

Cooperstown Courier.

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The emigration of Canadians to the United States is steadily going on. The Grand Trunk railroad authorities say that from Montreal alone twenty-five families are carried away. Hosts of others get this side the line at other points along the extended border line.

Massachusetts has passed a law, that the school committee of every city and town shall purchase at the expense of such city or town text books and other school supplies used in the public schools, and text books and supplies shall be loaned to the pupils of the public schools free of charge, subject to such rules and regulations as to care and custody as the school committee may prescribe. Similar laws have been proposed in various states but Massachusetts, it is believed is the first to try the experiment under legislative sanction.

Bartholdi's colossal statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World," to be erected in New York harbor, was paid for by contributions from every town in France and it was expected that the pedestal would be paid by small contributions from all parts of the United States. The New York committee in charge of the matter has received \$140,000, but all the subscriptions thus far have come from the east, and the bulk has been given in large amounts by wealthy men in New York city. The committee say that nothing has, as yet, been received from the west. The whole amount required for the foundation and pedestal is \$250,000.

The riots in Cincinnati have furnished another text for the callow and inconsiderate scribblers of the daily press, who never tire of believing the evils attending trials by jury. The man Brenner was charged with murder but convicted only of manslaughter, one of the most common things on criminal jurisprudence. Admitting that the jury in this case made a mistake, that is no reason for abolishing one of the most sacred rights of freemen. As well overturn the republic and start a monarchy in case a mistake is made in the election of a President. Abolish the right of trial by jury and all other monuments of freedom would soon follow.

A clergyman of California made a telling point the other day in a sermon on a sex in religion, that while there were two women to one man in the church at San Quentin the membership of the penitentiary was made up almost wholly of men. There were hardly any women there to speak of. The women preponderate in the churches and men in the penitentiaries. The point is a good one that while there are two women in the church to one man, there are forty men in the penitentiary to one woman. Where the population is about equally divided as to sexes women make a comparatively small figure in the criminal records.

Bold Bismarck is said to be at length alarmed for his personal safety. A cable dispatch says that he has ordered the postmasters throughout the empire not to receive any registered letters intended for him. The postmasters have no option about non-registered letters, but these the chancellor will hereafter refuse to receive from the Berlin post-office, so that every communication that reaches him hereafter must come through the official channels and run the gauntlet of official inspection. Some of the papers suggest that he has at last become alarmed at the activity of the Socialists and is afraid of being blown up by mail. The chancellor says his only object is to be rid of the annoyance of the pretty insults which are constantly sent to him, generally in the form of registered letters.

That trade rivalry is at the bottom of foreign opposition to the "American hog," is in effect tacitly admitted on all sides; and now that the French and German parties injured by exportations of meat from this country have been joined by the corresponding business interests of England, it will be instructive to watch the manner in which the opposition there is managed and developed, as compared with the methods pursued on the continent. So far, there has been no outbreak of temper on the subject between the two Anglo-Saxon nations, and Minister Lowell's representations have been listened to with respect by the British public and parliament, although their tenor was similar to that of Minister Sargent's statements, which so stirred up the German government.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Washington News.

Anderson was confirmed receiver of public moneys at Grand Forks. This year's graduating class at the naval academy contains seven "star" members, or cadets who have received 85 per cent during the term in their studies. The graduating exercises will probably occur this year on Thursday, June 10. The annual examination begins Monday, June 2, and continues till the 7th.

The house committee on revision of the laws unanimously agreed to favorably report Representative McMillan's bill to amend the internal revenue laws. The measure reduces the time within which persons may be prosecuted for violation of internal revenue laws from five to two years. The bill was recommended by both Secretary Folger and Commissioner Evans.

The colored men living in Washington who were soldiers in the late war called upon Gen. Grant recently to pay their respects. The general received them standing upon his crutches. There was a great crowd, and after the colored men got through the white people, who had filled the corridors in the hope of seeing Gen. Grant, crowded in and shook him by the hand.

The suit which has been brought against Theodore Stimming of Chicago, by the war department to recover a balance alleged to be due him to the government since the war, is one of several thousand of a similar character growing out of unsettled accounts. Stimming was a lieutenant and acting quartermaster and commissary of the Thirty-first Iowa volunteers. In closing up his accounts there remained a balance of \$484.73 against him, and the government sues for this amount with interest. No fraud is alleged, but for some reason he neglected to furnish the proper vouchers for the disposition of property. It is a curious fact that several million dollars is still claimed by the government in cases similar to this.

Rail and River News.

C. L. Catlin, of the legal department of the Omaha, has been stationed at Superior City, to secure right of way, and depot grounds for his company. The Omaha at present runs into Superior over the Northern Pacific tracks.

Travel over the Manitoba has increased to such proportions that the company will, during the present week, put on an extra train between Grand Forks and Devils Lake, and another between Barnesville and St. Vincent. Arrangements have also been made to run, until the middle of June, four excursion trains a week from the Eastern Canadian provinces to Manitoba.

Casualties of the Week.

St. Peter's Lutheran church, New York, was damaged \$15,000 by fire.

S. P. Andrews' furniture factory at Bertram, Mich., was burned. Loss, \$25,000; insurance, \$6,000.

C. P. Willard of Charleston, W. Va., secretary of the Eureka Detective association, was accidentally shot and killed by a young lady yesterday.

Fire in a building occupied by the Grocers Packing company and Henry Mayo & Co., fish agents, Boston, caused a heavy loss on the contents. The building was slightly damaged. Losses covered by insurance.

The distillery of Freiberg & Workum, at Petersburg, Ky., was burned. It was built at a cost of \$100,000. It contained 47,000 bushels of corn, 2,000 of other grain, 1,000 of malt, and 300 barrels of whisky in process of manufacture. Loss \$100,000 to \$150,000.

August Gast's lithographic company works 217 and 219 Pine street, St. Louis, caught fire, and before the flames could be controlled the entire building was gutted, entailing a loss of about \$90,000 on stock and machinery. Insured for \$85,000, chiefly in foreign companies.

Personal News Notes.

Augustus Schell left \$5,000,000.

Archibald Forbes is writing a life of Chinese Gordon.

John Jay Knox has resigned his position as controller of the currency to accept the presidency of a New York banking house.

Gen. H. H. Sibley is on the way home from Kittel, N. C., where he has been most of the winter. He is much improved in health, and is better than he has been for the last five years.

Gen. Grant has promised to accompany Generals Newton and Hunt on their historical visit to Frederickburg, Chancellorsville and the Wilderness, on May 15, should his health permit.

The late Mrs. Ollendorfer of New York gave \$10,000 of the \$20,000 necessary to endow the German-American teachers' seminary in Milwaukee. Frederick Billings has sent \$1,000 toward an endowment fund for Whitman college in Walla Walla.

Crimes and Criminals.

M. C. Keenan, defaulting treasurer of Jackson county, Ohio, has been bagged by Detective O'Connor, of St. Paul.

The trial of Milton Weston of Chicago, Col. Blakely of Pittsburg, and twenty others for the riot at Murrayville gas well began at Greensburg, Pa.

John Andrews, aged eighteen, quarreled with his father and shot the latter three times, probably fatally, at a farm house near Kingsbury, Whiteside county, Ill.

Paul Holman, a son of Representative Holman of Indiana, was knocked out by a brother-in-law in front of Willard's hotel, Washington, the other night as the settlement of an old grudge.

Stephen Carpenter 65 years old (colored) was shot and killed by his nephew, Mack Vandevor, aged 28, at Danville, Ky. The quarrel arose on account of Vandevor having whipped a young son of Carpenter's. Vandevor escaped.

Six tons of gold coin and 355 of silver will be moved from the Philadelphia subterranean into the new postoffice building. It will require more wagons than are used in cleaning the streets of the city in a week. The work will be entrusted to the Adams Express company.

The murder of Mrs. Swears at Stony Creek, Warren county, N. Y., is still a mystery. No arrests. The fact it is thought, was caused by jealousy. Miles Murray, son-in-law of the murdered woman, has been relieved of suspicion. Mrs. Swears was not known to have had an enemy.

Samuel Wright of Fergusonville, Delaware county, N. Y., shot himself through the head in a closet of a car on a west-bound train, while crossing the bridge between Bismarck and Mandan. He was taken out of the train and died in the depot in a few minutes. He was thirty years of age, respectably dressed with \$7 in money and a ticket to Portland.

In the Sioux council at Standing Rock, on Saturday, a very bitter controversy, instigated by jealousy, arose between Sitting Bull and Gall, in which the latter told the chief that he was getting too high-toned since his St. Paul trip, and that he thought it was absurd to honor a man who was unanimously voted a mean, contemptible coward, and who was fast sinking into insignificance.

The people of Delano, Minn., have a suspicion that a thief has been working among them under the guise of a government detective. He was commissioned to arrest the perpetrator of a robbery at Koung's hotel, but during his investigations one of the servant girls at the house and the son of the proprietor were chloroformed, and a young Swede living on the Watertown road was robbed of about \$20.

A prize fight came off at Hyndman, Pa., near the Maryland state line, between a Hungarian

named Nickvost, formerly a St. Louis sport, and an unknown pugilist, alleged to be Kilrain, the Boston pugilist. Fifty-three rounds were fought, with the advantage about even, when a cry of foul was raised. A terrible riot ensued, in which pistol and knives were freely used. The riot lasted some time, and at the conclusion three men, including Nickvost, were stoned on the ground dead, while several others were badly wounded.

John Neary, who was shot by Porter on Tuesday night, died at his father's home on Jackson street, St. Paul, Sunday morning, the 5th inst. A post mortem examination was made by Drs. Horst and Murphy, and it was found that the ball had pierced the intestines in five places, and lodged in the spinal column. The intestines were very badly inflamed. Porter was informed of Neary's death about an hour after it occurred, by Deputy Sheriff O'Connor. He said he was very sorry, but it could not be helped. He did not appear very much discomposed at the news.

General News Items.

George W. Penniman of Minneapolis organized a Temple of Honor, with sixty-three charter members, at Ortonville, Minn., recently.

B. S. Wolf of Laverne, Minn., has made an assignment to A. E. Patterson for the benefit of his creditors.

The chamber of commerce in St. Paul, and the board of trade in Minneapolis, have petitioned the postmaster general to hurry up his post mail by several hours.

It is said that Gov. Hoard, in view of the Cincinnati riots, will not appoint an adjutant general for Ohio to a man who has not had army experience and commanded at least a division on the field of battle.

Proceedings have begun in the contest of the will of Benjamin Fitch of New York. He gave about a million and a half to charities before he died. This will is contested by Mrs. Colender, his niece, on the ground that he was mentally incapacitated from making a will.

The United States, Russian and German governments have sent a fresh and energetic note to the ports protesting against excessive dues charged for storage of petroleum, and especially because of the fact that depots have been introduced at Beyrut and other Syrian ports, where still greater extortion is practiced.

St. Paul Typographical Union No. 30 have elected the following officers: President M. J. Daly; vice president, John O'Connor; financial secretary, H. S. Saxe; recording secretary, F. E. Winton; treasurer, George W. Burden; sergeant-at-arms, J. J. O'Connor; delegate, International Typographical Union, R. S. McNamee.

Foreign Flashes.

Emanuel Geibel, the celebrated German poet, is dead, aged 68 years.

It is announced that Justin McCarthy, Jr., is about to be married to Miss Laura Linden, a popular London actress.

The marquis of Lorne is treading in his father's footsteps as a sensational doctrinaire. He has come out as an advocate of this home rule, with a brand-new panacea for Irish discontent.

The dominion parliament has in no way recognized the death of Prince Leopold, either in passing resolutions of condolence to her majesty, Queen Victoria, or moving adjournment of the house.

The arrest of Prince Andoukoff and of Sergehei, overseer of the St. Petersburg powder mills, on the charge of nihilism, created a sensation. The police spy recently murdered at Pitrokk, Poland, was killed while in pursuit of nihilists.

The Marquis de Caux, in Paris, denies that a reconciliation has been effected between him and Patti. He says she has not written him in seven years, and if divorce proceedings should be instituted by Patti, he would have no objection to them. He also denies he ever gambled while living with Patti.

The German bundesrat unanimously rejected the proposal that responsible ministry be instituted for the empire. Bavarian delegates stated during the discussion that while Bavaria would always be ready to co-operate actively to promote national development on a federation basis she would firmly oppose a further advance in the direction of centralization.

Mr. Gladstone secured one of the completest parliamentary victories of his life in his defeat of the opposition's attack on the bill to enlarge the franchise. Gladstone made a powerful speech in support of the bill. He said it was a good thing for the state that the largest number of capable citizens should possess franchise. It deflected the extension of the franchise in Ireland as an act of right and justice. The bill passed its second reading—330 to 210.

Earl Derby, colonial secretary of state, gave audience in London to a deputation of merchants engaged in the West India trade. They asked for an international conference to discuss sugar bounties and the question of placing West Indies under the favored-nation clause with the United States. Derby said the subject had been mentioned to the American minister, but Lowell thought the present moment inopportune for the consideration of the question.

The recent sudden removal of convict Irish Invincibles from Irish to English prisons is attributed to the discovery of a conspiracy to destroy Mount Joy prison by the use of dynamite. The Invincibles in prison were engaged in a correspondence with conspirators outside. Letters were found in James Muller's cell which disclosed the plot. The prison wardens were to be bribed with money from O'Donovan Rossa's fund to convey an infernal machine into the prison. One letter intercepted contained an order for the murder of Patrick Delaney, one of the Phoenix park conspirators, by throwing him over a balcony when he should leave the prison after mass. Delaney still remains at Mount Joy for safety. Many wardens have been dismissed. A Dublin correspondent denies upon the highest authority that there is any truth in the story.

London Special—Emperor William is ill. Every attempt is made to conceal the fact, and the official announcements declare that he is merely suffering from indisposition provoked by a severe cold. But court circles in Berlin know better, and the aged kaiser's condition is by the well informed, regarded with absolute alarm. This feeling was intensified by the announcement that Queen Victoria's eldest daughter, Victoria, wife of the German crown prince, was compelled to resign officially as her reason for not undertaking the comparatively short journey from Berlin to London to attend the funeral of her brother, Prince Leopold, the fact that the state of her father-in-law's health was such as to absolutely forbid even a short absence from his side at the present time. An announcement was the first admission of the seriousness of the emperor's ailment, and is interpreted as ominous. The chronology of William's recent decline is significant. No stories of ill health were circulated about him until four months ago. Before that he was proverbial for health and endurance; but for the last three months past accounts of colds, headaches, and indisposition and excitability have been whispered about constantly.

Assassinations.

Lemars, Iowa: Howard C. Trip, a popular poet and magazine writer, was shot and mortally wounded, by an unknown person, while standing on the street in Lemars, Iowa, on Wednesday evening. The cause of the shooting was the publication of a pamphlet called "Legends of Lemars." Mr. Trip inserted several poems and sketches of a personal nature in his book, greatly to the disgust and chagrin of his enemies. He has been warned several times that he would be killed if he did not leave the country, but paid no heed to the threats. He died Thursday morning. Some excitement prevails and his murderer will be lynched if caught.

Political Notes and News.

Congressman York is the leading Republican candidate for governor of North Carolina.

A state Greenback convention will be held at Lyon Mass., the last week in April.

The Delaware county (Pa.) Republican convention instructed for Blaine and Lincoln.

All reports from ex-Speaker Kiefer's district are to the effect that he cannot be re-elected.

Merced (Pa.) Democratic county convention elected Randall delegates to the state convention.

Judge Pulling, upon whom the fight was made in the Oklahoma, Wis., circuit, was re-elected by 2,000 majority.

The complete vote for governor of Rhode Island is: Bourne (Rep.), 15,933; Segar (Dem.), 9,599; scattering, 15.

Republican conventions in Armstrong, Warren and Greene counties, Pa., elected Blaine delegates to the state convention.

Of eighty-seven New Jersey legislators, a majority are for Blaine, ten for Logan and three for Edmunds. A canvass of the state shows a similar preference.

Chairman Cooper, of the Pennsylvania Republican state central committee, has issued a circular declaring Blaine can be elected without New York, and is the only candidate who can be.

Of sixty chairmen of Democratic county conventions in Pennsylvania, fifty declare for Randall and the others for "Tilden or Randall" except Greene county, which declares for Hancock.

Washington Special—The members of the house are preparing to flood the country with political speeches, and have authorized the doorkeeper to employ assistance in the folding room.

At Madison, Wis., the municipal election resulted in the success of the Democratic ticket throughout. Owing to a heavy rain the vote was light. B. J. Stevens' majority for mayor was 825.

At Milwaukee, Wis., the city election resulted in favor of the Republican ticket and high license. Emil Wallber, Republican candidate, was elected over Dixon, Democrat, by a majority of 373.

The Council Bluffs Nonpareil publishes an editorial strongly urging the Iowa delegation to present the name of the Hon. W. B. Allison to the Chicago Republican convention as its nominee for president.

It is reported that Arthur will have the support of Virginia delegates. Simon Cameron says: Tilden is not too old to run. He is feeble, perhaps, but not too old. Mr. Tilden is an able and an acute man.

The Baltimore American announces that a meeting of prominent Democrats from all over the country will meet in that city the last of April to propose a reconciliation of present differences in the party.

The Republican convention of the Eighteenth Congressional district of Pennsylvania elected Blaine delegates to the state convention. Credentials were not given delegates till they had signed a written pledge to support Blaine.

The Boston Advertiser has canvassed the state and says the returns only tend to confirm the statement at first made that Massachusetts Republicans are unquestionably in favor of the nomination at Chicago of Edmunds and Lincoln.

The Republican convention of the twenty-third congressional district of Pennsylvania elected Hon. Thomas M. Bayne and E. M. Byers delegates to the national Republican convention. The delegates are instructed to support Blaine.

The son of Senator-Elect Payne of Ohio telegraphed Congressman Payne of that state that the statement printed to the effect that his father would not accept the Democratic nomination for the presidency was a "pure fabrication."

Senator Conkling has written a letter saying: "I am wholly out of political movements and affairs, and wholly absorbed in professional work which taxes all my energies. Apart from preference, it is impossible for me to participate in or be drawn into discussion at this time."

A call has been issued by the Republican congressional committee of the second Minnesota district for a convention to be held in Mankato April 24, to elect two delegates and their alternates to the national convention. The basis of representation for the counties comprising the district, is one delegate for every two hundred votes, or major fraction thereof, cast for Gov. Hubbard in 1883.

J. D. Ensign, an old resident was elected Mayor of Duluth, Minn.; G. W. Stienke, Mayor of St. Peter, Minn.; William Jones, Mayor of Mankato, Minn.; Mayor Page was re-elected Mayor ofergus Falls; George M. Palmer (rep.) Mayor of Mankato; Andrew Ralston, President of Wilmar; C. L. Lowell, (dem.) Mayor of Faribault; W. P. Dinon, President of Bird Island; T. F. Strait, Mayor of Shakopee.

The 22d republican district convention at Pittsburg, resulted in a split and the election of two sets of delegates. The Blaine men organized, and elected Jacob E. Single and Joseph N. Weeks delegates. The others voted for C. L. Magee and William Flynn. Both sets of delegates will go to Chicago and demand recognition. Magee and Flynn are understood to be for Arthur.

The poet Whittier writes, in answer to an inquiry about his presidential preference: "For myself I would support Edmunds or Blaine if nominated. There is another New England man who seems to me to possess character, qualifications and elements of popularity in an eminent degree—Senator Hawley of Connecticut."

The Nelson and Kindred committees in the Fifth Minnesota district have issued calls for separate conventions to be held in Moorhead, Clay county, April 24, to choose two delegates to the republican national convention in Chicago. The basis of representation will be one delegate for each organized county in the district, and one for each additional 300 Republican voters or major portion thereof, as determined by the vote cast for Knute Nelson and C. F. Kindred for congress in 1882.

The members of the Republican committee of the Eleventh congressional district of Minnesota, met at Nicollet House, Minneapolis and decided by a unanimous vote to call the delegate convention at St. Paul at noon on Tuesday, the 29th day of April. The counties in the district will be allowed delegates in number as follows:

Hennepin, 17; Wright, 7; Chicago, 4; Anoka, 3; Pine, 1; Ramsey, 15; Washington, 7; Isanti, 2; Kanabec, 1; Sherburne, 1; total 58. It was decided to call the congressional convention at Minneapolis at 12 o'clock on Wednesday, the 29th day of May. The representation in the latter convention was based on one delegate for every 300 of the average state vote, the same as at the delegate convention.

Hon. Michael Doran, chairman of the Minnesota state central Democratic committee, has issued the following call:

A delegate convention of Democrats and all citizens of Minnesota who believe in the policy of a reduction of the present war tariff to a standard of justice alike to the producers, consumers, manufacturers and corporate powers of the country is hereby called to meet in the city of St. Paul Thursday, the 29th day of May, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating four delegates at large and four alternates, and two delegates and two alternates from each congressional district to the Democratic national convention, to be held in Chicago July 8, 1884, to nominate candidates for the offices of president and vice president of the United States, and also to nominate a Democratic electoral ticket for the State of Minnesota. The basis of representation to such convention is one delegate for each organized county of the state and one delegate for each 250 votes, or major fraction thereof, cast at the state election in 1883 for Hon. A. Bierman, Democratic candidate for governor.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

The senate has passed a bill requiring that governors of all the territories, except the Indian Territory, shall be residents of those territories for at least two years next preceding the date of their appointment. The bill was passed after a lively discussion.

The following executive business was transacted by the senate on Thursday. Nominations: Thomas Were Fox, consul of the United States at Plymouth, Eng.; William W. Rockwell, consul at St. Petersburg, Russia; John J. Barry, secretary of legation, China; Postmaster, John J. Barry, St. Gregory, Wash. D. C.

Confirmations: Postmasters, E. S. Miner, Needah, Wis.; James A. Foote, Anoka, Minn.; Warren Potter, Aitkin, Minn.; F. J. Bartels, Postville, Wis.; Henry Keel, Mason City, Iowa; Frank E. Barber, Jr. Rock Rapids, Iowa.

The following bill in relation to courts and judicial proceedings in the territories has passed the senate. The act provides: The supreme court of every territory shall consist of a chief justice and three associate justices, any three of whom shall constitute a quorum; and they shall hold their office for four years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified. They shall be appointed by the seat of government of the territory for which they are respectively appointed; provided, however, that no justice shall act as a member of the supreme court in any action or proceeding brought to such court by writ of error, bills of exceptions, or appeal from decision, judgment, or decree rendered by him as judge of a district court. Every territory shall be divided into four judicial districts, and a district court shall be held in each district of the territory by one of the justices of the supreme court at such time and place as may be prescribed by law; and each judge, after assignment, shall reside in the district to which he is assigned.

Senator Hill, from the committee on post-offices and post roads, reported favorably the original bill to establish a postal telegraph system. Mr. Hill remarked that the committee were unanimous as to the first clauses of the bill, which relate to doing away with the contracts with the existing companies. The contract system remains the most prominent feature of the bill, and is not widely different from the scheme of the postal telegraph company, except that it empowers the postmaster general to receive bids from any telegraph company for contracts. The provisions relating to the establishment of a government system, pure and simple, in the event that no satisfactory contract with established companies is secured, are a complete abolition of the features of the Hill and Edmunds bills.

The long contest over the appointment of McCoy to the Aberdeen, Dak., land office was finally settled by his confirmation by the senate on the 10th. Mr. McCoy, who is there, says he has had this fight on his mind for three years, and he is very glad to be confirmed. He regards the result as a complete vindication.

At the opening of the senate, Wednesday, the 9th, the chaplain prayed to just one senator beside the presiding officer, and that was Mr. Morris of Tennessee. Possibly he may have felt more than his fellows the need of the ministrations of their spiritual adviser, but whether this be true or not, it is a fact that he was the only senator to pray. Half a dozen came in during the next five minutes, but it was some time before a quorum was present.

In the house, Wednesday a resolution was introduced instructing the committee on commerce to investigate alleged evils attending the transportation of cattle. After a long struggle the house voted, instead of considering the Oregon Central land grant bill, which was in the order of unfinished business, to go into committee on public building bills. The house considered the bills for the erection of buildings at Kookuk, Iowa, and Waco, Tex., and a bitter personal controversy was waged between Messrs. Mills of California and Missouri, Democratic members. No final action was taken, and the house took a recess until this morning.

Bills have been reported to the senate as follows: By Mr. Vest, from the committee on commerce, favorably, a bill to authorize the construction of a bridge across the river at St. Louis. By Mr. Miller (Cal.), foreign relations, an original amendment to the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill, to take the place of the bill referred to that committee intended to provide for the appointment of a special commissioner to visit the principal Southern American countries for the purpose of collecting information looking to the extension of our trade in that direction. By Mr. Wilson, postoffice and post roads, an amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill referred to that committee, intended to provide for the settlement of postmaster's salaries, under the act of March 3, 1883. Senate adjourned on Monday.

On Thursday the 10th, in the house the committee on laws relating to the election of president and vice president reported a substitute for the senate bill. A bill amending the statutes regarding the immediate transportation of dutiable goods was reported. The remainder of the day was devoted to bills for the erection of public buildings at various points, and numerous controversies arose, causing much confusion. The house adjourned, leaving all day in continuation of Wednesday's session.

Mr. Raymond presented to the house April 10th the petition of many citizens of Dakota, urging the passage of his bill in relation to the homestead law.

A petition signed by about 1,200 members of the Andersonville Survivors' association, asking that the soldiers confined in rebel prisons during the late war be pensioned, was received in the house recently. The autographs were neatly bound in book form, and attracted a good deal of attention.

Representative Warner has reported from the committee on pension, bounty and back pay, the bill providing:

Every person specified in the pension laws who served for a period of six months or more, who has an honorable discharge and is not receiving a pension, or a greater pension than that provided by the bill, and who is now disabled by reason or wound, injury or disease, which there is reason to believe originated in the service, shall be entitled to receive a pension during the continuance of the disability at a rate proportionate to the degree thereof. Dependent parties shall only be required to show by competent evidence that they are without other present means of support than their own manual labor, or contributions of others not legally bound for their support.

The speaker of the house laid before the house a message from the president submitting a special estimate from the chief of ordnance for a permanent annual appropriation of \$10,000,000 to provide necessary armament for sea-coast fortifications. The president says: "In presenting this estimate I do not think it necessary to enumerate considerations which make it of the highest importance that there shall be no unnecessary delay in entering upon work which must be commensurate with the public interest to be effective, and which will take much time." The message was referred.

In the house, Mr. Ellis, from the committee on appropriations, reported back the senate bill authorizing the secretary of the navy to offer a reward of \$25,000 for rescuing or ascertaining the fate of the Greely expedition. After a brief debate the bill passed.

In the house, Mr. Hopkins, as a privileged matter, called up the resolution declaring that the charges against Gen. H. V. Boynton are not sustained by the evidence, and that there is no ground for any action by the house. He stated that the committee reporting the resolution did not desire to debate it. Mr. Keifer, author of the charges, was present, and did not see fit to make a speech, and the resolution was adopted without opposition.