

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Washington News.

One hundred and twenty acres of marsh on the Potomac flats, Washington, have been filled in.

There is some talk in naval circles here of another court of inquiry to review the work of the Greely Arctic exploring party, and of the various relief expeditions.

The postmaster at Albany, New York, has been instructed to forward through registered pouches for Chicago and St. Louis twice daily, via New York and Chicago trains leaving Albany at 1:15 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.

Postoffices established—Minnesota, Erie, Becker county; Jarvis, Becker county. Postmasters commissioned—Martin Hicks, Hickory, Iowa. Postoffice Name Changed—Eden, Mosher, Pilger, late Canton, Nebraska. New Offices—George Richardson, Bloomingdale, Clay county, Dakota.

The American prisoners at the City of Mexico have been released in pursuance of the request of Secretary Frothinghuysen. The released men say they were confined five days in separate cells. When informed of their sentence for defaming the government they asserted their complete innocence.

The surgeon general of the marine hospital service received the following telegram from James H. Holt, president of the Louisiana State board of health: "Exhaustive investigation fails to establish even a remote suspicion of Asiatic cholera as the cause of the death of the infant Picallotes, passenger on the Annie P. Silver."

Rail and River News.

The first commercially successful electric railroad in America was started in operation in Cleveland Saturday, by the East Cleveland Street Railroad company.

At the election held at Wadena to vote on the question of bonding the town of Wadena to the amount of \$11,000 for the Wadena & Park Rapids railroad the vote stood 209 for and 43 against issuing the bonds.

Personal News Notes.

John Kelly, the Tammany chief, is at the Grand Union, Saratoga, with his family, with the intention of remaining all summer.

Lieut. Greely will probably be promoted to colonel by congress. He had a slighting trouble when he went north; but it has disappeared.

Miss Ellen Terry, becoming a victim of the small pox scare, had herself vaccinated, and when the virus began to take effect neglected to take the usual precaution to prevent inflammation. She continued to act the part of Viola with her left arm in a sling, and ate and drank as usual. Now the whole arm and hand are badly swollen, and she has been compelled to cease acting.

Casualties of the Week.

While playing in his father's yard James Copeley, the young son of George Copeley, a railroad man at Cleveland, Ohio, was pounced upon by a large Newfoundland dog, a pet of the family, and chewed to pieces.

Sunday afternoon, at Chicago while a party were yachting on the lake, Miss Mamie Lavis fell overboard. Otto Mulhart, owner of the yacht, though unable to swim, plunged in to rescue her, and both were drowned. The bodies were not recovered.

The most disastrous flood ever known in West Va., occurred Monday night and Tuesday. The reports as yet from up the George creek valley are meager, but sufficient has been learned to know that from ten to twelve lives and tens of thousands of dollars worth of property have been lost.

A tornado visited Murray, Iowa, and surrounding country on the night of the 23d inst., doing immense damage to crops, fruit, buildings, etc. Two houses about four miles from town were blown down, and four persons severely, though not fatally injured. Gifford & Sons' elevator was considerably damaged. Shade and fruit trees are badly broken down, and hundreds of bushels of apples are laying upon the ground, and the crops are flat.

General News Items.

The Greely reception at Portsmouth will take place August 2.

Stebbins, Mund & Co. (Friday of Livingston) levied an attachment Frank on all the stock of wholesale liquors and kindred goods owned by E. R. Dean & Co., in Livingston.

Mrs. Clarissa Rugg, wife of the Rev. Henry Rugg, and mother of Charles Rugg, the Long Island negro murderer of the Maybee family, died Monday, it is said of a broken heart.

Electric lights are in operation in the Yellowstone Park hotel, and the management have secured the services of a first-class orchestra which discourses sweet music morning and evening.

Dispatches from Dakota, Nebraska and Minnesota to S. W. Talmadge of Milwaukee indicate a good spring wheat crop. James Baynes, statistical agent of Dakota, says the yield will be 20 bushels per acre, making a total yield of 26,000,000 bushels. Hail storms damaged localities, but the damage was not very general. Daniel H. Wheeler, statistical agent of Nebraska, says winter wheat will yield 30 to 40 bushels per acre and spring wheat 20 to 25 per acre. There is no damage from rust or bugs. Injury by storms is entirely local. H. H. Young, state statistician of Minnesota, says the yield will be 44,000,000 bushels. Corn, oats, barley and rye promise well.

Restoring Public Domain.

The following proclamation of the president of the United States is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

Whereas, by provisions of the first section of an act to congress entitled "An act to provide for the disposal of the abandoned and useless military reservations, approved July 5, 1884, the president of the United States, whenever in his opinion the lands or any part of them included within the limits of any military reservation heretofore or hereafter declared, have become or shall become useless for military purposes," it is directed "to cause the same, or so much thereof as he may designate, to be placed under the control of the secretary of the interior for disposition" as provided for in said act; and whereas, the lieutenant general and acting secretary of war have reported to me under date of July 17, 1884, that certain military reservations, or portions thereof, are no longer needed for military purposes; therefore, I, Chester A. Arthur, president of the United States, do hereby direct that the following military reservations, or portions of military reservations, being the same as those named in the report of the lieutenant general and acting secretary of war herein before mentioned, be placed under the control of the secretary of the interior for

disposition as provided for in the said act of July 5, 1884, they having, in my opinion, become useless for military purposes:

Bois Blanc Island, Michigan; Fort Butler, New Mexico; Camp Cada, California; Fort Crittenden, Utah; Camp Crittenden, Arizona; Coal reservation, Sulphur Creek, Wyoming; Fort Fetterman, Wyoming; Camp Goodwin; Arizona; Old Camp Grant, Arizona; Fort Harbuck, Nebraska; Camp Independence, California island on the Missouri river, Missouri; Fort Meade, New Mexico; Fort Randall, Dakota; that portion of the reserve north of the Missouri river not already confirmed to settlers under the act of congress approved March 18, 1874; Fort Rice, Dakota; Rush Lake Valley, Utah; Fort Sedgewick, Colorado and Nebraska; Camp Sheridan, Nebraska; Fort Steilacoom, Washington Territory; Camp Three Forks, Wyoming, Idaho; Fort Verde, Garden Tract, Arizona; Whipple Barracks, Timber reservation, Arizona; Fort Wilkins, Michigan; Fort Wallace, Kansas; Fort Lyon, Colorado; Pagosa Springs; Old Fort Lewis, Colorado; Camp on White river, Colorado; Fort Thornburg, Utah; Fort Yuma, California; Fort Sullivan, Maine; Cantonment on the Uncompahgre, Colorado; such portions of sections 10, 14, 15, 16, and 17 and the north halves of sections 21, 22, and 23, township 48 north of range 9 west of the New Mexico principal meridian, Colorado, as was embraced in the reservation of the Uncompahgre Cantonment declared by executive order dated March 12, 1884.

Under my hand, this 23 day of July, A. D. 1884. CHESTER A. ARTHUR. The forts mentioned above have for longer or shorter time been abandoned by troops, and the throwing open of the military reserves surrounding them, in almost every case, will meet with the hearty approval from the hundreds of settlers who are waiting a chance to claim, empty, purchase or scrip. Only part of the Randall reserve is thrown open so far as military occupation is concerned, and it is understood that this portion will be given to the Lower Brules in consideration of grants from them in other portions of Dakota. The reservation which surrounded Fort Bliss contains a much good grazing land and some agricultural land, and the point above the junction of the Cannon Ball and the Missouri has been occupied by whites for years.

He Died on a Faro Table.

Washington Special:—Quite a famous character, who has resided here most of the time for the past ten years died recently at Alexandria, Va., where he had gone from here for a ride. His name was William H. Betts, and he was born in Alabama. He was rather a fine-looking man, about fifty years of age, and always wore a long beard reaching down to the bottom of his vest. He was a major in the confederate army, but had been prominent in Republican politics since the war. He was brought here by George E. Spencer, now of Nevada, when he was a senator from Alabama. Betts was a gambler and a very desperate man, though for the past five years he has lived by practicing law here in a small way. He killed six men in his time; four by shooting and two with a knife. He admitted all of the offenses in a trial in New York several years since, where he was a witness in a gambler's fight, but claimed that he had to kill each time in self-defense. Every man whom he killed had a revolver pointed at him at the time. Recently, not feeling well, he rode to Alexandria on a steamer. Arriving there he was taken very ill. His friends prepared a place for him in a faro box. He died lying on a faro table with a card box for a pillow. Bill Betts had a remarkable history. Ordinarily he was the mildest mannered man, but when he was excited he was one of the most ferocious men ever produced in the south. He was exceedingly reticent in his manner and seldom spoke to strangers. He won and lost several fortunes at cards.

Fire Disaster at Devil's Lake.

Fire broke out in Graham's jewelry store, Fourth street, Devil's Lake, about 1 a. m. A breeze from the lake carried it along Fourth nearly two squares, consuming the Lake View hotel, post office and Inter-Ocean printing house, North Shore bank, and houses and buildings on Kelly avenue to the Benham house, which was saved. The fire was stopped on Eon's street beyond Nash's by pulling down buildings. The mail boxes and papers in the post office were saved. About fifty buildings are gone. Loss \$100,000, with about \$60,000 insurance. A full enumeration of the buildings destroyed is as follows: The Lake View hotel S. Converse & Son's general store, W. G. Blaghton's general store, A. H. Marood's furniture store, Bennil & Bros., dry goods, the postoffice and the Inter Ocean printing office, Moore & Doud's butchering establishment, G. A. L. Maurice's bakery, North Shore Bound townsite office, R. S. Thompson's dry goods, Lee Bros. general store, C. O. Nash's hardware, J. A. Deshaine's restaurant, ten real estate offices, eight saloons and eight dwelling houses. The heaviest were Lake View hotel, \$16,000; R. C. Hansbeagh, \$7,000; C. O. Nash & Co. \$5,000; North Shore Bank, \$5,000; Lee Bros., \$5,000.

Attempted Rape.

The news of a dastardly attempt at rape, by a man named John Murray, of the town of Elmo, in the eastern part of Ottotail County, Minn., recently. Murray was driving home from Wadena in an intoxicated condition, when he met a young girl of sixteen, named Wright, daughter of the owner of the mill at Wrighttown. She was alone, and became the victim of a beastly assault by Murray, who dragged her into a grove by the roadside. Her screams and stout resistance, however, called the assistance of a man in a field near by, and Murray, finding himself detected, regained his team and drove rapidly away. He has been arrested, and is under heavy bonds to answer at court the charge of rape. He is a man of family, and has hitherto borne a fair reputation. The victim is a bright young girl, and is suffering much from the shock and personal injury, although she was rescued before the drunken man accomplished his purpose. A civil suit for heavy damages will also be brought by the parents.

Market Reports.

ST. PAUL.—Wheat, No. 1 hard, 93@95c. No. 1, 84c; No. 2 hard, 86c; No. 2, 76c. Corn, No. 2, 51c; No. 3, 46@48c. Oats, No. 2 mixed, 28c; No. 3 mixed, 26c; No. 2 white, 24c; No. 3 white, 22c. Barley, No. 2, 55c; No. 3 extra 48c; No. 3, 40c. Rye, No. 2, 55c. Baled Hay, wild, \$9.00; timothy, \$12.00. Eggs, 16@16 1/2c. MILWAUKEE.—Wheat, No. 2, 84c. Corn, No. 2, 50c. Oats, No. 2, 51c; No. 3, 46c. Rye, No. 1, 62 1/2c. Barley, No. 2, 55c. Mess Pork, \$16.00. Lard, \$7.30. Butter, choice creamery, 17@18c; fair to good, 16@17c; best dairy, 14@15c. Eggs, 15@15 1/2c. CHICAGO.—Wheat, No. 2 Chicago spring, 84@85 1/2c. Corn, 55@56c. Oats, 32@33c. Rye, 62 1/2c. Barley, 64@65c. Flax Seed, \$1.32@1.33. Pork, \$16.00@17.00. Lard, \$7.15@7.30. Butter, creamery, 17@18 1/2c; dairy, 14@14 1/2c. Eggs, 15@15 1/2c.

DAKOTA NEWS NOTES.

The Dakota Smelling Commission.

Yankton, Dak., Special:—Judge Boteler and William Haight, sent to Dakota in May to investigate the official conduct of United States Attorney Campbell, have finished their work, and departed for Washington. At Gov. Ordway's request the commission was directed to investigate any charges against Ordway. The commission visited several places in North and South Dakota and the Black Hills, and have accumulated a vast amount of testimony. They did not hold open session, so the public can earn nothing of the testimony, except what witnesses may have said, which of course, would be ex parte. It is not known what their report will be, nor when it will be made. Gov. Ordway left Tuesday morning for Bismarck, preparatory to handing over his office to Gov. Pierce, who is expected here about Aug. 1.

Dakota Territorial News.

Gov. Pierce has arrived at Yankton and after taking the oath of office will go east to close up his affairs, leaving Secretary Teller as acting governor.

At Bismarck, on Thursday, Gov. Ordway reviewed the militia organizations of that city, and was serenaded and given an ovation. The crowd numbered fully 2,000. The governor spoke for two hours, reviewing the history of his administration. He cited the fact that when appointed the territory had no public buildings of stone or brick, and 10 per cent. bonds sold for 80 cents. Now there are ten substantial economically erected public buildings costing not less than 400,000 and 6 per cent territorial bonds sell for 105.

A hail storm eighteen to twenty-two miles north of Blunt, destroyed all the crops four miles wide and double that length, and destroyed several houses.

During the storm Tuesday lightning struck a barn on the farm of Andrew Umland five miles south of Mayville, setting it on fire, and it was destroyed together with five horses and his harnesses.

Gen. McMasters, superintendent of the Home-stake mine at Deadwood, is a candidate for delegate to congress.

At Watertown, Mrs. Kittie Stephens was thrown from a buggy, striking on her head and producing concussion of the brain, from which she may not recover.

The Dakota storm did not spare the Black Hills. Glass was smashed and crops damaged.

Tuesday's cyclone in Dakota was followed Wednesday and Thursday by severe thunder, rain and hail storms, which, it is feared, worked very serious damage to crops.

H. O. Graff, a farmer living south of Brookings, near the Moody county line had a valuable team of horses stolen, which weighed 2,800 pounds.

Albert Lenka, of Pierre, who on July 5, shot and killed Caleb Perry and wounded Robert A. Porter and R. W. Benedict, was acquitted on his preliminary examination.

The barns and granary of Roger Culhane, five miles south of Aurora, were burned, with all his farm tools, grain, one horse and eight hogs. Cause, children playing with matches. Loss, \$1,500.

A. H. Humphreys, Sioux Falls, Dak., says in the New York Tribune: Among other things that the Northwest is developing are its valuable quarries in granite, porphyry and silica. The quality of these stones is of the very highest. You know that porphyry and silica are extremely hard. They blunt the finest tools, and polished they will cut glass like the diamond. By a new process, using tiny globules of chilled iron, we cut the stone without difficulty. The silica is of a rich terra cotta shade, and it being cut into slabs and sent to the growing cities of the West for pavements. The cost is about what granite is here; and it is polished and used for ornamental purposes.

On Sunday night the entire herd of horses belonging to Anderson, the milk man, and Mr. Humel of Deadwood, were stolen and run off from Anderson's ranch, in Centennial prairie.

Wallace T. Farrington, living near Steele, was killed by gas in a well he was digging.

John McGuire of Philadelphia dropped dead near Larimore, on Thursday.

According to the assessor's returns just in the acreage in crop in Cass county of the various kinds is as follows: Wheat, 320,536 acres; oats, 49,640 acres; barley, 6,453 acres; corn, 218 acres; rye, 59 acres; potatoes, 1,213 acres; peas, 143 acres; beans, 56 acres; acres of new breaking, 32,514; acres of tame hay, 3,388; acres of cultivated trees, 1,364; total area of cultivation, 378,310 acres. The total population of the county is given as 24,130.

The first harvesting of the season was done on Friday by James Wilson, at Flandreau. The grain cut was barley. Grain of all kinds in that vicinity is looking remarkably well, and is considerably farther advanced than at this time last year.

Huron Special:—The harvest of barley and rye in this section is finished, and self binders have started in wheat and oats. The wheat crops promises one of the largest yields ever known in the territory. Corn measures seven

feet in height, and is earing out. Over 500 self binders were sold in Beadle county this year, which helps to prove that small grain is good.

At De Smet, in a row in the family of a man named Bonchey, his stepson killed his stepbrother with a buffalo bone, fracturing his skull. The woman and her son have been held for trial.

While W. P. Atkinson, living near Miller, was hunting with his cousin, who was visiting him, the gun of the latter was accidentally discharged, the contents striking Atkinson in the head, killing him instantly. He leaves a wife and three children.

Mr G. G. Beardsley, the government land surveyor, reports that he had ten horses stolen from the survey, about thirty miles north west of Devil's Lake, on the border of Towner and Benton counties.

The Fargo Southern will be ready for passengers Aug. 15.

The barn of Sheriff Lyon of Dell Rapids, was burned by incendiaries. Loss \$600.

The assessor's tax list shows an assessed valuation of real and personal property in Lawrence county of \$3,961,226 against \$3,250,000 last year, an increase of about \$700,000. The assessed valuation of Deadwood is \$1,128,000.

Dan Wheeler at Custer has fallen heir to \$800,000 by the death of a relative at Cincinnati.

Last week fourteen soldiers deserted from Fort Meade.

Elk Pointers have subscribed \$700 to enforce the anti-license law.

The county board of Davison county offered a reward of \$300 for the apprehension of the murderers of Bechtel, whose body was found in the river terribly mutilated.

Mrs. William Flagg, of Sykeston, Wells county, was taken ill and given one and one-fourth grains of morphine in four doses by Dr. Cox. She became unconscious at midnight, and died.

An extra night shift will be put on the capitol building at Bismarck, and Contractor Thompson says he will have the building ready for the legislature in fifteen days.

The bridgework for the Manitoba crossing, just north of Portland, Dak., is being pushed with all available force. Even the pile driver crew and culvert men on the Mayville have been brought here to help, and the tracklayers have reached the river, and will make connections with the present northern terminus on this side of the river as soon as the bridge can be crossed. When this is completed there will be an unbroken through line and it will be the shortest route from St. Paul and Minneapolis to Park river, Larimore and Devil's Lake.

Capt. W. E. Whaley, late captain of police of Norwich, Conn., went into a bedroom at Mandan with his son, a young man, and shortly afterwards the inmates of the block were startled by the report of a pistol. It was stated by the son to the people who were attracted by the report, that Mr. Whaley was standing with his back to his son when the pistol, a 22-calibre, fell out of the latter's pocket, and on touching the ground went off and the bullet lodged in the skull of the elder Whaley.

A terrific wind and hail storm passed over the valleys outside the Black Hills, inflicting an incalculable amount of damage to crops. At Spearfish, Sturgis, Fort Meade and all intermediate localities every pane of glass facing west and north was broken.

George Braune, a pop manufacturer of Jamestown, committed suicide by taking morphine at a hotel in Morris, Minn.

It is thought that not less than \$4,000 worth of crops were destroyed by the wind and hail storm that visited the locality of Huron.

There has been much question whether new counties in Dakota could elect county attorneys under the new law passed at the last legislature. The question has hinged on the interpretation of the words "judicial organization." The question has been submitted to Judge Hudson at large, and he holds that all counties in which civil organization has been completed may elect county attorneys, but that he cannot try the criminal cases of that county unless a term of the district court be held therein, the law being that the prosecuting officer of the county, when the indictment is found, must prosecute the case; but he can act as counsel for the board of county commissioners and assist in regard to criminal prosecutions before the indictment is found. Under this ruling county attorney may be elected in many counties where they have not yet been elected on account of the impression that such action would be illegal.

James Dyer, probably the oldest man in Iowa, died at Dubuque, aged ninety-one. He was born in Wedmore, England. He leaves a son, Judge Dyer, and a daughter, Mrs. Laura Brown of England. Dyerville, a town a few miles west of Dubuque, was named in honor of said son. The remains will be forwarded there for interment.