

FROM WASHINGTON.

News of General Interest from the Nation's Capital.

Organization of the Civil-Service Commission—Inserters to be Pardoned—New Appointments.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The Civil-Service Commission organized Monday by electing Commissioner Lyman president of the commission.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The United States Supreme Court has affirmed the validity of the law excluding Chinese labor, known as the Scott Exclusion act.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The United States Supreme Court yesterday awarded the executors of the will of Myra Clark Galt the sum of \$50,000.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The General Land Office clerks who have returned from Oklahoma that up to last Friday 80 entries had been made at Kingfisher and 1,000 at Guthrie.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The United States Supreme Court has adjourned until October next.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The President has made the following appointments: Solomon Hirsch, of Oregon, to be Minister to Turkey; Clark E. Carr, of Illinois, to be Minister Resident and Consul General at Copenhagen; Henry W. Severance, of California, to be Consul-General at Honolulu; John Barrett, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Consul at Birmingham; Thomas S. Sherman, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Consul at Liverpool.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Bolivia will be represented at the conference of South American nations to be held here next autumn. She will also send a Minister to Washington and make the United States a first-class mission.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The Interior Commissioner has issued a circular letter address to the labor organizations of the country soliciting information and discussion upon the question of Federal regulation of safety appliances on railroads.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Evening confirms the rumored engagement of ex-Secretary Bayard to Miss Glynn, daughter of Dr. Glynn, U. S. N., of Washington. The wedding will occur early in the summer and the wedding party will pass several months in Europe.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—During the past week the Treasury Department has disbursed \$11,200,000 on account of pensions, thereby exhausting the appropriation for the current fiscal year, amounting to \$81,750,000.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—In an interview Representative Perkins, of Kansas, expressed the opinion that the next Congress would pass a bill for the regulation of Congressional elections. This measure, he said, would be aimed at the South, but its provisions would, of course, apply equally to all sections of the country.

PREPARING FOR STATEHOOD.

Returns from Tuesday's elections in North and South Dakota and Montana.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 16.—The heavy rains in Dakota Tuesday lessened the number of men voting. In South Dakota about 30,000 votes were cast. The Sioux Falls constitution was adopted by an overwhelming majority, while the delegates elected to the convention are in favor of the constitution.

Close of Chicago's Bicycle Contest.

CHICAGO, May 20.—The six-day bicycle race came to an end Saturday evening. The score was as follows:

A Gigantic Plot.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 20.—The plot against the life of the czar which was recently discovered here by the police is a far-reaching one. It involves over a military corps of men of less prominence, several of whom have committed suicide.

A Big Oil Well.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 18.—A special from Tiffin, O., says that the largest oil well in Ohio has been discovered at North Bluff. It lies in a tract of land in the town of North Bluff, and is held at enormous prices.

Burned to Death.

ROCKDALE, TEX., May 18.—The house of Louis Palmer was destroyed by fire yesterday, caused by a lamp explosion, and Mrs. Palmer and her two little boys perished in the flames. Mr. Palmer was also badly burned.

Peace Restored.

LONDON, May 17.—Shanghai advices are that the claims for getting out of the Cheo Yoo riots have been settled. The English and American flags have again hoisted and the Chinese troops have again been withdrawn.

American Thieves Sentenced in France.

PARIS, May 20.—The American burglars Robin and Dennis, who were arrested for robbing the Societe Lyonnaise, have been sentenced at the Lyons assizes to ten years' imprisonment each.

The Negro Kept Out.

LEWISBURG, Mo., May 17.—At the State convention in this city yesterday of the Protestant Episcopal church it was voted to exclude the colored people from a place in its constitution.

Killed at the Polls.

ROBERT CITY, Ark., May 19.—In a riotous disturbance at the polls here Saturday at a school election Marshal F. M. Folbre, T. R. Farham and Sheriff D. M. Wilson were killed.

Packing-House Burned.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., May 17.—Stewart Bros' packing-house in this city burned Thursday morning, with a quantity of stock lost. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, \$95,000.

A Valuable Pill.

BAPTIST MISSIONS.

Annual Meeting in Boston—Some Interesting Statistics.

BOSTON, May 15.—At the annual meeting in this city yesterday of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society reports showed that the total sum collected for the year was \$24,774, an increase of \$1,400 from last year.

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WIND AND HAIL.

These Two Elements Combined Cause Great Damage.

Norfolk and Other Portions of Virginia Lose Heavily by a Hail-Storm—In Danville a Cyclone Rages.

FURIOUS ELEMENTS.

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HIDDEN ENEMIES.

A United States Paymaster Has a Fight with Bandits.

The Battle Occurs in Arizona, and the Thieves Secure Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars in Cash and Kill Eight Soldiers.

BRAVE MEN SLAIN.

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THE NATIONAL GAME.

Standings of the Four Associations for the Week Ended May 18.

The following tables show the standing of the clubs in the various base-ball organizations:

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MICHIGAN STATE NEWS.

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5 HORSE BLANKETS. ARE THE STRONGEST. NONE GENUINE WITHOUT THE 5 HORSE LABEL.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES. Logan. Levi Hough sold a horse to H. Bleam recently. The hanging of May baskets is all the rage here at present.

Ad Items. Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Watson are on the sick list. Mrs. S. Chase has been here visiting her parents.

Freepoint. Job Cheesbrough shipped a carload of rakes to Omaha, Neb. last Friday. A. M. Herrington, the new postmaster, received his commission Tuesday and the office was moved into his building yesterday.

Parrell. Many farmers in this vicinity are having their apple orchards sprayed this season. John Gross says he can show receipts for 1274 dozen eggs taken in and turned off his hands during the month of April.

Sarsaparilla. Will Benedict, who was dangerously injured in the railway accident at St. George, Ont., has recovered sufficiently to return home. One arm will be permanently crippled from the result of the injury.

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good suit. He was convicted of the theft before Justice O. I. Watkins, and was taken to the jail of C. May 17th by John R. White. Poole confessed to having been in jail five different times.

Livingston & Cleson have started their grocery store. They have also moved the post office to the same building, John Headley being our new postmaster.

Ladies. Ladies should take a glance at those Jersey Pins at Oliver's. W. S. Winegar is showing a splendid line of wall papers this spring.

Big Fire at Howard City. The village of Howard City suffered a loss from fire today aggregating between forty and fifty thousand dollars.

Two squares were wiped out and it was only by hard work that the rest of the town was saved from the flames. The opera house, Gaylord's clothing store, Cornell's meat market, Denton's grocery, Higg's hardware store, Lovely's hardware store, Mathew's bank, Perry's law office, the Baptist church, Robble Sisters' millinery, Burn's blacksmith shop, 13 dwellings and four barns were destroyed.

Jerome M. Fletcher, of this village died Tuesday forenoon of this week after an illness of several weeks. He was 56 years old and highly respected for his sterling qualities.

Miss Kate Young, teacher of the West Sebawa school, took a novel method of supplying a demand that the school refused to heed. She had each pupil bring an egg and then sold them to a convenient grocery.

Why buy pants that don't fit, when \$4.00 will get you a pair to order at B. C. Smith's?

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