

THE LATEST NEWS OVER THE WIRES FROM EVERYWHERE

Disasters, Accidents and Fatalities.

At Fulda, Minn., Charles Hubner and John Krier, aged respectively 25 and 7 years were killed by lightning.

An eastbound Central freight train ran into a wrecked westbound freight at Churchville, W. H. Fones, of Buffalo, the engineer of the east bound train was killed instantly. The wreck caught fire from an oil car, and the body of Engineer Fones was burned to a crisp. Twenty-five cars, many of them loaded with goods, were destroyed.

Alexander Melton was instantly killed by lightning at Lincoln, Neb., and his wife so badly injured that she cannot recover. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, occupants of the same house, were knocked down and paralyzed.

Robert Bloodgood, who lived near Matawan, N. J., died from blood-poisoning, caused by being scratched on the hand by a cat a week ago. He was aged 85.

A freight train on the Erie railroad struck a cow near Carrollton, N. Y. The engine and seven cars were derailed and ditched, and three train hands seriously cut and bruised.

The bridge across the Tennessee river at Florence, Tenn., fell in, precipitating a freight train 70 feet into the water. The freeman was killed and the engineer and two brakemen fatally hurt.

A man, woman and two children were overtaken on a trestle bridge across the Desplaines river, at Elgin, Ill. The train was running at a 40-mile an hour rate. The imperiled people lay down outside the rails and hugged the ties. A car struck the woman and boy, killing the latter. The woman was swept into the raging stream. When nearly senseless she was rescued by Charles S. Ellison.

At Telluride, Col., David Dingle and Jas. Lucas, employed on the Sherman mine, were blown to atoms by attempting to pick out an unexploded shell of giant powder.

At Watertown, Mass., Willie Reardon and Willie Clohesy, aged about 14 years each, were playing when Reardon met his death, the prong of a pitchfork penetrating the brain. Clohesy says Reardon slipped and fell on the pitchfork, but Reardon being dying said: "Willie Clohesy did it."

A six-year-old boy claims to have seen the affair, and says that the two boys quarreled and Clohesy struck Reardon with the fork.

Capital, Labor and Industrial.
Employees of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad have been granted a 5 per cent advance.

Baltimore carpenters are on strike. Two hundred plumbers of St. Paul are on strike.

The general strike of the granite cutters in the Cape Ann, Mass., quarries took place. Some 2,000 men are idle. The demand is for 25 cents an hour and nine hours instead of 10. The officers say they fear no serious trouble.

Five hundred quarrymen and stonecutters employed in the quarries at Stony Creek and Lestes Island, Conn., went out on a strike because their demand for an increase of 1 cent an hour was not acceded to by the quarry owners. The men were receiving 22 cents an hour.

Work was suspended in all the quarries at Quincy, Mass. The price list agreed upon May 1, 1880, between the quarrymen and manufacturers having expired April 30, 1882, it was voted by the quarrymen to suspend work a few days, when if no satisfactory list is agreed on the strike will begin in earnest.

The journeymen plumbers of Boston bid fair to be successful in their demand for \$4 per day. Over half of them have been granted it.

Nearly 1,100 quarrymen at Stony Creek, Conn., have struck for an increase of pay and a nine-hour day.

A lock-out of boiler makers is threatened in Boston, as the manufacturers refuse to grant a nine-hour day.

Scranton's trades unions, connected with the American Federation of Labor, went out on strike, affecting 500 carpenters, stone-masons and plasterers.

The lock-out in the Lancashire (England) cotton trade has been settled, both masters and workmen having agreed to resume operations. The total number locked out has been about 60,000, 40,000 of them operators under the Manchester Federation, and 20,000 under the masters of the Bolton district. The operators consider the result a practical victory.

One thousand granite stone cutters struck at Barry, Vt.

The strike of lumber mill hands at Ottawa, Ont., to gain permission for them to quit work at 4 p. m. on Saturdays without decrease of pay, has been successful.

Nine men who arrived on the steamer Westernland under contract to work on the farm of John Conchi, San Bentoro, Cal., are detained at Ellis Island, N. Y. Two Italians, who were hired to work on a Boston railroad, are also held. Seven Russians who came in on the Westernland, under contract to work in a mine near Kingston, Pa., for \$1 50 a day were detained. Two men arrived on the Teutonic who were to go to work in Western Minnesota. They are also held.

The carpenters' strike at Decatur, Ill., has been declared off.

Theo. L. Woodruff, formerly president of the Central Transportation Company, and the pioneer in the building of sleeping cars, was struck by a train while attempting to cross the tracks of the West Jersey Railroad Company at Gloucester, N. J., and instantly killed. Mr. Woodruff was 81 years of age.

A. S. Neale, one of the oldest actors on the American stage, died at his residence in New York. He was born in New York in November, 1815.

Charles Henry Harris (Carl Pretzel), editor of the National Weekly, died at his residence in Chicago. He was 51 years of age.

Prof. August Wilhelm Hofmann, the distinguished German chemist, is dead.

Edwin O'Brien, the "Invincible," is dead at Dublin. He was released not long ago from Mt. Joy prison, where he was serving a sentence for his share in the Irish physical force movement.

Lamperti, the famous singing master, has just died in Milan. Among his pupils were Mrs. Albani, Miss Van Zandt and Campanini.

At Leadville, Col., a fire started in the rear of the stage at Loeb's Variety Theater, and in a few moments the entire stage was ablaze. The flames spread rapidly, and before they were brought under control half of the block on State street was gutted. A woman and a little child were burned to death, and there were many narrow escapes. The damage is estimated at \$40,000, with about \$10,000 insurance.

The entire plant of the Northern Car Manufacturing Company, in Minneapolis. Loss on building, machinery and uncompleted cars, \$100,000; insurance about half. At Minneapolis, L. Kimball's job printing house. Loss, \$13,000; insured.

Financial and Commercial.
The Illinois Steel Company is preparing to erect another mill in Joliet, Ill., to cost \$1,600,000, and will employ about 1,000 men.

The Michigan Salt Company has reduced the price of salt 10 cents a barrel at all Western agencies. This cut is to meet New York and Ohio competition.

Crops in Northern California look well. Farther south they are damaged by lack of rain.

Planting of cotton has been delayed on account of incessant rains in the hill lands and high water on the Mississippi.

In his monthly crop report the Secretary of the Kansas State board of Agriculture says the conditions are encouraging, notwithstanding that the weather has been unfavorable to prosecution of farm work and the developing of plant life.

The weekly crop bulletin which the Iowa Weather Bureau issued last week shows no improvements in the crop condition of the State. The rains during the week have absolutely prevented all farm work. The farmers are still gloomy at the outlook.

Washington News.
The department of Agriculture has issued a bulletin on the adulteration of food and drugs. The report concludes that at least 15 per cent of the entire food product is adulterated, the consequent loss to the consumer in a financial sense being estimated at \$700,000,000.

An important bill designed to prevent the employment on public works of prison or convict labor, or the products of such labor, was reported to the house from the labor committee.

Mr. Scott, of Illinois, introduced in the House a resolution reciting that, as it is alleged that the National Cordage Company is operated as a trust to monopolize the trade, the Attorney General inform the House if he has any information on the subject that would authorize him to proceed against the alleged trust.

Political.
Wyoming Republicans will probably send a woman delegate to the National Convention—the first time in this country where the sex has been thus honored.

In the municipal election at Spokane, Wash., the Democrats elected their Mayor by 300 majority. The remainder of the ticket is Republican.

The People's Party Executive Committee, of Florida, has called a State Convention at Ocala June 1, the same day the Democratic Convention is to be held at Tampa, and delegates to the former will be chiefly Alliance men.

The Pennsylvania State Executive Committee of the People's party met at New Castle and fixed the State convention for June 22 at Franklin. A State and electoral ticket will be elected.

Legislative.
The Connecticut House of Representatives met at Hartford, after a recess of nearly three months. A Constitutional amendment was offered substituting "plurality" for "majority," wherever the latter word occurs in Article 3 of the Constitution. An attempt was made to put the bill immediately upon its passage, but the House referred it to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments. The House, by a vote of 123 to 82, adjourned until September 27.

The Massachusetts House has passed a bill providing a penalty of \$100 for intimidating laborers, either by employers or employees.

Railroad News.
Two hundred men on the Kentucky Central and Louisville and Nashville railroads, including transfer hands, switchmen, yardmen, section hands and laborers, have struck on account of a reduction in wages from \$1 35 to \$1 25 a day. They predict all the men along the line will join the strike.

The section hands on the Washabon between Chicago and St. Louis are out on a strike. The men have been receiving \$1.25 and now demand a \$1.50 a day.

Crime and Penalties.
At Cleveland, O., Ralph K. Paige, the Painesville, O., bank cashier, was sentenced to 10 years in the Ohio penitentiary for forgery.

Y. H. Warren, a banker of Wellington, Kan., while on his way to court to stand trial for embezzlement, was shot by George Timons, who had lost \$2,000 in Warren's collapsed bank.

Thomas Lawton was hanged in the penitentiary at Carson City, Col., for the murder of John Hemming August 17, 1861, during a train robbery.

E. E. Liddell was killed at Pratt Mines, near Birmingham, Ala., while burglarizing a jewelry store. He was identified as a burglar from New Orleans.

The Weather.
At Ashland, Wis., a blinding snow storm occurred Wednesday. Over four inches fell. Navigation is badly retarded and rafting stopped.

Topeka, Kan., was visited by a cloudburst on Wednesday, and about one-third of the city is under water. The Missouri Pacific

was obliged to abandon its Lincoln branch in Nebraska on account of land slides and washouts. All the systems in Southern Nebraska and Northwestern Kansas are out of their banks and are doing much damage to crops.

Tart News.
The winners at Washington on Thursday were Eric, St. Mark, My Fellow, Can Can and Dalsyrain. At Nashville, Bret Hartie, Borealis, Reaper, Springsway and Maggie Lebus. At Baltimore, Rhoda won the 2:45 trot; best time, 2:38, made by Blue Light. The 2:27 trot was won by Linkwood Maid in straight heat, best time, 2:27. At Lexington, Ky., Bettina, 3 to 5; Joe Murphy, 6 to 5; Bob L., 4 to 5; Fay S., 8 to 5, and Susette, 10 to 1.

Earthquakes.
Further accounts of the recent earthquake at Maulla show there was considerable damage done throughout the land. In some towns all the churches and colleges were destroyed.

Two slight earthquakes shocks were felt at San Remo, France. The shocks caused no damage or alarm.

Sanitary.
Varioloid developed among the steamer passengers on the Westernland, which arrived at New York harbor Tuesday, and 1,338 of her steerage passengers were vaccinated.

Personal.
Jay Gould is quite ill, being confined to his bed in his private car at Albuquerque, N. M.

Miscellaneous.
Work on the manufacturers' building at the World's Fair grounds in Chicago has been stopped by 100 ironworkers striking for 35 cents an hour.

The Delaware World's Fair Commission voted unanimously against the opening of the Fair on Sunday.

Henry Huston, the industrial census agent who was arrested at Philadelphia charged with forgery, perjury and false returns, was given a final hearing and held in \$1,000 bail for trial.

A gang of masked men attempted to hold up a Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train in Texas. They signaled the train, but the conductor, seeing them masked, rushed the train past them in spite of a volley of shots.

The Democrat, of Effingham, Ill., was excluded from the mails by Postmaster Lacy, Friday, because it contained a report of a Catholic fair in which various prizes were awarded by vote.

The actors' Fund Fair at New York last week was an immense success, a profit of at least \$150,000 being assured.

The League Record.
The following table shows the standing of the various base ball clubs:

W. L. P. P. B. W. L. P. P. B.
Boston.....15 3 833 Phila..... 9 9 500
Brooklyn...13 5 722 Cleveland... 9 9 500
Louisville..12 7 832 New York 7 9 438
Pittsburgh 11 8 578 Chicago.... 7 11 388
Washington 9 9 500 St. Louis.... 6 14 238
Cincinnati 10 10 500 Baltimore... 3 16 158

BEYOND OUR BORDERS.
One of the Shanghai chiefs who took a prominent part in the Choying rebellion, was recently captured and brought to Tien Sien. He was found guilty and was ordered to be executed in a most horrible manner. The sentence was that he be slowly sliced to death, and the awful punishment was inflicted in a pitiless manner.

Famine exists on the northern coast of Newfoundland.

The body of Mrs. Hunt was found in bed at Romney, Kent county, England, with her throat cut from ear to ear. Her husband has been arrested on suspicion of murdering her. Two bloody knives were found under the bed.

The race for the 2,000 guinea stake at New Market, England, was won by Buena Vista, St. Angelus second, Curic third.

The Island City paint and oil works, Montreal, Canada, with a large and valuable stock, valued at \$125,000, burned.

In an unaccountable attack of frenzy, Mrs. Thiron murdered one of her two children and fatally injuring the other at Saint Quen-Sur-Seine, France.

The great railway station at Dover, England, was burned almost to the ground. No lives were lost.

Big snow storms have been raging in Austria.

Thirty thousand workmen at Lodz, a town of Poland, went on a strike on May Day, and are still out. During the week they engaged in much rioting, and made a number of attacks on the Hebrews of the place. The Governor was finally compelled to invoke the aid of the military.

The roof of a rubber factory in Manchester, England, fell in Friday upon a number of employees. Many of the injured were taken out and removed to hospitals, and some of them will die.

STORMS AND EARTHQUAKE.
Lancaster County, Pa., Shaken, Man and Horse Killed and Houses Destroyed.

GETTSBURG, Pa., May 7.—Yesterday a cyclone struck this place carrying off the roof of the Central hotel and the Picking residence, next door.

PHILADELPHIA.—At Norwood, Pa., a bolt of lightning struck Julius Kupprion, who was driving along the road to his home, killing him and his horse instantly.

At Kennettsquare several carriages were blown over in the street by the force of the wind, their occupants narrowly escaping injury.

LANCASTER, Pa.—A shock believed to be that of an earthquake was felt in Terre Hill and other sections of northern Lancaster county about 4:30 o'clock Friday morning. The ground swayed and houses were shaken. The disturbance lasted but a few seconds.

Two Murderers Hanged.
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 7.—L. D. Slaughter and Thomas Bailey were hanged at noon yesterday. Both executions took place at the same time and at the same gallows. The men were negroes. Slaughter murdered his mistress in a fit of jealous rage in June, 1881. Bailey shot and killed a peddler from Jacksonville, Ill., afterwards robbing the body.

IMPORTANT POLITICAL CONVENTIONS.

HARTFORD, CONN.—The Republican State convention elected delegates-at-large to the Minneapolis convention. Harrison's administration was endorsed, but delegates were not instructed.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—When the Democratic State convention met here at noon to-day, the name of Cleveland was in every mouth. The platform contains a strong tariff plank; opposes the unlimited coinage of silver dollars of less commercial value than gold dollars, and directs the delegates at Chicago to vote as a unit, and to use all honorable means to secure the nomination of Cleveland, Senator Vilas, General Bragg, J. H. Knight and E. C. Wall were elected Delegates-at-Large to the National Convention.

MUSKOGEE, MICH.—Eight hundred delegates were assembled in Muskegon's new theater when Chairman Daniel J. Camp called the Democratic State Convention to order. A monster cavron of Grover Cleveland was suspended over the central platform. The mention of the ex-President's name brought forth repeated cheers from the delegates and spectators. Delegates were instructed to endorse the McKinley bill; commend the efforts of the present House of Representatives to relieve the people from the burden of a dollar worth a hundred cents and corruption of the present National administration and instruct the delegates to the National convention for Cleveland.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Republican State convention met here with about 700 delegates in attendance. Delegates from the State at large to the national convention were elected. They are instructed to vote for the re-nomination of President Harrison.

STOCKTON, CAL.—The Republican State convention which met here and elected delegates-at-large to the Minneapolis convention endorsed Harrison, and particularly commends Blaine's reciprocity plans and the McKinley tariff bill. The platform is a long and comprehensive one, and approves the McKinley bill.

GRAND FORKS, N. D.—The State Republican convention convened here. The convention delegates to the Minneapolis convention were elected. A platform was adopted endorsing Harrison's administration and opposing free coinage under present conditions.

FREDERICK, MD.—The Maryland Republican State convention met here and elected Delegates-at-Large to the Minneapolis convention and instructed for Harrison. The platform demands a dollar worth a hundred cents and approves the McKinley bill.

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BANSON, MO.—The Prohibition State convention here chose delegates to the National Convention, including Neal Dow.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—The State Prohibition convention met here. A platform was adopted reaffirming the National Prohibition platform and recommending equal suffrage without regard to race, sex or color. The delegates are instructed to use their utmost endeavors and elected delegates to a national convention.

POCAHONTE, ILL.—The Republican State convention elected six delegates to the Minneapolis convention. The delegates are instructed to use their utmost endeavors to secure a plank in the Republican platform unequivocally pledging the party to the free and unlimited coinage of silver. The delegates are also instructed to vote for no person for President or Vice President who is not in favor of free trade and unlimited coinage.

ROANOK, VA.—The Republican State Convention met here and named delegates to Minneapolis, General Mahone being one of them. They go uninstructed.

The Republican convention of Idaho met Thursday and elected delegates to the Minneapolis convention. President Harrison was not referred to in the platform, but a strong Blaine platform was adopted.

The Young Democracy of Maryland, at a big mass meeting in Ford's opera house, Baltimore, adopted resolutions demanding that no delegate be chosen to the national convention who shall not have given his honorable pledge that he favors tariff reform and the nomination of Grover Cleveland.

THE CHINESE EXCLUSION BILL.
Important Points Covered by the New Law, Which is Rather Severe on the Celestials.

The famous conference report on the Chinese Bill, which has been passed by the Senate and House is practically a re-enactment, for ten years, of the existing law, with the following additional provisions: No Chinese person is to be released on bail pending action on a writ of habeas corpus. All Chinese laborers now in the United States are to be compelled to obtain registration certificates, and all persons other than laborers may apply for such certificates, for which no charge is to be made. This feature of the law is to be carried out under the Internal Revenue Bureau of the Treasury department. Forging certificates will be punishable by imprisonment for five years. All Chinese persons who attempt to come into the country unlawfully are to be imprisoned one year and then re-manded to China. This latter provision is much stronger than that on the same subject in the bill as it passed the Senate. The Senate bill provided for imprisonment for six months on the second attempt to come into this country, after which the prisoners are to be re-manded.

LATER.—The act to prohibit the coming of Chinese persons into the United States was laid before the president Thursday and he had a conference with the attorney-general in regard to it. The latter examined the bill carefully and informed the president that it was a very grave question whether the existing restrictive legislation did not expire Friday. In order, therefore, to avoid any possible legal complications that might arise on the point the president affixed his signature to the bill and it is now the law of the land.

BAKER BALLOT LAW UPHOLD.
The State Supreme Court Affirms the Constitutionality of the Act.

PHILADELPHIA, May 3.—The Supreme Court today affirmed the constitutionality of the Baker ballot law, on the appeals from decisions involving the cases brought for the Prohibition party, Chief Justice Paxson, who wrote the opinion, says:

The act does not deny to any voter the exercise of the elective franchise if he happens to be a member of a party which at the last general election polled less than 3 per cent of the entire vote cast. The provision referred to is but a regulation, and we think a responsible one in regard to the printing of tickets. The use of official ballots renders it absolutely necessary to make some regulations in regard to nominations in order to ascertain what shall be printed on the ballot. The right to vote can only be exercised by the individual voter. The right to nominate flowing necessarily from the right to vote can only be exercised by a number of voters acting together. These persons can claim to be a political party just as the three tailors on Tooley street assumed to be the people of England. If it is an official ballot it is to be used nominations may be regulated in some way, otherwise the scheme would be impracticable and the official ballot become the size of a blanket. While so regulating it, the act carefully preserves the right of every citizen to vote for any candidate whose name is not on the official ballot, and this is done in a manner which does not impose any unnecessary inconvenience to the voter.

Judge Paxson referred to the contention that sufficient time was not allowed for the writing names of candidates on the ballot and said that the actual enforcement of the act would test this as well as many other matters. It was at least probable that when tested by experience the act would be found to contain many features that will need revision and amendment.

ADDING TO POSTAL FACILITIES.
The House Committee Approves to Fractional Notes, Free Mail Experimentation.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The House Committee on Postoffices and Postroads has authorized Chairman Henderson to report the postal fractional note bill, which authorizes the Postmaster General to issue fractional notes for \$1 and fractions thereof, to be furnished to postmasters and sold at face value, payable to bearer at any postoffice in the United States at any time within six months from issue, after which the note is to be canceled. If not redeemed within the time mentioned the holder may obtain the amount of the note by forwarding it to the Postmaster General for payment. The postmasters are to be allowed a compensation for issuing and paying fractional postal notes, of one quarter of one per cent on the gross amount.

The committee also authorized Mr. Patterson of Ohio, to report a bill appropriating \$100,000 for an experimental free mail delivery system in rural districts.

The committee reported favorably a bill to consolidate third and fourth class mail matter, to be known as third class mail matter, postage to be charged at the rate of 1 cent for each two ounces, or fraction thereof.

SIXTEEN INCHES OF SNOW.
Nebraska Weather not Tropical, but Farmers are Still Smiling.

RUSHVILLE, NEB., May 9.—Snow has fallen here during the past 38 hours to a depth of 16 inches. It will be severe on the cattle in the sand hills, and will retard farm work. About three-fourths of the grain is in, and the first snow is up and looks fine.

RUIN WROUGHT BY FLOODS.

Thousands of Acres of Wheat Destroyed, Factories and Villages Submerged.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 9.—The heavy rains which have been pouring down for the last few days are having their effect on the Missouri river, and to-night that stream is rising very rapidly and is within two feet of the danger line and rising at the rate of an inch an hour. The conditions are similar to those of 1881, when a most disastrous flood did so much damage in this part of the country. The wet weather so long continued has caused the wheat to rot in the ground, and it is reported by the farmers that the crop will be almost totally ruined.

GRAND RAPIDS, O. T., May 9.—The heaviest rain fall for years has fallen steadily for 24 hours. East of Orlando there was a cloudburst, causing streams to rise six feet in a few minutes and drowning many cattle. At Oklahoma City the lower part of the city is flooded and much damage has been done. There are several bad washouts on the railways, and in the country to many bridges are washed away that mail routes have been abandoned. Near Stillwater three houses and many barns were destroyed by wind.

PROBIA, ILL., May 9.—The river rose to 21 feet last evening, the highest point reached in nearly half a century. The great marsh dyke, 15 miles long and protecting a strip of bottom land two miles wide gave way opposite Pekin. A reservoir of water is held for all the 30 families living in the district, with the exception of George Nichols and his family.

There are over 600 people homeless between here and Pekin. Nearly all houses in the inundated region are liable to complete destruction. Small houses along the river bank in this city have been carried away.

The river flood around Alexandria, Mo., and at other places has submerged thousands of acres of wheat land. Factories in Ottawas are hopelessly inundated. As the river has fallen but 12 inches in 90 hours, the prospects of starting is discouraging.

A Woman Won First Prize.
MINNEAPOLIS, May 7.—The college interstate oratorical contest was held last night at the Lyceum theater, ten States contesting. Miss E. Jean Nelson, of Greencastle, Ind., captured first prize, \$100, and Charles R. Geyer, of Wesleyan college, Delaware, O., second.

MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH.
THE WHOLESALE PRICES ARE GIVEN BELOW.

GRAIN, FLOUR AND FEED.	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	95 @ \$ 97
No. 3 Red.....	90 92
CORN—No. 2 Yellow ear.....	49 50
High Mixed ear.....	47 48
Mixed ear.....	44 45
Shelled Mixed.....	44 45
OATS—No. 1 White.....	35 37
No. 2 White.....	33 35
No. 3 White.....	33 36
Mixed.....	33 35
RYE—No. 1 Pa & Ohio.....	84 85
No. 2 Western.....	81 82
FLOUR—Fancy winter pat.....	85 88
Fancy Spring patents.....	4 85 5 10
Fancy Straight winter.....	4 85 5 10
XX Bakers.....	4 25 5 00
Rye Flour.....	4