

TOWN RAZED BY TORNADO

Nearly Every Business House Was Demolished.

GREAT SNOW STORM IN WEST

Two Persons Killed and More Than One Hundred Injured—Rain and Hail Destroys Crops.

A tornado struck Owl, I. T., Friday evening. Two persons were killed and ten injured, four fatally. Nearly every business house in Owl was destroyed and about 30 dwellings were carried away. The storm covered a path about 700 feet wide and destroyed everything in its way.

The people of the town were frantic and great crowds started with their children to the prairie.

At Edmond, Okla., the wind destroyed several small buildings. At Mulhall, Okla., the hail damaged all growing crops and fruit.

At Sturgis, S. D., during a storm the last four days and nights 20 inches of snow fell. All trains were delayed. Telegraph and telephone wires are down.

The Black Hills are under from four to six feet of snow. Trains are delayed.

FATAL BREAK OF A DAM.

Inundations in Arizona—Much Property is Destroyed.

Dispatches from Holbrook, Ariz., show that one person, a Mexican, was drowned and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed by the waters of St. Johns dam, which broke.

At Holbrook, 70 miles below the dam, a wall of water 20 feet high inundated houses and public buildings. Ruined structures had been deserted early in the day, warning having been sent to the people. Hundreds of cattle were drowned.

Hundreds of families are homeless, and, according to advices from St. Johns, Ariz., seven miles below the dam, that village is practically destroyed, and it is feared many lives were lost.

GEN. LEE LAID TO REST.

Crowds of Mourners and 2,000 Soldiers Attend Funeral.

Not in all its eventful history has Richmond witnessed a more imposing demonstration than that which marked the funeral of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee. Troops were pouring into the city all night, and the military contingent taking part in the procession consisted of two full regiments of infantry, the 70th and 71st, the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, a battalion of artillery and seven detached infantry companies, making in all about 2,000 men. Added to this were the veteran organizations and practically every carriage in the city had been engaged for the occasion.

By noon the business section was practically deserted. Around St. Paul's Church, in which the funeral services took place, there was a dense throng, and from there to Hollywood the sidewalks along the line of march were lined with spectators.

PAT CROWE IN OMAHA

Walks into Newspaper Office and Tells of Wanderings.

Pat Crowe, the alleged kidnaper of Edward Cuddey, son of the millionaire packer of Omaha, and for whose arrest rewards aggregating \$50,000 have at different times been offered, walked into the office of the World-Herald at Omaha, accompanied by Thomas O'Brien, proprietor of the Henshaw Hotel.

Crowe telephoned the World-Herald office at midnight of his presence in the city, and said that he would call at the newspaper office. A short time afterward he appeared, in company with O'Brien.

Crowe, O'Brien and a representative of the World-Herald were closeted for an hour, during which time Crowe told of his wanderings since he left Omaha, four years ago.

CHINA TO SUE UNCLE SAM.

Validity of the Exclusion Law to Be Tested in Courts.

Sir Chentung-Liang-Cheng, the Chinese minister, has issued a confidential circular or proclamation to all Chinese in the United States requesting that he be furnished with reports of all cases of applicants who have been denied admission to this country, and of all departures on the ground of non-registration, which have been decided since the expiration of the exclusion treaty of 1894. The circular asks also for an estimate of the amount of damages to the applicants for such refusal and for deportations, holding the acts of the officials of this country to be hostile to a friendly nation.

The object, as understood by United States officials, is to facilitate the collection of evidence on which to base a suit against the United States to test the validity of the Chinese exclusion law.

The New Jersey board of pardons has refused to commute the sentence of Anna Valentino, sentenced to hang at Hackensack, N. J., May 12.

Counterfeiters' Cave Found.
A counterfeiters' cave has been found on Olenyantz creek, 25 miles south of Bucyrus, O., and an effort is being made to capture the operators. A boy discovered a stovepipe projecting from the ground. Investigating, he found the cave, which contained an outfit of counterfeit tools. Under the floor was a second cellar, which contained metals.

The meeting of Union Pacific stockholders ratified the proposed new \$100,000,000 preferred stock issue.

ACTIVITY CONTINUES.

Weather Irregularities Give Slight Check to Business in Some of the Agricultural Districts.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Weather irregularities provided the only check to business, partly through the direct effect of retail distribution of seasonable wearing apparel, but more through the development of caution among traders in some agricultural sections where crops have been damaged or farm work retarded. On the whole, however, encouraging progress is shown in most trade reports, and industrial activity is unabated. The special jobbing dry goods sales attracted a large attendance and results surpassed expectations. Textile manufacturing is in a better position than at any recent date, the strength of the raw materials giving additional firmness to finished fabrics. Footwear factories in New England are well engaged, and there is no reduction in the forces at work in the various departments of the iron and steel industry. Aside from the Chicago strike, there is exceptionally little friction between capital and labor, many higher wage scales going into effect this week. Traffic returns are well maintained, railway earnings for April exceeding last year's by 10.5 per cent. and lake navigation is heavy. Foreign commerce at New York alone for the last week shows a gain of \$3,159,534 in value of merchandise imports over the same week in 1904, while exports increased \$1,768,488. Cotton prices are depressed by unprecedented production, but consumption is on a scale that precludes the possibility of any excessive accumulation in the near future.

Duplicate orders for woolen goods are appearing in moderate volume, but this textile fabric awaits returns from clothiers. The few reports received thus far are satisfactory, the firm position of the raw material precluding the possibility of price concessions. Failures this week in the United States are 212, against 204 last week, 204 the preceding week and 207 the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 22, against 15 last week, 21 the preceding week and 27 last year.

PRICES ARE LOWER.

Record Production of Iron and Steel Has Been Reached.

The Iron Trade Review says, "Record production and the abstention of buyers from the market are reflected in lower prices for some materials and the expectation of reduction on others. It is true, as represented in print the last week on behalf of certain producers of pig iron that these interests have not named lower prices, but the changed situation is indicated by the fact that some producers have asked buyers to make offers for the second half."

"That business is not done under such conditions is natural; buyers wait to know to what the transition will lead.

"Sheets show a decline of about \$2 a ton from prices regarded as official. Similar concessions are noted in tin plate and in merchant pipe, in both of which business is only moderate. Wire products have grown more active.

"The time is at hand for new bar contracts for agricultural machinery.

"The old market is demoralized, and buyers are practically making prices.

"An advance in freight on southern pig iron by roads north of the Ohio river, and applying to Michigan and northern Indiana points, became effective May 1, amounting in most cases to 20 cents."

LINCOLN'S PLAYMATE DIES.

Last Boyhood Associate of War President Passes Away.

James Gentry, said to be the last surviving playmate of Abraham Lincoln, is dead at his home in Rockport, Ind. He was born in Spencer county, Ind., in 1819. Gentry was ten years younger than Abraham Lincoln, and in his boyhood days was closely associated with the War President. Lincoln once worked for Gentry's father.

MRS. FAIR'S MISSING BROTHER.

After Absence of 25 Years He Shows Up to Claim Fortune.

Frank Smith, a brother of the late Mrs. Charles L. Fair, for whom a search was made at the time of her death, appeared at his old home in Newark, N. J., to claim a fortune of \$10,000.

He had not seen his native village or relatives for 25 years, having left a quarter of a century ago to seek his fortune in the West, but, although the highest position he had attained in the world was that of chef in a hospital in Topeka, Kan., he is now admitted to be rightfully entitled to share in the Fair millions, along with five brothers and sisters.

Dies at Age of 114 Years.

Piotr Kaszmiersak, who was born in Poland 14 years ago, died in Detroit. He had been a lifelong abstainer from tobacco and liquor, and spent most of his life in the open air.

Can Fix Railroad Rates. Attorney General William H. Moody has decided that the Government has a right to fix railroad rates. He says in a lengthy opinion written at the request of the Senate committee on interstate commerce, that this power however, "is vested in, and may be exercised by, the legislative branch of the Government."

His conclusions are based on rulings and interpretations of the law and constitutional powers in such cases found in decisions affecting the so-called Granger cases.

MANY KILLED AND MAIMED

Troops Fire on People in Parade in Streets of Moscow.

BOMB THROWING RESORTED TO

Russian Ancient Capital Becomes the Scene of Terrible Outrages on Innocent People.

Nearly 100 persons were killed or wounded in disturbances in various quarters of Warsaw, Monday, May 1. The troops apparently were uncontrollable and violated all orders to act with moderation. They fired into crowds of demonstrators and workmen in retaliation resorted to the use of firearms and bombs. Many women and children are among the dead and dying.

May day opened with every prospect that the recent gloomy forebodings would find contradiction in a peaceful evening. Glorious weather ushered in the beginning of the celebrations, and all factories, shops and offices of every description were closed.

The streets were crowded from early in the morning with gaily dressed people and troops. Children everywhere enjoyed themselves in the warm sunshine. The presence of numerous patrols of Cossack cavalry and infantry was the only reminder of lurking danger.

No untoward incident was reported until afternoon. The first disturbances occurred between 1 and 2 o'clock, when a procession of several thousand workmen carrying red flags marched along Zelazna street. The demonstration was quite orderly and proceeded without molestation for some distance. Suddenly several squadrons of Uhlans appeared, but without interfering with the procession, and took up a position along the sidewalks while the workmen passed through the lines.

Then a company of infantry approached from the front and immediately the cavalry charged to the procession, driving it with the flat of their swords into a disorganized mass. When the cavalry withdrew the infantry fired a volley, whereupon the demonstrators turned and fled. The infantry continued to discharge volleys into the retreating, shrieking multitude. Thirty-one persons were killed and many wounded, and of the latter it is believed that 15 will die.

The shooting is described as having been quite unprovoked. It has aroused the most intense indignation among all classes in Warsaw. Many of those who were killed or wounded were shot in the back, showing that they were running away when they were struck.

Another terrible scene was enacted at 5 o'clock, p. m., at the corner of Ziota and Sosnowe streets, when workmen fired from behind a wall at a patrol, which immediately opened fire on the passing crowds, killing or wounding 20 persons.

CAR COMPANIES TO MERGE

Big Concern Will Take in All Plants of the Country.

A movement to merge the companies engaged in the manufacture of street railway cars in this country is in progress. Options have been secured on the Locomotive Car Company of Boston and Laconia, N. H.; J. G. Brill Company of Philadelphia, Elizabeth, St. Louis and Cleveland; the St. Louis Car Company, St. Louis, Mo.; the Wagon Manufacturing Company, Springfield, Mass.; Bradley Car Company, Worcester, Mass., and the Jewett Car Company of Newark, O.

It is planned to have one corporation with a capital of about \$50,000,000.

All Workmen Called Out.

The committee of the Social Democratic party of Poland and Lithuania has issued a manifesto proclaiming a general strike and calling out all the workmen in consequence of Sunday's bloodshed.

WANTS TO WEAR TROUSERS

Permission Asked to Imitate Dr. Mary Walker.

Governor Herrick, of Ohio, received a letter from a woman living in the Southern part of the State, whose name is withheld, asking permission to wear trousers. As reason for the request she says she is forced to work out of doors a great deal in the management of a farm and male attire would be much more convenient for her than petticoats.

The letter was referred to the attorney general with the suggestion that, perhaps, he would recommend an amendment to the laws to suit such a case. Such a request could not now be granted.

Korean Grafters Punished.

Minister Colon, at Seoul, Korea, reports to the State Department that a magistrate at Penyang, who was charged with invading the treaty rights of many Americans and with extorting great sums of money illegally from the people, finally has been removed from office. His peculations, according to report, aggregated more than \$100,000.

FORMER AUDITOR HELD

Treasury of Athens County, O., Short in Large Amount.

Winfield Scott, of Columbus, formerly deputy auditor of Athens county, was arrested at Athens charged with taking \$73,371 from the county treasury and covering the loss by doctoring the auditor's books. Scott had been called to Athens to explain queer work on the books when he had charge of them.

ROOSEVELT ATTENDS CHURCH

President and Hunting Party Go to Little Schoolhouse.

Unlucky in the history of Colorado was the church service held at the old Blue schoolhouse, on West Divide creek today, attended by President Roosevelt and his hunting party and all the ranchmen and their families for miles around. The little district school building was not a tenth part large enough to accommodate the congregation, and as a result the organ was shoved to the front porch. On this bench seats were provided for the President and his party. The members of the congregation stood or sat on the ground of the schoolyard or in the conveniences. The sermon by the Rev. Horace Mann of Rifle, Col., was of an unusual kind. It began with a story teeming with slang of the West—flavor, and was full of advice suited to a congregation inuring itself to the hardships of mountain life. It touched on the responsibilities of the position of President, as well as the characteristics of some of the men who have occupied that exalted place.

After he had concluded the President spoke for 10 minutes. He expressed his well-known views on good citizenship, the morality of man and patriotism and duty to home and country. He was cheered heartily throughout his remarks. After the services were concluded the President shook hands with every man, woman and child present.

COLD RETARDS GROWING CROPS

Spring Wheat in the Dakotas Held Back and Peach Crop Has Suffered from the Frosts.

The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows: While the temperature conditions of the week ending May 1 were much more favorable than in the previous week, complaints of slow germination and growth are very general in the Missouri and Red River of the North valleys, Middle Rocky mountain slope, lake region and New England. In the Middle and South Atlantic and Gulf States, and in the Ohio valley, very favorable temperatures prevailed, but the Central and West Gulf States and portions of the South Atlantic States and Ohio and Central Mississippi valleys suffered from excessive rains, which hindered farming operations materially. New England, North Dakota, Montana and Florida continue to need rain, but the portions of the Lower Missouri and Ohio valleys have received ample rainfall. In most of the principal corn States crop planting has made slow progress. Planting is generally finished in the Southern States and is nearly completed in the southern portions of Kansas and Missouri. Practically all reports indicate that winter wheat continues in unusually promising condition. Dry weather has been unfavorable for the germination and growth of spring wheat in the Dakotas. The general outlook for oats continues favorable in the most important oat States.

Peaches have been extensively killed, although an excellent crop is promised in Southern Georgia, and in a few other sections the outlook for peaches is somewhat improved.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Two Men Dead and Broad Street Station is in Darkness.

Two men were instantly killed by the explosion of a tank in the electric light plant at the Broad street station of the Pennsylvania railroad at Philadelphia. The dead are: George D. Tollinger, aged 62 years, foreman of the night shift. George Hoey, aged 35 years, engineer.

There were three other men in the place, but they escaped without receiving any injury.

The electric light plant is situated on the south side of Filbert street, under a train shed. The tank that exploded contained water and air and was used to regulate the running of elevators. The shock of the explosion shook the building, and with it the lights went out, causing some excitement and much confusion. The great station was left so dark that passengers had much difficulty in finding the trains. In consequence of the accident all trains departed late.

HOLDS DIVORCE RECORD

Woman Married Seven Husbands Began When She Was 14.

Apparently only 35 years old, yet obtaining a divorce from her seventh husband, Mrs. Mary J. Crowther appears to hold the record for husbands and divorces. She sued before Judge Leventritt in supreme court of New York for divorce from Thomas Crowther, a hotelkeeper. He is about 60 years old and did not defend himself.

Mrs. Crowther was only 14 when she first married, and when she took her seventh husband she was 21. Three of her husbands died. Mr. Crowther was the fourth from whom she had been divorced. She was married to him July 21, 1901, only one day after she had obtained a divorce from her sixth husband. Her other six husbands were Edward Wakeman, Danbury, Conn.; Henry Saunders, of New York; Joseph Power, Danbury, Conn.; John Godfrey, Jersey City; William Gay, Bridgeport, Conn., and James H. Lindley, Meriden, Conn.

Large Pottery Planned.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the North American Manufacturing company it was decided to construct at Newell, W. Va., opposite to and connected with East Liverpool, O., by street railway, a \$1,000,000 pottery of 30 to 40 kilns, with the largest warehouse and shop capacity of any pottery in the United States.

Robbers at Woodburn, Ore.,

Covered the bank cashier and bookkeeper with revolvers and escaped with \$2,000 in cash.

The flouring mills of the C. A. Gambrell Manufacturing company, 10 miles from Baltimore, were destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$200,000.

TROUBLE IN CZAR'S REALM

Armed Officers Enter a Church and Commit Outrage.

RIOTERS BURN TOWN

Belated Reports of Easter Monday in Russia Show Many Disturbances. Outrage in Church.

Reports of slight disturbances in various places of European Russia during Easter Monday are now coming in. The gravest occurrence is that part of the empire was at Milltop, where a mob for several hours held high carnival and burned a portion of the town. At Nizhny Novgorod a regular battle occurred between soldiers and the crowds on Millionaia street. The soldiers fired, killing one person and wounding many.

The reports received by the embassies in St. Petersburg substantially agree in saying that the number of persons killed at Warsaw, Monday, was 40 to 50. The figures given by the wounded vary from 60 to 200.

At Kalisz, Poland, during a service in a church, the congregation began singing patriotic songs, whereupon soldiers and police entered the building and attacked the people, wounding many of them. A free fight ensued, during which weapons were wrested from the police, shots were exchanged and stones were thrown. A dragon, a woman and a man were killed inside the church. A squadrons of cavalry was summoned and dispersed the crowds. The church was closed for reconsecration.

Cablings from Tokyo, the correspondent of the London Daily Mail reports that dense fogs continue on the China and Japan seas. The correspondent says it is definitely known to Japan that May 2 ships of the Russian second Pacific squadron were in Port Dait, to the northward of Honkoku Bay, Annam.

The Daily Mail's Hongkong correspondent says numerous steamers are constantly plying between Saigon and the Russian warships, with full cargoes of provisions and cattle. He adds it is reported American and German newspaper correspondents at Shanghai have chartered the steamer Wuchang, ostensibly to view the coming naval battle. The vessel, he reports, is flying the French flag, but it is believed she is really Russian property with a mission to locate Admiral Togo.

According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Parisien, several transports will leave Cronstadt on May 6 for South America, conveying crews and military stores for the equipment of warships purchased by Russia from Chile and Argentina. The Petit Journal prints a dispatch confirmatory of the foregoing.

CHICAGO STRIKE GROWS

Hundreds of Men Brought from Other Cities to Drive Teams.

Conditions in the teamsters' strike were worse on May 1 than at any preceding time. The strikers were in uglier mood, the rioting more open and vicious and the attacks on non-union men more frequent and daring. The chief cause for the increased belligerency of the strikers and their friends is the fact that the Employers' Teaming association brought 1,500 men into Chicago to take the places of strikers, and 500 more were said to be on the way.

These men will receive the full pay of union men, and it has been guaranteed to them that their positions will be permanent. Among the strike breakers are 200 farm boys.

Whenever a wagon of the Employers' Teaming association goes through the streets a rifle will be carried on each wagon in open view. There has been much complaint by the strike sympathizers of the readiness with which non-union men, particularly negroes, have used revolvers. A number of strike breakers have been arrested on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. The strikers number about 4,000.

GIVE \$1,000,000.

McCormick's Add to Their Donations to Seminary.

At the banquet of the alumni of Michael McCormick seminary announcement was made that the McCormick family had added \$1,000,000 to the endowment of the institution.

The Seminary for years has been under the care of the McCormicks, Cyrus McCormick, the inventor of the reaper, having induced the school to remove to Chicago from New Albany, Ind. From time to time the members of the McCormick family have given the seminary large sums of money, but the \$1,000,000 given now is the largest amount ever given at one time.

The money is to be used for the general support of the seminary, and will not be available for scholarships.

Discovers Small Fortunes.

While removing an old cistern wall from an excavation, James J. Malley, of Ft. Madison, Ia., discovered in the debris bars containing \$13,500 in gold and two small casks of wine. As soon as removed the bars and kegs crumbled. The cistern had not been used for 40 years.

The flouring mills of the C. A. Gambrell Manufacturing company, 10 miles from Baltimore, were destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$200,000.

SEVEN YEARS FOR CASHIER

Official of Closed Oberlin Bank Enters Plea of Guilty.

A. B. Spear, cashier of the closed Citizens bank, of Oberlin in the United States District court at Cleveland, entered a plea of guilty to one count of the indictment charging him with making false entries in the bank's books. District Attorney John J. Sullivan recommended that all other indictments against Spear, containing 15 counts, be nolleed. Judge R. W. Taylor at once sentenced Spear to seven years' imprisonment in the Ohio penitentiary.

When Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was told about Spear's sentence she displayed little emotion, remarking, "The poor man, I do not see what else he could have done. He got himself into trouble, but it was through no fault of mine." She protested tearfully that she was guilty of no conspiracy and innocent of any wrong doing.

CATCH ABSCONDER

Missing Cashier of Milwaukee Bank Found in Chicago.

Henry G. Goll, absconder cashier of the First National bank, of Milwaukee, was arrested at the Dakota Hotel Chicago. He had been at the hotel four days and was registered under the name of A. C. Smith. Goll was arrested by Detective Sullivan, of Milwaukee, assisted by a Pinkerton detective. The detectives had tracked Goll from Milwaukee to several towns in Illinois, then into Indiana and finally to Chicago. He made no protest when arrested, saying he was willing to go to Milwaukee.

Goll was taken to Milwaukee and locked up at the central police station. Goll had only \$26 on his person. He refused to answer any questions, and would not tell his age on being booked. He will be turned over to the United States authorities to appear before United States Commissioner Bloodgood.

LINEVITCH KISSES SOLDIERS

Russian Commander Passes Down Line and Salutes Each Man.

A touching incident occurred during the Easter celebration at Gunshu Pass, Manchuria. After the morning service all the troops in the region around headquarters were drawn up in line before Gen. Linevitch's tent and the commander-in-chief came out, greeted the troops and passed down the line, saluting each and every soldier with a kiss. The men were much moved and many of them wept. The incident served to increase their worship of the old, gray leader.

Gen. Linevitch continues energetically the reorganization of the various departments of the armies.

Boston Wool Market.

The features of the wool market are its notable strength here and the entering of interest in the West, where it is reported the highest prices of the season are being paid and most of the Boston buying is now proceeding in Montana, which, outside of Oregon, is practically the only State where any amount of wool remains unsold. Few Territories are offered beyond the new Arizona wools. Pilled wools move freely. Foreign grades are firm. Prices are about as follows: Ohio and Pennsylvania—XX and above, 33@34¢; X, 30@31¢; No. 1, 26@27¢; No. 2, 27@28¢; fine unwashed, 24@25¢; quarter-blood, unwashed, 30¢; three-eighths blood, 30@31¢; half-blood, 29@30¢; unwashed delaine, 27@28¢; unmerchanted, 28@29¢.

CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

Gov. Samuel W. Pennypacker of Pennsylvania vetoed the bill which was designed to put osteopaths on the level with the other schools of medicine.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company has officially announced the awarding of contracts for 10,000 freight cars at a total cost of about \$12,000,000.

The jury in the case of Nan Patterson, on trial for the murder of Caesar Young, the wealthy bookmaker, has disagreed and Recorder Goff discharged the twelve men from further consideration of the celebrated case.

Korekego Takahashi, Japan's financial agent, declared Admiral Togo would not offer battle to Admiral Rojevstevsky as he has too much at stake to risk on the first throw of the dice. The Russian squadron is still near Kamranh bay, and Japan is again suspicious of France's.

Coke Shipments.

Coke production in the Connellsville region fell off slightly last week, but the shipments were increased over 6,000 tons, there being nearly 15,000 tons of stocked coke shipped out during the week. That demand is somewhat dull among the independent operators is evident from the fact that the Union plant of 70 ovens has been transferred from the active to the idle list. It is probable that other independent plants may either be put in the idle list or operated on short time in the near future.

Bank Robbed.

A band of masked robbers rode into the village of Gilbertsville, N. Y., at 2 o'clock in the morning, blew open the safe in the private bank of E. C. Brewer, and made good their escape with booty estimated at between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Mayor John Weaver of Philadelphia

has killed the scheme to lease the city's gas works to the United Gas Improvement Company until 1980 for a cash payment of \$25,000,000.

KEYSTONE STATE

OLEO LAW HELD

State Supreme Court Upholds 1901—Hanging Ordered in Johnson Case.

The State supreme court declared the oleo-margarine act, passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1901, to be constitutional. A dealer in Blair county had been convicted of selling oleomargarine colored to resemble butter. He carried the case to the superior court on the ground that the act was unconstitutional. That court upheld the law and an appeal was taken. In affirming the superior court the supreme court said: "We have no doubt as to the constitutionality of the act under the constitution of Pennsylvania and the constitution of the United States."

Excitement over the discovery of evidence of oil in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, is still growing among the farmers in that locality. The first of several oil wells started well, it is expected, strike oil at a depth of 1,500 feet. Geologists who have examined the formation agree in their conclusions that gas or oil will be found. Thus far 800 acres of land skirting the north side of the Blue Mountains between the Lehigh and Schuylkill rivers have been leased. The entire Lizard Creek valley has started to boom because of these discoveries. Half a dozen wells will be sunk in the next four weeks.

After an absence of 39 years Abraham Hyson, a veteran of the Civil War, has returned to Westmoreland county and a happy family reunion was held at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. R. Kinkead, Youngwood. During the war Mr. Hyson enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment. After the battle of the Wilderness all trace of him was lost and his family believed that he had been killed. He has traveled extensively in foreign countries since he was discharged from service.

A terrific rainstorm, accompanied by a lively electric display, swept South Franklin, Amwell and Morris townships, Washington county, doing heavy damages. At Lagonda, a flock of sheep, owned by Matthew Johnson, was caught in an overflow of a small stream and drowned. Many buildings were struck by lightning and farmers in the southern portion of the county report that grain and cornfields were damaged.

Jacob Prescock, one of the first bosses at the Oliver mine at Uniontown, was sentenced to the costs of prosecution, a fine of \$75 and three months to jail on a charge of violating the mine laws. It was alleged that a short time ago Prescock was caught lighting safety lamps in the mines. An investigation also showed that there were a number of keys to the safety lamps in the mine where the foreigners had access to them.

Elizabeth McCaffrey, known as "the silent mourner," was found dead in her home at Altoona. She had been dead two or three days, and rats had devoured a large portion of her body. Miss McCaffrey lived alone, and refused to allow anyone to enter her house. She was conspicuous because of a morbid penchant for attending funerals.

The Federal Telephone company is going out of business in Westmoreland county. Linemen began the work of tearing down the wires between Greensburg