

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS.

ELKINS NOMINATED.

PRODUCTION WAY AHEAD.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

General Interest About the Capital.

The extreme exclusiveness of President Cleveland makes one recall how, when Gen. Grant was in command of the army and when he was President, he strolled about unattended. He rode in the street cars like an ordinary citizen, and was often seen on Pennsylvania avenue without having his footsteps dogged by detectives.

Blaine's Monument.

The grave of James G. Blaine, in Oak Hill Cemetery, attracts more visitors than any other, except Washington's at Mt. Vernon. Strange as it may seem, there is nothing to mark the resting-place of the great statesman but a small footstone with the initials "J. G. B." on it.

Thanks Beef in Germany.

The special agent of the Agricultural Department, who has been investigating the conditions of our dressed beef and live cattle trade with Germany, has made his report to Secretary Morton.

Capitol Notes.

The Yorktown reservation, in South Dakota, will be opened for settlement early in the spring. Hiram R. Lott, of Louisiana, has been nominated United States Consul at Managua, Nicaragua.

An Outline of the Work in the Senate and House.

SENATE.—In the Senate to-day Mr. Lodge's Hawaiian resolution was taken up as a motion for adjournment was carried by a vote of 12 to 12.

HOUSE.—The House adjourned shortly after 3 o'clock as a mark of respect to the memory of Representative Post of Illinois, who died yesterday.

HOUSE.—By a vote of 81 to 59 the Democratic House today agreed to introduce the Carlisle substitute currency bill, now before the House.

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SENATE.—Further debate on Mr. Lodge's resolution asking for information why American ships had been withdrawn from Hawaiian waters took place in the Senate to-day.

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Important Measures Considered by Our Lawmakers.

The Legislature convened Wednesday after recess and got into action at once. A large number of bills were offered. There were few important measures, and these will soon be on the calendar.

Among the bills which will be pushed to speedy passage are one which will make the superintendent of public buildings and grounds a state custodian and increase his powers. This is the position which the governor would like to see established.

Another bill which will give the owners a chance to talk is one introduced at the instance of the Bankers' Association of America. It provides that hereafter all departments, boards and commissions shall make requisition upon the custodian for supplies, furniture and all repairs, and that the board of buildings and grounds shall have control of all contracts.

Mr. Lytle's bill to enlarge the powers of the superior court of law, which is now pending in place to-night, is intended to reach those trust companies and other financial institutions which have not come under the jurisdiction of the department.

In the Senate several bills were read in place. Senator Filmer introduced three: Classifying real estate for purposes of taxation; authorizing the amendment of laws filed to secure municipal claims for public work and taxes; authorizing the widening and extension of streets and alleys; providing for payment of damages in opening streets.

Mr. Kille, Luzerne, to enable new counties to be created out of two or more counties, the object of which is to form a new county out of Luzerne and Schuylkill, so to known as Quay.

Mr. Vaughan, Lackawanna, to abolish the death penalty; to permit a married woman to acknowledge her deed, conveyance or instrument without the presence of her husband; to permit school boards to establish and maintain out of the public school treasury free kindergartens for infants and children under 9 years of age.

Mr. Lantz, Lancaster, to authorize the taking of a school census every two years to ascertain the number of children between 6 and 16 years in the state not attending any school.

Mr. Kaufman, Luzerne, requiring banks to make a loan deposit to pay 2 per cent interest on loans.

Mr. Lantz, Lancaster, for the establishment of township high schools and appropriating \$200,000 to carry out the purpose of the act.

Mr. Weyand, Beaver, appropriating \$25,000 to the Beaver Valley hospital; to extend the law relating to escheats.

Mr. Lantz, Lancaster, to amend the Brooks law by reducing a minor every two years to present rates except in townships, and making it a misdemeanor for minors to misrepresent their ages in order to obtain intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Philadelphia, making it a misdemeanor for persons to teach in public schools in their religious garb.

Mr. Fow, Philadelphia, to prevent combinations of business firms and corporations to trust to prevent the use of highways by armed bodies of men other than military and students of chartered schools and academies, colleges and charitable institutions; to prevent persons from using railroads as public highways.

Mr. Ames, Clearfield county, has introduced in the House a bill to provide for a state board of arbitration and mediation for the settlement of differences between employers and employees.

This board will consist of five competent persons appointed by the governor. Two of them shall be selected from bona fide organizations of the state; two of them shall be employers, or selected from some association representing employers of labor, and the fifth shall be neither, and shall be chairman of the board.

W. S. Bascom, a miller at Punia, Ariz., suddenly became insane and shot Hardy Atkinson. Bascom declined to surrender to United States soldiers and was killed.

The steam yacht Lagoda was seized at Fernand, Fla., by order of the treasury department. She was loaded with rifles, cutlasses, etc., destined, it is believed, for Cuban filibusters.

August Ellsner, a self-declared anarchist, threw three pieces of iron, which looked like bombs, through the windows of the Kansas State bank, at Kansas City, Mo. Ellsner said he wanted to go to jail for shelter.

A shock of earthquake has been felt at West Meath, Ont.

Rumors of dissensions in the British Cabinet are persistent.

Great Britain wants to construct a submarine telegraph line from British Columbia to Australia.

A natural gas explosion wrecked a house at Peru, Ind., and fatally burned Joseph Seagriff.

Colorado refined silver bullion is now being shipped direct to China, by Denver smelters.

"Black Patti" Sissieretta Jones, with her company, was refused rooms at the Lindell hotel, St. Louis.

An unknown vessel is believed to have foundered during a gale near Point Wilson, Wash.

A little son of Dr. Charles Bottorff, of Charleston, Ind., while playing doctor fatally poisoned his little sister.

Patrick Gallagher, of 35 Davenport street, Cleveland, was arrested for arson, in setting fire to the house in which he lived.

Masked bandits robbed the express car on a Burlington train, near Ottumwa, Ia. They secured several thousand dollars.

Secretary Carlisle says it will take \$1,000,000 to carry into effect the law exempting alcohol used in the arts and manufactures.

Frederick Hermann, of 72 Bush street, Allegheny, committed suicide by taking Paris green. He suffered from cancer of the stomach.

Tuberculosis has been discovered among the cattle of the New Jersey state insane asylum, near Trenton, and 23 of the animals have been killed.

J. B. Moriam, president of the Mevian & Morgan oil company, of Toledo, says there is no truth in the story that his company had been absorbed by the Standard.

Attorney-General Henry Hansen, of Arizona has resigned, telling the governor he could no longer act with a man who is trying to disrupt the Democratic party.

President Smith, of the Cincinnati suspendor company has been appointed receiver of that concern. The liabilities are \$20,000; assets, \$8,000.

Judge Lyman Trumbull will appear in the Supreme Court as the attorney of President Debs, of the A. B. U., when the arguments come up for the release of the labor leader.

In a collision at the Hannibal railroad yards, Kansas City, Mo., Engineer C. Woolman was killed and fireman J. R. Nettles seriously injured.

Falling shale in the new mine of the Diamond coal company, near Brazil, Ind., killed Walter Hays and fatally injured William French, both of Ohio.

Thomas Walsh, trusted collector of the Pacific Express Company at Salt Lake, Utah, has confessed that he stole \$2,000 from a \$25,000 package.

Elkins Had Everything His Own Way Among West Virginia Republicans.

Elkins was nominated for United States senator Friday night by the Republican caucus by acclamation. Every Republican senator and delegate was present.

Stephen H. Elkins was born September 26, 1841, in Perry county, O., the son of a farmer. In early life his family removed to Missouri, where he graduated from the State university in 1859.

He was admitted to the bar in 1864, and removed to New Mexico. During his first year there he was elected to the legislature. He was then appointed by President Johnson to the position of United States attorney for the territory. In 1872 he was elected to the Forty-third congress and re-elected in 1874.

While in congress he married a daughter of Senator Henry C. Deane, of West Virginia. They have several children. He was appointed secretary of war by President Harrison.

Twenty-seven Drowned.

Awful Work of Floods in the Argentine Republic. The New York "Herald's" cable from Buenos Ayres says: Rio Janeiro advises that the cholera cases there now are only mild ones, but that public indignation has reached a high pitch over the excessive cost of meat, fresh and dried, owing to the arbitrary quarantine regulations.

Mendoza, Argentina, has suffered terribly from floods. Twenty-seven persons, mostly children, have been drowned. The Buenos Ayres government has sent money to the sufferers and will ask congress for an appropriation.

The strike among the water front laborers has become general and includes the mechanics. The city is almost deprived of bread through the strike of the bakers.

It now appears that 20 passengers of the steamer which was burned in the bay of Rio de Janeiro, Monday, were saved. This sad affair has plunged a large number of families into mourning.

Official advices received from Rio Grande do Sul deny the reported defeat of Gen. Penn and say on the contrary the rebels were badly beaten in the engagement. Telegraph wires are down and reliable data is hard to obtain.

Senator Irigoin's speech pleading for a general amnesty was notably eloquent, and the measure will probably pass.

The Flood.

High Water Causes Much Loss and Inconvenience. The sudden thaw and continued rainfall while the ground remained frozen caused the water to rush into the streams emptying into the head waters of the Ohio river and a flood reaching 26 feet at Pittsburg. Considerable loss of property and much inconvenience in low lying districts is reported.

A report from Belaire, O., Wednesday says: At 10 o'clock the Ohio river reached its highest point and is now stationary at 49 feet. The flood stage is over. The river is out of its banks in many places, and the loss to property north and south of here will reach over \$100,000. Hundreds of horses in this city and in small towns scattered here are submerged, and the inhabitants are being taken care of by relief committees. Many are camping in fields and on hills, and great distress is feared for the sufferers. No deaths or drownings have been reported.

Railroads entering the city along the river have to transfer. Manufacturers are closed down in many places, which throws large numbers of people out of employment. Boats in their moorings here are safe.

At East Liverpool, the high water caused an aggregate of about \$5,000 damages in the pottery. The Thompson Pottery Company, the Brunst porcelain works, and the Laughlin China Company all lost heavily upon clays in inundated clay cells.

SEARCH FOR TREASURE.

Frigate With \$4,800,000 at the Bottom of East River. The Treasury Department has awarded to Francis M. Epley, of East Orange, N. J., the contract for raising the British frigate Huzar which struck a rock and foundered off Fort Morris, or Stony Point, East River, N. Y., during the Revolutionary War. The Huzar is supposed to have had on board \$4,800,000 in British gold sent over to pay the British troops.

The former contracts with one Thomas and later with Beane & Hartwell, who abandoned the work about nine years ago, have been terminated by the department, and a new contract with Epley to run the work has been entered into. Epley's compensation is to be 90 per cent of the treasure found, the remaining 10 per cent to go to the Government. Mr. Epley was formerly connected with the coast and geodesic survey and is said to be a man of high character and worth.

AN OLD-FASHIONED WINTER.

Has All Europe in Its Clutches From Scotland to Spain. At Corbère, on the Spanish frontier, a blizzard prevailed last week. Communication by train with Corbère has been interrupted. In all parts of France intense cold prevails. At Avignon it was so cold that the theatres were obliged to close.

The weather in England is intensely cold. There is a reading in Hogarth's Park and on the ponds about London. Rev. Thomas Podmore, vicar of Ashton-le-Willows, was found dead in the snow. The cold weather now prevailing in Scotland is the most severe experienced for many years. Loch Lomond is frozen over. In several parts of the country railway traffic has been stopped by the snow. Some of the drifts are ten feet high. Dense black fog prevails over the Clyde.

LIVING WITH A NEGRO.

Infatuation of an Accomplished and Wealthy Girl. The following comes from Boston: Miss Isabella F. Bigelow, who possesses in her own right over \$75,000, accompanied her colored coachman, Charles W. Harris, to the Brooklyn police court, where he was charged with living with her. He was held in \$2,000 bail. Miss Bigelow is about 22 years old and belongs to one of the leading families in Worcester. She was finely educated and at 18 entered society and for two years was a leading favorite. On the death of her father she came into her fortune of over \$75,000, left her home taking up with Harris. She was induced to leave Brookline some time ago, after the birth of a quadruplet child. She has just returned and the arrest was made in order to get her to leave town again.

Miners Become Operators.

Miners at Shawnee, Ohio, have leased the Cosby and Barber mines, and will operate them, paying the proprietors 7 cent a ton royalty and 10 per cent commission for selling. This will net the miners 35 cents per ton, but they say it will place them in a position to compete with Pittsburg operators who have secured the agreement with reference to the differential.

The Opening of the Year Gives No Promise of Marked Revival.

Bradstreet's says: The second week of the new year brings few reports of an increasing volume of orders for seasonable goods. Weather conditions in the East have been unfavorable. Those West and South the reverse. At some centers, it is too early to judge of the outlook of trade. Travelers in many instances are not all gone out. Western furniture manufacturers are stocking up, which has had an influence on the hard-wood trade, and Western dealers in iron and steel expect increased orders by February 1.

Production of iron and steel is going on in excess of demand, but manufacturers expect that necessary repairs, renewals and additions to plants by railroad companies, car manufacturers and other industrial enterprises will have a stimulating influence in the near future.

Total gross railroad earnings for the calendar year 1894 are the most unfavorable for many years. Earnings of 114 leading American lines, with 14,000 miles of road, amount to \$475,000,000 in all, less than in 1893, in which year gross earnings fell off 2.1 per cent, from the total in 1892, when there was a gain in gross railway earnings of 6 per cent, as contrasted with 1891.

Every group of railroads showed reduced earnings last year compared with 1893. The most favorable exhibit is that by Southern lines, the decrease for which was only 2 per cent. Gross earnings of Mexican railways are in contrast with those in the United States, reporting a gain over 1893 of 5 per cent.

Exports of wheat, flour included, as wheat, both coasts of the United States, during six business days ended January 10, telegraphed exclusively to Bradstreet's, amount 2,577,000 bushels, compared with 2,142,000 bushels last week, 2,402,000 bushels in the second week of January, 1894, 3,332,000 in 1893, and with 4,183,000 bushels in 1892. Supplies of available wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe, out of producers' hands, and all over the world, from all exporting countries, together with those in Australia, amount to 137,253,000 bushels January 1, this year, a decrease of 6,470,000 bushels compared with January 1, 1894, but an increase of 717,300 bushels compared with January 1, 1893, and 28,739,000 bushels compared with January 1, 1892.

Failures the week are 420 in the United States, against 474 last year, and 54 in Canada, against 57 last year.

Prices Current on Crops. The Cincinnati Price Current summarizes the crop conditions for the past week as follows: "The wheat crop condition is unimproved. Continued and prospective small marketings are indicated. All stocks, exclusive of regular visible supply, are 50,000,000 to 60,000,000 bushels smaller than a year ago. Corn is freely offered and is in urgent demand. There are improving signs in the flour trade. Total packing of flour to date, 335,500,000 against 2,700,000 a year ago. Estimated packings on March 1, 7,100,000, against 4,385,000 on the corresponding day last year."

MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

(THE WHOLESALE PRICES ARE GIVEN BELOW.)

Grain, Flour and Feed.

Table listing prices for various types of grain, flour, and feed, including wheat, corn, and oats.

Dairy Products.

Table listing prices for dairy products such as butter, cheese, and cream.

Fruit and Vegetables.

Table listing prices for various fruits and vegetables.

Poultry, Etc.

Table listing prices for poultry and other farm products.

Miscellaneous.

Table listing prices for miscellaneous goods.

CINCINNATI.

Table listing prices for goods in Cincinnati.

PHILADELPHIA.

Table listing prices for goods in Philadelphia.

NEW YORK.

Table listing prices for goods in New York.

LIVE STOCK.

Central Stock Yards, East Liberty, Pa.

Table listing prices for live stock at Central Stock Yards.

HOSES.

Table listing prices for various types of hoses.

SHEEP.

Table listing prices for different breeds of sheep.