

Downers Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS.

HISTORY OF A WEEK.

THE NEWS OF SEVEN DAYS UP TO DATE.

Political, Religious, Social and Criminal Doings of the Whole World Carefully Condensed for Our Readers—The Accident Record.

Orlando N. Dana shot and killed himself at his home at Macon, Ga. Mr. Dana was a member of the same family which includes Richard Henry Dana, Charles A. Dana and other distinguished men.

By the explosion of an oil well boiler on the Nortman farm, near Gallery Junction, Pa., John Dunlap, engineer, was killed and William McKeever, tool dresser, fatally injured.

Governor Black has declined to interfere in the sentence of death of Arthur Mayer, who was convicted of murdering Stephen Powell at Hempstead, N. Y., March 7, 1894.

The funeral of the late David L. Foutz, the base ball pitcher and manager, who died Friday afternoon, was held Monday at the residence of his mother at Baltimore, Md.

The president has reappointed William Sinclair as steward of the white house, which place he held under the preceding administration.

United States Senator John Dolph of Oregon had his left leg amputated just above the knee and to-night he lies in a critical condition. It is feared he will not survive the shock of the operation.

President Guy of the St. Louis, Peoria & Northern railroad has purchased \$1,000,000 worth of rails at \$18 a ton and surveys will be made in a few weeks from Springfield to East Clinton Ill. The company expect to build the line, 150 miles in length, this year.

Daniel Comstock, ex-president of the defunct Meoca County savings bank at Big Rapids, Mich., has been arrested on a charge of misappropriating \$9,000 of the bank's funds.

The strike at the Globe Iron shipyards, Cleveland, Ohio, was settled Monday, the men returning to work upon a minimum wage of \$1.50 a day. The demand for union recognition was compromised.

After a night of dissipation Gus A. Northing, a stereotyper, aged 35 years shot and fatally wounded his wife and killed himself at Kansas City, Mo.

Secretary Sherman has signed the extradition papers authorizing the delivery to the Australian officers now in San Francisco of Frank Butler, who is wanted in Australia on a charge of murder.

Albert W. Curtis, superintendent of the Goodrich Linsseed Oil Company, was run over and killed by an engine while crossing the tracks of the St. Paul road on Florida street, Milwaukee. Curtis was 68 years old and leaves a family.

A dispatch to the London Daily News from Berlin says that Prince Bismarck is suffering from neuralgia, and that the attack is so serious that he is unable either to sleep or to talk.

Reports to the Michigan secretary of state for the March crop indicate that wheat was not materially damaged during the trying weather of February. The returns indicate that 17 per cent of the wheat crop of 1894 is in the farmers' hands.

Prominent philanthropists have organized a society at Elkhart, Ind., to solicit money and provisions in northern Indiana for the starving and needy in India. They hope by April 15 to have enough supplies to make a large shipment.

The jury in the case of Leroy H. Howe, charged with the murder of his brother Charles at Elkhorn, Wis., in May, 1894, has returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree.

Miss Ina Webb of Glenville, Ky., committed suicide last night by taking strychnine. She was to have been married next week, and left no word concerning her deed.

Mahlon Pierson, an employe of the Crosby Paper Company, Marion, Ind., was feeding straw into the cutter, when his left hand was caught under the big knife, and the arm was hacked to pieces from the wrist to the elbow. He will die.

Governor Bradley has appointed Major A. T. Wood of Mount Sterling as United States senator from Kentucky to succeed J. C. S. Blackburn.

The secretary of war has sent to congress a recommendation for the extension of navigation from the Illinois river to Lake Michigan by the upper Illinois and lower Desplaines rivers near Chicago, to cost \$75,000.

Lyman W. Hall of Joliet, Ill., who shot Constable F. De Long last November, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for life. Hall is the youngest murderer ever sentenced to the penitentiary for life in Will County. He is only 24 years old, and was delighted in escaping with life imprisonment.

The fifty-fourth annual session of the North Indiana Methodist Episcopal conference will be held in Kokomo, commencing March 24 and lasting seven days. The time originally designated was March 17, but, by consent of the bishop, it was postponed one week. Bishop Merrill of Chicago will preside.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Schuls of Carthage, Ill., have just celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Mr. Schuls is 82 and his wife 79 years of age.

Oliver H. Byers' elevator, owned by the Knapp, burned, Loan, \$15,000.

WORK OF CONGRESS.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS AT WASHINGTON.

Closing Hours of the House and Senate Marked by the Usual Rush of Work—Many Bills Meet with "Pocket Veto"—Some of the Measures That Passed.

Wednesday, March 3.

The house ordered the Indian bill sent back to conference. The immigration bill was passed over the President's veto by a vote of 193 to 37. The senate amendment to reduce the price of armor plate to \$300 was accepted by a vote of 131 to 52. The conference report on the sundry civil bill was reported to the house. The principal change made in conference was a reduction of 12 1/2 per cent on appropriations for rivers and harbors. A provision under which the action of the president setting aside lands in western states as forest reserves may be reversed was also one of the important changes. The conference report was agreed to, and the house took a recess for one hour.

In the senate a further conference on the sundry civil bill was ordered. A message from the house reported the passage of the immigration bill over the president's veto. The veto message was read, and without comment, was referred to the committee on immigration.

Thursday, March 4.

The closing hours in the house were uneventful. The statesmen worked all night to get the sundry civil, Indian and agricultural bills to the President, only to have them pocket vetoed, while the general deficiency failed of passage because the house refused to subscribe to the half million of Bowman claims which the senate insisted upon. The only feature of the closing throbs of life was the enthusiastic reception accorded Speaker Reed, and the unanimous standing vote of thanks tendered him. After this the house adjourned without day.

The senate of the LVth congress met in extra session, with Vice-President Hobart presiding, in pursuance to a call of the retiring President. Proceedings were confined largely to the valedictory of the retiring Vice-President, Mr. Stevenson, the opening address of the new Vice-President, Mr. Hobart, and the swearing into office of the new senators.

HEAVY FLOODS FEARED.

Mountains of Snow Cover the Entire Northwest.

The states of Minnesota and North and South Dakota are in a nervous condition over the prospects of the next few days. It has snowed every day this month, Sunday's storm being the greatest in weeks. There are literally mountains of snow all over this section. Railroad trains are in a hopeless tangle.

The people are beginning to realize that if the snow should go off with a rush or accompanied with a downpour of rain, as is likely at this season of the year, the biggest flood would result ever known in the Northwest. It would cause incalculable damage along the Mississippi and tributary streams, and overflow the Red river valley to such a depth that it would prevent the seeding of thousands of acres.

New York Village Fire Swept.

A big fire raged in the business section of Rome, N. Y., Thursday. The conflagration started in the rear of Bingham's six-story building about midnight. The blaze spread rapidly through the entire building, which is occupied by the Bingham Harness company and Willoughby carriage and sleigh works. Paul Plinster's harness shop also was consumed. It is estimated that the loss is \$150,000.

Peoria Elevator Is Burned.

Thursday night fire destroyed the Union elevator at Peoria, Ill. The elevator was the property of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company. It had a capacity of 1,000,000 bushels, and as nearly as can be ascertained contained about 900,000 bushels of grain. The loss is estimated at \$400,000, but no statement of insurance can be given.

Millions of Damage.

While the flood of last Friday is over the effects of it will be felt in northern Kentucky, southern Ohio and southern Indiana for weeks. The damages here and within a radius of 100 miles of this city, are now estimated in the millions.

Editor Wilson Goes to Prison.

James B. Wilson, editor of the Indianapolis People, was on Tuesday sent to the northern prison for a term of two years for sending copies of his paper, containing obscene matter, through the mails.

Wages Go Down 10 Per Cent.

The Bethlehem, Pa., iron company has announced a general reduction of ten per cent in the wages of steel workers, laborers and furnace men. The reduction goes into effect on March 1.

Big Fire at Indianapolis.

The Park theater, the popular-price playhouse of Indianapolis, Ind., was burned between 8 and 9 o'clock Sunday night. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The insurance amounts to \$30,000.

Drunkards Going to North Dakota.

Drunkards of three Indiana counties have completed organization of a colony of 100 men to go to North Dakota this year. They will leave on the 30th. On the 31st they will join colonies from all over the country in Chicago.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

Senate Indorses the President's Cabinet Selections.

The senate was in session only about two hours Friday, and the greater part of the time was spent in executive session in confirming Mr. McKinley's cabinet appointments. The following were the nominations: Secretary of State—John Sherman of Ohio.

Secretary of the Treasury—Lyman J. Gage of Illinois.

Secretary of War—Russell A. Alger of Michigan.

Attorney-General—Joseph McKenna of California.

Postmaster-General—James A. Garj of Maryland.

Secretary of the Navy—John D. Long of Massachusetts.

Secretary of the Interior—Cornelius N. Bliss of New York.

Secretary of Agriculture—James Wilson of Iowa.

Ran Into a Landslide.

Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 4 ran into a landslide about one and one-half miles west of Stauber, Mo., at 7 o'clock Friday night. The engine tender and mail car were telescoped setting fire to the mail car, which in turn set fire to the baggage car, and both were entirely consumed. One man was killed and his body cremated another was fatally burned, and a third badly injured.

GREECE MAKES REPLY.

Will Not Abandon Cretans to Moslem Fanaticism.

The reply of Greece to the powers was finally drafted Monday morning and sent to the foreign legations. The reply, after acknowledging the receipt of the identical notes of the powers and recognizing the extreme gravity of possible results bound up in the situation, declares that Greece owes a duty to the people of Crete, and that she will not abandon them to Moslem fanaticism. She offers to withdraw her fleet and place the troops on shore under the control of the combined powers of Europe.

MRS. BEECHER DEAD.

Widow of America's Famous Preacher Expires at Stamford, Conn.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher died at Stamford, Conn., Monday at the age of 85 years.

Just ten years ago Mrs. Beecher's



MRS. BEECHER.

noted husband, Henry Ward Beecher passed out of this life. Mrs. Beecher was unconscious for twenty-four hours and her death was peaceful and painless. Ever since Saturday her wonderful vitality had been ebbing away.

Weyler Issues a Savage Order.

A Havana special to the New York World says that General Weyler has issued an order directing that hereafter all women arrested in Cuba who are called "suspicious" shall be tried by court-martial. While the penalty is not publicly stated, it is supposed that if the women are found guilty the death penalty will be imposed. The issuing of this order has been protested against by some foreign consuls.

Eckels Will Serve Out His Term.

The arrangements to make Comptroller Eckels a commissioner under the new monetary conference act and thus make an immediate vacancy in the comptroller's office for Charles G. Dawes of Illinois have fallen through. Mr. Eckels has determined to serve out his term unless removed by the president, and it is well known that President McKinley will not remove him.

Electric Power-House Burned.

The big power house of the Union Traction Company at the junction of Thirteenth and Mount Vernon streets and Ridge avenue, Philadelphia, was destroyed by fire. Two men lost their lives and several others were slightly injured. The damage from the fire will amount to about \$350,000, fully covered by insurance.

Big Fire at Worcester, Mass.

One of the worst fires ever known in Worcester, Mass., early Friday morning destroyed the John E. Day five-story block, 302 to 312 Main street, and the Goulding block adjoining. The loss is estimated at \$400,000. Eight firemen were badly injured by falling walls.

Durrant's Last Hope Gone.

The California supreme court Wednesday affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of Theodore Durrant, found guilty of the murder of Blanche Lamont in Emanuel church almost two years ago. The court will fix a date for Durrant's execution.

Dave Foutz Is Dead.

Dave Foutz, late manager of the Brooklyn base ball club and at one time one of the star pitchers of the country, died at Baltimore Thursday evening of asthma.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE

REPORTED BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

March 2.

No business was transacted in either branch of legislature today.

March 3.

The house met at 5 o'clock with twelve members present. In the absence of the chaplain prayer was dispensed with, and after the reading of the journal Mr. Harnsberger moved that when the house adjourn it stand adjourned to 5 o'clock Friday afternoon. This motion was carried and then Mr. Murray of Sangamon moved to adjourn and this motion was adopted.

Senators Templeton and Morrison held a perfunctory session in the senate to-day, assisted by Senators Dunlap, Sparks (Rep.), and Manifold and McKinlay (Dem.). At 5 o'clock the secretary of the senate called that body to order and announced that nominations for secretary pro tempore were in order. Senator Dunlap nominated Senator Templeton, who was unanimously chosen. The president pro tempore ordered the journal read, immediately after which Senator Morrison moved that the senate adjourn to Friday at 9 a. m., which was carried.

March 5.

Acting Speaker Selby and Representatives Merriam, Buckner, La Monte and Murray of Sangamon were present when the House convened at 5 o'clock, the democratic side being entirely unrepresented. Mr. Merriam took occasion to emphasize the absence of Mr. Noble, who at the beginning of the week, announced his intention of remaining here and making as much trouble as possible. "I observe," said Col. Merriam, "that the gentleman from Cook, Mr. Noble, is absent from his seat today. I would like to inquire if the chair gave him consent to leave."

"The chair has no knowledge that leave of absence has been granted the gentleman from Cook," said Speaker Selby.

"I presume he is absent for grave reasons," continued Col. Merriam, "perhaps on account of pressing business at home, and I therefore request that he be excused from attendance today."

"He will be excused," said Speaker Selby.

Mr. Buckner called attention to the death of Senator Wells, and moved the appointment of a committee of five to attend the funeral. The motion prevailed, and the chair appointed Representatives Buckner, Kincheloe, Perry, Merriam and Murray of Sangamon. The House then adjourned to 5 o'clock Monday afternoon. When the Secretary of the Senate announced to-day that nominations for president pro tempore were in order, Senators Dunlap and Kanan were the only members present. Senator Dunlap nominated Senator Kanan president pro tempore, and at 9 a. m., the Senate was called to order. Immediately after the reading of the journal an adjournment was taken to Monday at 5 p. m.

March 8.

After a week's idleness the house manifested a disposition to work when it met at 5 o'clock. For an hour the clerk read bills a first time, and several motions for adjournment were voted down. The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Buckner—For the suppression of mob violence and lynching. It provides that a person attacked and injured by a mob may secure judgment from the county in which the act is done from \$1,000 to \$5,000. By Mr. McGinnis—To prohibit demands of deposits of money to secure the payment of water, gas and electric light bills. (Write your senator and representative and tell them to vote for this measure. Also write to the governor and tell him to sign it. The passage of this bill is absolutely necessary if the people wish to be free from the burglar system now being practiced by the gas and electric lighting companies.) By Mr. McLaughlin—Amending the law in relation to child labor by providing that no child under 16 years of age shall be permitted to work in mine, mill or factory, unless he has passed the fifth grade in the common schools. By Mr. Metcalf—Amending the flag law by making it the duty of public officers to float the flag over public buildings on national holidays. By Mr. Murdock—Amending the law in relation to wills by making the same provisions for proving the signatures of insane persons as those of deceased persons. Also, a bill amending the election law by providing that the official ballot be printed in two papers and four notices posted in each political precinct. By Mr. Nohe—Regulating department stores. This is the bill agreed upon by the Chicago Business Men's association. By Mr. Saylor—Repealing the mechanics' lien law and classifying these cases the same as assignment cases and giving county courts jurisdiction in them. By Mr. Sherman—Providing for the appointment of county jury commissions, whose duty it shall be to select petit and grand jurors.

In the absence of Lieutenant Governor Northcott and President Pro Tempore Fisher, Senator Harding called the senate to order at 5 p. m. today. There was not a quorum present and no business was transacted. Immediately after the reading of the journal an adjournment was taken until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Senator Wells' desk was draped in crape. In the center a beautiful floral wreath rested, expressing the esteem in which members of the senate held their deceased associate.

State Items.

The Ottawa postoffice has been moved into new quarters.

MARCH AND APRIL

Are the Most Disagreeable Months of the Year in the North.

In the South they are the pleasantest and most agreeable. The trees and shrubs put forth their buds and flowers; early vegetables and fruits are ready for eating, and in fact all nature seems to have awakened from its winter sleep. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company reaches the Garden Spots of the South, and will on the first and third Tuesdays of March and April sell round-trip tickets to all principal points in Tennessee, Alabama, and West Florida at about half rates. Write for advertising matter and particulars of excursions to C. P. Atmore, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky., or J. K. Ridgely, N. W. P. A., Chicago, Ill.

Congressman Simpson's Silk Socks.

When Congressman "Jerry" Simpson appears in the extra session of congress next month he will for the first time in his life wear a tailor-made suit of clothes. This suit came to him at Topeka, Kan., by express from a Chicago tailor, and tucked away in the bundle was a pair of silk half hose, sent with the compliments of the tailor. Simpson will wear these hose with his new clothes. He has also bought a pair of tan leather shoes and a silk hat of the latest block. He has adorned the latter with a half mourning band.

Tours in the Rocky Mountains.

The "Scenic Line of the World," the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, offers to tourists in Colorado, Utah and New Mexico the choicest resorts, and to the transcontinental traveler the grandest scenery. The direct line to Cripple Creek, the greatest gold camp on earth. Double daily train service with Pullman sleepers and tourists' cars between Denver and San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Write S. K. Hooper, G. P. & T. A., Denver, Colorado, for illustrated descriptive pamphlets.

How Needles Are Made.

Needles are all made by machinery. The piece of mechanism by which the needle is manufactured takes the rough steel wire, cuts it into proper lengths, files the point, flattens the head, pierces the eye, then sharpens the tiny instrument and gives it that polish familiar to the purchaser. There is, also, a machine by which needles are counted and placed in the papers in which they are sold, these being afterward folded by the same contrivance.

On to the Kootenai.

The call of 1894 in "On to the Kootenai," the wonderfully rich mining country of Montana, Idaho and British Columbia, where so many mines of gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, etc., have been discovered during the last year or two and new towns and industries established. The town of Roseland grew from 200 people to 6,000 in twenty months. Maps and descriptive matter of the entire territory sent free by F. I. Whitney, G. P. & T. A., Great Northern railway, St. Paul, Minn.

Why He Was Indignant.

"Is it true that Goldy's son eloped with the old gentleman's typewriter?" "Yes; they skipped out two weeks ago." "I presume Goldy is just pawing the air." "Naturally. He has engaged to the girl himself."—Detroit Free Press.

The Hot Springs.

located in the Black Hills of South Dakota have wonderful medicinal properties for the cure of rheumatism, neuralgia, and kindred ailments, and should be investigated by all suffering from such troubles. First-class hotel accommodations and baths. Tourist tickets on sale daily and especially low rates on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Full information furnished on application to ticket agents C. & N. W. R. Y.

Two Married Men.

"Why do you insist upon taking your wife out for such long walks in this rough weather?" "The doctor has told her that she must be very careful not to talk when she is out in the cold air." "Say, who's your doctor?"—Cleveland Leader.

Very Low Rate Excursions to the West and South.

On March 16, April 6 and 20, the North-Western Line will sell Home Seekers' excursion tickets, with favorable time limits to numerous points in the West and South at exceptionally low rates. For tickets and full information apply to agents Chicago & North-Western Railway.

For Art's Sake.

"Did you not know," asked the court, "that such a poor copy of a genuine note would surely be detected?" The counterfeiter tossed his hair back from his blue-veined brow. "I sought," he haughtily answered, "an artistic rather than a financial success."—Lark.

Unenviable Position.

I'd rather be most any man in history's class or fame's bright bands Than Atlas, for he always had A world of trouble on his hands. —Cincinnati Tribune.

Texas Wants You!

Along the line of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Ry. is the place to settle. Good and cheap lands. Health and climate unsurpassed. For particulars address E. J. Martin, G. P. A., San Antonio, Texas.

The Crisis.

"Gentleman," said the orator, "this crisis will soon be at an end." "Thank heaven," murmured an auditor; "he's going to stop talking."—Golden Penny.