

### FOR THE BUSY READER.

#### Pointed Items Chronicling the Week's Happenings.

#### PRESS DESPATCHES BOILED DOWN

The Record of Crimes, Accidents and Other Matters of General Interest Given in Few Words for the Benefit of Those Who Are in a Hurry.

The following applications for authority to organize National banks were approved: The East Postburg National bank of West Virginia; The Citizens National bank of Albion, N. Y.

Canada's big horse show was opened by the lieutenant governor amid much enthusiasm and a large assemblage. About 500 of the finest animals ever shown in Canada were in the opening parade.

The town of Fayit, on one of the Philippine islands, has been destroyed by fire. Two thousand houses were consumed. One life was lost.

The Park theater at Niagara Falls was totally destroyed by fire. The loss is about \$50,000, with insurance of \$14,000.

Governor Morton has signed the Brush bill re-enacting the law of last year exempting veterans from civil service examinations in appointment to positions in the state service where the pay does not exceed \$4 per day.

The old cash, door and blind trust has been revived and begun business with a membership of 89 firms, representing capital of \$20,000,000. Henry Paine of Oskosh, Wis., was made permanent chairman of the trust.

What promises to be a sensational session of the parliament was opened at Ottawa by the governor general reading a speech from the throne which had little of importance.

E. L. Bohrens, the well-known Hamburg (Germany) banker, is dead.

Colonel Frank Wood of the Hotel Fenwick, N. Y., has died at that place. He was a son of the late William Anson Wood of Albany, and was a well-known inventor of snows and rappers, though lately he followed the hotel business.

A dispatch from Peking says it is understood that China has refused to concede Japan's demands in regard to opening certain ports to foreign trade.

The United States cruiser Minneapolis has gone from Colon on an official trial of speed. The rest of the United States squadron left there for Port Limon, Costa Rica.

A special from Beaver City, Neb., says: The Farmers' county bank has failed and is now in possession of the state banking board.

The London Times announces the death of Sir George Schanz, late director of the National Portrait gallery.

A dispatch from Seoul, the capital of Korea, says that Li Yuchan, the Chinese minister to Japan, who resigned on Wednesday last, was arrested. The charge made against him is not stated.

Baldwin Bros. & Co., brokers, with headquarters at 38 Devonshire street, Boston, and branch offices in over 50 New England cities and in New York, have suspended.

Charles Irving, a grand nephew of Washington Irving, has died at his home in Peekskill, N. Y. Mr. Irving was 68 years old and leaves a wife and four children. He was in business for many years in New York city, in which place he was born.

Two men were killed and seven injured by the collapse of hoisting machinery in the Chicago shipbuilding yards at South Chicago. The dead are Harry Blake and Patrick Harvey.

Clustering Bros' Deer Park hotel, at Deer Park, L. I., was burned down. The inmates had barely time to get out of the burning building to save their lives. The loss is \$35,000, partially covered by insurance.

A fire in the school of arts and industries at Chateaufort-sur-Marne has destroyed the models and machines that had been or were being prepared for the exhibition to be held in Paris in 1900. The loss exceeds 1,000,000 francs.

J. H. Lolson, the new administrator of the Davis estate at Butte, Mont., has just filed his bond in the sum of \$2,500,000 there. The bond bears the signature of 22 business men, who are down for amounts ranging from \$50,000 to \$200,000 each.

At St. George's de Granthow, Que., Mrs. N. Champagnon left her two babies alone in the house, and during her absence the house caught fire and the children perished.

A dispatch from Hiroshima, the temporary headquarters of the Emperor of Japan, states that his majesty ratified the treaty of peace on Saturday.

Pierre Zaccoco, a well-known French writer, has died at Morlaix, aged 78. He was the author of a great number of literary works and wrote several dramas and a comic opera.

As the outcome of a feud a battle was fought in the eastern district of Brooklyn and two men are in the Eastern District hospital fatally injured and seven others are under arrest. A girl was also shot during the fight. The men are all Italians and the feud has been of two months standing.

Hon. M. E. Bane, ex-judge of the Ninth judicial district of North Carolina, has died suddenly.

A dispatch received from Laibach, Austria, says that a fresh earthquake shock was felt there on Monday. Much damage was done to houses and considerable alarm was caused among the inhabitants.

Charles L. Snow (Democrat) has been elected mayor of Bangor, Me., in a special election, there having been no choice at the first trial in March.

George Ernst, the oldest male resident of Wayne county, New York, has died at Lyons, N. Y. Mr. Ernst was born in Germany on Jan. 26, 1803. He came to this country at an early age and supported the Republican ticket all of his life.

L. R. Van Ness & Co., drygoods merchants of Gloversville, N. Y., who have been 50 years in business, have given a bill of sale to N. H. Aulbel for \$20,000. The largest creditor is a New York house. The liabilities greatly exceed the assets.

Chaplain McCabe of New York city appeared before the Troy conference held at Saratoga in behalf of the Methodist building now being erected in Rome, N. Y., and received subscriptions amounting to \$750.

Mr. Postmaster General Bliss visited the postoffice department and saw for a moment with Assistant Postmaster General James Neilson, Craig and Max-

### DOINGS IN ALBANY.

#### Legislative Proceedings in Both Senate and Assembly.

ALBANY, April 18.—The committee on cities reported a big batch of bills in the assembly. The most important among them were the two Lexow police bills introduced in the house by Mr. O'Grady.

The special order of the day was the bill from the committee on public education, regarding the board of public education in New York city, known as the compromise bill, drafted from the Pavey, Bell and Halpin bills.

The question was put on Mr. Halpin's amendments, and they were voted down. The bill was passed—aye, 77; nays, 37.

The bill of Senator O'Connor separating the boards of charities and corrections in New York city was amended on motion of Senator Ahearn, to provide for a single headed commission of corrections and a board of three for the department of charities.

The senate judiciary committee took up the police magistrates' bill in executive session. It was discussed for fully three quarters of an hour, but no vote was taken on it nor was anything said to indicate the position of the committee as a whole on the measure.

ALBANY, April 19.—The charges in New York papers that certain senators had been seeking bribes to increase salaries pay in New York caused intense excitement about the corridors and in the senate chamber.

Later, the lieutenant governor appointed Senators O'Connor, Mallin, Pound, Cantor and Parker as the committee to investigate the charges of bribery. Witnesses will be subpoenaed at once.

The judiciary committee reported the Gray-Percy racing bill and the Wilds bill on the same subject.

The police magistrates' bill was reported for printing and to be then recommitted. The senate passed the Nixon woman's suffrage amendment by a vote of 20 to 5. The resolution must be acted on by the next legislature.

In the assembly the Lexow police bill was received from the senate, and on motion of Mr. O'Grady, was referred to the committee on revision, with instructions to substitute for his bill if the bills were found to be similar.

Bills passed: Senator Cantor, providing for the appointment of a state historian and for the compilation of the military and naval records of the state.

Mr. Brush, making the age of consent of women 15 years.

ALBANY, April 20.—There was a general apathy in the house. Mr. Cantor, from the committee on labor and industry, reported the Tobin stonecutting bill with the senate amendment exempting crushed stone from the provisions of the act.

Mr. Cutler moved to nonconcur in the senate amendment and appealed to the house.

Mr. Andrews hoped that the senate amendment would be concurred in and the bill passed. There were 7,000 men in the city of New York who were out of employment simply on account of the pending bill. The senate amendment was concurred in.

There were 10 senators present at the opening of the senate. The leaders of both sides of the house were absent, so nothing of interest could come up.

Senator Stapleton moved that the cities committee be discharged from the further consideration of the bill regulating the registration of lodgers in lodging houses in cities of the first class.

The motion to discharge was laid over—yeas, 8; nays, 10.

ALBANY, April 23.—As it had been expected, the resolution to extend the scope of the special bribery investigating committee was offered, but there was some surprise when Senator Reynolds did it. He said that his actions on the policy bill had been questioned and the resolution called for an investigation of the bipartisan police bill. He said he owed this to himself, his friends, constituents and colleagues.

Senator O'Connor asked that the resolution be laid aside until today and as Senator Reynolds had no objection that was done. The resolution extended the scope to the bipartisan police bill only.

In the absence of Senator Hall on the appropriation bill was put over till morning.

Senator Lexow's police reorganization bill had not been reported from the engineering room, so it went over.

Mr. Alsworth, from the committee on ways and means, reported a concurrent resolution for the appointment of a committee consisting of the president of the senate and three members of the senate, and the speaker of the house and five members to represent the state at the dedication of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga military park and at the octagon state and international exposition at Atlanta, Ga., in September next.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Alsworth also introduced a bill increasing the salary of the superintendent of buildings from \$9,000 to \$4,500.

ALBANY, April 24.—The adjournment of the assembly immediately after the long debate on the Troy police bill left a heavy calendar of bills on third reading undisposed of. These were promptly taken up.

Mr. Gleason's bill, repealing the Lawson act requiring work of the New York dock department to be done by contract, was among those passed.

The house took up the Lexow police bills, which had been made a special order, and Mr. Pavey took the floor in opposition to their passage. He moved to substitute the committee of Ten's bills for those under consideration.

Mr. Wray thought the Committee of Ten's bills would be more satisfactory to the people of New York than the Lexow bills.

Mr. Conkling favored the substitute of the Committee of Ten bills.

The motion to substitute the Committee of Ten's bill was lost—yeas, 30; nays, 78.

Mr. O'Grady moved the bill to a third reading.

Mr. Foley moved to strike out the enacting clause.

Mr. Pavey moved to amend the bill by striking out the words "at no time shall more than two commissioners be members of the same political party, or be of the same political opinion on state and national issues." He said there was nothing in the present bill which would insure Republican representation on the board under a Democratic mayor.

The amendment was lost and the bill was passed—aye, 96; nays, 31.

For the first time since the beginning of the session of the senate, the floor was clear of all spectators not entitled to the privilege by the rules.

For the third time the appropriation bill was a special order.

The police reorganization bill was printed and ready for action and as Senator Lexow had given notice of a call of the senate upon it, it was expected that the fate would be settled finally.

### THEY PRAYED FOR RAIN.

#### A Storm Broke Which Rained the Roof in Twain.

#### PANIC IN A TEXAS CHURCH.

Evangelist Dwight L. Moody Takes Part in a Dramatic, But Disastrous Scene, Songs of Praise Drowned by the Waits of the Injured.

PORT WORTH, Tex., April 22.—All of Texas has been deluged with rain, so the great Evangelist Dwight Moody called upon his audience of 3,000 Christians to pray fervently that the flood gates might be opened.

Last night when the tabernacle was crowded by 10,000 people from Fort Worth and surrounding cities Mr. Moody announced that word had come from several points that rain had fallen.

A few minutes later the storm burst on Fort Worth and torrents of rain fell.

Then Mr. Moody gave thanks to God and called upon the congregation to join in singing "Coronation" and "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, Let Angels Prostrate Fall."

The song had scarcely begun when a loud crackling noise was heard and the roof sank and the rafters gave way and the heavy timber and boards covered with tar and gravel came down on a portion of the congregation.

There was a panic. Scores upon scores of women fainted, some men had their heads and pined pellucid over those near them.

Mr. Moody grasped the situation, and moving to the middle of the platform, lifted both hands to heaven, moving his arms slowly to and fro. His attitude and coolness stopped the panic and men began to go to work to rescue those in danger.

A drenching rain was falling, but they worked hard and the wounded were soon taken out and carried to their homes or to the hospital.

A large number of persons were seriously hurt and one perhaps fatally.

#### WASHINGTON'S INAUGURATION.

#### Anniversary to be Celebrated in New York City.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington, first president of the United States, will be celebrated by the National Provident union at Lenox Lyceum on April 30.

General John Palmer, secretary of the state of New York and past commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, will preside.

Judge Roger A. Prior of New York city, a noted constitutional lawyer and for many years of Virginia, will deliver an address on "Washington, Our First President."

Corporal Tanner of Washington will speak on "Home, Country and Flag."

Invitations have been sent to a large number of distinguished citizens, including Governor Levi P. Morton, Lieutenant Governor Charles F. Saxton, Major William L. Strong, Mayor Richard A. Croker, Senator David B. Hill, General Wager Swayne, Colonel Fred D. Grant, General Porter and Chauncey M. Depew.

#### Live Stock Exchange Resolutions.

CHICAGO, April 24.—The Chicago Live Stock exchange adopted a set of resolutions setting forth that cattle receipts at the four principal western markets so far have been 27,000 head less than for the same period of 1894, and as a result prices have advanced, causing a corresponding increase in wholesale prices of beef. The resolutions declare that exaggerated reports and false conclusions have been widely circulated as to the cause of the recent advance in prices, and such "unfounded" reports have caused a decreased consumption of beef, resulting in a demoralization of the trade and consequently lower prices for cattle.

#### Conciliator Editor Commits Suicide.

HARTFORD, April 23.—George H. Rieker, 26 years old, editor of the Bristol Herald, committed suicide during a fit of despondency by cutting his throat with a razor.

The affair occurred at the residence of his brother-in-law, John W. Whitmore, and Rieker's wife, to whom he was married last June and who is enclosed in her husband's hand and tried to prevent his suicide. She was badly cut and her sister, who attempted to prevent Rieker from carrying out his intention, was likewise injured.

#### Manager Wray Reappointed.

ALBANY, April 19.—Governor Morton has reappointed William C. Wray of Elmira to be president of the board of managers of the New York state reformatory at Elmira, also Charles T. Willis of Schuyler county to take the place on the board of Benjamin L. Swartwood of Cayuga.

#### Mammoth Freighter Launched.

BAY CITY, Mich., April 23.—Upwards of 1,000 people witnessed the launching of the monster freighter, James J. Williams of Buffalo, at Wheeler's shipyard. The boat is 300 feet long, all steel and one of the finest of her class afloat.

#### Kate Field's Washington Suspends.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Kate Field's Washington, a weekly paper established by Miss Field in 1890, will suspend publication until next month owing to the ill-health of its owner.

#### Woman Drowns Herself and Babe.

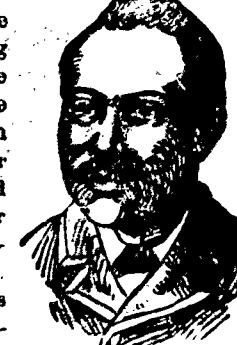
CHICAGO, April 23.—A well-dressed woman, carrying a 4-year-old infant in her arms, deliberately walked into the lake at the foot of Forty-seventh street. Both were drowned.

### IN A FRENCH PRISON.

#### Our Ex-Consul Walter Convicted and Sentenced as a Spy.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—A dispatch from Paris says that John L. Waller, formerly American consul at Tarnate, who was brought to this port on the steamer Daphnia after having been tried by a French courtmartial and sentenced to 20 years imprisonment on the charge of having been a spy in the interests of the Emovs, was taken from the steamer by the police and lodged in jail after having been registered as a prisoner.

His sentence was imposed by a courtmartial at Tarnate. While this action on the part of the French government will only add to the amount of the indemnity it will be called upon to pay, should Mr. Waller's friends show that the charge upon which he was sentenced is baseless, it will still facilitate efforts of the department of state to develop fully the facts in the case, as it can now communicate directly with Ambassador Eustis instead of being obliged to adopt the tedious course of acting through an inferior consular officer in Malmesbury, out of reach of cable communication.



JOHN L. WALLER.

#### Farmer Hangs Himself.

LYONS, N. Y., April 20.—Abner Gatchell, a prominent farmer living near Alton, was found hanging from a rafter in his barn by his family. He got up as usual went to the barn to do his chores and then hung himself with a halter. He was well to do and no cause is known for his act.

#### Farmer's Wife Murdered.

BLOOMFIELD, Ont., April 24.—At West Lake, near Mrs. Harry Bathburn was found by her husband on his coming in from his work on his farm lying dead in the doorway. Murder is suspected.

#### Big Blast in St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, April 24.—Fire broke out in the McQuillan block on East Fourth street in the factory of Lauffer, Finch & Co. The loss will exceed \$100,000, largely by water, and is covered by insurance.

#### Found Dead on the Track.

ROBINSON, Ont., April 24.—The body of a man about 25 years old was found on the Michigan Central railway track. A purse found in his pocket indicates that he is Charles Scheid of Detroit.

### THE MARKETS.

#### New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 23. Money on call, easy at 1 1/2% per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 2 1/2% per cent. Sterling exchange, actual business in bank bills, \$4 1/2% for 60 days demand, and \$4 3/4% for 90 days. Postpaid rates, \$4 1/2% and \$4 3/4%.

Commercial bills, \$4 1/2% to \$4 3/4%. Exchange—Paris, 46 1/2 to 47 1/2. Silver certificates, 97 1/2 to 98. Mexican, 50c. Governments now quoted at \$1 1/2 to 1 1/4.

#### New York Produce Market.

NEW YORK, April 23. FLOUR—City mills patent, \$10.00 to \$11.00; winter patents, \$9.00 to \$10.00; city mill clear, \$8.50 to \$9.50; winter strats, \$8.00 to \$9.00; winter extras, \$7.50 to \$8.50; Minnesota patents, \$10.00 to \$11.00; Minnesota brands, \$11.00 to \$12.00; spring low grades, \$7.00 to \$8.00; spring extra, \$8.00 to \$9.00; good to choice, \$9.00 to \$10.00. RYE FLOUR—superfine, \$3.00 to \$3.50; fancy, \$3.50 to \$4.00.

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