

WHAT OUR NATIONAL LAW MAKERS ARE CONSIDERING.

Some of the More Important Work of the National Congress—Bills that the Committees Report Favorably Upon—Washington Topics.

The United States Senate by a vote of 52 to 3, has adopted the resolution declaring Nathan B. Scott to be entitled to his seat in the Senate from West Virginia. The Alaskan and Cotton Claims bills also were considered.

The House passed ninety-one private pension bills April 27. Among them was one to pension at the rate of \$40 a month the widow of the late John M. Stotsenburg, of the First Nebraska, who was killed in the Phillipines.

The Senate in executive session has ratified the treaty with Spain extending for six months the time in which Spanish residents of the Philippines may decide whether they will remain subjects of Spain or become citizens of the Philippines.

The House Committee on Commerce has directed a favorable report on the Brosius bill, to prevent the adulteration, misbranding and imitation of food products.

The Senate has agreed to the conference report on the Hawaiian Civil Government bill.

The Agricultural bill has been passed, carrying a little over \$3,000,000.

The House, by a vote of 57 to 50, struck from the Postoffice Appropriation bill the entire provision for the pneumatic mail tube service.

The Senate by a vote of 33 to 32 has decided that M. S. Quay was not entitled to a seat as Senator from Pennsylvania.

The House has passed the Foraker resolution continuing the present officers in Porto Rico in office.

The plans for the three new battleships have been approved. They will be the largest vessels in the United States Navy, and will surpass anything of their size afloat.

The President has sent to the Senate the nominations of Frank L. Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior; J. H. Hollander, of Maryland, to be Treasurer of Porto Rico, and John R. Garrison, of the District of Columbia, to be Auditor of Porto Rico.

The conferees on the Hawaiian Government bill have agreed to that feature of the House bill requiring that the governor, judges, etc., shall be citizens of Hawaii.

In the House, upon request of Mr. Hepburn, unanimous consent has been given to set aside May 1 and 2 for the consideration of the Nicaragua Canal bill.

Admiral Dewey and Rear Admiral Hitchcock are in favor of the proposal to purchase a number of submarine torpedo boats of the Holland type.

The transport Sheridan is to be repaired at San Francisco at a cost of about \$150,000. Among the improvements will be a new main deck and an enlarged refrigerating plant.

By direction of the President, the military post near Bismarck, North Dakota, will hereafter be known as Fort Lincoln.

A STRANGE STORY.

News of a Fortune Discloses a Remarkable Romance.

Howard A. Saville, who disappeared from Gloucester, Mass., sixteen years ago and who is now notified that a fortune of \$20,000 awaits him in his native State, has been located in Kansas City. Since his departure from Gloucester his wife collected his insurance and remarried, and he has taken another wife.

Commenting on his strange story, he said: "I left Gloucester sixteen years ago and went to Cincinnati, where a severe operation was performed upon me for cancer. I then went to Arkansas. For eleven years I was postmaster at Simpson, Ark., in Bradley county. I have been in Rogers only about two years and I am in business there. I suppose that the operation started the report that I was dead.

"As to my first wife's affairs I am wholly ignorant, as I cut loose entirely when I left Massachusetts and have never had any communication with her since. I did not even know that she was alive. I am going back there."

DEATH RECORD.

A. K. Spence, Professor of Greek and French at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, aged 60 years. He had been connected with the university for thirty years.

Henry Fulmer, aged 70, president of the First National Bank, of Easton, Pa., of congestion of the brain.

THE GREAT FIRE.

Five Square Miles Burned Over in Ottawa and Hull.

The great fire at Ottawa and Hull on Thursday and Friday burned over five square miles of territory. More than 2,000 buildings were destroyed, seven lives lost, seven thousand men, women and children made homeless, and the property loss is \$17,000,000, according to the latest estimate.

A relief committee has been formed by the citizens, and this, together with the Roman Catholic Archbishops of Ottawa and Montreal, will make an appeal for relief to the country. The most serious problem that confronts Hull is that of work. The majority of householders who were burned out are poor and have large families. It is not expected there will be employment for a considerable period, and the way in which many of the poor are going to live in the meantime is doubtful.

On the Ottawa side fully two-thirds of Dalhousie Ward is devastated, and an estimate by residents of the district places the number who were without roofs of their own last night in this district at 5,000. The destroyed property in this district included some of the finest residences in Ottawa, as well as a great many of the humblest.

All of Hull's principal buildings with the exception of the Roman Catholic Church are things of the past. The buildings and land in the place are valued at \$2,700,000, and of this amount over \$1,000,000 may be put down as a loss. Then in stocks, fixtures, equipment, household effects and wearing apparel there is a loss of nearly \$3,000,000. The vast piles of lumber which went up in smoke may be reckoned at \$2,000,000 more.

A FIGHT IN MID-STREAM.

Desperate Battle With an Insane Patient in the River.

An insane patient in Blackwell's Island, N. Y., named Garvin, escaped and ran for the East River, April 25. Meanwhile John Dougherty, one of the guards, was slowly rowing along the island water front in a small boat.

The madman darted ahead with great speed, but steadily the boat gained upon him. About midway between the island and the Manhattan shore the boat drew alongside the swimmer.

Garvin grasped the gunwale with his left hand, drew himself half out of the water and shot his right fist into Dougherty's face. The blow caught the unsuspecting guard squarely between the eyes, landing him on his back.

In another instant the crazed swimmer had overturned the boat and the men grappled fiercely in the water. Garvin fought with the superhuman strength of madness; Dougherty for his life. Swept along by the strong tide, the men clung desperately to each other, each striving to force his antagonist under water.

Garvin's muscular fingers had found the guard's throat. Twice they had gone down, the maniac on top, and Dougherty's head was disappearing for the third time, his strength gone and hold relaxed, when the rescuers reached them.

The guard was dragged into the rescuing boat more dead than alive, while Garvin, seemingly as strong as ever, fought savagely to escape. A blow from an oar finally knocked him senseless. He was taken back to the island and placed in a straightjacket.

It is estimated that \$60,500,000 will be spent this year by the following railways: Baltimore and Ohio, \$25,000,000; Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, \$6,000,000; Monon, \$10,000,000; Chicago and Alton, \$2,000,000; Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, \$2,000,000; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, \$3,000,000; Illinois Central, \$3,000,000; Chicago and Eastern Illinois, \$3,500,000; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, \$3,000,000.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Flour and Grain.

Table listing market prices for various types of flour (Minnesota Patents, Winter Patents, etc.) and grain (Rye Flour, Rye, Corn, Wheat, Oats).

Table listing market prices for various types of produce including HAY, HOPS, WOOL, BEEF, LARD, PORK, BUTTER, CHEESE, EGGS, and State and Pennsylvania products.

Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Sullivan county and to me directed and delivered there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Laporte, Pa., on

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., all the right title and interest of the defendant of and in the following messuages, parcels tracts or lots of real estate:

Lot No. 1. All that certain tract situated in the township of Shrewsbury, County of Sullivan and State of Pennsylvania bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post and running north 87 degrees west 193 perches to a beech; thence north 31 degrees east 278 perches to stones; thence south 87 degrees east 189 4/10 perches to a white beech; thence south 3 degrees west 280 5/10 perches to the place of beginning, containing 314 acres and 110 perches more or less of unimproved land. Said land being bounded on east by land late of Sprout and VanBuskirk and on south by land of Geyelin and being a part of the tract of land in the warrant name of George Ramsey.

Lot No. 2. All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Shrewsbury, County of Sullivan and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post, thence by land of Wilson Opp, north 49 degrees east 211 perches to a stone; thence by land of the same, south 52 degrees east 50 perches to a hemlock tree; thence by land late of P. Vanderbelt north 31 degrees east 82 1/2 perches to a stone; thence by land of William Bodine, William H. Warn and Wilson Opp north 87 degrees west 86 perches to a stone on the bank of Rock Run; thence by land of George W. Craft, south 22 degrees east 26 perches to a stone; thence by land of same south 36 degrees east 43 perches to the place of beginning containing 31 acres 90 perches of land be the same more or less unimproved land.

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Lot No. 4. All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situated in the Township of Shrewsbury, County of Sullivan and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an old maple corner of Peter Benson, Peter Pogue and Ezekiel Foreman warrants, thence south 21 degrees west 291 4/10 perches to a stone corner; thence north 87 degrees west 361 perches to a stone corner; thence north 21 degrees east 136 2/10 perches; thence east on a straight line to Rock Run thence up Rock Run until the same crosses the warrant line between the John Barron Jr. and Peter Benson; thence east to the old maple place of beginning, containing 350 acres of land more or less unimproved land. Saving and reserving out of the last described lot of land a parcel or lot of land containing 8 acria more or less conveyed by Wilson Opp to William and G. C. Frontz by deed dated the 29th day of July A D 1881.

Lot No. 5. All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situated in the township of Shrewsbury, county of Sullivan, and state of Pennsylvania bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a hemlock, thence by land of George W. Craft, north 32 degrees west 50 perches to a beech; thence south 49 degrees west 26 perches to a beech; thence north 32 degrees east 76 perches to a stone; thence by land of William Frontz north 4 degrees east 42 perches to a hemlock the place of beginning, containing 13 acres and 62 perches of land be the same more or less, with the appurtenances consisting of a steam power saw mill and necessary buildings in connection therewith.

Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of W. H. Warn at the suit of Dewitt Bodine.

H. W. Osler, Sheriff, Sheriff's office, Laporte, Pa., April 16 1900

Trial List for May Term, 1900.

Table listing trial cases for the May term, 1900, including names of plaintiffs and defendants, and the nature of the cases.

Michigan's Governor Says He Has Joined That Party.

Governor Pingree has asserted in an interview that the hope of the people in this year's general elections is in the Democratic party. The Governor has always hitherto been an independent Republican. Speaking of the increasing power of trusts, Governor Pingree said: "There is no use in hoping that the Republican party will do anything with them."

Treasurer's Sale OF UNSEATED LANDS.

According to the provisions of an Act of Assembly entitled, "An Act directing the mode of selling Unseated Lands for taxes, passed the 12th day of March, 1875, and the supplements thereto, I, Frank Lusch, Treasurer of the County of Sullivan, hereby give notice to all persons concerned that unless the County, State, Road, School and Poor taxes due on the following tracts of Unseated Lands situated in said county and paid before the day of sale, the whole or such part of each tract as will pay the taxes and such cost chargeable thereon at the Court House in Laporte, said county of Sullivan, on the 11th day of June, 1900, being the second Monday of June, The same shall be sold by adjournment from day to day if deemed necessary for arrears of taxes due and assessed and not accounted on each tract respectively.

Unseated Lands.

Table listing unseated lands in Cherry Township, including names of owners and tax amounts.

Table listing unseated lands in Colley Twp., including names of owners and tax amounts.

Table listing unseated lands in Davidson Twp., including names of owners and tax amounts.

Table listing unseated lands in Elkland Twp., including names of owners and tax amounts.

Table listing unseated lands in Forks Twp., including names of owners and tax amounts.

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Table listing Seated List for the court, including names of individuals and their respective tax amounts.

Seated List.

Also at the same time and place the following tracts and parcels of land duly assessed and returned on the Seated List will be sold for arrears of taxes in the names of the present or former owners, in accordance with the provisions of an Act of Assembly, passed April 25, A. D. 1874.

Table listing unseated lands in Laporte Twp., including names of owners and tax amounts.