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TELEGRAPHIC.

EASTERN STATES.

A destructive cyclone.
St. Louis, May 31.—A terrible rain and wind storm visited Frankfort, Marshall county, Kan., at 6 o'clock last evening. F. B. Taylor's was torn to pieces and several small houses, stores and stables more or less damaged. The house of Messrs. Fox, Cahsar & Vaughn, three miles from town, was blown down and the inmates considerably injured. The house and its contents were blown into the river. At Irving, Kan., the storm blew down sixteen houses, killed eighteen persons, wounded about twenty-five, and several are missing. The residences of James Warden, Mr. Armstrong, J. Williams, Mr. Thompson, and twelve others, names of owners not given, were totally demolished. A committee with funds, provisions and lumber left Atchison on the Central branch railroad this afternoon to supply the wants of the sufferers.

Archdison, Kansas, June 1.—A terrible storm of wind and rain passed over northern Kansas and southern Nebraska last evening. It extended through nearly the whole northern tier of counties of this State, but was most violent between Blue Rapids and Central Station, on the Central branch railroad, about 30 miles apart. The storm moved in the direction of a little north of east, and passed into Nebraska through Richardson county. The town of Irving, 90 miles west of this place, was nearly destroyed. At that point the storm took on the character of a cyclone and levelled everything in its path. About forty buildings were destroyed. Fifteen persons were killed and 30 or 40 wounded. In the neighborhood of Frankfort four or five farm houses were blown over, and in the town several houses were destroyed. At Centralia several houses were uprooted, and one house and barn blown down. Trees were uprooted, fences laid flat and great damage done to crops. At Beaty, on the St. Joe and Denver railroad, a number of houses were blown down. At Dennison Mills, Nebraska, on the Atchison and Nebraska road, the Catholic church was utterly demolished, also the store of Neil, Riley & Co. One lady was severely injured and several residences more or less damaged.

Chicago Walking Match.
CHICAGO, June 1.—The walking match was finished shortly before 12 o'clock with the following result: George Perry, 30 miles; John Dolber, alias Dolan, 265; Banks, 254; Sherry, 243; Perry gets the belt and \$1,000; Dolber gets \$500, Banks \$250 and Sherry \$150. A protest was entered on behalf of Dolber that Perry's trainer walked with him, but there is no probability that it will be entertained.

The Treasury.
WASHINGTON, June 2.—The debatement shows the increase of the debt for May to be \$92,350; cash in the treasury \$430,501,907; gold certificates, \$15,413,700; silver certificates \$3,366,960; certificates of deposit outstanding, \$96,795,000; refunding certificates, \$23,723,000; legal tenders outstanding, \$246,081,016; fractional currency outstanding, \$15,874,777; United States notes held for redemption of fractional currency, \$3,408,106; called bonds not matured for which 4 per cent. bonds have been issued, \$169,771,000; subscriptions to 4 per cent. refunding certificates since Saturday's report, \$1,717,470. This statement includes not only called bonds, but the new bonds issued to redeem them. The cash on hand shows the money received for new bonds, therefore, should be deducted from the aggregate of bonds. The debt statement of August next, after the called bonds are paid, will show the actual condition of the treasury.

Death of Gen. James Shields.
OTTEWA, Ia., June 2.—General James Shields, late U. S. senator from Missouri, died suddenly in this city at 10:30 last evening. On Sabbath day he had appeared in usual health, ate a hearty supper at six, and wrote several letters, but just before retiring complained of pain in the chest, and soon thereafter said to his niece that he was dying, and in thirty minutes expired sitting in his chair, remaining conscious to the last. He is buried in this city on Wednesday evening last, and had remained here visiting relations. His remains leave here for his home in Carroll, Mo., this evening.

Iron Mills Closed.
PITTSBURG, June 2.—The iron manufacturers having refused to sign the sliding scale, paying puddlers five dollars per ton for puddling, all the mills in this city are closed to-day.

Fire Damp Explosion.
POTTSVILLE, June 2.—Yesterday morning an explosion of fire damp occurred in the Glendon colliery, Mahoning county, instantly killing a boy named Joseph Nooker and seriously wounding five others.

The Cyclone.
IRVING, KANSAS, June 1.—Thirty deaths here are certain, and 63 people badly injured by the recent cyclone. People want money to get necessaries which are at hand. From 50 to 60 families at Frankfort, Kansas, are homeless and destitute of clothing, provisions and farming implements. The citizens of that place donated \$700. More aid is needed.

Barstow, June 2.—Seventy-five to 100 persons here are destitute of everything. In the vicinity of Beaty, bedding and clothing is in a great demand.

St. Louis, June 2.—A report comes from Brookfield, Kansas, at least 75 miles southwest of Irving, the town where the most destruction took place, that a most terrific wind storm passed over the country northward on Friday afternoon, doing great damage to farm property and killing several.

Kirville, Adair county, Mo., Friday and demolished about a dozen badly damaged several others injured several persons, one injured killed. A very high wind blew north and northeast. A grain elevator at Hopewell destroyed and several small buildings blown down and an Station, on the K. C. St. Railroad, was destroyed. Damage was done to other buildings and crops.

Chicago, June 2.—The National State convention nominated the following ticket: For Governor, Gen. A. Sawyer; Platte; Lieut. Governor, Hugo Freyer; Auditor, Andrew Roy; Treasurer, Charles Johnson; Supreme Judge, A. M. Jackson; Attorney-General, Jas. C. Cregan; Member of the Board of Public Works, Geo. W. Platt, of Hamilton.

The Greenback Convention.
The Greenback convention adopted a resolution directing the chairman to rule out of order any resolution looking to a coalition with the Democrats.

Concord, June 4.—The legislature organized to-day. The Senate elected J. H. Gallagher (Rep.) president.

Ohio Democratic Nominations.
The Democratic State convention assembled at 10 o'clock. Gen. James Sherman, of Toledo, was chosen temporary chairman.

The convention reassembled at 2 o'clock Samuel P. Hunt, of Cincinnati, was chosen permanent chairman.

FOREIGN NEWS.

English Crops and Markets.
LONDON, June 3.—The Market Lane Express says: Growing wheat has generally not been compromised by the late inclement weather, and it is hoped of speedy landing are really the best may prove to have been a fine return. Barley and oats are moderately promising. Wheat looks tolerably healthy though backward. Grass has declined to grow, and would doubtless ripen rapidly if weather became warmer but prospects of hay crop is far from reassuring. Agricultural prospects in Scotland are by no means promising. Cereals are sickly and yellow, even in the most favored districts. Grass is very backward. Deliveries of wheat by farmers at provincial markets have again been liberal as compared with last year, showing reserves to have been unduly large, and they are due to the pressing need of money which is felt in agricultural circles. The condition of wheat offered was improved, as the average price advanced eight pence per quarter, despite very inactive provincial trade. In London fine samples fully maintained late rates, but arrivals were small. Imports of foreign wheat up to Friday were 43,760 quarters. Millers during the week bought on a merely retail scale, because of increased firmness of holders. With still considerable visible supply in America and shipments from northern Russian ports, trade has lost much of its buoyancy, but prices are unchanged, except for Spring American descriptions, for which holders accepted rather lower rates early in the week, but have since risen to former levels. Best oats have risen similarly. Barley and beans sold slowly at former rates. Pens were rather cheaper in consequence of the large supply.

Famine in Cashmere.
SIMLA, June 3.—The famine in Cashmere is very serious. Great distress prevails throughout the country, and many towns and villages have been depopulated. Authorities are sending assistance.

The Pope on Civil Marriages.
ROME, June 3.—A letter written by the Pope has been published deploring the new civil marriage laws, and denying that the church desires to encroach upon the prerogative of the State, but declaring that purely civil marriages are destitute of honest or sacred bonds.

Mountaineers Killed.
ST. PETERSBURG, June 3.—The Golos announces that 500 Dagheston mountaineers who revolted during the late war have been killed to Perm.

Hunting Explorers.
MALTA, June 3.—The steamer A. E. Nordenskiold has sailed hence for Behring's Straits by way of the Suez canal in quest of the steamer Lega, containing the Swedish Arctic explorer, Prof. Nordenskiold, and party.

The Hungry Vale of Cashmere.
LONDON, June 4.—Official reports from Cashmere say that it is impossible to exaggerate the distress that the famine is causing there. The maharajah of this province at the urgent request of the viceroy of India, is proceeding to Serinagor to superintend the organization of relief. Three thousand five hundred tons of grain are in transit to the valley of Cashmere.

Po Will Overflow.
ROME, June 4.—The river Po has made a breach in the embankment between Sermede and Rivere, and is doing serious damage.

The Coming Men.
SAN FRANCISCO, June 2.—A majority of the delegates to the State convention of the W. P. C. are already in the city and most of the remainder are expected this evening. Considerable quiet canvassing is going on, but nothing like the usual pipe laying. It is generally admitted that the country delegations will name most of the ticket.

The Anam Revolt.
The revolt in Anam under Ly Yung Choi, is still unsubsided. Ly defies the Anamite and Chinese troops alike. He remains inactive, however, in the mountain stronghold, and the Chinese officials confidently predict his surrender within a short time.

Good Hiddance.
The steamer China sailed on the 2d for Hong Kong via Yokohama. Among her passengers were 17 Chinese lepers who have been inmates of the county pest house for several months, now shipped to China by order of the supervisors.

The Green-Eyed Monster.
SUSANVILLE, June 2.—At Spanish Springs in this county, on last Saturday, C. H. Hood attempted to kill his wife with a flat iron, after which he attempted suicide by stabbing himself with a knife. He was committed to-day to jail to await the result of his injuries. Jealousy was the cause.

Abolishing Desperado.
PHOENIX, Arizona, June 1.—This afternoon about two o'clock a Mexican, well mounted and armed with an old cavalry sabre about four feet long, rode madly through Main street, flashing right and left, very badly wounding three men. Officers immediately started in pursuit, but the Mexican stands a good chance of escaping, as he had a good horse. The officers have not yet returned. The wounded are doing well.

Hacks and Revolvers.
PANAMA, June 2.—Sessions of the House have been characterized by the most disgraceful order. People in the galleries openly express their contempt and hatred of certain members whose hostility against the executive has been most marked, and those members increased the disorder by making most impassioned attacks against the president of the republic. The populace replied with volleys of stones. Members used their revolvers in turn. Things got to such a pass on the 7th of May that General Trujillo with a battalion of Columbian guards cleared the galleries, adjourned the session and escorted the members home.

W. P. C. Conventions.
SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—The State Convention of the W. P. C. met at Humboldt hall at 10 A. M., and was called to order by Denis Kearney who delivered an address reviewing briefly the origin, progress, present condition and future prospects of the W. P. C. A reference in his address to the proposal repeal of the national banking act and issuance of all money direct from the treasury of the United States, met much enthusiasm from the convention. The committee on permanent organization and order of business presented the following: For president, Denis Kearney; secretary, J. J. Flynn; assistants, C. C. Williams and R. A. Leonard; vice presidents, Wyaht of Monterey, Waldron, of Los Angeles, Wicks, of Nevada.

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Interest for 5 years at 12 per cent..... 270 00
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