reported. Six miles west of Sidney the Bee Line had a washout 200 feet long and 100 feet deep.

The Dayton and Michigan has several breaks between Sidney and Dayton. At Lima the Lake shore and Western trains were suspended by reason of washouts.

Albany, O., May 14.—A tornado passed through Columbia Township, Meigs County, on Wednesday night between 10 and 12:30 o'clock, demolishing several buildings, killing two persons and injuring several others.

Tipton, Ind., May 14.—Many private residences in and near the city were badly wrecked by Wednesday night's storm. Mrs. Marsh Tucker was fatally injured. Mrs. Gates and child were killed.

Wilkinson, Ind., May 14.—The cyclone Wednesday night lasted only five minutes but totally destroyed nine houses. The killed are Samuel White, farmer, Glen Smith, son of J. W. Smith. Others were seriously wounded.

Danville, Ill., May 14.—A cyclone passed over this county on Wednesday night, destroying a score of farm houses. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller and the infant son of John A. Shaw were killed. Mr. Shaw himself was fatally injured.

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